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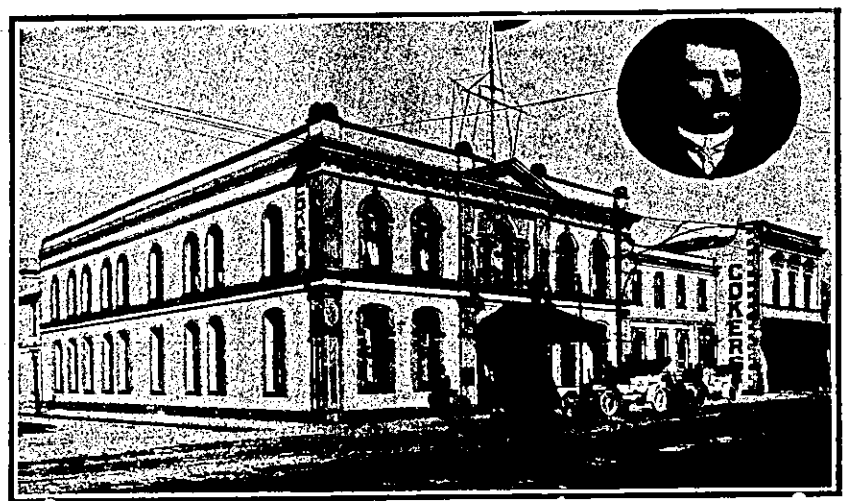
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RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1909-10.

FIXTURES.

Dec. 27, 30, Jan. 1 and 3—Auckland R.C. Summer.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1—Greymouth J.C. Summer.
Dec. 28 and 31 and Jan. 8—Auckland Trotting Club, Summer.
Jan. 7 and 8—Whangarei Racing Club.
Jan. 29 and February 2 and 6—Takapuna J.C. Summer.
March 3 and 5—Wanganui J.C. Autumn.

NOMINATIONS.

Jan. 7—Takapuna J.C. (general entry)
Jan. 24—Wanganui J.C. (general entry)

HANDICAPS.

Jan. 7—Takapuna J.C. (Cup and Stewards).
Jan. 14—Takapuna J.C. (first day's racing).
Feb. 12—Wanganui Cup and Flying.
Feb. 19—Wanganui J.C. (first day).

ACCEPTANCES.

Jan. 4—Whangarei Racing Club (first day).
Jan. 21—Takapuna J.C. (first day's racing).
Jan. 31—Takapuna J.C. (second day's racing).
Jan. 24—Wanganui J.C. (second forfeit Jackson Stakes).
Feb. 25—Wanganui J.C. (first day).

FINAL PAYMENT.

Feb. 25—Wanganui J.C. (Jackson Stakes 5sovs).

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

A RECORD GATHERING AT ELLERSLIE.

ALL RED WINS THE CUP A SECOND TIME.

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Long before ten o'clock on Monday morning crowds began to wend their way to Ellerslie, with the object of assisting at the Auckland Racing Club's summer meeting, and when the racing opened the attendance was estimated to be close on 20,000—a record for Ellerslie. The lawn, which looked more like a large flower bed, had colour added to it when the ladies put in an appearance with their bright dresses and parasols of almost every colour. The crowd outside surging towards the course at the conclusion of a race presented a sight worth going a long way to see. The course, though very hard, looked well, while no fault could be found with the arrangements made for the comfort of visitors.

The day's programme passed off without a hitch, and Mr. Hartland, the secretary, must have been highly pleased when he realised the great success the outing proved. Mr. C. O'Connor, starter, was fair, but several of the events were from ten to fifteen minutes late in starting. However, those present were there to enjoy themselves, and were not going to let the fact of a race being late in starting mar the outing.

The totalisator bell kept ringing merrily throughout the day, and when the Christmas Handicap had been decided it was found that Mr. H. H. Hayr and staff had handled no less a sum than £25,614, which, when compared with the £22,565 handled on Boxing Day last year, shows an increase of £3049. Bookmakers, of whom there were 55 operating, paid £20 10s, and the club received from the pencilers the large sum of £1127 10s.

THE RACING.

Racing opened with the Trial Handicap, for which event Wauchope was made favourite, while Tattoo and Sharpshooter were also well backed.

When the field were sent away first Wairiki was slow to move, and Tattoo took charge, closely attended by Wauchope. At the end of a furlong Hyperion raced into second position, and the field were well bunched when the the cutting was entered. Here Tattoo began to drop back, leaving Hyperion in charge, with First Wairiki close up just clear of Sharpshooter, Wauchope, and Miss Mischief. Hyperion was the first to turn for home, but First Wairiki had charge a little further on. At the distance Wauchope came along with a nice run, and he quickly settled his opponents, winning easily by two lengths from First Wairiki, who was a length and a-half in front of Sharpshooter. Miss Mischief was fourth and Hyperion next.

Five well-bred youngsters were saddled up to contest the Great Northern Foal Stakes, Danube being made a strong favourite. The quintette went away to a splendid start, and they ran in line for about 50 yards, when Formby drew out. At the five-furlong post Danube met with some interference and dropped back last, losing some lengths. Running through the cutting Formby was a couple of lengths out from Tenterhook, with War Song, Obsidian and Danube following in the order written. Entering the straight, Tenterhook and Formby were almost on terms with Danube, coming through fast. At the distance Formby drew away and won by two lengths from Danube, with Tenterhook a similar distance away third. Obsidian was fourth and War Song last.

Golden Loop carried most money in the Robinson Handicap, and he justified the confidence placed in him by winning with a lot to spare by a couple of lengths. Zinnia, Golden Loop and Fleet Arrow were the first to show out, but at the end of a furlong Zinnia had drawn out a bit, and she was well clear of Golden Loop and Fleet Arrow when the cutting was entered. Aimwell then put in a great run, and at the head of the straight was on terms with Zinnia, and a similar distance away in front. It then looked as though Aimwell would win, but Gray brought the favourite along, and coming right away, he won easily by two lengths from Sea Elf, who finished fast and defeated Aimwell by two lengths for second money. Waiari was fourth. Fuss fell in the straight.

With the Foal Stakes lost and won, attention was then directed to the Cup, and each candidate was eagerly scanned while in the bird cage. In the preliminaries All Red and Downfall appeared to move most freely, but Taskmaster and Akarana were scratchy, and they commanded little support when the totalisator bells stopped ringing. When backers set to work they made the bracketed pair, Chanteuse and Downfall, favourite, but individually supported, All Red carried most money. The draw for positions at the post resulted:—Roosevelt 1, Sedition 2, Te Aroha 3, Muskerry 4, Taskmaster 5, All Red 6, First Gun 7, Bollin 8, Chanteuse 9, Ngapuka 10, Waimangu 11, Downfall 12, Advocate 13, Akarana 14. When they lined up at the post Downfall and Roosevelt had exchanged places, and Downfall had inside running. The field were sent away to a splendid start, and Downfall showed momentarily in front, only to be immediately supplanted by Bollin and Sedition, and with Downfall and All Red following just clear of a bunched field, there was practically no change in the positions till five furlongs from home, when Bollin dropped back, and All Red closed on Sedition, with Downfall next, while Advocate began to single himself out from the ruck. Just after passing the half-mile post All Red and Sedition were on terms, and Advocate had raced up to Downfall, the pair being close up next. All Red then drew out a bit, and he was the first to turn for home, with Advocate in hot pursuit, but although the Auckland finished up his task gamely, he had no chance with the Southern champion, who won comfortably by a length and three-quarters. Sedition was a couple of lengths behind Advocate, with First Gun and Downfall next, and the remainder strung out. On returning to scale both All Red and his rider (C.

Jenkins) received quite an ovation. By his victory on Monday, All Red now ranks with Bluejacket, both horses having won the race two years in succession. The times for the journey were: Four furlongs, 53 1-5s., seven furlongs, 1m. 32 1-5s.; mile, 1m. 46s.; mile and a-quarter, 2m. 11s.; mile and a-half, 2m. 38 1-5s.; two miles, 3m. 29 1-5s.

When the excitement over the Cup had cooled down, the Grafton Hurdles presented itself to backers, and the combination of Dunborve and Julian was soon most in demand. As usual, Hautapu was quickly out in front, and he led till half a mile from home. Up till this time Julian, on the favourite, had been running last, but he now moved up fast, and at the second fence from home he was in front. Reservoir then set out after Dunborve, but though he finished well he failed to get up by two lengths. Scotty was a similar distance away third, with the others well up.

The Railway Handicap came next, and backers found a favourite in Lady Medallist, a stable companion of All Red's. Armlet and Tamainupo also carried a lot of coin. The start was a fairly good one, and General Soult was soon out in front, but they had not gone far before Mahinga was in command, and when the half-mile post was reached she was a couple of lengths out from General Soult, and then came Kakama and Armlet. Racing through the cutting Kakama and Armlet closed up a bit, but the latter ran out very wide and covered a lot of unnecessary ground. However, Hatch straightened her up again, and at the distance it looked as though she was going to win. However, Kilindini then appeared on the scene like a bolt from the blue, and, catching the leader at every stride, Mr. Watt's filly won a good race by half a length. Kakama was close up third, followed by Lady Medallist, Full Sail and Salute.

The Nursery Handicap followed, and backers came strongly for Apellon, with the result that he finished up a strong favourite, with Antoinette, on whom Gray had the mount, second choice. Princess Soult and Solus were the quickest away, with Antoinette next, and the favourite in the ruck. The order was unchanged at the head of the straight, where Antoinette took charge, and looked like winning easily. At the distance Apellon dashed up, and, finishing gamely, he got to within half-a-length of Antoinette when the post was reached. Goldfinder, who also finished well, was fourth, just behind Solus.

The day's programme was brought to a close with the Christmas Handicap, for which event weight of money made Kilwinning favourite, with Maheno the next choice. Kilwinning never looked like winning at any part of the race, and at the end of three furlongs was done with. After Rauparaha and Tanekaha had carried the field along, Maheno dashed up, and, quickly settling the leaders she won nicely by half-a-length from Rauparaha, with Tanekaha only a head away. Elysian was fourth, and may run better later at the meeting.

The following are the results of the racing:—

TRIAL HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Seven furlongs.
1—Mr. W. C. Ring's b h Wauchope, 5yrs, by Freedom—Black Watch, 8.1 (H. Gray) 1
7—Mr. S. Bradley's b c First Wairiki, 3yrs, by Wairiki—Leo Delaval, 7.1 (McMillan) 2
4—Sir Geo. Clifford's ch c Sharpshooter, 3yrs, by Clanranald—Weathereye, 8.3 (F. E. Jones) 3
Also started: 8, Maiora, 8.5; 3, Miss Mischief, 8.2; 2, Tattoo, 8.1; 6, Rauparaha, 7.2; 5, Hyperion, 7.2.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1.27 2-5.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.
2—Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Formby, by Birkenhead—Gladisla, 8.10 (F. D. Jones) 1
1—Mr. G. D. Greenwood's b c Danube, by Martian—Neva, 8.10 (Hatch) 2
4—Sir Geo. Clifford's ch f Tenterhook, by Clanranald—Tomorrow, 8.5 (F. E. Jones) 3
3—Mr. T. H. Lowry's b c War Song, by Royal Fusilier—Cantatrice, 8.10 (Wilson) 0
5—Mr. Geo. Dunnet's b g Obsidian, by Obligado—Peace, 8.7 (Julian) 0
Won by two lengths. Time, 1.16 3-5.

THE ROBINSON HANDICAP of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Seven furlongs.

1—Mr. R. Barlow's ch g Golden Loop, 3yrs, by Lupin—Docility, 8.6 (H. Gray) 1
7—Mr. J. J. Craig's b f Sea Elf, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—St. Evelyn, 8.2 (Ryan) 2
16—Mr. W. Handley's br g Aimwell, 4yrs, by Soult—Gladys May, 8.2 (C. Brown) 3
Also started: 4, Coromandel, 9.4; 13, Waiari, 8.11; 17, Dan Leno, 8.9; 9, Zinnia, 8.6; 5, Epsom Lass, 8.2; 8, Admiral Soult, 8.0; 3, Miss Advance, 7.13; 2, Royal Scotland, 7.12; 10, Fleet Arrow, 7.11; 6, Michaeloff, 7.9; 14, All's Well, 7.6; 11, Dazzling, 7.2; Spectre, 7.0; 15, Fuss 7.0.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 29 1-5.

THE AUCKLAND CUP HANDICAP of 2000sovs; second horse to receive 400 sovs, and third horse 200sovs from the stake. Two miles.

1—Mr. St. John Buckley's b h All Red, 5yrs, by Stepniak—Madder, 9.1 (C. Jenkins) 1
8—Mr. J. C. Colbeck's b h Advocate, 5yrs, by Hotchkiss—Nelle, 7.7 (Conquest) 2
6—Mr. J. H. Walters' b g Sedition, 4yrs, by Soult—Did, 7.0 (C. Brown) 3
7—Mr. A. Robertson's ch g Sir Prize, 8.4 (Hatch) 0
2—Mr. T. H. Lowry's ch h Downfall, 5yrs, 8.4 (L. Wilson) 0
13—Mr. T. H. Lowry's br m Chanteuse, 4yrs, 6.9 (Bennett) 0
4—Mr. A. Jackson's b h Roosevelt, 4yrs, 8.0 (F. Cross) 0
3—Mr. R. C. Wallace's br g Ngapuka, 5yrs, 7.13 (Ryan) 0
9—Sir Geo. Clifford's br c Taskmaster, 3yrs, 7.8 (F. E. Jones) 0
12—Mr. E. J. Watt's b m Muskerry, 5yrs, 7.6 (H. Price) 0
11—Mrs. S. Lennard's blk h Waimanga, 4yrs, 7.5 (Porter) 0
10—Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Bollin, 4yrs, 7.4 (Watson) 0
5—Mesdames Foss and Stewart's b h First Gun, 5yrs, 7.7 (H. Gray) 0
15—Mr. W. Davies' b m Te Aroha, aged 7.1 (Buchanan) 0
14—Mr. J. B. Williamson's b g Akarana, aged, 6.9 (Foy) 0
Won by a length and three-quarters. Time, 3.29 1-5.

THE GRAFTON HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

1—Mr. G. Dunnet's b g Dunborve, 5yrs, by Bluejacket—Lady Peer, 9.1 (Julian) 1
6—Mr. W. S. Davidson's ch g Reservoir, aged, by Jet d'Eau—Cartouche, 10.7 (Jones) 2
2—Mr. F. J. McManemin's b g Scotty, aged, by St. Leger—Janet, 10.6 (Deerey) 3
Also started: 3, Compass, 11.5; 4, Hautapu, 10.2; 5, Lady Patricia, 9.0; 7, First Barrel, 9.0.
Won by two lengths. Time, 3.52 3-5.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Six furlongs.

8—Mr. E. J. Watt's b f Kilindini, 3yrs, by Kilcheran, 7.7 (F. Cross) 1
2—Mr. G. D. Greenwood's b m Armlet, 4yrs, by Menschikoff—Armilla, 8.2 (Hatch) 2
17—Mr. Donald McLeod's br f Kakama, 3yrs, by Soult—Winsome, 7.8 (Conquest) 3
Also started: 13, Cambrian, 8.5; 4, Salute, 8.3; 1, Lady Medallist, 8.3; 7, Devonport, 7.9; 8, Tamainupo, 7.9; 12, Theodore, 7.6; 14, Gipsy Belle, 7.6; 5, Wild West, 7.4; 17, Sir Artagal, 7.3; 6, General Soult, 7.0; 9, Full Sail, 6.12; 10, Mahinga, 6.9; 11, Necktie, 6.8; 16, Ambala, 6.7.
Won by half-a-length. Time, 1.15 2-5.

THE NURSERY HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

2—Mr. F. W. Arnold's b f Antoinette, by Soult—Miss Annie, 7.11 (H. Gray) 1
1—Mr. F. J. McManemin's br c Apellon, by Monoform—Latona, 8.8 (Ryan) 2
8—Mr. W. Gall's ch g Solus, by Salvadan—Solitary, 7.11 (Oliver) 3
Also started: 4, Princess Soult, 7.5; 3, Duma, 7.5; 7, Goldfinder, 7.2; 13, Muskewal, 7.2; 11, Miss Highness, 7.1; 10, Wenonah, 7.0; 9, Zuleima, 7.0; 5, Enyo, 6.13; 6, Wee Olga, 6.12; 12, Hamadryd, 6.12.
Won by half-a-length. Time, 1.13 3-5.

THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs from the stake. One mile.

2—Mr. W. Davies' b m Maheno, 5yrs, by Soult—Lottie, 8.5 (Buchanan) 1
12—Mr. J. Muir's ch g Rauparaha, aged, by Seaton Delaval—Folly, 7.0 (R. E. Brown) 2
11—Mr. Te Hikaka's b g Tanekaha, 5yrs, by St. Paul—Thirlmere, 7.3 (C. Brown) 3
Also started: 4, Elysian, 8.13; 6, Santa Rosa, 8.8; 1, Kilwinning, 8.2; 7, Uranium, 7.13; 3, Swimming Belt, 7.10; 8, Delegate, 7.6; 9, Rimlock, 7.6; 10, St. Felix, 7.4; 5, Celtic, 7.0.
Won by half-a-length. Time, 1.41 1-5.

SECOND DAY'S RACING.

The meeting will be continued again this afternoon and on Saturday and Monday next. The conditions again appear favourable for a splendid day's sport, and with a capital list of accept-

ances, good racing should result. The first race is timed to start about 11 noon. The acceptances follow:—

THE BOWEN HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Golden Loop 9.4, Waiari 8.7, Sea Elf 8.6, Almwell 8.3, Elegance 8.1, Ambala 7.11, Admiral Sout 7.10, All's Well 7.3, Madam Sout 7.2, Waipa 7.2, Dazzling 6.13, Ben Battle 6.12, Hauraki 6.12, Captain Sout 6.12.

Fourteen have paid up for the Bowen Handicap and on the first day's running Golden Loop, Sea Elf and Waiari will probably be the best backed.

PONSONBY HURDLE RACE one mile and three-quarters.—Reservoir 10.11, Ciarago 10.2, Tui Cakobau 10.1, Hautapu 10.1, Leo 9.6, First Barrel 9.0, Sabre 9.0, Castadrift 9.0, Lady Patricia 9.0, Pleiades 9.0.

Reservoir and Leo should be well backed in the Ponsonby Hurdles, but the combination of Tui Cakobau and Julian may see the shortest price.

THE WAITEMATA HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter.—Dan Leno 9.0, Epsom Lass 8.7, Miss Advance 8.7, Royal Scotland 8.3, Fleet Arrow 8.2, Durability 7.11, St. Felix 7.7.

Class is not represented in this race and Epsom Lass and Royal Scotland appear to be the only horses with any pretensions to staying.

THE VISITORS' HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Armet 9.7, Cambrian 8.3, Salute 8.2, Kakama 7.9, Miss Winnie 7.8, Devonport 7.7, Lady French 7.4, Gipsy Belle 7.4, Theodore 7.4, Mahinga 7.1, Tarina 7.0, Turbine 6.11, Contented 6.10, Waiari 6.9, Lady Doon 6.7, Hyperion 6.7, Mary Ann 6.7.

The Visitors' Handicap has drawn a large field but as Armet had the Railway Handicap won at five furlongs she will probably be most in demand. Lady French will also carry a fair amount of money and it should not be forgotten that Mary Ann ran well at the November meeting and may have improved.

THE SUMMER CUP, one mile and a quarter.—All Red 9.12, Bobrikoff 9.11, Elysian 8.5, Roosevelt 8.2, Ngapuka 8.1, Advocate 7.13, Maheno 7.11, Wauchope 7.10, Muskerry 7.9, Maori King 7.9, Diabolo 7.9, Bollen 7.6, Sedition 7.4, Santa Rosa 7.3, Coromandel 7.2, Miss Mischief 6.12, Sir Artagal 6.7.

The principal event of the day is the Summer Cup and with Bobrikoff and All Red at almost equal weights more than the usual amount of interest will be taken in the event. Elysian and Coromandel should help to provide a good contest.

THE CRITERION HANDICAP, six furlongs.—War Song 8.8, Apellon 8.4, Princess Sout 6.12, Goldfinder 6.10, Zuleima 6.9, Wee Olga 6.9.

In the Criterion Handicap War Song, Apellon and Goldfinder appear to be the only ones who know how to gallop.

THE ALEXANDRA HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Woodhey 8.11, Lady Medallist 8.5, Miss Mischief 7.11, Tamainupo 7.11, Devonport 7.11, Wild West 7.7, Tanekaha 7.7, Delegate 7.2.

The Alexandra Handicap looks like providing a good race and the favourites will probably be Tamainupo and Lady Medallist.

THE SALISBURY WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Tattoo 8.13, Uranium 8.13, Swimming Belt 8.9, Rimlock 8.5, Celtic 8.2, Aristocrat 8.0.

The Salisbury Welter has only a half dozen and Tattoo may be favourite but he will want to run a lot better than on the opening day.

An English visitor, who has been spending a few months in Victoria, and who left for New Zealand this week (says "Javelin") remarked:—"I have just been reading an article on racing in Victoria, in which it is stated that the 'the conditions are much more satisfactory than they were 10 years ago.'" Then, as he replaced the pince-nez which he had been polishing with his handkerchief, he added, "Surely, old chap, that can't be so! If it be, then all I can say is, things must have been pretty hot here 10 years ago! Eh, what?"

Half-mile trotting races have been introduced in Melbourne. To save the enormous amount of time and trouble in racing over such Marathon distances and incidentally discouraging stamina in the utility horse, a writer hands out the suggestion that the horses' names should be drawn from a box—first name drawn to be the winner. By this means we could have race meetings without racehorses, and a "Carbine" under the circumstances would last for ever.

Frank Wootton, who attained his 16th birthday on December 14, rode three winners at the Lingfield (England) meeting on November 7. They were Nitawah in the Country Maiden Two-year-old Plate, Pretiva in the Back-end Stayers' Handicap, and Bohola in the Winter Welter Handicap. A couple of days later, at Liverpool, he was successful on Damage in the Lancashire Handicap.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

SOME EXCELLENT TROTTING.

HAVOC WINS THE CUP.

Ideal summer weather prevailed on Tuesday, when the Auckland Trotting Club inaugurated their meeting. The attendance was large, and a most enjoyable day's racing was negotiated. Sportsmen dearly love to see a good trotting race, and on Tuesday they had their desire fulfilled, the visiting contingent of horses from all parts of the Dominion completely putting the local animals in the shade. Too much praise cannot be given to the energetic secretary (Mr. C. F. Mark), who left no stone unturned to make all present enjoy themselves. Amongst those present were a large number of visiting sportsmen, and these were well catered for by the committee, of whom Mr. J. Rowe is president. Mr. Isaac Hill and Mr. C. O'Connor, as judge and starter respectively, filled their positions well, as did also Messrs. Geo. Read and F. W. Edwards, timekeepers. The handicapping of Mr. F. W. Edwards provided good racing in most instances, but some of the visiting brigade could easily have won by a larger margin. The totalisator turnover amounted to £5944, which

there is no telling how much the difference could have been increased to. Lady Park was two lengths further back third, and Sweet Patch fourth.

The Pony Cup saw Cyrona go out a slightly better favourite than Mistime. From a poor start, of which Maika had all the best of it, the pony named showed the way out of the straight, but a little further on was joined by Peggy Pride, and the pair ran locked together along the back, closely followed by Cyrona. Maika drew out a bit running through the dip, and he was well clear of the field when the straight was entered. Once in a line for home Gray brought the favourite along, and quickly settling the leaders, he drew away and won easily by a length and a-half, with Nora Sout about a neck away third. Mistime was close up next, and Lady Ferris last.

The principal event of the day—the Auckland Trotting Cup—came next, and backers at once put Havoc at a very short price. Soon after the start the favourite was out in front, and with John Harold, Floranz, and Papanui following, he showed the way over the whole of the journey, and won a good race by half-a-dozen lengths from Papanui. Papanui and Floranz were together along the back a couple of lengths behind Havoc. Papanui then drew away from Floranz, and beat her eight lengths for second money. Viscount was the only other to show up prominently, and finished fourth just in front of John Harold.

When betting opened on the Eden Handicap Trot, Miss Ngapara was at

chance with Robex, who won comfortably by five lengths. Lady Lillian, the scratch mare, was about a dozen lengths behind Papanui in third place.

Racing closed with the St. Helier's Trot, and the only two backed with any spirit were Rita H. and Phyllistina. The latter was out in front after a couple of furlongs had been covered, with Taihoa almost on terms. Taihoa's chance looked very rosy, when he made a bad break, allowing Phyllistina to go on and win by five lengths. Rita H. was about the same distance away third. Money, who is improving, fourth.

The following were the results:—

INTRODUCTORY TROT of 40sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 2—P. McCrory's b m Lady Wilmington, 4yrs, by Wilmington, 15s. (Hamilton)
 - 1—H. R. Craig's b m Lady Wilhelmina, 4yrs, 12s. (Canham)
 - 6—T. M. Wade's br m Wild Marie, aged, scratch (Wade)
 - Also started: 11, Prince Millen, 4s.; 4, Harry Mace, 7s.; 10, Lady Hazel, 9s.; 12, Marguerite, 9s.; 5, Norrington, 13s.; 3, Huon Clair, 15s.; 8, Mikado, 15s.
- Won by ten lengths. Time, 4.2 1-5.

WAITEMATA TROT of 75sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1—H. Nicoll's b c Harold Rothschild, 3yrs, by Rothschild—Harold's Rest, 14s. (Pringle)
 - 2—W. E. Singleton's blk m Phyllestina, 5yrs, 19s. (Singleton)
 - 3—C. Wren's blk m Lady Park, 5yrs, 15s. (Hamilton)
 - Also started: 4, Sweet Patch, scr.; 5, Receiver, 9s.; Harold Abdallah, 12s.
- Won by a length and a-quarter. Time, 3.50 4-5.

PONY CUP of 100sovs. Six furlongs and a-half.

- 1—J. Knott's b m Cyrona, aged, by Cyrenian, 7.10 (H. Gray)
 - 3—J. George's b g Maika, 5yrs, 7.5 (McMillan)
 - 5—W. J. Bowden's b m Nora Sout, 5yrs, 7.3 (Bennett)
 - Also started: 2, Mistime, 9.2; 6, Lady Ferris, 6.12; 4, Peggy Pride, 6.9.
- Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1.27.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CUP of 200sovs. Two miles.

- 1—D. Nyhan's b c Havoc, 4yrs, by Franz—Murmur, 17s. (Nyhan)
 - 2—H. Hendricksen's br c Papanui, 4yrs, by Wildwood—D.L.C., 9s. (H. Hendricksen)
 - 7—Preece and Hamilton's br m Floranz, 5yrs, by Franz—Wild Cat, 17s. (Hamilton)
 - Also started: 9, Viscount, 10s.; 5, Implore, 12s.; 6, Conqueror, 15s.; 3, John Harold, 15s.; 8, Waitekauri, 17s.; 4, Wild Nell, 19s.
- Won by six lengths. Time 4.58 1-5s.

EDEN HANDICAP TROT of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 2—G. Robinson's ch g Nelson, aged, by Kentucky Wilkes, 21s. (Scott)
 - 8—D. May's b g Day Dawn, aged, 20s. (May)
 - 1—W. C. Hird's b m Miss Ngapara, 5yrs, 20s. (Hird)
 - Also started: 10, Maud S., scr.; 12, Yankee Doodle, 1s.; 9, Tableau, 9s.; 8, Kirikiriroa, 10s.; 13, Haldane, 11s.; 5, Dolly Wood, 11s.; 3, Murad, 11s.; 4, Lady Park, 12s.; 11, Rita W., 12s.; 6, Wild Marie, 15s.; 7, Albert Edward, 17s.
- Won by a head. Time, 2.58.

DECEMBER CLASS TROT of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1—J. Exley's b m Glenora, 4yrs, by General Tracy colt—Dulce, 6s. (Exley)
 - 2—H. R. Craig's b m Lady Wilhelmina, 4yrs, 13s. (Cameron)
 - 3—W. Lynch's br m Madam Meiba, aged, 1s. (Crotty)
 - Also started: 5, Bell Gray, 1s.; 4, Good Friday, 7s.
- Won by five lengths. Time, 3.55 2-5.

GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile.

- 6—C. E. Goosman's b g Robex, aged, by Rothschild, 7s. (Paul)
 - 1—H. Hendricksen's br h Papanui, 4yrs, 6s. (H. Hendricksen)
 - 5—R. Gibbons' gr m Lady Lillian, 6yrs, scr. (Hamilton)
 - Also started: 8, V.S., 7s.; 4, John Harold, 9s.; 2, Miss Vera, 9s.; 7, Irish Molly, 11s.; 3, Cavalier, 11s.
- Won by five lengths. Time, 2.28 1-5.

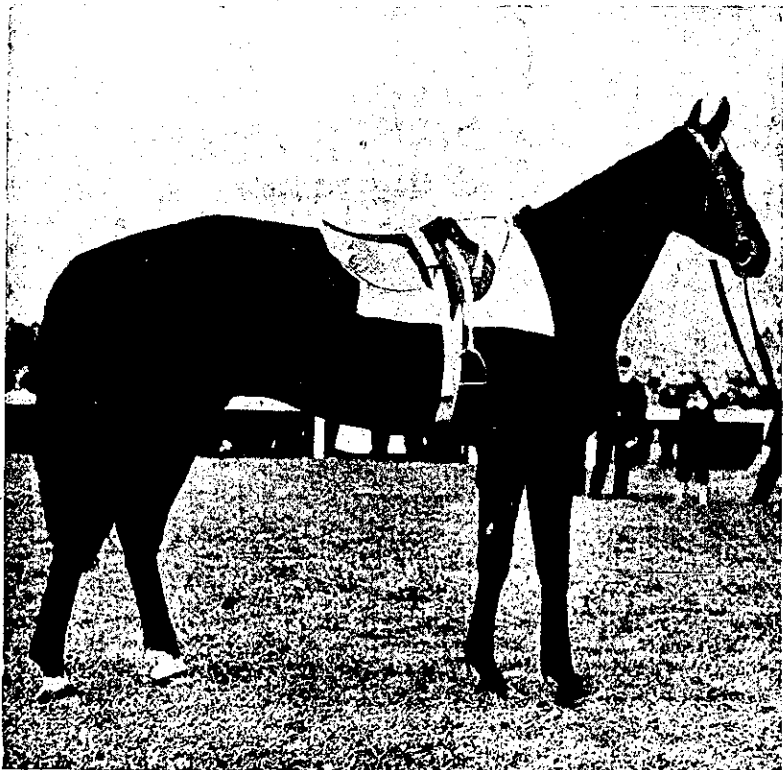
ST. HELIER'S HANDICAP TROT of 100 sovs. One mile.

- 2—W. E. Singleton's blk m Phyllistina, 5yrs, by Victor Royal, 11s. (Singleton)
 - 5—W. J. Brain's br g Taihoa, aged, 8s. (W. May)
 - 1—T. Woodham's b f Rita H., 3yrs, 10s. (Woodham)
 - Also started: 10, Mah Honey, 6s.; 9, Manxman, 7s.; 6, Bell Gray, 8s.; 8, Vibrona, 8s.; 4, Rawene, 8s.; 3, Lissie Bheg, 9s.; 7, Good Friday, 12s.
- Won by five lengths. Time, 2m. 40 2-5.

T. Cahill was recently reprimanded by the New South Wales Stipendiary Stewards for making too much use of his whip on a beaten horse.

Several race meetings had to be postponed in Australia recently owing to the coal strikes making the running of special trains impossible.

The pony clubs seem to think that March 31 will end their eventful history, and have advertised their future racing dates, which include three days in January, three days in February, and four days in March. That is the Miramar Club's programme, and in addition the Hutt Park Club has two days in January advertised, so that Wellington people will have a surfeit of pony racing during the next few weeks.



A much discussed racehorse: Mr. T. H. Lowry's blk g BOBRIKOFF by Finland—Gossip.

is £43 10s more than the sum handled on the corresponding day last year. Twenty-two bookmakers paid £10 10s each, returning £231 in fees.

Prior to the opening event the stewards deliberated over the nobbling of the horse Rothschild Junior. On Friday last some miscreant visited the horse, who had been a strong favourite for some weeks for the Trotting Cup, and placed acid on the horse's hocks, with the result that the horse was unable to fulfil his engagements. The owner of the horse (Mr. A. Nicol) offered £50, and the Auckland Trotting Club £100, for evidence which will lead to the conviction of the perpetrator. The stewards, after a short deliberation, decided that all bets made on the race previous to one o'clock should be declared off.

THE RACING.

The curtain was raised with the Introductory Trot, for which Lady Wilhelmina was made favourite. The field had not gone far before Lady Wilmington was in front, with the favourite next, and the remainder chains away. The order was the same throughout, and Lady Wilmington won easily by ten lengths from Lady Wilhelmina, who made a bad break three furlongs from home, and lost a good chance of winning. Wild Marie was half a furlong away third, and Harry Mace next.

The Waitemata Trot saw Harold Rothschild go out one of the hottest favourites yet seen on the course. It proved to be the good thing estimated, for after waiting upon Phyllistina till three furlongs from home, Pringle let the reins loose on Harold Rothschild, and he trotted past the little mare as if she were tied to the rails. Pulled up, the favourite won by a length, but

once made a strong favourite, but money came quickly for Nelson, and there was very little difference between them with the pencilers. While the favourite made a poor showing, Nelson was always well out, and in company with Day Dawn the pair had the race to themselves. Day Dawn looked like bringing off a surprise three furlongs from home, but broke badly, allowing Nelson to obtain a good lead. However, the outsider settled down again, and, quickly catching Nelson, he was in front again, and his victory this time looked certain, but Scott, by a great effort, brought Nelson along with a final burst, and in an exciting finish just got up in time to win by a head. Miss Ngapara was a couple of lengths away third.

Backers would have nothing but Glenora in the December Class Trot, and she pulled her supporters through after a good race with Lady Wilhelmina, who did not trot too kindly, and made a couple of bad breaks. The pair were well out from the field the whole of the journey, the favourite eventually winning by five lengths. Madam Meiba was about ten lengths away third, and the remainder of the field anywhere.

By this time the pencilers operating were beginning to get tired of the game, and opened at a very short price about the field in the Great Northern Trot. Miss Vera was the first inquired for, but after a while money came from Papanui, and he finished up favourite. With the exception of this pair, nothing else carried much money. Cavalier and John Harold were in front passing the stand, but at the back stretch Robex went to the front, and he was well clear of Papanui when the straight was entered. Although the favourite finished well, he had no

TURF TOPICS.

Auckland Racing Club's Summer meeting opened on Monday.

All Red wins the Cup, making two years in succession.

The four principal events decided in two days racing in Auckland annexed by visiting horses, viz.: Auckland Cup, All Red; Foal Stakes, Formby; Railway Handicap, Kilindini; Auckland Trotting Cup, Havoc.

The sale of Glenora Park and Cambria Park yearlings, will take place at Papakura on January 4.

One of the easiest victories at Ellerslie, was gained by Golden Loop, in the Robinson Handicap. Over the last furlong he simply played with his field.

While running in the Great Northern Trotting Handicap at Alexandra Park on Tuesday, John Harold fell his driver, (A. Mabee) being heavily thrown and receiving a nasty shaking.

Akarana pulled up very groggy at the finish of the Cup.

In the Cup, Muskerry was the first to reach the post.

During the running of the Robinson Handicap, Fuss fell, his rider (Chapman), escaping with a few nasty bruises.

War Song cut up badly in the Foal Stakes, but may do better before the meeting is through.

Nearly every race at Ellerslie was started from 10 to 15 minutes late.

Compass was withdrawn from the Cup and started in the Grafton Hurdles but he never looked like winning at any part of the journey.

H. Gray rode three winners at Ellerslie on Monday, the horses to score under him being Wauchope, Golden Loop, and Antoinette. Grays' other mounts were Elysian, First Gun and Tamainupo.

Maheno put up a very attractive performance in the Christmas Handicap. At the head of the straight she was standing Tanekaha and Rauparaha up several lengths start and beat them easily at the finish.

The running of Tattoo in the Trial Handicap was a severe blow to the touts who were of the opinion that he could not lose. If there is anything in track form we have not seen the real Tattoo this meeting.

Kilwinning has gone very sore and was soon in trouble in the Christmas Handicap. In fact he was done with at the end of three furlongs.

Elysian ran a good race in the Christmas Handicap and was galloping on at the finish. About 40 yards from the post he was on the outside but cut right in on the rails. Evidently Elysian in a race, and Elysian on the training track are two different horses. He is engaged in the Summer Cup to-day and may beat both the top weights.

The stewards of the Auckland Trotting Club ordered Good Friday out of the race during the December Class Trot, it being considered he was galloping too much.

A noticeable absentee from the saddle at the trots was W. Orange who did not have a ride during the opening day.

Four favourites and three second favourites won on the opening day of the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting.

Harold Rothschild, who won the Waitemata Trot, started one of the hottest favourites yet seen out at Alexandra Park.

The attention of horseowners is directed to the programme of the Wanganui Jockey Clubs' Autumn meeting, which appears elsewhere in this issue. The meeting takes place on March 3 and 5, the principal event being the Wanganui Cup of 675sovs. on the first day, and the Jackson Stakes of 500sovs the second day. The other events are all well endowed with prize money, as a glance at the advertisement will show. Nominations for the whole of the events close on January 24.

Moranz has 14sec. in the Summer Trot, to be run to-morrow.

The Pony Handicap on Friday will be four and a-half furlongs, and Mahinga has 10.12. She will have to hurry to give Cyrona a stone and five pounds.

St. Swthin will be amongst the starters at Alexandra Park on Friday.

The pony Mahinga was soon out in front in the Railway, but when the straight was reached she had shot her bolt.

Hohungatahi has contracted a cold, and was withdrawn from the Railway Handicap.

A week before Boxing Day H. Gray was engaged to ride Aberbrothock and Hohungatahi in the Cup and Railway, but both horses went wrong and had to be withdrawn.

They were a very tired lot behind All Red and Advocate in the Cup after a mile and a-half had been covered.

One of the first horses beaten in the Cup was Taskmaster, but those who had noticed the Treadmill colt on the tracks were not surprised at his showing.

The second day at Ellerslie takes place to-day. All interest will be centred in the meeting of All Red and Bobrikoff, who are weighted at 9.12 and 9.11 respectively. We have had evidence that All Red is in capital buckle, while Bobrikoff looks fit to run for a kingdom.

Individually backed, Kakama was the outsider of the field in the Railway Handicap. She showed plenty of pace and finished a good third.

Armlet ran very wide at the turn for home in the Railway Handicap, and had Hatch been able to keep the mare in towards the rails she may have won.

As usual, A. Julian rode the winner of the Grafton Hurdles, Dunborve being the one to score.

Danube received a bad bump at the five-furlong post in the Foal Stakes, and was knocked right back last. He was galloping on well at the finish, and was within a couple of lengths of Formby passing the post.

Downfall could not have had the best of a passage in the Cup, and when he returned to scale there was evidence of his being up against the rails.

Pencilers report bad business, both at Ellerslie and Alexandra Park.

Roosevelt was expected to run well in the Cup, but he never looked dangerous over the last mile.

H. Gray rode Cyrona to victory in the Pony Cup at the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting.

Sir Antrim has evidently improved a good deal, as he scored a double at Manawatu.

St. Swthin, who scored a double at Wanganui, did not start at the trots on Tuesday.

Papanui and Lady Lylian each trotted well in the Great Northern Handicap, but Robex beat them by more than his start, and is apparently at his best.

Sir Prize, as usual, ran in the rear most of the way in the Cup, but finished well up in a tired field.

In recognition of his success on Minoru in the Free Handicap at Newmarket, D. Maher was presented by King Edward with a jewelled scarf-pin.

Favourites on the first day of the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting fared as under:—Lady Wilhelmina, second; Harold Rothschild, first; Cyrona, first; Havoc, first; Miss Ngapara, third; Glenora, first; Papanui, second; Rita H., second.

Moranz was very slow to begin in the Trotting Cup, but once she settled down she hit out in good style and ran a real good race, eventually finishing third. Had she left the mark quickly she had a good chance of beating Papanui for second money.

Favourites on the first day at Ellerslie fared as follows:—Wauchope first, Danube second, Dunborve first, All Red first, Golden Loop first, Lady Medallist nowhere, Apellan second, Kilwinning nowhere.

Hautapu died to nothing at the end of a mile and a-half in the Grafton Hurdles.

Aerina, who won both two-year-old races at Danedin on Monday, was formerly owned by Mr. G. D. Greenwood, who sold her to Mr. J. Buckley.

Just as the horses turned into the straight in the Nursery Handicap at Ellerslie a spectator named John McDougall, who was standing on the rails overbalanced and was knocked over by Solus. The unfortunate man was conveyed to the saddling paddock and after receiving medical attention was removed to the hospital. At latest advices he was doing well.

The forward running of Sedition in the Auckland Cup was the surprise of the race. Those who were under the impression that the Papakura horse would not stay must be very quiet just now as his performance stamps him as a little above the ordinary.

Rita H., who finished third in the final event at Alexandra Park, left the impression that she would run better at the meeting.

An English paper, in discussing the "American Racing Manual," says that in a chapter devoted to "Remarkable Jockey Feats," the coloured rider, James Lee, is credited with having established a world's record on June 25, 1907, when he rode the winners of all the six races comprised in the programme at Churchill Downs, Louisville, Kentucky. The writer adds that the only jockeys in England to ride as many winners on one day were George Fordham and Fred Archer, and in America "Monk" Overton, but on each occasion there were more races. Thus there were seven, in all of which he rode, when the first-named scored half a dozen brackets in one day at Stockbridge, and a similar number—in one of which he had no mount—when Archer won six at Lewes on August 5, 1882. "The Tinman," as he was styled by his intimates, as during the period which elapsed between his first victory on Athol Daisy in 1870 and his last at Newmarket on Blanchland in 1886, he had the handling of the stupendous number of 2748 winners. As for the coloured rider, Overton, who flourished in the late eighties and early nineties, he won each of the six races in which he rode when there were seven at Washington Park on July 10, 1891. As many as 44 American jockeys can boast the distinction of having ridden five winners on one day, most notable of these being Walter Miller, who has accomplished the feat on four separate occasions, and V. Powers, who was twice successful in five races last year, each time at Port Erie in August.

The following are the chief participants in the stake distribution over the Manawatu meeting:—Mr. Highden £989, J. Ames £500, W. H. Nicols £450, J. Symons £350, Sir George Clifford £244, J. Parson £210, J. N. Coleman £210, G. Morris £190, M. T. McGrath £175, E. J. Watt £150, A. Barclay £135, J. W. Lowe £130, W. J. Shannon £130, A. Hall £120, G. H. Miller £120, F. G. Roe £120, H. Hodge £105. The trustees of the late Mr. G. G. Stead receive £150 as a result of Multiform's two sons, Polymorphous and Multiple, running first and third in the Sires Produce Stakes.

D. Maher is riding as a freelance in England next year, and, according to a London exchange, this has caused a new clause to be inserted in the agreements made by certain stables with other jockeys for the coming season. The clause referred to stipulates that the jockey is only engaged for weights up to 8st 7lb, it remaining at the discretion of the trainer whether another jockey may be substituted on occasions when a horse has to carry over that weight. This means that the stables concerned are prepared to employ Maher when opportunity offers, and Dillon is another jockey whose services will be availed of under similar conditions. Though a freelance in other respects, Maher has already contracted to ride Bayardo in all his engagements next year.

Bayardo had a very easy win in the Liverpool St. Leger on November 10. He has finished his three-year-old career with eleven wins and two defeats. His stake earnings for this season total £24,797, and as he won £10s last season, his total to date is £24,835 10s.

It is understood that J. E. Pike, the crack Sydney light-weight jockey, will be on a holiday trip to New Zealand in January, and will apply for a license to enable him to ride at the Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting at Trentham.

Stratagem has been nominated for hurdle races in the South.

In the Palmerston North Stakes it is said that Penates was standing Lord Soult up ten lengths at the end of a furlong, and that had the pair got off the mark on even terms the result would have been different.

An unusual accident happened in Tasmania recently. The jockey Crossin was riding a pony and leading Hospodar. He pulled up to light a cigarette, and while doing so wound Hospodar's rein round his wrist. The click of the match frightened Hospodar, who suddenly dragged Crossin off the pony, and, as the lad could not release the reins from his arm, it was a matter of going wherever Hospodar cared to take him. Crossin was bumped along, and when at last the tackle gave way the unfortunate fellow presented a pitiful appearance. He was bloodstained from head to foot, and, although no serious results are likely to follow, it was a most miraculous escape from death, or, at least, serious injury.

At Sydney Tattersall's meeting yesterday the Carrington Stakes resulted as follows:—Metograph, 1; Malt Mary, 2; Osmo, 3. There were 20 starters. In a good finish Metograph won by a neck. Time, 1m. 13 3-5s.

Mistakes by jockeys are certainly not confined to Australia. The greatest "artists" are caught napping at times. "Kapier," of the "Sporting and Dramatic News," is a man who "has not ridden all his races in the grand-stand," and his comments may be taken as reliable. He says:—It is a long time since there was such a consistently good week's sport at Newmarket—which means in England—as that which we saw last week, even marred, as it was, by a few untoward events. . . Maher's inexcusable failure on Symon's Pride, who ought to have won without any sort of difficulty, was among the events to which reference is made. If amateurs, in a race for members of a club, had ridden as Maher did on Symon's Pride, or as Wootton did on Queen's Journal," a friend remarked to me, "we should have heard it said what nonsense it was to let those sort of people make exhibitions of themselves, and should be told that racing was ridiculous without jockeys in the saddle." The structure was deserved. If Maher had come along from the distance he would have won with perfect comfort. Apparently he disregarded Baron altogether, for she was rattling away on the rails, and there was no obvious reason why she should not continue so to rattle. It was not until too late to beat her that Maher called on his filly for a desperate effort, which started just too late, and must have taken a tremendous lot out of the unfortunate mare. It is such a finish as this that makes a horse hate racing. The Queen's Journal fiasco opened Friday's proceedings. Wootton went burrowing for the rails, in spite of the apparent impossibility of getting there. Tardily perceiving this, he pulled out, and came round his horses, getting level in a very few strides, and then, to all appearances, having the race well won; but, in some mysterious way, he failed, and his younger brother finally beat him a head on Wiseacre. Nothing will ever convince me that F. Wootton should not have won." Considering that he rides five days a week, often in every race, and is only 15 years of age, it is hardly to be expected that F. Wootton should always be at his best. He seems to have a great fancy for the inside place, even on straight courses.

In connection with trotting meetings in Auckland there is one subject upon which a good deal could be written. This is the late scratching of horses, a frequent occurrence at Alexandra Park and one hardly fair to the bookmakers doing business who pay their ten guineas with a good grace and expect to get a fair "go" for their money. To come to the point. At the Otahuhu meeting last month, when the numbers were hoisted on the Class Trot John Harold was quickly installed a strong favourite, while a good price was on offer about the other candidates. Then like a shower of rain money came for Scotia and what turned out to be a false price about his chance was obtained by the knowing ones. Then the pencilers received a rude shock when the word is whispered round that John Harold is not starting, notwithstanding that his number has been hoisted on the board in the first instance. Result, race won by Scotia, eventually the actual favourite. Now on Tuesday at the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting when the starters were given out Francita was made a hot favourite. Then the non-

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, December 28.

It is said that Crucinella surprised even her connections by winning on the first day of the Manawatu meeting, when she paid a big dividend, being the outsider of the field. She had done some good galloping, but her connections did not care to entrust her with too much coin, as she was not thought to be too reliable at this season of the year. However, she got there, though she did not have much to spare.

Moose was backed locally as if the race was all over, and the Sou-wester gelding duly won, though his supporters did not get much of a return for their money. Still, everyone was pleased to see his owner have a turn of luck after the disappointment experienced at Feilding.

Frank Lind has taken Kaiwhaka and Overtime to New Plymouth. After competing at the Taranaki meeting the pair will be railed to Stratford for the annual gathering to be held there on the 1st and third January.

The Malatua gelding Marutoa, by Malatua, trained by George Laing, has been showing really good form over the hurdles during the last week or so, and the other morning had much the best of things in a go with Kaiwhaka. Marutoa is engaged at the Taranaki and Stratford meetings, and should pick up a stake or two before returning home.

Mr. W. J. Aynsley, one of Wanganui's best-known and most popular sportsmen, intends leaving for a holiday trip to Australia in the course of a week or so. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Aynsley, and will probably be absent some five or six weeks. Since he took up his residence in Wanganui some few years ago, Mr. Aynsley has been closely identified with sport of all kinds, and it was to a large extent due to his enthusiasm that the Wanganui Trotting Club was formed, while he also had a great deal to do with the formation of the Wanganui Amateur Boxing Association. His many friends will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Aynsley a pleasant trip and a safe return.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, December 26.

A fierce southerly gale accompanied by heavy rain blew over Wellington on Christmas Day and the prospects for a fine Boxing Day did not look promising. Fortunately the storm died out and the morning breaking fine a fair number will assist at the various race meetings set down for Boxing Day. The opening day of the Manawatu Racing Club drew a small attendance, not more than a score of people patronising the special train from Wellington. The Palmerston people were conspicuous by their absence and obviously the club's extra day is not appreciated by racegoers. A race meeting a couple of days prior to the Christmas holidays seems a mistake and it is improbable that it will be continued. Wellington owned horses were strongly in evidence, but although Penates made a bold bid for victory for the Palmerston Stakes and Truganini and Whatakura each ran into second place, Wellington winnings resulted in a "duck." With an equitable send off there is no doubt Penates would have placed the Stakes to the credit of Mr. Barclay, but Lord Soult's rider was allowed a flying start, whilst Penates got away from a stand and at the end of half a furlong Lord Soult was at least ten lengths in front of Penates. The latter made a great effort and was within a couple of lengths of Lord Soult when the winning post was reached. It is to be regretted that clubs giving valuable stakes do not obtain capable starters, as it is disheartening to owners to find race after race going to horses that under equitable conditions would not be declared the winner.

Mr. Greenwood's colt Formeden was given a run in the Palmerston Stakes. Rumour that the colt had been suffering from a cold were obviously correct, and he neither looked nor ran as well as at the C.J.C. Spring meeting.

The Governments proposed legislation now law, and racing clubs must be prepared to largely increase the tax that they have hitherto contributed to the treasury, 2½ per cent. Totalisator tax was not taken exception to but the tax of 2½ per cent on the receipts of racing clubs found many strong objections. Nevertheless the fact has gone forth and after March 2½ per cent. on total receipts, nomination, acceptance, and jockeys' fees excepted will have to be handed

ey came for Glenora and those in the know received a price about ten points more than the actual starting price. The market favourite Francita is withdrawn and the pencillers are left with a bad book. Result: Glenora wins. Some people have the impression that this sort of thing is the work of the bookmakers, but the sooner they rid themselves of that impression the better as no one on the ground complains more than the man with the bag. It is certainly time something was done to remedy this sort of thing.

ASCOT HEIGHT CLASS THOUSAND.

The Ascot Racing Club, Melbourne, announces to-day that its eight Class Thousand Race (£1000) for next year will be run off in September, and only certificated ponies will be allowed to compete, the heights being 14 hands, 14.1 and 14.2. Certificates are good for the following periods from day of measuring, viz.:—Two-year-olds, six months; three-year-olds, nine months; four-year-olds, 12 months; five years and upwards, life.

FUTURITY EVENT FOR TROTTERS AND PACERS.

MELBOURNE TROTTERING CLUB.

Full particulars are advertised in the present issue regarding the Trotting Horse Sires' Produce Stakes for foals of the season 1910, arranged by the Melbourne Trotting Club. The race, which will be for £500, is set down to be run off on the Richmond racecourse in July, 1913, and the necessary nominations are due on the dates set forth in the advertisement. Sires are to be nominated on or before 8th May next, and mares on or before 14th July next. The race will be for trotters and pacers. The general manager of the club, Mr. J. Wren, adds a footnote to the advertisement to the effect that owners of stud trotters and pacers have in the past shown a wise discretion in the matter of submitting their nominations freely, having realised the great importance of these classic futurity contests for aristocratic youngsters. Failure to nominate, it is pointed out, may be taken as an indication of inferiority, and such admission must necessarily depress values of parents and offspring alike. The S.P. Stakes under notice is the last of the present series, and it is hoped by the management that a big response to the liberality of the club will be made by owners of good trotting stock.

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CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Dec. 28.

With so many horses away from Riccarton, there is practically nothing doing up to the time of writing.

Canterbury horses fared badly at the three principal meetings—Auckland, Manawatu, and Dunedin—but on the West Coast they have carried off the principal events.

Tikitere, who has been a consistent performer for some months past, has at last scored a win. D. Roberts would be one of the happiest of trainers at Dunedin to-day when the daughter of Finland ran past the post a winner of the St. Andrew's Handicap.

Shindy, another member of Roberts' team, also won at Dunedin.

Ringdove and Ristori will be racing at the Wairarapa meeting. The latter ran much below expectations at the Manawatu meeting.

Sunburnt, Crown Derby and Lily White are being trained by R. Derrett during J. Franks' absence in the North Island.

Wet Day was heavily backed in Christchurch to-day for the St. Andrew's Handicap at Dunedin, but she was easily beaten.

Miss Mischief, Danube and Arriet were all well backed in Christchurch for their day's engagements at Auckland. Prior to leaving for Auckland the trio contracted colds, but when it became known that they would start, backers got in early and simply piled money on. Given ordinary luck Mason will not return without winning a good stake.

Chokebore Lodge horses have been running much below what was expected, both at Manawatu and Auckland, and accordingly followers of the stable have had a bad time.

over. The Wellington Racing Club's total contribution will not fall short of £4000 per annum and large and small clubs will suffer in a like proportion. During the discussion the Ministry promptly sat upon members who assailed the bookmaker, the Hon. J. A. Millar warmly resenting remarks made by anti-bookie members and he finally declared that should a motion for the abolition of the totalisator come up that he would vote for it. The Premier made a like statement. These declarations have not been, however, taken seriously, and were probably prompted by the fact that a number of prominent Opposition members had declared themselves hostile towards bookmakers and in

favour of the totalisator, and, as in most matters that are advocated by Mr. Massey and his party, a contrary attitude is adopted by the Government. The Hon. J. A. Millar is too ardent a sport to attempt to bring about the downfall of a National sport.

TURF RESULTS.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The attendance at the Dunedin Jockey Club's summer meeting, held on Monday, was larger than usual, and the weather was all that could be desired. The track was in excellent condition, the recent rains and fine sole of grass having robbed the ground of any sting. The club licensed nine bookmakers, and £3339 10s was put through the totalisator. Following are the results:—

SUMMER HURDLE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
Mr. J. Beck's ch g Kalkomako, aged, by Muskerry—Dolly Muggins, 10.0 (L. Lloyd) 1
Mr. W. McKay's ch g Coy, 10.0 (A. McKay) 2
Only two horses started.
Won by a little over a length. Time, 3m. 28 4-5s.

SALISBURY HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr. H. Glennie's blk m Busyland, 5yrs, by Finland—Busybody, 8.2 (D. King) 1
Mr. W. Hore's Steppaside, 7.9 (W. Emmermson) 2
Sir G. McLean's Sacha, 8.3 (J. Beale) 3
Also started: Eaglestone 8.7, Merry Lass 8.2, Moudjik 8.3 (including 9lb over), Zero 7.7.
Won comfortably by two lengths, Steppaside beating Sacha by half-a-length. Time, 1m. 33 2-5s.

DUNEDIN HANDICAP of 150sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. Buckley's b f Aerina, by Soult—Hotcherina, 7.10, including 5lb over (F. Yarr) 1
Mr. H. Knight's Susa, 7.7 (W. Weir) 2
Sir G. McLean's Vid, 7.0 (E. Harrison) 3
Also started: Golden Chorus 8.9.
Won by between five and six lengths, Susa beating Vid by a neck for second place. Time, 1m. 5s.

OTAGO HANDICAP of 300sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr. J. Ellis' br h Adjudge, 4yrs, by Blackstone—Inwista, 6.10 (C. Emmermson) 1
Mr. H. Knight's Tikitere, 7.11 (Emmermson) 2
Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's Outlander, 7.12 (Cotton) 3
Also started: Rose Noble 8.2, Office Girl 8.2, Astrakhan 7.10, Warsaw 7.2, Luresome 6.10 (including 3lb over), Speculate 7.3 (including 10lb over).
Won by six lengths, Tikitere beating Outlander by a short length for second place. Time, 2m. 9 2-5s.

TRIAL STAKES of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr. H. Knight's b f Shindy, 3yrs, by Singlestea—Nenuphor, 7.11 (W. Emmermson) 1
Mr. P. Toomey's Lady De Vere, 8.1 (Beale) 2
Mr. J. Ellis' Adage, 8.2 (F. Yarr) 3
Also started: Glenfield 8.6, Lord Rosebery 8.6, Rochester 8.6, Platinum 8.3, Invincible 8.3, Nightlight 8.1, Merriback 7.13, Castilla 7.11.
Shindy won by close on three lengths, Adage being four lengths away third. Time, 1m. 31 2-5s.

FEDERAL HANDICAP of 150sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. W. McKay's ch g Lupulite, 6yrs, by Lupin—Belle, 8.10 (A. McKay) 1
Mr. J. N. Grigg's Iarita, 8.10 (E. Cotton) 2
Mr. A. Barton's Zetland, 7.5, including 1lb overweight (W. Weir) 3
Also started: Silkweb 9.9, Passion 8.5, San Severo 8.2, Loftus 7.3, Lord Clutha 6.7, Red Morn 6.7.
Won by over three lengths and a-half from Iarita, who beat Zetland by a length for second place. Time, 1m. 16 4-5s.

CAVERSHAM HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. J. J. McBride's ch h Obsona, 4yrs, by Obligado—Lima, 9.6 (A. McKay) 1
Mr. J. Paulin's Redmond, 8.4 (Wingfield) 2
Mr. N. Reid's Fireball, 8.2 (S. J. Piney) 3
Also started: Simon Pure 8.3, Maud Gonne 8.3, Feodor 8.9.
Won by four lengths from Redmond, who defeated Fireball by half a length for second place. Time, 1m. 17 4-5s.

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OTOKINA WELTER HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile. Mr. W. J. Haslett's b g Cuirossettia, aged, by Cuirrosen-Poinstelin, 8.13 (J. Rat) 1. Mr. R. G. Hudson's Red and Black, 8.0 (J. Wingfield) 2. Mr. N. Barcam's Inchbonny, 8.7 (F. Douglas) 3. Also started: Pinul 8.12, Erskine 8.3, Jack Ashore 8.2. Won by close on two lengths from Red and Black, Inchbonny being three lengths away third. Time, 1m. 46 4-5s.

SECOND DAY.

The attendance on the concluding day of the Dunedin Jockey Club's summer meeting, held on Tuesday, was large considering it was not a public holiday. The weather was again fine and the track in good order. Nine bookmakers plied their calling, and the totalisator investments reached £6435, which is £1152 10s under last year's total. The decrease for the two days amounted to £1239. Results:—

MILBURN HURDLE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and a-half. W. McKay's Coy, by Sou'-wester—Puss, 10.1 1. J. Beck's Kalkomako, 10.3 2. Kalkomako won a well-judged race by a neck. Time, 2m. 55s.

FERNHILL HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs. H. A. Glennie's Busyland, 5yrs, by Finland—Busybody, 9.9 1. J. Paulin's Redmond, 7.9 2. L. C. Hazlett's Invincible, 7.10 3. Also started: Obsono 10.0, Stepside 8.3, Eaglestone 8.1, Bluebell 7.13, Platinum 7.7, Feodor 7.7, Adage 7.7. Won by a length. Time, 1m. 19 3-5s.

ALLANTON WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs. F. E. McLean's Erskine, 6yrs, by Lord Roslyn—Tiara, 7.12 1. N. Bertram's Inchbonny, 8.4 2. A. Barton's Zetland, 9.11 3. Also started: Pinul 8.7, Red and Black 7.13, Red Morn 7.13, Luresome 7.8, Jack Ashore 7.7. Won by two lengths. Zetland was a length further away. Time, 1m. 33 2-5s.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile. H. Knight's Tikitere, 4yrs, by Finland—Flame, 7.12 1. J. Ellis' Adjudge, 4yrs, 8.0 2. J. C. N. Grigg's Harita, 6yrs, 8.5 3. Also started: Outlander 7.8, Wet Day 8.4, Rose Noble 7.13, Astrakhan 7.2. Won by nearly two lengths. Time, 1m. 44 2-5s.

TAIHOA HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs. P. Toomey's oh m Lady De Vere, 6yrs, by Obligado—Gladys II, 8.11 1. J. W. Skinner's Glenfield, 8.0 2. J. Ellis' My Lawyer, 8.2 3. Also started: Merry Lass 8.10, Fireball 8.9, Redmond 8.5, Windward 8.4, Moudjik 8.4 (including 1lb overweight), Maud Gonne 8.0, Jewel Case 8.0, Rosine 8.0, Mangonel 8.0, Fancy Free 8.0. Lady De Vere won in a punishing finish from Glenfield by a short head. My Lawyer being half-a-length away third. Time, 1m. 5 3-5s.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 130sovs. Six furlongs. R. McDonald's br m San Severo, 6yrs, by Sant Hario—Susannah, 7.9 1. J. Griffen's Silkweb, 9.1 2. N. Bennington's Gapon, 6.7 3. Also started: Passion 9.6, Cuirossettia 7.10, Loftus 6.7. Won by a good three lengths from Silkweb, who beat Gapon by a length. Time, 1m. 17 2-5s.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 125sovs. For two-year-olds. Four furlongs. J. Buckley's b f Aerina, by Soult—Hotcherina, 9.1 1. L. C. Hazlett's Soldiers' Chorus, 8.2 2. H. A. Knight's Susa, 7.9 3. Also started: Aeroplane 7.5, Kora 7.3, Vid 7.0. Won by a little over a length from Soldiers' Chorus. Susa was close up third. Time, 52s.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs. Baird and Sharp's br h Warsaw, 5yrs, by Stepniak—Lady Lorraine, 8.0 1. H. A. Knight's Shindy, 8.1 2. F. E. McLean's Erskine, 7.12 3. Also started: Lord Clutha 6.12, Sacha 6.7. Won by a length, with Erskine over four lengths away third. Time, 1m. 31s.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB. The first day of the Taranaki Jockey Club's races passed off successfully on Monday. Following are the results:— HUATOKI PLATE.—Tushima 1. Sandy Paul 2. Scarlet Woman 3. Won by a length. Time, 1m. 33 2-5s. STEWARDS' HACK P. six furlongs.—Starboard 1. Overtime 2. Redwing 3. Won easily. Time, 1m. 16 4-5s. LADIES' PURSE, one mile.—Miss Park 1. Forward 2. Life 3. A capital race. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 49s. FIRST HACK HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—Golden Glow 1. Marathon 2. Drudgery 3. Won easily. Time, 2m. 54s. CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Bismark 1. Lady Menschikoff 2. Shannon Lass 3. The winner smothered everything in the straight. Time, 2m. 11 2-5s. FIRST WELTER HACK, seven furlongs.—Kaiwaka 1. Redwing 2. Starboard 3. Won by a neck. Time, 1m. 32s. FIRST HACK SCURRY, five furlongs.—Bay Paul 1. Overtime 1. Lady Heroine 3. Won by two lengths. A protest against the winner, on the ground of alleged unpaid forfeit, will not be decided till Tuesday. The stake and investments are meantime withheld. FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Wee Trinket 1. Leathean 2. Cyrene 3. Won by half a length. Time, 1m. 16 4-5s.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

SECOND DAY. Fine weather was experienced for the second day of the Taranaki Jockey Club's meeting. No decision has yet been given in regard to the protest against Bay Paul on the first day, and the investments have been impounded. Following were the results:— FITZROY HACK HANDICAP.—Lady Lupin 1, Bay Paul 2, Prancer 3. Won by a head. Time, 1m. 32 4-5s. ELECTRIC HANDICAP.—Hinekora 1, Te Roti 2, Emblem 3. Won easily. An inquiry was held regarding the running of Te Roti, and the jockey Milnc was cautioned. Time, 1m. 45s. SUMMER HANDICAP.—Redwing 1, Timothy 2, Valentine 3. Won by a couple of lengths. Time, 1m. 16 1-5s. HACK HANDICAP RUMBLE RACE.—Golden Glow 1, Drudgery 2, Recreation 3. Won comfortably by two lengths. Time, 2m. 56s. NEW PLYMOUTH HANDICAP.—Wee Trinket 1, Lady Menschikoff 2, Te Pua 3. Won by a good length. Time, 1m. 43 2-5s. HACK SCURRY.—Dolce 1, Te Roti 2, Lady Heroine 3. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1m. 4s. WELTER HACK HANDICAP.—Astraea 1, Paul 2, Tam Glen 3. Won by half-a-length, the third horse being seven lengths off. Time, 1m. 45s. FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Cyrene 1, Kareroa 2, Lady Menschikoff 3. A close finish. Time, 1m. 17s.

WESTPORT TROTting CLUB. FIRST DAY. The Westport Trotting Club's summer meeting opened on Monday in fine weather and with a record attendance. The results were as follows:— TRIAL HANDICAP TROT, one mile and a-half.—Miss Black 1, Trixie 2, Coxes 3. Time, 4m. 16s. TELEGRAPH HANDICAP, one mile.—Carey 1, Buccaneer 2, Elsie Lincoln 3. Time, 2m. 32s. WESTPORT TROT HANDICAP, two miles.—Lord Ashley 1, Striver 2, King Adair 3. Time, 5m. 13s. SEDDONVILLE HANDICAP, one mile.—Sleevelink 1, Trixie 2, Pirie Bess 3. Time, 2m. 53s. DENNISTON HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Coin 1, Coney 2, Zeppa 3. LAMPOUGH MEMORIAL HANDICAP, two miles.—Loyal 1, Sir John 2, Buccaneer 3. Time, 5m. 16s. STOCKTON HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Lady Bella 1, Dunolline 2, King Adair 3. Time, 4m. 23s. The totalisator investments totalled £3009, as compared with £2487 for the first day last year.

SECOND DAY. The Westport Trotting Club's summer meeting was continued on Tuesday, when the results were as follows:— GRANITY TROT, one mile and a-half.—Midas 1, Lord Ashley 2, Doolan 3. Time, 4m. 30s. DASH HANDICAP.—Ticarawa 1, Coney 2, Poriri 3. BULLER HANDICAP, two miles.—Acrobat 1, Sir John 2, Lord Ashley 3. Time, 5m. 16s. DISTRICT HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Silver Heel 1, Vauxhall 2, Buccaneer 3. ELECTRIC HANDICAP, one mile.—Conny 1, Coin 2, Trixie 3. DOMINION HANDICAP, two miles.—Poriri 1, Pirate Bess 2, Woodberlin 3. Time, 5m. 16 4-5s. RECOVERY HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Miss Black 1. Off Chance 2, Fleebob 3. The sum put through the totalisator was £6153 for the meeting, as against £5432 last year.

ALEXANDRA RACING CLUB. The Alexandra Racing Club held their annual race meeting on Monday last. There was a capital attendance, and everything passed off well. Results:— MAIDEN HURDLE RACE.—Briarnes 1, Kuroki 2. MAIDEN PLATE.—Tere 1, Arahura 2, Alicia 3. ALEXANDRA CUP.—Fraulein 1. Emancipator 2. Golden Gem 3. Fraulein won easily. MATAKATAKI STAKES.—Westward Ho 1, Alicia 2, Master Ben 3. HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—Darkness 1, Harkaway 2, Arahura 3. HANDICAP TROT.—Syren 1, Miss Salisbury 2. FLYING STAKES.—Fraulein and Montpeller ran a dead heat.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB. FIRST DAY. The first day's racing of the Thames Jockey Club's summer meeting took place on Monday in excellent weather conditions. The attendance was a record one, and the racing good throughout. The following were the results:— MAIDEN HANDICAP of 40sovs. Seven furlongs. Waipa, 7.12 (Whittaker) 1. Taiaha, 8.6 (Greenwood) 2. Steplink, 7.7 (Killick) 3. Also started: Jill 9.0, Romantic 8.7, Caruso 8.5, Sir Rupert 8.4, Castle Blaney 8.3, Cudweed 8.3, Aoroa 7.11. A great struggle up the straight. Won by half a length. Time, 1m. 31 1-5s. FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 65 sovs. One mile and three-quarters. King, 9.4 (Windsor) 1. Cymri, 10.5 (Cowan) 2. Loch Fyne, 10.2 (Malcolm) 3. Won by three lengths from Cymri, with Loch Fyne a bad third. Time, 3m. 30 1-5s. Kremlin and Armagh were scratched. GOLDFIELDS CUP of 110sovs. One mile and a-quarter. Azoff, 7.7 (Brady) 1. Prince Leo, 7.5 (Whittaker) 2. St. Tul, 7.11 (Whale) 3. Won by a head from Prince Leo, with St. Tul three and a-half lengths behind third. All started. Time, 2m. 10 3-5s. BOROUGH HANDICAP of 50sovs. Five furlongs. Jena, 8.6 (Silk) 1. Lady Dot, 7.4 (Greenwood) 2. Positive, 7.3 (Killick) 3. Also started: Toa Tuhi 8.5, Hikual 8.5, Hard Rock 7.8. Won by a length, with three lengths separating second and third horses. Time, 1m. 3s.

FIRST STEEPLECHASE of 90sovs. Two miles and a-half. Armagh, 9.9 (Cowan) 1. Pierre, 10.5 (Deeble) 2. Yolette, 10.0 (Scott) 3. Also started: Laddie 10.0, Kremlin 10.0, Red McGregor 9.12. Won easily from Pierre by two lengths. Yolette was about eight lengths away third. Time, 4m. 50s. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 45sovs. Seven furlongs. Explosive, 7.4 (Whittaker) 1. Impulsive, 7.7 (Silk) 2. Rarata, 8.4 (Greenwood) 3. These were the only starters. Explosive took the lead from a good start, and won comfortably by a length. FIRST HACK RACE of 40sovs. Six furlongs. Alarm, 8.0 (Scott) 1. Tenby, 7.9 (Cox) 2. Totika, 8.3 (Silk) 3. Also started: Romantic 8.10, Cudweed 8.7, Report 7.12, Leonie 7.12, Electrakoff 7.12, Winchester 7.11, Patricia 7.10, and Muscadine 7.12. Won by a length from Tenby, with Totika two lengths away third. Time, 1m. 18 3-5s. WELTER HANDICAP of 40sovs. One mile and 30 yards. Taiaha, 8.12 (Greenwood) 1. Prince Leo, 9.5 (Whittaker) 2. Lloyds, 8.7 (Barr) 3. Also started: Prophet.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1910. AT PAPA KURA. THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SALE OF GLENORA PARK YEARLINGS. The undersigned have received instructions from Mr. W. Walters to Sell, WITHOUT RESERVE, the following highly-bred Yearlings:— BROWN FILLY, by Soult (11), dam Princess Alice, by Brigadier—Queen Alice, by King Cole (19)—Melody, by Feve (10). This is a full sister to Promotion, Avalanche, and Sweet Alice, all winners. BROWN FILLY (12), by Seaton Delaval (4), dam Lady Bobs, by Soult (11)—First Love, by Nordenfeldt (13)—Fishgirl, by Yattendon (17)—Fanny Fisher, by Fisherman (11). Lady Bobs was a good stake earner, and full sister to that great pony, Lady Avon. BROWN COLT (18), by Soult (11), dam Erry Roe, by St. Hippo (27)—Eillerslie, by Trenton (18), her dam a daughter of First King and Lady Grenville. Erry Roe never raced, and is own sister to Problem, the dam of Solution. BROWN COLT, by Gluten (8), dam Lady Rose (full sister to Wairiki), by Soult (11)—Rose and White, by Nordenfeldt (11)—Rosarina, by Traducer (20), Yatterina, by Yattendon (17). BLACK FILLY (1), by Soult (11), dam Lady B. (1), by Pilgrim's Progress (1)—Lady Bevsy, by Sir Bevsy (10)—Rugely, by Beaudesert (8), by Sterling (12). This is a fine filly, and has a double strain of the great Sterling blood through Pilgrim's Progress' sire, Isonomy. CHESTNUT COLT (11), by Gluten (8), dam Gold Web, by St. Hippo (24)—Cobweb (half sister to dam of Honor), by Ingomar (13)—Titania (imp.), by Traducer (20) (imp.)—Yatterina, by Yattendon (17). Soult Rose never raced, being own sister to Wairiki, was specially reserved for breeding. BAY FILLY (12), by Soult (11), dam St. Edith, by St. Leger (3)—Priscilla, by Captivator (2)—Patch, by Fireworks (10)—Syren, by Fisherman (11). BROWN COLT (18), by Soult (11), dam Caller-On, by Swordfish II. (12)—Helen McGregor, by Captivator (imp.) (2)—Hannah, by Traducer (imp.) (20). BROWN FILLY (20), by Soult (11), dam Curacao, by Cuirassier (18)—Rubina, by Kingston (12)—Etiquette, by Caracacus (6)—Elegance, by Newcourt, by Sir Hercules (2). CHESTNUT FILLY, 2yrs, by Gluten—Lady Rose, by Soult—Rose and White, by Nordenfeldt. BROWN COLT, by Field Battery—Alinga, by Foulshot—Linda, by Early Bird. BROWN COLT, by Field Battery—Vane. BAY COLT, by Seaton Delaval—Alicia, by Cyrenian—St. Cecilia. CHESTNUT COLT, by Seaton Delaval—Amorella, by Phoebus Apollo—Lady Gertrude. CHESTNUT COLT, by Wairiki—Dunoon, by Dundora—Roseath, by Leolinus. CHESTNUT COLT, by Wairiki—Daffodil, by Musketry—Suningdale. BAY COLT, by Soult—Lottie, by Muskapeer—Ladybird. BAY COLT, by Soult—Waiorongomai, by Hotchkiss—Blanca, by Black Eagle. BAY FILLY, by Soult—Miss Lottie, by St. Hippo—Lottie. CHESTNUT COLT, by Seaton Delaval—Hesper, by Lochness—Dreamland. SOUTHFORM 2yrs, by Soult—Athele, by Muskapeer. BAY FILLY 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Athele, by Muskapeer—Bay Bess, by St. Leger. BROWN MARE, by Phoebus Apollo—Electra, by Castor. LADY APAWA, by Arawa—Maid of Athens, by Day Dawn.

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SECOND DAY. The Thames Jockey Club were favoured with another exceptionally fine day for the second day's racing of their summer meeting, and there was again a large attendance. The following were the results:— MAIDEN HANDICAP of 40sovs. Six furlongs. Alarm, 8.9 (Scott) 1. Totika, 8.0 (Silk) 2. Caruso, 7.12 3. Also started: Taiaha 9.0, Jill 8.9, Steplink 7.12, Prophet 7.12, Castle Blaney 7.11, Sir Rupert 7.10, Aoroa 7.5. Won by half-a-length. Time, 1m. 18s. THAMES HURDLES of 65sovs. One mile and three-quarters. Armagh, 9.13 (Percival) 1. King, 9.11 (Windsor) 2. Cymri, 10.2 (Cowan) 3. Also started: Master Paul 10.13, Commander 10.6, Kremlin 10.2, Luminator 9.5, Cudweed 9.0. Armagh won by half-a-length. Time, 3m. 28 1-5s. THAMES STAKES of 90sovs. One mile and 30yds. Azoff, 8.5 (Brady) 1. Prince Leo, 8.0 (Whittaker) 2. Noteorini, 7.9 (Killick) 3. These were the only starters. Won by half-a-length, with Noteorini half-a-length behind third. Time, 1m. 46 2-5s. PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 50sovs. Four furlongs. Hikual, 8.9 (Whittaker) 1. Positive, 7.0 (Killick) 2. Hardrock, 7.5 (Brown) 3. Also started: Lady Dot 7.7, Report 6.10. Won by half-a-length. Time, 50s. THAMES STEEPLECHASE of 90sovs. Three miles. Armagh, 10.12 (Cowan) 1. Yolette, 9.12 (Scott) 2. Loch Fyne, 11.12 (Coleman) 3. Pierre, 10.12, also ran. Won easily by a length from Yolette, with Loch Fyne a poor third. Time, 5m. 38s. COUNTY HANDICAP of 45sovs. Six furlongs. Lady Dot, 7.6 (Whittaker) 1. Impulsive, 7.6 (Silk) 2. Manapouri, 8.10 (McFlinn) 3. Steplink, 6.13, also ran. Lady Dot got away first, and won all the way, finishing a length ahead of Impulsive. Time, 1m. 17 2-5s. HACK RACE of 40sovs. Five furlongs. Goldwin, 7.13 (Whittaker) 1. Muscadine, 7.6 (Percival) 2. Romantic, 8.4 (Cox) 3. Also started: Tenby 7.13, Report 7.0, Miss Grizzle 7.8, Patricia 7.8, Harenao 7.8, Heta 7.7, Sateen 7.7, Comte 7.5, Electrakoff 7.6. Won easily by two lengths, the winner leading from start to finish. Time, 1m. 4 4-5s. MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 40sovs. Seven furlongs. Rarata, 8.3 (Conquest) 1. Noteorini, 7.9 (Browne) 2. Taiaha, 7.12 (Greenwood) 3. Won easily by two lengths.

WELLINGTON PONY AND GALLO-WAY MEETING. At the pony races held at Miramar on Monday the results were as follows:— GREETING HANDICAP.—Paul Beaver 1. Flying Wind 2. Firefly 3. Time, 1m. 12 1/2s. MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Stranded 1. Gipsy Girl 2. Torrent 3. Time, 1m. BOXING DAY HANDICAP.—Petronel 1. Abacaculla 2. Miss Vera 3. Time, 1m. 17 3-5s. CRITERION HANDICAP.—Firefly 1. Miss Ruby 2. Dorina 3. Time, 53 4-5s. BOROUGH HANDICAP.—Sunshine 1. Sarah 2. Billy 3. Time, 1m. 12 3/4s. CHRISTMAS HANDICAP.—Petronel 1. Mermald 2. Miss Vera 3. Time, 57 1/2s.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB. FIRST DAY. The summer meeting of the Manawatu Racing Club was commenced at Awapuni on Thursday in pleasant weather. The attendance was good for the first day, the grounds were looking their best, and the racing track was in fine order. The totalisator receipts for the day amounted to £6494, against £7930 on the first day of last year. Bookmakers' fees totalled £321 10s, an increase over last year of £21. The following were the results:— HIGHLAND HACK HURDLES of 100 sovs. One mile and a-half. Mr. J. N. Coleman's br g Moose, 6yrs, by Sou'-wester—Natorator mare, 10.2 (T. Pritchard) 1. Mr. G. Green's Windage, 9.7 (C. O'Neill) 2. Mr. M. Hehir's Himitangi, 9.0 (C. Price) 3. Also started: Full Cry 10.11 (H. Cairns), Don Carlos 10.9 (C. Cress), and Taupo 9.13 (J. McGregor). Won by half-a-length after a good race. Time, 2m. 47s. MAIDEN PLATE of 100sovs. Seven furlongs. Mr. T. Bavan, jun.'s, ch g Teotane, by Daunt—Julie, 5yrs, 7.13 (H. Lowe) 1. Mr. "Highden's" Polymorphus, 7.7 (A. Oliver) 2. Mr. Sydney Harrison's Captain, 7.7 (R. Lambess) 3. Also started: Waxey 7.13 (N. Campbell), Seaweed 7.13 (G. Caddy), Celebrity 7.13 (R. King), Waipoha 7.2 (R. Younge), Red Seal 7.2 (F. Coleman), and Pilgrim's March 7.2 (Stan. Reid). Won by a length, with three lengths between second and third. Time, 1m. 29s. SUMMER HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile. Mr. W. H. Nicol's b c Sir Antrim, by Soult—Lady Antrim, 5yrs, 7.9 (R. Lambess) 1.

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In the course of a two column criticism of George Gray in the "Sporting Chronicle," the well-informed writer "Ivor" contributes to the opinion that the composition ball is "easier" for hazard breaks than ivory. Amongst other objections he says:—"As I have explained in these columns on several occasions, abundant proof has been supplied that the composition balls, bonzoline or crystalate, favor the one-ball control of losing hazards from the red ball kind of scoring. I had my lessons read to me a long while ago, when John Roberts undertook to play regularly with composition balls. He could often do better with two balls—his own and the red—than with all three. Many times have I seen him score two and three hundred points, and, unless my memory serves me badly, four hundred from the red only. Their chief feature lay in the fact of the red never being taken through baulk and the enormous proportion of middle-pocket strokes played. What would frequently have been a forcing or screw shot with an ivory ball was merely a half-ball shot with the bonzoline, which respond so readily to any slight touch of 'side' or 'screw' to alter the angle. The composition balls in short, enable the player to make one-pace shots in almost endless variety. They do not run away from the player, and so demand his best attention on every stroke, as the ivory balls do.

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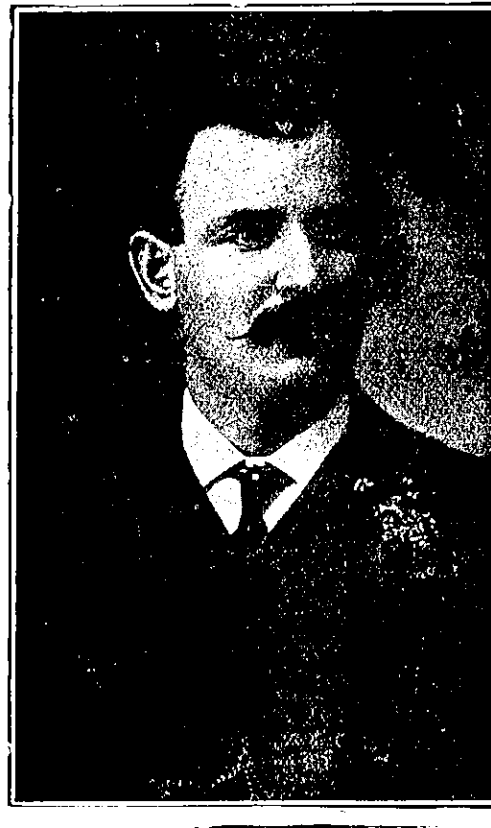
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WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Wellington centre of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association have issued their preliminary programme for the Wellington Provincial Championships, which are to be held in the Basin Reserve, Wellington, on Saturday, January 29, 1910. The programme of events is a varied one being as follows:—

Championships: 100yds, 220yds, 440yds, (Bannister Cup), 880yds. One mile run. Three miles run, 120 yds. Hurdles, 440yds. Hurdles. One mile walk. Throwing hammer. Long jump. High jump. Handicaps. 75yds. Bracelet, 300yds, 1000yds, Hop, Step, and Jump, Pole-vault, Putting Shot, Three miles walk, Boys' half mile walk. Post entry).

All Entries (except Boys' Half Mile Walk) close on Friday, 21st January, 1910, with Mr. H. Robinson, Jeweller, Willis Street; Mr. J. B. Speed, Totacconist, Lambton Quay; Messrs. Kitto and Graham, Tailors, Manners Street; or with the Hon. Secretary, care P.O. Box 89, Wellington; and must be made on N.Z.A.A.A. forms, which can be obtained on application to any of above addresses. Entrance fees are as follows:—75yds. Bracelet, 2s 6d, all other events 1s.

ELTHAM ATHLETIC CARNIVAL.

The Premier Athletic gathering of the North Island took place at Eltham on Monday and Tuesday, when the New Zealand Axemen's Association held their annual carnival. This event always attracts a large attendance in view of the New Zealand and Australasian championships which come up for decision at the Association's annual carnival and this year was no exception to the rule. The results of the principal events were as follows:

World's Champion Chop, 2ft. standing blocks: Dave Pretty, of Hamilton, who secured the championship last year, again won, J. E. Richardson, of Motu, being second; Sam. Johnson, of Gisborne (runner-up last year), third; and Esau Pretty, of Morrinsville, fourth. Time, 5m. 5 1-5s.

Double-handed Sawing Championship of Australasia, 2ft. logs; won by A. Sullivan and D. Carlson. Time, 43sec.

New Zealand Championship Chop, 12in. standing blocks: First heat—Sam. Johnson, 1; Tom. West, 2. Second heat—Geo. McCauley, 1; Dave Pretty (present holder), 2. Third heat—Joe Nestroski, 1; W. D. Hughes, 2. The final will be decided to-morrow.

Maiden Chop, 15in. blocks: B. Neustoki, 1; C. A. Mvlvor, 2; G. Hill, 3. Time, 1m. 51s.

Maiden Single-handed Sawing, 18in. logs: Sam. Johnson, 1; C. Ena Volzke, 2; F. D. Johnson, 3. Time, 2m. 38 1-5s.

Underhand Handicap Chop, 18in. logs: Sam. Johnson, 1; C. Ena Volzke, 2; F. D. Johnson, 3. Time, 2m. 38 1-5s.

Single handed Sawing Handicap, 2ft. logs: A. E. Sullivan, 1; Charlie Volzke, 2; A. Carlson, 3. Time, 2m. 40 1-5s.

Red beech was the timber used for the first time, and did not give the same satisfaction as white pine, the times consequently being slightly slower.

Axemen's Cup, £140, 18in. blocks: Won by Sam Johnson (Gisborne), G. McCauly second, T. West third, Dave Pretty fourth. Time, 3m. 20 3-5sec. Championship of New Zealand, 12in. block: Esau Pretty 1, Sam Johnson 2, McCauly 3. Time, 49sec.

Sawing Championship of the World, 2ft. logs: D. Johnson (Ohakune), 1; A. T. Sullivan (Koru, New Plymouth), 2; A. Carlson (Koru), 3. Time, 2m. 58sec.

First-class Underhand Handicap, 18in. log: Sam Johnson 1, T. West 2, C. Hutton 3. Time, 2m. 35sec.

Visitors' Handicap Chop, 15in. standing: Esau Pretty 1, W. McCreigh 2, J. Duggan 3, S. Johnson 4. Time, 1m. 57 2-5sec.

MAUKU ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Great interest is being taken by athletes in the sports to be held by the Mauku Athletic Club at Patumahoe on New Year's Day, and the handicaps are as follows:—

220Yds Handicap Hurdles: Brain owes 12yds, Smith owes 10yds, Rice owes 8yds, Short owes 7yds, Woodcock owes 5yds, McDonald scratch, Eisenhurt scratch, Adams scratch, Milligan and Long, handicaps withheld.

Half-mile Handicap: Clark 20yds, Moody 35yds, White 35yds, Farley 35yds, Rice 40yds, Nicholl 40yds, Haeata 50yds, Ballantine 50yds, Glasgow 65yds, Waters 90yds; Milligan, Ornstein, handicaps withheld.

Allcomers' Handicap, 100yds: Timms scratch, Good 4yds, Cubitt 5yds, Moody 6yds, White 6yds, Farley 7yds, Short 7yds, Woodcock 8yds, Willyam 8yds, P. Henry 10yds, Rogers 14yds; Milligan and Long, handicaps withheld.

Mauku Cup, 220yds: Timms scratch, Cubitt 8yds, Moody 10yds, White 10yds, Farley 16yds, Short 16yds, Haeata 1yds, Willyam 17yds, Woodcock 17yds, Jenkin 20yds, P. Henry 22yds, Eisenhart 28yds; Milligan and Rae, handicaps withheld.

440Yds Handicap: Clark 10yds, Moody 17yds, Farley 17yds, Nicholls 20yds, Woodcock 20yds, Willyam 20yds, Langton 20yds, Haeata 25yds; Milligan, handicap withheld.

One-mile Handicap: Griffin scratch, Clark 80yds, Farley 100yds, Nicholls 100yds, Glasgow 140yds; Milligan and Ornstein, handicaps withheld.

The Felding sports gathering on Boxing Day proved a big success, the fields being good and the finishes exciting. The results were as follows:—
Sheffield Handicap: A. M. Cuff, 1; R. McKenzie, 2; W. D. Shields, 3.
Sheffield Handicap: A. M. Cuff, 1; G. Hall, 2; C. A. Jones, 3.
Manchester Mile: G. Hall, 1; D. A. Wilson, 2; V. Carroll, 3.
220yds Handicap: B. Campion, 1; A. E. Richleben, 2; S. Barnes, 3.
440yds Handicap: B.

Campion, 1; R. McKenzie, 2; A. E. Richleben, 3. The bicycle races were won by M. Janson (mile), A. Schlayer (two mile), A. G. Donald (half-mile), and W. R. Bradey (one and a-half miles).

HAMILTON RUGBY UNION SPORTS.

The Hamilton Rugby Union held a sports gathering at Steele Park on Monday, which proved highly successful. The results were as follows:—

Open Handicap, 100yds: McManus, 1; McGeehin, 2.

Boys' Race, 100yds (under 16 years): Devine, 1.

Hamilton Handicap, 75yds, open: First heat—S. Clarke, 8½yds, 1; F. Blackburn, 4yds, 2; P. Castleton, 2yds, 3. Second heat—C. Reid, 7½yds, 1; T. Nicholas, 6½yds, 2; T. Brindle, 6½yds, 3. Third heat—M. McGeehin, 9yds, 1; B. Jenkins, 8½yds, 2; H. Gordon, 6½yds, 3. Final—McGeehin, 1; Clarke, 2; Nicholas, 3.

Schoolboys' Handicap, 100yds: J. Sainsbury, 7½yds, 1; G. Reid, 10yds, 2; W. H. Davies, 10yds, 3.

Drop-kick: Mason, 1.
Friendly Societies' Handicap: Schofield, 1; Hogg, 2; Whitton, 3.

Open Handicap, 440yds: M. McGeehin, 1; B. E. Jenkins, 2; D. Henderson, 3.

Amateur Handicap, 440yds: G. Reid, 1; W. H. Davies, 2.

Tug-of-war: F. Markin's team, 1.

Half-mile Handicap: W. J. McManus, 1; C. Forkett, 2; W. Hall, 3.

Girls' Race, 50yds (under 10 years): M. Blackman, 1.

Bicycle Road Race, 15 miles: J. Ingram, 1; W. E. Jones, 2; J. McEntee, 3.

Boys' Race (under 16 years), 100yds: Devine, 1; Ford, 2; F. Hunt, 3.

Schoolboys' Handicap, 100yds: Casey, 1; Ford, 2; Winter, 3.

Girls (under 12): Aiken, 1; Kelly, 2; Aitken, 3.

Boys (under 12): C. Clarkin, 1; P. Kelly, 2.

One Mile Handicap: T. Beech, 110yds, 1; W. Hall, 35yds, 2; W. A. Clark, 85yds, 3.

Forced Handicap, 100yds: Gordon, 1; Wathi, 2; Hogg, 3.

In the inter-faculty contests held at Toronto on October 15, a new sprinter of great promise was discovered in Frank Halbans, who beat Lon Sebert, the rival of Kerr, in both the 100yds. and the furlong. Five watches timed the hundred, three showing 9 4-5sec. and the other two even time.

Halbans won the 220yds. in 22 1-5sec. On October 22 the two runners met again in an inter-collegiate contest, when a sensation was created by Sebert and Halbans running a dead heat in even time in the 100yds. In 220

yds. Halbans defeated Sebert by two feet in 22 1-5sec. Prior to this season Halbans had paid too much attention to the high jumps, and, as a consequence, his running suffered.

By latest advices from South Africa, it looks as if a match between G. B. Tindler (Ireland) and Norman Conway (Australia) may be made over a mile. The standing challenge by Rufe Naylor on behalf of his Stadium stars for £500 on the side, any match to be decided on the Johannesburg Stadium, has been accepted by Tindler as against Conway with one proviso—he distinctly bars the Stadium. Tindler is prepared to run Conway over a mile course on any track in South Africa, the Jo'burg Stadium barred. Everything hinges on what Mr. Naylor, who is behind Conway has to say.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The well-known Adelaide motorist, Mr. G. G. White, last week end succeeded in considerably reducing Messrs. C. B. Kellow's and Mr. H. B. James' motor car record of 25hrs. 40 mins. for the Melbourne-Sydney run—a distance of 572 miles. Mr. White, who drove a 35 h.p. car, left the Melbourne G.P.O., at 9 p.m., last Thursday, and at 6.19 p.m. on Friday, had "signed one" at the Sydney post office, a remarkable feat considering the nature of the country to be crossed. White's full time was 21hrs. 19 mins., equal to an average speed of 27 miles an hour; he was favoured with ideal weather and excepting a puncture between Melbourne and Albury (which did not occasion any great delay owing to detachable rims being used), he had a fine run through. White's intermediate times and averages were as follows: Melbourne to Albury (201 miles) arrived 5-8 a.m., Friday, departed 5-17 a.m., driving time 8hrs. 8mins. Average 25 miles per hour. Albury to Gundaga (121 miles), passed through 10.30 a.m., driving time 5hrs. 12mins. Average 23 and 1-3 miles per hour. Gundaga to Goulburn (121 miles), arrived 1.58 p.m., left 2.2 p.m., driving time 3hrs. 28mins. Average 34½ miles per hour. Goulburn to Sydney (129 miles), arrived 6.19, driving time 4hrs. 17mins. Average nearly 30 miles per hour. White also holds the Melbourne-Adelaide record, viz., 589 miles in 20hrs. 6mins.

The foremost Bicycling Journal of Great Britain "Cycling" announces a revolution in cycle chains, an im-

pending innovation of the very greatest interest to the keen cyclist, no less than the substitution for the ½in. pitch roller chain, that has almost come to be looked upon as the last word in chain improvement, of one little more than half the pitch. It seems but a few years ago when the cycle world were waging animated warfare on paper over the respective merits of ½in., ⅝., and 1in. pitch chains, which, if popular preference is a guide, has been settled by the almost universal adoption of the smallest pitch. Is it possible that we are on the eve of another discussion, hardly less stirring, on the respective merits of the 88 mm., the 5-16in. pitch chain? It seems almost incredible that anything more delicate than the ½in. by ⅝in. roller chain can be evolved, and if it can, and proves to possess greater efficiency, as we believe, what an indication it is of the fallacy of the assertion that finality in cycle design has been attained. The tiny links of the 8 mm. chain make the larger pitches clumsy by comparison, and when it comes to running it over the sprockets in an oilcloth gear-case the sense of mechanical drive is almost lost, for the chain runs like a silken cord over pulley wheels. Whether the new chain will be as free from stretch as those of larger pitches it is impossible to say without test, but, run in an oilcloth gear-case, the nearest approach yet made to a frictionless drive should be attained.

BOXING.

WHAT WOULD PETER JACKSON HAVE DONE TO JOHNSON.

That well-known American authority on the game, Otto C. Floto, of the "Denver Post," says: "It is amusing to hear them all shout about the prowess of Johnson and his great cleverness, and yet in the days gone by we had a colored fighter who was greater than Johnson in every respect and in all departments of the game. I refer to Peter Jackson. What would that grand Australian fighter have done to Johnson in his prime? In fact, what would he have done to any of them? True, Jeffries defeated him, and quite handsly, too, but at the same time when the gallant old black was opposed to Jeffries he was but a shadow of his former self, and he died a short year or so afterward. But Jackson in his prime—well, it would have been a question whether or not Jeffries could have turned the trick. To me Jackson was one of the greatest, if not the very greatest, heavy-weight that ever lived. What would he have done to Jack Johnson with both men at their best?"

FITZSIMMONS v. LANG.

THE VETERAN BEATEN.

The match between Bill Lang and Bob Fitzsimmons, for the heavy-weight championship of Australia was fought on Monday at the Sydney Stadium, Rushcutter's Bay, in the presence of a gathering of 10,000, Fitzsimmons being knocked out in the twelfth round.

In the opening rounds Lang had the best of it.

Lang got to work early in the third round, swinging a terrific left on to the veteran's race. The impact was so severe that the latter fell on his knees, remaining several seconds, while Lang attacked him over his head. Fitzsimmons, on rising, rushed in, Lang getting the left on to his jaw. The rest of the round was quiet, Fitzsimmons giving a good scientific display.

In the fourth round the Victorian followed up his advantage, but his leads with his left were not successful. Fitzsimmons was evidently resting, and only attempting an occasional punch. Lang livened up things a bit, but the round ended slightly in Fitzsimmons favour. The latter's evasive work was pretty to watch.

In the next round Lang hustled Fitzsimmons badly, but the veteran always had him safe. Taking matters easily, Lang forced the fighting; and Fitzsimmons was apparently in a bad way. Lang landed a stiff blow in the face as the gong sounded.

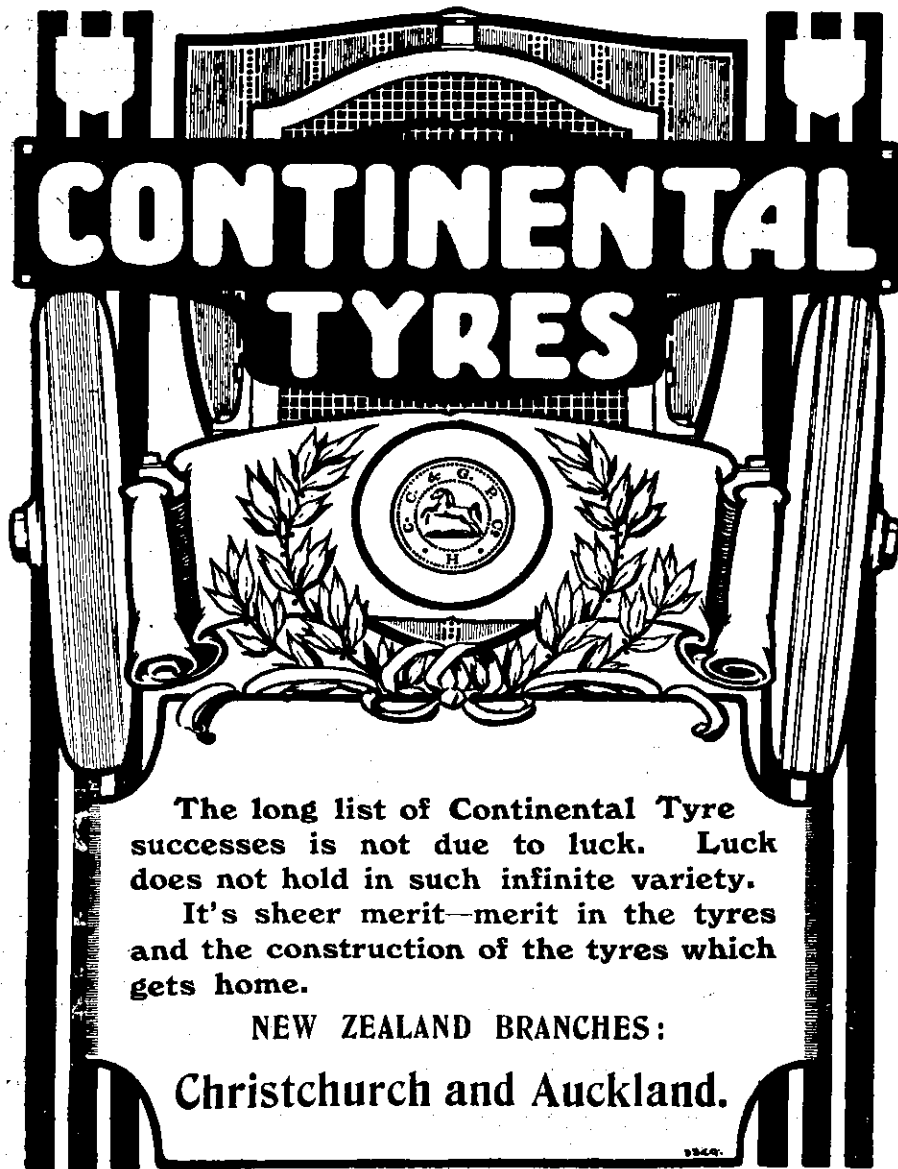
Fitzsimmons spent the next round in a good way of dodging, Lang getting home with a few good punches.

In the eighth round Fitzsimmons got the Victorian a jolt on the jaw, which rattled him badly. A lot of clinching followed, honours being even.

Fitzsimmons began to grow weak in the ninth, although he made a great recovery towards the close.

The tenth round was tame, but the end was in sight.

The eleventh round was all in the



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AQUATICS

WANGANUI FIRST-CLASS HANDICAP.

(From our Wanganui Correspondent).
The appearance of the handicaps for the Wanganui Sculling Handicap, to be held on the 6th and 8th January, has given rise to much discussion. On all hands it is conceded that the handicap is a good one, and that the winner is hard to pick. It was generally expected that Webb would receive about five seconds start from R. Arnst, but the fact that the Wanganui man has been given but three seconds from the world's champion shows that Mr. J. Blackman, of Sydney, who framed the handicap, has a very big opinion of Webb's ability as a sculler. Providing Webb is able to reproduce his very best form on the day he will very nearly win, but so far he has failed to show the brilliancy expected of him this season, though he is now shaping better, and will probably improve a deal during the next two weeks. He was nearly ten pounds below his proper weight at Foxton, but is now picking up again and should strip at about 11.0 on the day, at which he may be depended upon to put up a big struggle. The Australian scullers have been hard at work during the time they have been here, and they are all very well. They unite in saying that the Wanganui Handicap should be one of the greatest events of its kind ever decided, and they predict that some most exciting racing will be witnessed before the winner is known. At present, Felton, Hagney, and Webb are the favourite picks for the event. It is hoped that the weather is fine for the regatta, in which case there should be a large attendance. Should this race prove a success, the Wanganui Licensed Victuallers' Association, which is finding the stake money, will put on another similar race next year, also a race for second class scullers (New Zealanders only).

The challenge issued by Hagney to row Webb for £200 aside on the Manawatu River created a bit of a stir in local rowing circles, albeit the general opinion appeared to be that Hagney is flying rather high. However, Webb had previously announced that he meant to take a spell after the Wanganui Handicap, as he wishes to devote his time to his boat building business. It may be though, that if he shows anything like his very best form during the handicap he may be induced to take on Hagney, but this he is not likely to do if he thinks it will entail much loss of time in training. He would have no difficulty in getting the necessary backing if he said the word.

The boisterous weather experienced during the Christmas holidays prevented yachtsmen and motor boat enthusiasts from enjoying a few days' cruising on the Waitemata, the boats which ventured out in the gale being few and far between. The big regatta, fixed to take place at Awaroa Bay, Waiheke, on Boxing Day, had to be postponed on account of rough weather, and will now be held on New Year's Day.

There seems a probability of Dick Arnst rowing against Durnan, the Canadian sculler, at Toronto, the former having received a communication in regard to a match.

Hagney, the New South Wales sculler who was third in the Foxton handicap, has challenged Webb to race for £200 a-side, the winner to take the lot. Hagney stipulates that the race shall be rowed on the Manawatu River as soon as Webb likes, Webb to have choice of distance, though the championship distance is preferred.

The Australian interstate eight-oar races is to be rowed in Tasmania on April 30 next year. The Tasmanian bodies, representing North and South, will row a test race on March 19. Besides selecting their representative crew from these two crews, the race will also decide whether the race will be rowed at Launceston or Hobart.

The handicaps for the big sculling handicap, which is to be decided at Wanganui on January 6-8 have been decided by Mr. J. Blackman, of Sydney, and are as follows:—Richard Arnst, to allow W. Webb 3sec; G. Welch, 9; F. S. Hagney, 13; J. Mitchell, 16; A. D. Felton, 16; S. A. Kemp, 18; Robert Green, 20; E. Larsen, 23; Richard Green, 25. The first prize is £100, second £50, and third £25. Prizes of £15 and £10 are to be given for a race between men

Victorian's favour, Fitzsimmons showing some clever side-stepping.

Early in the twelfth round Lang caught the veteran on the jaw with his right, and sent him down for five seconds. The old man was very groggy then. With a right upper cut Lang knocked him out.

The police then stopped the proceedings.

After the contest Fitzsimmons said: "Youth must prevail. I am an old man, Lang is young. The fight was an absolutely fair one."

BURNS ON THE WARPATH AGAIN.

The effect of the training Tommy Burns has been doing for several weeks past and still sticks so religiously to, is shown by the fact that he has made up his mind to have a few more matches before giving up the game altogether, and Johnson, Langford, and Ketchell are named in the connection, (writes "Amateur" in the Sydney "Referee"). Tommy is delighted with himself, and says he never felt better. It has dawned upon him that he should not weigh less than 13st. for any future fights—so much I told the ex-champion after he beat Lang in Melbourne over 12 months ago. Tommy faced Carlton "Bill" at that poundage, and was all vim and spring from end to end.

Burns has been swimming at the Bronte Baths every morning during the past couple of weeks, and vows that no more attractive bathing resort exists anywhere; He commenced to disport himself in the surf on Monday, and votes that a particularly fine thing.

When the Canadian is next seen in the ring to fight he will hardly be recognised. That very much pale skin—so noticeable in contrast with Johnson's coal-hued pelt—has given place to one distinctly brown, and it will probably be nearly black by the time the world's ex-champion shapes for keeps again.

On Monday Tommy cabled Mr. W. W. Naughton, of the "Frisco" "Examiner," to the effect that if a match could be arranged with Johnson any time before July he (Burns) would be glad to meet the black again—winner take all.

Says the Sydney Referee—Joe Gardiner and Chas. Douglas write from Auckland regarding the disqualification of W. Pemberty by the Northern Boxing Association, that Pemberty was led to believe he would get a £15 purse till the night upon which the contest had to take place, and then informed that no more than £5 would be given."

Says London "Sporting Life": "The death is announced of Willus Britt at San Francisco on October 30. Willus was the brother of Jimmy Britt, and had been identified with the management of several boxers, prominent of whom was Stanley Ketchell, whom Jack Johnson defeated at 'Frisco on October 16. Willus Britt then appeared in his usual health, and showed all his wonted energy. His death has come as a great surprise to sporting circles, but Jimmy Coffroth, the famous Colma promoter, gives it as his opinion that the excitement of the Ketchell-Johnson contest, and the consequent reaction and disappointment, are to a great extent responsible for the shrewd young manager's death."

If Jim Jeffries says half the boastful and insulting things about Johnson that he's credited by the American papers with saying, (says "Fairplay"), he's greatly altered since the days when he was as hard to draw as an old double tooth stump, and never had anything but the best to say about his opponent. His alleged statement regarding the nigger: "That coon is all talk. If he ever gets into the ring he'll be counted out before he knows where he is," is as foolish as it is untrue. Whatever else may be against Johnson none can impute cowardice to him, and he has got into the ring this year with three notable white bruisers, Burns, Kaufman and Ketchell, and done them all up in short order. It will take Jeff. all his time to avoid being his fourth victim, and he'll be wise to keep his head shut.

Judging from the following remarks lately made by Sam Langford, the negro boxer, he is hot on the trail of Jack Johnson:—"I want Johnson to fight me before he fights Jeffries. He can have a thousand dollars in cash from me the moment he steps into the ring. I will fight him 6, 10, 25, 45, or 100 rounds for 5000 dollars aside—winner take the entire purse or 75 per cent. I will accept any reasonable offer, and I will win."

beaten in the trial heats. With the exception of the first three—who are New Zealanders—the competitors are from New South Wales.

There are to be nine events on the programme in connection with the forthcoming New Zealand amateur championship meeting to be held at Wanganui on January 6-8; the principal being the championship events for which prizes are allotted as follows:—Fours, £40 and five gold medals; Pairs and Double Sculls, £15 each; Single Sculls, £10. Other events comprise Maiden, Youths', and Junior Fours, Marlborough Plate (not open to winners of champion fours), and Junior Pairs.

In furtherance of the movement on foot in England to erect a memorial statue at Dover in recognition of Captain Webb's brilliant achievement of many years ago of swimming the English Channel, the Council of the New Zealand Swimming Association has donated £2 2s to the fund, and at the same time decided to seek further financial support from the various affiliated centres.

CRICKET.

AUCKLAND v. WELLINGTON.

On Monday the interprovincial match between Auckland and Wellington for the Plunket Shield was commenced at the Auckland Cricket Ground in fine weather before a large attendance. Both sides were responsible for a fine exhibition of bowling and fielding, and the first day's play was well up to the standard of interprovincial cricket. Wellington took their stand at the wickets first and knocked up 140 runs (Hickson 21, Cobcroft 1, Mahoney 6, Monaghan 6, Laws 5, Blacklock 18,

Gibbs 1, Rogers 8, Williams 39, Brice 0). For Auckland Relf took five wickets for 41 runs, Howden three for 51 and Oliff one for 28. Auckland then commenced their first innings and altogether compiled 172 runs for six wickets (Hemus 15, Anthony 6, Mason 0, Sale 66, Oliff 12, Brooke-Smith 46, Relf 8 not out, Taylor 0 not out). For Wellington Upham took two wickets for 39 runs, Rogers two for 37 and Brice two for 19.

The match was continued on Tuesday under favourable weather conditions, and in the presence of a large gathering of spectators. The Aucklanders continued their first innings and hitting out in good style brought their total up to 233 runs (Relf 19, Taylor 21, Snedden 9, Howden 2, Robinson 1 not out). For Wellington Upham took two wickets for 48 runs, Rogers two for 37, and Brice five for 38. Wellington then opened their second innings and succeeded in making 108 runs (Monaghan 14, Hickson 21, Mahoney 14, Cobcroft 0, Blacklock 5, Rogers 2, Williams 2, Brice 20, Laws 0, Upham 0, Gibbs 0.) For Auckland Relf took one wicket for 19 runs, Howden five for 43 runs, Taylor two for 8 and Olliff one for 35. In their second innings Auckland made 16 runs (Hemus 5, Anthony 11) for no wickets. Auckland thus won by ten wickets.

Saturday, being Christmas Day, most sport lovers took things leisurely, and with the exception of a few outside cricket matches the only game played was the representative match between Waikato and Auckland, which took place at Victoria Park. Some good scoring was made during the afternoon, and play was of an interesting character throughout. Waikato batted first and managed to knock up 202 runs (Hodley 40, Pomeroy 85, Smith 9, Blamires 20, Neild 25). Auckland then set to work and compiled 300 runs for the loss of seven wickets (E. V. Sale 61, R. T. Woods 36, N. Goode 29, R. Gordon 16, J. Gavin 73 not out, P. White 40, W. McGrath 14, A. Gray 7 not out).

Wakefield v. Grafton B.—Wakefield, 113 runs (Kerr 44, Dryland 17, Quintall 11). Grafton 65 runs (E. Horspool 36). For Wakefield Kerr took eight wickets for 33 runs. Wakefield thus won by 48 runs.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

FRIDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 1909.

The 4.40 p.m. Kaipara train will leave Auckland 6.30 p.m., and will run through to Kaukapakapa.

The 4.15 p.m. Auckland-Frankton train will run through to Cambridge.

A train will leave Auckland for Hamilton at 10 p.m. The usual 5.41 p.m. Auckland-Mercer train will not leave Auckland till 6.10 p.m.

SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1910.

The following trains will NOT run:—

10.50 a.m. Auckland to Wellsford.
9.25 a.m. Wellsford to Auckland.
11.50 a.m. Auckland to Mercer.
8.20 a.m. Mercer to Auckland.

The 7.0 a.m. Kaipara train will run through from Auckland to Wellsford.

A special train will leave Auckland for Helensville at 8.0 a.m., returning Helensville to Auckland at 5.0 p.m.

A train will leave Wellsford at 2.0 p.m., Helensville 4.30 p.m., Henderson 6.0 p.m., arriving Auckland 7.0 p.m.

A train will leave Wellsford for Helensville at 7.0 a.m., returning leaving Helensville at 5.0 p.m., arriving Wellsford at 7.10 p.m.

The usual 4.40 p.m. Kaukapakapa train will not leave Auckland until 7.40 p.m.

A train will leave Hamilton for Ellerslie Racecourse and Auckland at 7.0 a.m., Otahuhu 11.7 a.m., arriving Racecourse 11.25 a.m.

A train will leave Auckland for Hamilton at 7.0 p.m.

The usual 4.15 p.m. Frankton train will not leave Auckland until 5.0 p.m., and will run through to Cambridge.

MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1910.

The following trains will NOT run:—

10.50 a.m. Auckland to Wellsford.
9.25 a.m. Wellsford to Auckland.
A train will leave Kaukapakapa for Auckland at 7.0 a.m.

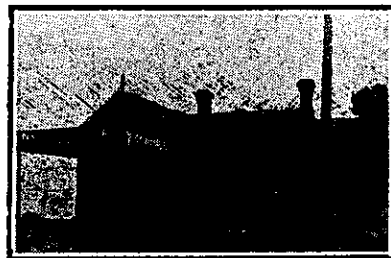
The usual 4.40 p.m. Helensville train will not leave Auckland until 7.40 p.m., and will run through to Kaukapakapa.

A train will leave Auckland for Hamilton at 7.0 p.m.

The usual 7.0 a.m. train Auckland to Helensville will run through to Wellsford, returning leaving Wellsford for Auckland at 12.45 p.m.

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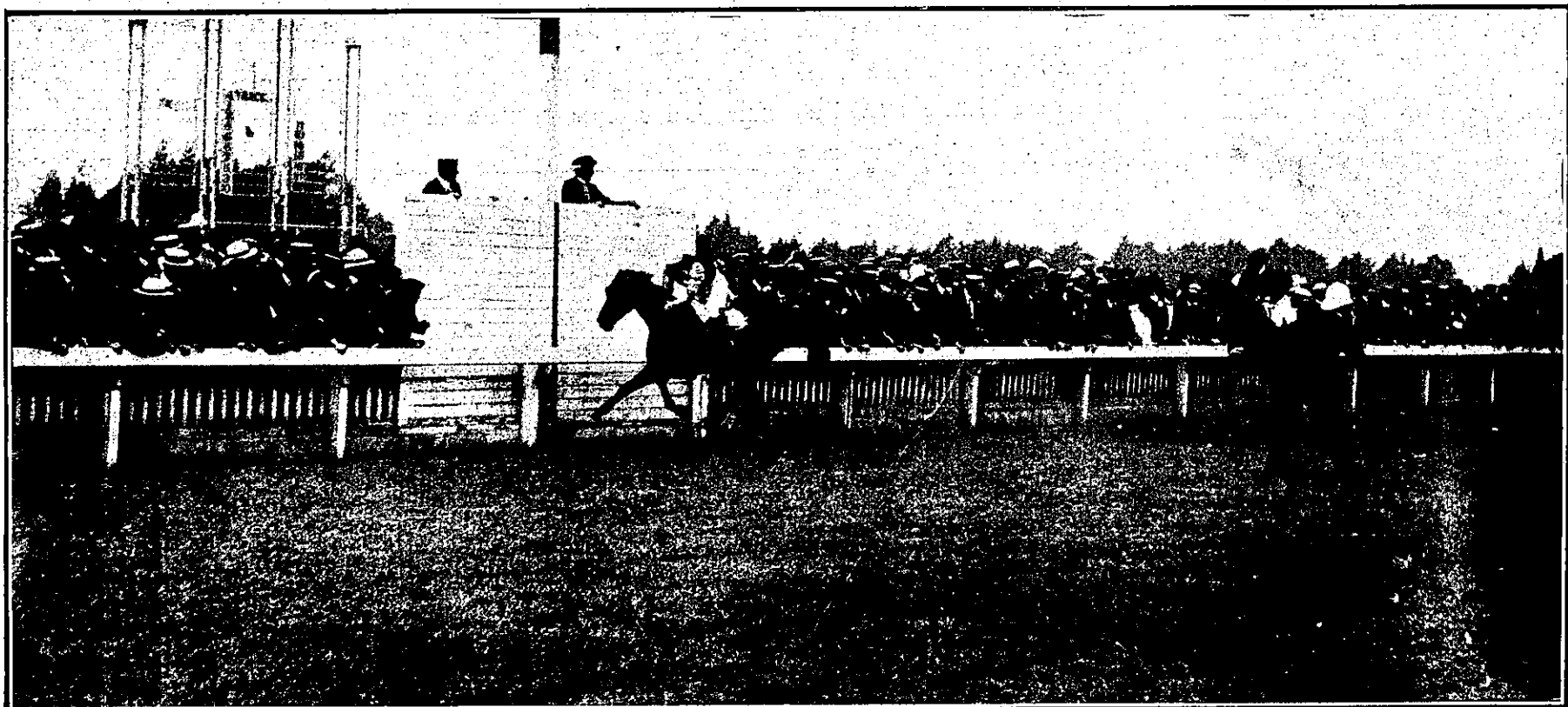
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THE STAGE

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J. C. WILLIAMSON'S COMIC OPERA.

"THE KING OF CADONIA."

"The King of Cadonia" began his reign at His Majesty's Theatre on Boxing Night, a packed house assembling to do him homage, and judging by the rush for booking there is no sign of his being deposed. Auckland theatregoers look to Mr. J. C. Williamson to provide them with an extra special theatrical bill of fare at Christmas time and their expectations are more than realised in the musical comedy now be presented. Music, song and story are happily combined, owing to the excellent interpretation given by its artists.

The piece abounds in humorous situations, the plot being a judicious mixture of comedy and drama. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" might well apply to the kingdom of Cadonia, where anarchy is rife and regicide is regarded almost as a divine command, no fewer than six kings having reigned in eight months. Alexis, the present king (Mr. Herbert Clayton) intends to reverse the order of things, and determines, by instituting a rule of justice and equity, to make the people of Cadonia "thank God they had such a king." The ball is set rolling by a demand from his advisers that the King marry the Princess Marie (Miss Dorothy Court), daughter of the Duke of Alasia, whom he has never seen. The King, carefully guarded as he is, however, resolves to change his identity, and with the assistance of a captain of the guard, accomplishes this by having his beard shaved off. He then goes as man to man amongst his people, unknown to them, and attains the leadership of a dissatisfied section. Meanwhile, as the King has escaped and cannot be found, it is imperative that the throne be occupied, and the heir-presumptive turns up in the Duke of Alasia (Mr Bert Gilbert), who, bearing the fortunes of his numerous predecessors in mind, is anything but pleased at the prospect before him. The coronation is fixed for four o'clock, but after what seems to him a lifetime of horror, haunted by fears of his assassination, scenting a bomb in every harmless parcel, the real King Alexis arrives in time for the ceremony, and everything is sorted out satisfactorily. In the interval a dainty love story is interwoven, for Alexis, while disguised, falls in love with the Princess Marie and finds his affection reciprocated. But Marie, whose honour to her country is paramount, and who has it impressed on her that she must marry the King in the interests of his subjects, unconscious of his identity, sacrifices her feelings, and with a heart torn between love and duty, sends the masquerading King away. The coronation reveals the King as identical with her lover, and so love and duty are reconciled, the curtain falling on a magnificent court scene.

Mr. Bert Gilbert, in the role of Duke of Alasia, the fear-ridden heir-presumptive, is the mainstay of the piece with his clever comedy work, and if there is anything in laughter being a cure, his tonic is decidedly efficacious and can be recommended for all ills. It is truly said that only the wise man can be a fool, and Mr. Gilbert is wisdom personified. His facial gestures, his general make-up, his dry humour and wonderful reserve force, his comicalities as the gardener, as the hen-pecked husband, and as the terrified heir-presumptive, notably in his zealous precautions for safety, stamp him as a comedian of the first water, and he is never out of the picture, his appearance being the signal for arousing the risible propensities of the audience to a dangerous degree, while his numbers "Do not hesitate to shoot" and "Things I know I could do" fairly bring down the house.

Miss Dorothy Court, late prima donna at the Savoy Theatre, London, gave a graceful and dignified impersonation of Princess Marie, and is heard to good effect in her vocal numbers,



MISS LOTTIE SARGENT and MR. BERT GILBERT in "Havana."



MISS DORRIENNE DAYNE and MR. W. S. PERCY in "Havana."

"Prince Charming" (specially written by Madame Liza Lehmann for the "King of Cadonia") and the "Wind of Love," receiving well-merited applause. She is most pleasingly associated with Mr. Herbert Clayton in "The Lady of the Castle in the Air," "The Portrait" and "The Woman and the Man."

Mr. Herbert Clayton, who is 6 feet in his stockings, justifies his title to the "handsomest baritone on the English speaking stage," and his winning ways and spirited singing and acting make him a strong centre of attraction, his singing of "There's a King in the Land to day," in addition to his duets with Miss Court, showing him to be the possessor of a sympathetic voice.

A strong favourite is Miss Lottie Sargent, who as Malitza, the vivacious maid to Princess Marie, makes her first appearance in New Zealand and scores a distinct success with her captivating style, her piquant handling of "Not like You," "She had a lot of things when she came back" and "Situations" meeting with vociferous applause, and double encores are insisted on. Mr. Victor Prince, the jovial and portly Bran (servant to Captain Laski) ably backed up Miss Sargent in her fun-making. Mr. Frank Greene, as Captain Laski, signalled his first appearance in New Zealand with a large amount of success, both vocally and histrionically. Mr. Chas. Beetham, as General Bonski, Mr. P. Bathurst as Laborde, Mr. Arthur Lisant (Panix); Mr. Rowland Hogue (Lieutenant Jules) made the most of their parts, while Miss Ada Stirling made a stately duchess and Misses Ivy Scott, Helen Moseley and Ivy Freshman were winsome ladies-in-waiting.

One of the novelties of the production is the famous Dance des Apaches, introduced by Mr. Bert Gilbert and Miss Lottie Sargent at the end of the second act, being an intensely dramatic piece of work executed with remarkable skill and realism, and is undoubtedly more bizarre than beautiful. The dressing and mounting of the whole production are on an exceptionally lavish scale.

"The King of Cadonia" will be staged until and including Wednesday next.

"HAVANA."

This new and original musical play by George Grossmith jun., and Graham Hill will be seen at the hands and feet of the J. C. Williamson company on Thursday next. "Havana" comes with a fine reputation as a breezy, tuneful work—gorgeous with colour—prodigal of dance and comic business. It is said that as "Nix" the down-trodden boatswain of the "Jaunty Jane," Mr. Bert Gilbert is at his very top as a clever eccentric comedian, the Australian press unanimously voting it the very finest comedy impersonation. As Reginald Brown, the cabin boy, Mr. W. S. Percy will be seen for the first time this season. Mr. Percy is so pronounced a favourite in Auckland that there is little doubt that a fine welcome is awaiting him. Consuelo, the cabin belle, will have an able exponent in Miss Olive Godwin also a prime favourite in Auckland. "Havana" is to be exceptionally well provided with attractive features in the way of bright and catchy melodies and an interesting story concerning the romance of a handsome Cuban heiress. Messrs. Bert Gilbert, Herbert Clayton, W. S. Percy, Frank Greene, Pat Bathurst have all congenial parts, whilst amongst the ladies Miss Olive Godwin, Miss Lottie Sargent, Miss Ivy Scott, Miss Dorienne Dayne will be found to be especially well provided for. "Havana" will be played for 6 nights and for the last three nights of the season "The Country Girl."

THE OPERA HOUSE.

FULLERS' WIDE WORLD PICTURES.

With their customary enterprise Messrs. Fuller have given amusement lovers a real treat in the pictorial line

during the Christmas holidays, this week's programme being one of particular merit. A most appropriate film shown is that of "Christmas Day in Many Lands," which meets with due appreciation at the hands of the large audiences that throng the Opera House nightly. In presenting "Sister Angela" Messrs. Fuller can safely lay claim to submitting one of the finest films ever witnessed in Auckland, this beautiful legend being illustrated in magnificent fashion. A soldier's dying message is secretly conveyed to Sister Angela, his former lover, who resides in the convent, whereupon the woman's love for the soldier and her belief in her faith provide an interesting struggle with her conscience. A fine dramatic film is that of "In Old Kentucky," depicting a series of exciting happenings in the Civil War. A film of great interest is that showing the great Dunlop Road Race from Warrnambool to Melbourne, which is the largest event of its kind held in the world. The scenic pictures of "Picturesque Biarritz" are most beautiful specimens, showing some excellent views of this famous seaport. A fine dramatic representation of the Shakesperian play "Julius Caesar" is given, the various characters being portrayed by well-known artists. "The White Farm" is also a remarkably fine film, which evokes considerable applause from the audience. "The National School of Belgian Cavalry" is the title of an amusing film, while "Charming Children" and "Black Hands and Feet" are a couple of really good pictures. Mr. E. J. Burke's orchestral band renders a delightful programme, which contributes largely to the evening's enjoyment.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

NATIONAL VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.

Large audiences continue to attend the Tivoli Theatre nightly to witness the programme presented by the National Vaudeville Company. The new programme provided this week is a good one and meets with the approval of the audience. In the opening part Miss Alice Herman is heard to advantage in the coon song "Rainbow Coon," while a banjo specialty by Mr. George Mackie is very good. The ruling favourite Miss Brightie Carlisle sings "Wonderland," having to respond to the encore demanded. "Live and Let Live" is Mr. Charles Reeves' contribution and Miss Hettie Blanchard is responsible for "Sailing in My Balloon." Messrs. George Tarr and James Angus created a good deal of laughter with their eccentric dancing and comicalities. The second part of the programme is well up to expectations, the turn of the Blanchards, musicians, being very good and another deserving of mention is Mr. Joe Lamb in his absurdity entitled "The Huntsman." The entertainment is brought to a close with the very funny farce "Quick Lodgings."

ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

PATHE PICTURES.

A high-class varied programme of pictures is being presented this week at the Royal Albert Hall, every picture shown being a gem of its particular kind. The hall is packed nightly and the audience appear well satisfied with the new programme. The star film is "Life in the British Navy," showing the bluejackets at work and play and proving instructive besides interesting. A picture which meets with the appreciation of the audience is "The Vagabond's Adventure," while "A Will of her Own" is another applauded. "The son's Return" is one of the best dramatic films yet shown at the "Pathe" and two excellent ones are "Magda" and "A Bunch of Lilac." A splendid scenic film, instructive and exciting is "On a Timber Raft." Others which go to make up a capital programme are "An Ideal Hat," "San Salvador" and a host of comic pictures. A complete change will be made on Wednesday.

One of the scenes in "Married to the Wrong Man," which Mr. George Marlow's Dramatic Company opens its New Zealand tour with at Auckland, is where the villain sells his recently wedded wife to the hero, a gentleman banker, for the sum of £15. The Sydney press have acclaimed the piece one of the most successful of its kind in recent years, one journal remarking that the "drama appears to have been written for the Marlow Company, so successful is it in every way."

Greenroom Gossip.

FAREWELL TO BLAND HOLT.

Friday, December 3, was (says Melbourne "Punch") a sad night in local theatredom—the Bland Holts said farewell. There were tears both before and behind the curtain. It was a hateful parting, the great audience showed it. Mrs. Holt was laden with presents, floral and otherwise, and the genial Bland and his players got great

sails into the auditorium and floats round and round the dress circle close enough for its occupant to shake hands with the patrons of that particular part of the house. Then there is the electric flag which evolves from a wall of girls about twenty feet high into a brilliantly flashing Union Jack, composed of hundreds of electric lamps. Still another startling effect is the Fire Ballet when, for the time being, the stage appears to be one huge blaze of flames through which a number of the young damsels execute the

ants and the work of the mechanics behind the scenes and the supervision of the whole by Mr. Gerard Coventry, all of whose work contribute so largely to the success of the whole production.

THE BESSIES O' TH' BARN BAND.

Probably no other band in the world has suffered more interesting vicissitudes than the Besses o' th' Barn Band, which is touring South Africa with astonishing success just now. At its foundation in the early years of last century, it was a fairly sturdy combination of a dozen enthusiasts nearly all playing reed instruments, but in later years, when it was a brass band purely, it experienced frequent and discouraging changes. Thus in 1853, it was reduced to nine members through altercations in its ranks, but by 1860, when its future looked decidedly promising, its personnel numbered eighteen instrumentalists. Yet about 25 years later, its progress was again retarded by another disturbance in the band and every member but four resigned. To these four, Messrs. Jackson, Bleakley, Bell and Ogden, really belongs the honour of the "Besses" present incomparable position, for it was they who worked with undaunted courage and persistence to keep the band together and introduce new members into its ranks. How well they succeeded in their plucky venture is shown by the fact that the "Besses Band" is now composed of thirty picked musicians, who will be replaced as they fall out by the best recruits from "Besses o' th' Barn No. 2 Band," which is now being trained in England under the leadership of the veteran Robert Jackson.

J. C. WILLIAMSON ATTRACTIONS.

During the Xmas holidays and onwards J. C. Williamson will be represented by two companies in New Zealand. The Dramatic Company has just terminated a successful visit to the South Island and opened in Wellington on Boxing Night, while the New Comic Opera Company (The King of Cadonia) opened in Auckland on the same night. This Christmas the playgoing public in Australia will be specially well provided for as far as the J. C. Williamson attractions are concerned. In Melbourne the big pantomime is making a powerful bid for the premier place in the estimation of playgoers. In Sydney at Her Majesty's Theatre "The Catch of the Season" is proving quite to the taste of the theatregoers, while for matinees the initial performance of "The Climax" was to be given yesterday. This piece which includes in its cast only four characters made a great success in New York when it was produced there on its own merits, and the production in Australia is of additional interest from the fact that it gives Miss Florence Young an opportunity of appearing, for the first time, in dramatic work.

NEW ZEALAND'S "SHOW" CAPACITY.

When Mr. George Marlow concluded his last tour of New Zealand he left more impressed than ever with the show capacity of the citizens, despite the more keen competition of recent years and he made up his mind that with his next company he would give residents of the Dominion the best plays procurable and the best dramatic talent that could be secured on the Australian stage. Mr. Marlow has kept this object in view and his recent London purchases and their success on the Australian stage have confirmed him in his decision. Three of his dramas are at present running to good business in London, according to recent mail advices. "Married to the Wrong Man," which will be Mr. Marlow's opening attraction in each centre of New Zealand, is running at present in London, while two companies are touring the provinces.

"WHEN KNIGHTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER."

A new play, shortly to be added to the repertoire of Miss Nellie Stewart, is "When Knighthood Was in Flower," set in the "Dorothy Vernon" period. This piece which is a costume comedy drama has been acquired by Mr. J. C. Williamson in addition to "The Lion and The Mouse" and "The Third Degree" the two last pieces being fine modern dramas in which important present-day questions are set forth in an attractive manner.

GEORGE MARLOW'S ENTERPRISE.

Mr. George Marlow's Dramatic Company, which is at present concluding a big season at the Sydney Palace Theatre, will make another tour of New Zealand early in the New Year, commencing in Auckland on Easter



MR. FRANK GREENE and MISS OLIVE GODWIN in "Havana"—the new Musical play to succeed "The King of Cadonia" at His Majesty's Theatre.



MR. HERBERT CLAYTON and MISS DOROTHY COURT in "The King of Cadonia."

receptions. It must have been a trying but most gratifying occasion to the genial B.H's.

SOME STARTLING EFFECTS.

"Aladdin" is usually strong in novel and sensational effects and audiences are rendered well nigh breathless when suddenly, without any warning, a huge balloon, having for its occupant a real live feminine aeronaut,

intricate figures of a dance, in keeping with the surroundings in which they move. The effect is all the more wonderful from the fact that not one single spark of real fire or smoke is used. A ballet specially worthy of mention is the Australian Bird Ballet, which certainly reflects great credit on its designer, Miss Brennan. Then there is the scenery of Mr. W. R. Coleman and his assist-

Saturday. The principal and opening attraction will be "Married to the Wrong Man," a drama that has achieved great success where ever it has been produced in Australia, and Mr. Marlow expects good things from it in the Dominion, according to advices received. Frederick Melville is the author and he has been responsible for some of the greatest dramatic successes the Australian stage has seen, but in "Married to the Wrong Man" he appears to have secured his acme in successes. When the piece was played in Adelaide, last August, it ran the full season. Then going to Sydney Mr. Marlow saw packed business for seven weeks with the piece, in fact it established a record for the Palace Theatre, in Sydney. Even in Newcastle, during the second week of the strike there, Mr. Marlow played to five nights full business, showing what a magnet it is.

ABOUT JULIUS KNIGHT.

The Xmas attraction at the Sydney Theatre Royal is "The Corsican Brothers" in which Mr. Julius Knight and a strong supporting company appeared for the first time on Boxing Night. The double part of Fabien and Louis dei Franchi was taken by Mr. Knight, while Mr. Leslie Victor, Mr. Sydney Sterling, Mr. Aubrey Mallieu and other favourites also appeared. The feminine portion of the cast includes Miss Dorothy Grimston, Miss Susie Vaughan and others, while special mention (writes my correspondent) might be made of the fact that a small part has been allotted to Miss Queenie Burrows, who will be remembered as a successful competitor at past musical and literary contests in Ballarat and elsewhere, and who is making her debut with this company.

"BUMPING A LIGHTHOUSE"

"Have I had any exciting Christmas experiences?" said Mr Hugh Ward, the comedian, in reply to a query put by a "Sydney Referee" representative. "Not what you would call exciting. Hold on, now! There was one little bit of a thing—something that happened in the Grand Opera House, San Francisco. The big building was destroyed during the earthquake and fire. Dan O'Connor was there. I was not. At the time I speak of we were playing some roaring melodrama, with a shipwreck and rescue in it. At the rehearsal on Christmas morning I was told that I would have to jump from the top of the light-house into the waves, with a lot of bags and old carpets to break the fall. It was a great

height, and I refused to run the risk of breaking a leg or an arm. The stage manager, as a way out of the difficulty, said he would have some sort of an invisible wire arrangement with a balancing weight attached in the evening. When the time came I climbed up into the lighthouse, and while out of view the wire affair was fixed securely about my neck and shoulders. At the signal I dropped from my perch, but the weight on the other end of the wire rope was a little too heavy, so that instead of descending quickly I swung out, and in swinging back hit the frail lighthouse with a loud crash. Then down I came as easy as a seagull. But the heroic effect was spoilt, and the audience shrieked with laughter. The manager afterwards told me that I should quit melodrama and go in for farcical comedy. Perhaps he was right! Did you ever bump a lighthouse?"

MISS AMY CASTLES AT BENDIGO.

Miss Amy Castles, the brilliant young Australian soprano, has met with many expressions of cordial approval during her present tour of the Commonwealth, but nothing could exceed the warmth of her reception on her recent appearance in the Victorian city of Bendigo. Bendigo, as many people are aware, is the city in which the youthful singer achieved her first childish triumph, so that it would only be natural that it should hold her in the highest regard, and seek to display its affection at every opportunity. And on the present occasion Bendigo signalled its pride in its famous daughter by according her a reception that must have been as expensive as it was flattering. When she arrived at the Bendigo Central Station she was met by an enthusiastic crowd, and formally welcomed by an equally enthusiastic deputation. Speeches and presentation of flowers followed, whereupon she was driven to her hotel in a carriage specially placed at her disposal. The same afternoon she was the chief figure at an "At Home" given solely in her honour, and the following evening gave her first concert at the local Princess Theatre with an effect that made a tremendous impression on all who heard her. The audience, it may be said, nearly went mad with delight on that occasion, and left the vocalist with a memory of its esteem that she will never forget, as long as she lives.

GRAND OPERA FOR AUSTRALIA.

It is now certain that a season of Grand Opera in Australia will soon be

an established fact. For some time past Mr. Williamson has had such a scheme in his mind and during his recent visit to Europe he arranged with Signor Hazon to engage a company with that end in view. The company has now been engaged and Signor Hazon himself is to sail for Australia next month. For the principal prima donna, Mdlle. Bel. Sorel has been engaged and according to Signor Hazon she is the most suitable actress he has ever seen, while he describes her voice as being most moving in its emotional quality. Mdlle. Eily Barnato and Mdlle. Pampari are to be the other sopranos, while Mr. E. H. Blaney and Signor Antonio Zanelli are to be the principal tenor and baritone respectively. Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" and "La Boheme" are to be included in the repertoire and the operas are all to be rendered in English. The selection of the chorus (which is to be composed of Australian voices) and all the preliminary arrangements, are to be entrusted to Mr. Henry Bracy.

A FASCINATING CELEBRITY.

Madame Emma Calve, who is to tour Australia for the first time next year is one of the most paragoned celebrities in the world. This is because the diva is not only professionally and personally fascinating but has the oddest, not to say eccentric tastes and predilections. In private life, for instance, she is an ardent spiritualist, and nothing provides a finer story for the press than an account of her private seances in the midst of her most intimate friends. But newspapers have found her the best of copy in other ways. An American pressman recently found her amusing herself by getting her tomb designed, and announced the curious fact to an interested public. Madame was very serious about the matter too! She was having sculptured statues of herself as "Carmen" and "Ophelia" as the chief features of her mausoleum, and by the statement that she desired to relieve her mother of the trouble of providing a headstone for her when she died. Not so very long ago, also, the great singer was discovered, in Paris, at the queer pastime of signing her name on countless slips of printed paper. It appeared that she was putting her autograph on 25,000 champagne labels for an American merchant, who proposed to gum them on bottles of the wine to be called "The Champagne Emma Calve." So it will be seen from these anecdotes that Madame Calve is a remarkably musical personality.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—The Williamson Company winds up a successful time in this flattest of cities on Xmas Eve. The features of the present season have been "The Flag Lieutenant" and "The Cheat," both melodramas of the most pronounced type. But then we love melodrama, and prefer it by far to pieces of a more pretentious character; and our taste is the same as that of every other British community. Witness the now wide popularity of the Simsim thrillers, and of such pieces as "The Silver King," of which, by the way, H. A. Jones is now said to be heartily ashamed, which is really very ungrateful of him because the well-worn old play must have earned scores of thousands of pounds for him. "Sherlock Holmes" now fills the bill, and for a wind-up we are promised a revival of "Brewster's Millions." . . . Local lovers of vaudeville are rejoicing that the Fullers are once more running that much appreciated form of entertainment at the Opera House. The attendance on the opening night of the season was a record one, and there have been very large audiences nightly ever since. Amongst old favourites Mr. Ward Lear deserves mention. He is always recalled. Other good turns are contributed by the Levartos, comic-jugglers, Bartlett, the "Singing Ship's Fireman," "Aerona," trick cyclist, Gertie Johns and Professor Godfrey with his trained cockatoos and an "educated" monkey. . . . The Colosseum Pictures continue to coin money for the proprietary. The programmes are always up-to-date, and people never seem to tire of the fare provided by the enterprising management. This is one of the best items of its kind in Australasia. . . . The Boxing Night attraction at the Royal will be provided by the Pollards, whose re-appearance here will be very welcome. They will open their 12 night season with the successful musical piece "The Belle of Cuba," said to be extraordinarily popular in America, where it originated. It will be followed by "The Black Cloak" and "Olivette." The Pollards hope to produce "Miss Hook of Holland" and several other London successes at no very distant date, having arranged with Meynell and Gunn for the production in New Zealand of that firm's Australian stagings. This will mean that New Zealanders will be able to see all the latest London hits much earlier than heretofore.

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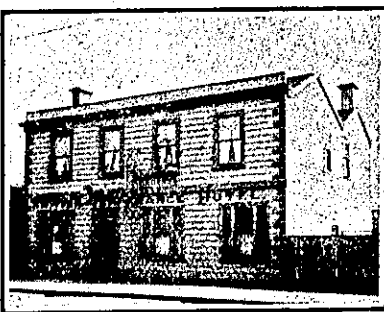
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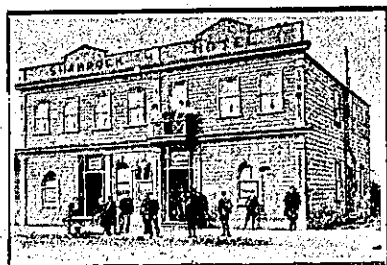
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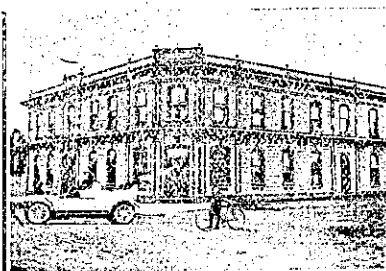
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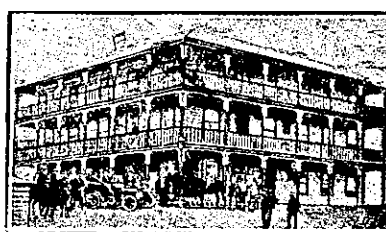
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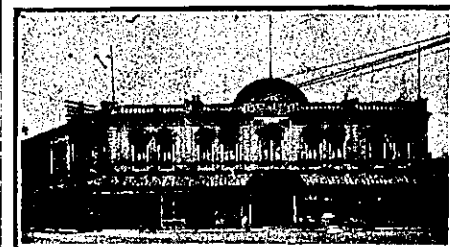
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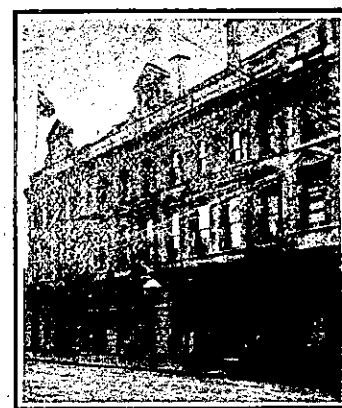
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THE "NO-LICENSE" FARCE.

ITS DEMORALISING EFFECT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A STINGING ARTICLE FROM HARPER'S.

Edward J. Gallagher, in "Harper's Weekly," the well-known American journal, follows up Mr. Holman Day's exposure of the Maine prohibition fraud by a complete history of the New Hampshire "prohibitory demoralisation." He says:—

Nominally, New Hampshire lies within the first rank of prohibition States, since her voters, by means of their local-option system, have restricted the legal sale of liquor to nineteen towns and five cities, yet conditions there have become a counterpart of Maine's hideous pretence of prohibition. Two important elements contribute to this hypocrisy, namely, the glaring lack of stringent no-license enforcement and the wholesale importation of liquors into the state under the terms of a new local law relative to express shipments.

Following prolonged bickering with that tribunal, temperance leaders at this year's session of the General Court enjoyed almost a free hand in the shaping of local legislation. A fair trial of the results indicates that their advantage was not properly exercised and that the progress made was from a temperance view-point merely chimerical. Moralists have significantly exhibited appreciation of the dilemma by relinquishing the previous demands for entire prohibition to urge instead fuller no-license protection as the only remedy in the exigency. However, acts to this end were not passed by the Legislature, despite the surprising temperance control, and some of the chief spirits in the law-framing movement have conceded that the product of their strategy is submerging the State again in the fiendish prohibitory mockery from whence it graduated in 1903, when the license law, then considered the most workable statute of this character in the East, was adopted. In the beginning, license rule was found to assure careful regulation of the saloons in "wet" towns, besides furnishing strict prohibition in no-license territory, although the jurisdiction of the license commission was largely confined to the "yes" places. Most communities, failing to profit morally through license, by majority vote promptly demanded no-license, the constraint of which was a novelty, restriction having been a burlesque in the analogously wide-open days of the prohibitory regime. Gradually the no-license territory expanded, but without an essential corresponding improvement in the law enforcement, which occasioned frequent brazen violations. The State's attorney could engage in certain prosecutions only at heavy personal expense, and the meagre distribution of authority between him and county and town officials ended in scant vigilance. There was a disquieting want of a State detective department.

Without attempting to correct specific no-license evils, this year the radicalists advanced the cry that liquor should not be sold anywhere under any conditions. They went to the Legislature demanding the repeal of the license, law and State-wide prohibition. Their will did not prevail, as the citizens living under no-license, who then numbered more than sixty-five per cent. of the State's population, realised the possibilities of betterment over the farcical prohibition of other periods and objected further to endure their former plight. Their sole request lay in a suggestion for additional law enforcement, but this was not forthcoming. In the final stage of the white-ribboners' controversy the "Preston Amendment," a temperance statute which is now operating to contrary purposes, was passed.

Devised to prevent shipments of intoxicants from license centres within the Granite State to consumers residing in no-license territory, the new law has disappointed erstwhile champions by promoting a circumventive and extensively flourishing interstate liquor traffic, in addition to fostering an insidious development of "pocket peddling," of the vitiating "speak-easy" and "moonshine," and a myriad similar illegal artifices. The measure has dissociated from the no-license cause the very numerous respectable individual who has hitherto conservatively voted "no" to benefit his community, since he could whenever he chose procure beverages for personal consumption by sending to such adjoining "wet" towns as there might be. Now he cannot even despatch an agent on such an errand, although railroad express messengers are clandestinely filling commissions of this sort to a great extent. The law of course has built up an interstate express trade of astonishing proportions for the Massachusetts wholesale liquor sellers, and it is repeatedly claimed that subtle inspiration from them was a potent agency in obtaining its enactment.

The mass of voters desired complete protection for the "dry" communities, and the step needed to insure this object was the establishment of a system of State police by the Legislature, but, curiously enough, the defeat of the project was directly ascribable to the gentlemen who led the anti-liquor movement. Instead of regarding the constabulary in the light of a useful adjunct of prohibition, they concluded it required a heavy and unnecessary expenditure of money, and that it would, doubtless, provide a method by which a licensee for a single violation of the saloon regulations would not lose his license and forfeit his bond under the impartial authority of the license commissioners.

Thus, the prohibition towns were denied protection. Thereafter, in "dry" sections where circumstances previously were favourable, discord and violations became the rule, in striking contradistinction to the conduct of the liquor traffic in sight of the public and "on the level" in license towns. It is obvious that the impracticable Preston Amendment, beyond producing general prohibitory demoralisation and despatching thousands of dollars to whisky merchants outside the State, will provoke a startling extension of the "wet" territory at the next elections. This retrogression is foredoomed by Superintendent J. H. Robbins, of the New Hampshire Anti-Saloon League, who says in a recent report: "It may be as well to notice that the no-license victories cannot be repeated. It will be in the nature of things if in 1910 we lose more territory than we gain."

The writer then goes on to say:—"Concord, the capital of New Hampshire, has been no-license for two years past, yet disinterested liquor men asseverate that Boston merchants have numerous representatives in the city who dispose of quite as much liquor as was sold when the capital contained licensed saloons, and of course in those days the municipality received substantial returns in license fees and other perquisites. During August a man died in Concord under peculiar circumstances, and physicians who examined his body declared that 'drug-store rum', an iniquitous compound which he had been purchasing, filled his stomach and lungs with perforations and occasioned his death. On the first complaint of the temperance agent in Concord, the police raided an unlicensed drug-store in the city and discovered behind a bogus partition five hundred and ninety bottles containing whisky, wine and rum. The county attorney prosecuted the case, and the proprietor was given a term in gaol."

Here's a typical instance of evasion in New Hampshire:—"A year ago it was testified in a court that a man in Berlin likewise no-license, had paid one dollar for a physician's prescrip-

tion for liquor, and notwithstanding that he was known to be an habitual drunkard he had used the certificate to purchase whisky from a druggist on at least thirty different occasions (chiefly Sundays); but it was only a few weeks since that the police commission's alleged collusion with druggists and dive-keepers was brought to the attention of the Governor by the Berlin City Council. Injunctions were issued, and during the enforced suspension of operations in Berlin, the town of Gorham, six miles distant by an electric railway, was a gold mine to liquor sellers. Berlin people, too, are credited with obtaining liquors across the line in prohibition Maine, not far away.

The liquor comes in from the outside in wholesale quantities. "One of the liquor dealers in Laconia, a "dry" city of 10,000, removed to Boston when the Preston Act became effective, to fill orders from his old home. Agents in Laconia telephone orders of varying quantities of intoxicants to their Boston houses, one hundred miles south, and those orders entered before eight o'clock in the morning are delivered to the purchasers by express early in the afternoon. It is reliably reported that over ninety orders were sent in this manner on a recent forenoon by one agent who was without business prior to the passage of the new law. Where Massachusetts and Vermont express facilities are not so convenient the illegal dealers prosper amazingly under the Preston Amendment, which has placed a premium on illegitimate selling. Every railroad depot, where trucks are seen loaded to the limit with liquor cases, indicates to the casual observer the extent of the express shipments. At Keese, a "dry" city, the express shipments have been extraordinarily large, and one afternoon preceding a holiday a Boston train took into the city fifty-five cases and twenty-seven kegs of beer from wholesalers. The train was delayed seven minutes while the employees of the express companies removed the beer from the cars. The kegs and cases, so a local paper commented, were piled in the middle of the station platform."

Here is a picture of the state of things under the boasted "prohibition" regime:—The New Hampshire license commissioners are three in number and are appointed by the Governor and Council. When they began their administration under the law of 1903 the State emerged from fifty years of riotous "prohibition." The regulation had been notoriously but skin-deep, the predicament of one city being illustrative. In 1892, when Manchester's population was 45,000, there were 370 places there in which liquor was sold openly across a bar day and night without police or moral interference by virtue of this sugar-coated prohibitory control. Licensed Manchester to-day, with 75,000 inhabitants, has less than 100 saloons, and the police drunkenness and attendant crime records are vastly diminished. Indeed, Chief M. J. Healy, of the Manchester Police Department, recently declared to a legislative committee that scarcely anything worse than the repealing of the license law could befall New Hampshire.

Ralph Metcalf, Governor in 1855, was the Neal Dow of New Hampshire. He was an individual of radical prohibition tendencies, and his violent pronouncements were chiefly accountable for the enactment during his administration of the State's original prohibitory law, a statute that presently fell into wild disrepute and survived to shelter as many loopholes as a sieve. After Governor Metcalf's period, legislative control by prohibitionists was a fantasy. To be sure, liquor laws were made and revised, but as the years passed the illicit sale of intoxicants went on undisturbed.

And so, on this testimony, New Hampshire is to be added to the list of those States of the Union which profess prohibition but do not practise it—Pharisees and whitened sepulchres.

TRADE TOPICS.

In connection with the Waihi sly-grog selling cases, Mr. Mays mentioned that for the first hour of the Court's sitting the Magistrate was inflicting fines at the rate of £10 per minute.

Honesty crops up occasionally in unexpected places (says the *Carterton News*). Some time ago a young man was arrested for being drunk in Belvedere Street, *Carterton*, and next day was brought before a local J. P., who pointed out the danger the man was to himself and others when in such a condition, and fined him five shillings or 24 hours in the lockup. The man could only raise four shillings, and asked that the fine be reduced to that amount. The J.P. was obdurate however, and refused to reduce the fine, but advanced the other shilling himself, the offender saying he was clearing out of the town. Recently he came into *Carterton* and visited the police station, handing to the officer in charge a shilling to be returned to the J.P., with his hearty thanks.

The Thames police station was the scene of unusual excitement on Friday afternoon (writes a *Thames correspondent*) when the confiscated liquor as the result of the Waihi raid, was sold by Mr. Bert Dunlop. Cases of ale containing 4 doz. quart bottles were sold at £1 and £1 2s 6d, while ten gallon kegs of beer sold for 10s.

The King Country Licenses Act provides that the present licenses in the King Country shall terminate on June 30, 1910, and that no future licenses shall be issued.

The Levin Hotel has changed hands, Mr. F. Rhodes having sold out to Mr. J. Berriman, late of the Provincial Hotel, Napier.

A new drink (says the *Post*) was added to the never-ending list by a witness in the Wellington Police Court the other day. He said he had been having "professional" drinks. Counsel ascertained from the witness, who had been connected with "the trade," that "professional" drinks were of such a nature that quite a number could be partaken of without having any effect. The drink was made up of "just a thimbleful of liquor" and a large quantity of water. These drinks were generally partaken of by publicans when drinking with friends. The witness in question stated that he had been drinking "professional" drinks from early afternoon till 10 o'clock at night, and they had not had any effect on him. He was, he said, quite sober.

It is stated that some of the defendants in the recent sly grog selling cases at Waihi, were making profits at the rate of £25 per week, so that the fine they were called upon to pay is equivalent to the annual license fee. The only difference is that where before the license fees went to the local bodies the fines go to swell the Government's surplus.

Details of the counter lunch as carried out in America are interesting says an *English Journal*. "In Lower Broadway, New York, there was recently opened a veritable triumph in the way of quick lunches. There are no waiters and no waiting. Customers enter by the score in rapid succession, and they pass by a long counter on which the various articles of the quick lunch are arranged in plates. At the beginning of the counter the quick lunch is handed a tray, and on this he places just such articles from the counter which he may desire. There is no jostling, because, parallel with the counter there is a brass rail so that only one person can pass at a time. At the end of this railing stands an employee, who sees at a glance what each customer has upon the tray.

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A singular incident occurred last week at Wollongong (New South Wales). About four years ago a box of jewellery, valued at £200, was taken from a safe at the Wollongong Hotel, the safe having been temporarily left open. Two individuals were suspected and arrested, but nothing could be proved against them, and they were discharged. While a drain pipe belonging to the hotel was being cleaned out last week, the box was discovered, and the jewellery, which belonged to the wife of the licensee, was returned to her intact.

In spite of the closing of the bars in Waihi (writes a correspondent to the "Eltham Argus") there seems to be any amount of liquor still being consumed in the town, as shown by the recent wholesale prosecutions and as has been stated by various people from time to time. Therefore it seems that no-license does not prohibit the consumption of liquor amongst people who want it. The same thing is said about other no-license places. If the consumption of liquor and the spending (or wasting) of money on the purchase of it, is so detrimental to morality and business as the no-license people make out how do they reconcile their statement about the great improvement noticeable under no-license when wholesale drinking is still going on, even if sub rosa and in defiance of the law.

Prohibition is fundamentally and profoundly wrong as a governmental policy, and in a country where the largest measure of freedom of action is accorded the individual it becomes intolerable; and for a state, through its law making power, to attempt to control what the people shall eat, drink, and wear, except to see that they are protected from imposition, is tyranny, and not liberty. No state has yet attempted to forbid what a man should eat, pure food laws are necessary to see what he eats is not adulterated or misbranded, and that he obtains what he wants without substitution or deceit by the dishonest man or dealer. No state has yet attempted by law to prescribe the manner of dress for the people, but it would be competent for the state to provide law that the goods should be properly marked, so as to prevent imposition. No state has attempted to force the people not to use certain kinds of medicines or to use certain others, but it can and ought to have all medicines properly labelled so as to prevent fraud.—Governor Patterson in a message to the Legislature of Tennessee.

Thus the Madras correspondent of London "Caterer":—"Two hotels in this city have introduced a weekly 'Guest Night.' After dinner, while the visitors are having a smoke or walking about the 'compound,' the tables, etc., are removed, and the floor quickly chalked, and in ten minutes or so programmes are out and couples are waltzing round the room. The advent of electric fans in most hotels now, and particularly in commercial houses, is a great boon. The Connemara Hotel, by the way, has a special room or bungalow in the front of the hotel dine, and where the dance is held."

A French chemist has recently proclaimed that cider is an antidote for typhoid fever. The acid in it is the agent, as it destroys the germs. Cider in Europe is generally used as a beverage. Germans prefer cider after it becomes sour, but Americans usually prefer it while it is sweet.

London "Caterer" tells the following tale. The Hotel Kaaterskill, a great American resort house high up in the Catskill Mountains and overlooking Palenville (immortalised as the "Village of Falling Waters" in Washington Irving's "Rip Van Winkle") is known in the district as the "Hen Coop." Mr. George Hardin, father of the present proprietor and a rich Philadelphia attorney, was a guest at the Mountain House, and suffering from gastric trouble was bound to strict dietary rules. For one thing he was to have chicken cooked in a special way, but the hotel people would not interest themselves to meet what they probably regarded as a fad. Finally a vigorous protest to the chef brought

this tactless answer:—"You'd better build a hotel of your own and then you'll find, maybe, that you can't always have things just as you want them!" The annoyed guest quietly replied, "Maybe I will." Mr. Hardin acquired a suitable site, and the outcome of a large money expenditure was the splendid Hotel Kaaterskill, which became a damaging competitor of the old Mountain House.

A short time ago representatives of the workers of the four hotel unions of the Dominion met in conference for the purpose of establishing a federation of workers in the hotel and restaurant trade. A constitution was drafted, and a set of rules drawn up and subsequently submitted to the represented unions for ratification. The scheme of federation was approved by three of the unions, Wellington, Auckland, and Dunedin, and last week (says "The Dominion") an association called the New Zealand Federated Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Association was registered. The Wellington Union is the executive of the federation for the year. In view of the expiration of the awards in Wellington, Dunedin, and Auckland, an extraordinary conference will probably be held shortly for the purpose of framing a set of demands to form the basis of a Dominion award. The ordinary conference of the federation will be held in June next, when it is hoped that the Christchurch Union will also join.

LIQUOR SELLING IN A NO-LICENSE AREA.

PROSECUTIONS AT WAIHI.

HEAVY FINES INFLICTED.

At the Waihi Police Court on the 22nd inst., fines aggregating £560 were imposed on persons charged with selling liquor in a "No-License" area. Mr. S. Mays appeared for the prosecutions in each case. The following persons were charged:—Hilton Moon (two charges), Thos. McMasters, Joseph Tanner, Florence Bellamy Tanner, F. Woods, Herbert Quinlan, Wm. Quinlan, M. R. Manning, J. L. Reen (Waikino), Daniel Dunne (two charges).

In addition to the charges of sly grog-selling the following persons were charged with keeping liquor for sale:—Walter T. Parsons, Thos. McMasters, Joseph Tanner, Florence B. Tanner, Fredk. Collins, Wm. Quinlan, Herbert Quinlan, J. L. Reen, and Daniel Dunne.

Apart from the charges subsequently laid against M. Manning, F. Woods, and F. Collins, all the offences were said to have taken place on the 9th and 10th inst. The informations numbered 21 in all. The liquor in all the instances but one was alleged to have been sold to Constables B. Thompson and T. Jones, the remaining instances being to W. Harris.

With the exception of Hilton Moon, who failed to put in an appearance, and F. Collins, who entered a plea of not guilty, the whole of the persons charged pleaded guilty to the offences charged.

In his absence Moon was convicted, after the police had given evidence to the effect that they had procured liquor.

F. Collins, the proprietor of the premises known as "The Three Kings," contended that he had not kept the liquor for sale, but after hearing the evidence for the prosecution the magistrate entered a conviction.

In the course of his address Mr. Mays said that, with the exception of Woods and Manning, the persons accused had entered openly into the sly grog-selling business in defiance of the law, and with a full knowledge of the penalties that would follow in the event of a conviction. He asked the magistrate to inflict such fines as would check the evil of the illicit sale of liquor. Woods and Manning, however, had only been selling in a small way.

In delivering judgment, the magistrate said that, apart from the cases referred to by counsel (Woods and Manning), the full penalty would be imposed for the illicit sale of liquor. Accused had gone into the business with their eyes open, and had undertaken the risk. The offence was no new thing in the country, and he could not treat it as a first offence. With regard to selling without a license, a fine of £50 would be imposed, with costs, in each case.

For his second offence in respect to selling without a license, Dunne would be convicted and fined £10.

For keeping liquor for sale, Parsons and Dunne would be each fined £20, with costs.

McMasters would be fined £20 for keeping liquor for sale, and £50 for selling.

Joseph Tanner would be fined £50

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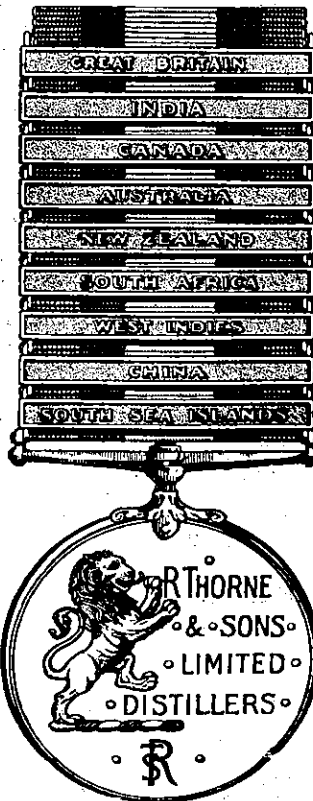
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for selling and £20 for keeping liquor for sale.

As Mrs. Tanner had acted as more of an agent than anything else, she would be fined £10 for selling, but no fine would be imposed for keeping liquor.

In the case of the Quinlans, both would be fined £50 each for selling, and for keeping liquor the father would be fined £20 and the son £10.

Moon would be fined £50 for selling, and on the second charge £10. For keeping liquor for sale he would be fined £20.

In the case of Reen, he would be fined £50 for selling, and £20 for keeping liquor for sale.

Woods, Collins, and Manning would be fined £25 each.

The magistrate ordered the liquor to be confiscated.

WHAT IS TRUE TEMPERANCE?

Mr. Arthur Brisbane, the £10,000 a year editor of the "Chicago American," is the author of the following interesting article:—

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"The fight against drunkenness has gone on for centuries. It is still on. Luckily, we can say that progress has been steady. There is infinitely less drunkenness to-day than there was in former days. The world has become more temperate, and will continue to grow temperate.

"What is true temperance? It is as far from prohibition as it is from drunkenness. The drunkard is restless of the feelings of others. With the mania for drink upon him, he forgets the needs of his family and his own duty and honor.

"The prohibitionist is as intemperate in his ways as the drunkard, and he acts as unwisely. Temperance has not increased because of the work of the prohibitionist, but in spite of it.

"The man who drinks too much and who can become a total abstainer is fortunate. Some do that of their own free will—but not all the prohibitionists in the world could force it upon them.

"The prohibitionist feels that he has a right to compel the majority to agree with him. He succeeds sometimes in driving out of use the drinks that are really temperate, the light wines and the beers.

"Prohibition emphasises and intensifies drunkenness, it never cures. In a prohibition state you may see a working man lying beside the road dead drunk, stupefied, pockets empty, and a whisky bottle lying empty beside him also. This is the sort of thing you see in prohibition territory. You see it in New Jersey on a Sunday, in Maine, in Kansas. The sight is familiar to everybody who has travelled in a prohibition state.

"Compare that miserable drunkard, the victim of prohibition, with the working man in Germany on Sunday, or any other day, taking his glass of beer, or the working man in France taking his glass of wine,

temperately, with his family, and unmolested!

"This question of temperance has got to be fought out in this country and settled along lines of common sense. Those who discuss it and deal with it must know their subject. The fact that a man or a woman has had a son turn out a drunkard does not by any means indicate the man's or woman's right or capacity for making laws to regulate the drink traffic. On the contrary, the man whose son has turned out a drunkard has before him the living evidence of the fact that he (the father) does not understand the drink question. Let the prohibitionists ask themselves how many of the most hopeless young drunkards in the early twenties are the sons of prohibition fathers, boys that were brought up under the strict intemperate law of prohibition? Boys that if they drank in secret—boys that became drunkards as soon as they had a chance. It is the same in prohibition families as in prohibition states, and statistics prove it.

"Prohibition compels secret drinking, and it results in excessive drinking, when the prohibition becomes ineffective.

"There is more downright, vile drunkenness in one single prohibition state in America than in the whole of Germany with its millions of population.

"Prohibition is a failure and always will be, for tyranny falls."

PROHIBITION AND DECAY.

The Prohibitionist movement is now world-wide, and everyone is seeking information as to how it works in the various countries in which it has been tried. Leaving out Turkey and China, in which (says "Fairplay") it has brought decay and national atrophy, we seek the best instances of the experiments in the United States. There the supply of liquor, which mankind must have, has passed from the licensed houses under legal regulation, to druggists' shops, say grog places, and, worst of all, into the home. An American writer makes a telling contrast between the statistics of the arrests for drunkenness in a prohibition and a licensed area. He takes eight towns in Maine, a prohibition State, which is always held up as a model to us in Australia, and eight in Illinois, a State in which licensed and regulated liquor selling continues. The combined populations of these eight towns are approximately the same, viz., 118,000 people. Yet in the "Prohibition" towns there are nearly 3,000 arrests for drunkenness, while in the licensed State there were under two thousand. The proportion is given thus:—"Prohibition area: arrests for drunkenness per 1,000 inhabitants, 25; license area: arrests for drunkenness per 1,000 inhabitants, 17. What more need be said.

THE PERFECT BREWERY.

Says a writer in the "Sydney Morning Herald":—"The brewery, as well as the dairy, products of Copenhagen are making a name for themselves all over the world, and the reason for such increasing prestige is the same—scrupulous attention of cleanliness,

and to honesty and purity in the article sold. I visited one of the great Copenhagen breweries, which covered sixty acres of land, and produced 44,000 gallons of beer a day. It employed 1,200 people, and pays out in salaries about £600,000 a year. In their exterior the buildings looked almost like palaces, so artistic and monumental were they in their architecture and ornamentation. The fermentation vaults had air that seemed sweet and clean. Everything about the breweries gave one an impression of extraordinary cleanliness. The pasteurising and bottling departments especially add to this impression. There are enormous storerooms for keeping the product till it is ripe, altogether nearly 200 big vaults for storing the beer. In the department over 500 tons of ice are made every day. The Copenhagen breweries are public-spirited, and support in Copenhagen several very important scientific and artistic institutions." A progressive little people the Danes.

A GOVERNOR ON PROHIBITION.

"A DETRIMENT TO THE STATE."

The following is part of the text of a message submitted to the Legislature of Tennessee by Governor R. M. Patterson. "If we can legislate against the manufacture and sale of liquor because it often produces crime and frequently becomes hurtful to the individual and society, can we not also legislate against the manufacture and sale of tobacco or poisonous drugs? And if we begin such legislation, where is it to end?

"Shall we prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor to all the people because some, by reason of intemperate use, ruin themselves?

"Shall we so legislate that a man who uses it moderately and without injury to himself or others shall be wholly deprived of its use, because another uses it immoderately?

"Shall the sick not use it if the physician prescribes it, because some who are well abuse it?

"Shall its manufacture and sale be wholly forbidden by law, without regard to its proper use or abuse?

"The use or non-use of liquor should be left to the individual.

"In my conception, in popular governments and the relation of the individual to society, it is just as much an invasion of personal liberty to attempt by law to forbid its use as it is by law to forbid the use of anything else.

"Character in the individual is not made by prohibition or the withdrawing of temptation, but by resistance to temptation. The scheme of God in the redemption of man has not been to take from him temptation, but to leave him free to resist, and as he resists, he will have his reward.

"Shall we destroy property to make men honest?

"Shall we abolish the manufacture of gunpowder because men sometimes use it to murder their fellow men?

"Can we make men virtuous by law, or is it only through education, Christian influence, and the growth of the intelligence, conscientiousness and responsibility in man himself?

"The answer is but one, and that is the man must work out his own

destiny under human law, as he must his own salvation under divine law.

"I recommend that no general prohibition law be passed abolishing the manufacture and sale of liquor, believing, as I have always done, and to the reasons stated, that such a law will prove a failure and be a detriment to the state.

"I do recommend, however, high license, strict regulation and forfeiture of license for violations of law.

"In my opinion, if these recommendations were carried into law, the liquor question would be at rest in every state and the people as a whole would approve your course. As genuine temperance measures and real reforms they are infinitely to be preferred to ill-considered drastic legislation, which provoke intemperance under the guise of prohibition."

WHY HE WAS WILD.

The head waiter of a big southern hotel was purple with rage. "The mean skinfint," he cried. "The cheese-paring, swindling Yankee!"

"What's the matter, John?" said the manager.

"Matter!" snorted John. "Matter; why you remember that long, lanky American chap that was here last month. Before he went away he took me on one side, and said he had run short of cash, but that as soon as he got to Wellington he'd send me a piece of paper that 'ud make me smile."

"Well?" said the manager.

"It's come," continued the infuriated knight of the napkin.

"That's all right," said the other.

"What is it, a fever?"

"No," came the reply, in a loud bellow; "it is nothing of the sort. It's a picture postcard of a hippopotamus, and he's written on it, 'Thy bright smile haunts me still.'"

NEVERMORE!

"Jack," said Mrs. Darling, reproachfully, "while arranging things in your den to-day I came across that lovely box of cigars I gave you at Christmas, and there was only one gone."

"Don't worry about that one, my dear," said Mr. Darling, soothingly; "it may be gone, but I assure it's not forgotten!"

POINT OF VIEW.

"The first hundred is the hardest," said the self-made man who is eternally scattering platitudes.

"It's the last fifty, in my line," said the quiet fellow in the corner.

"What do you do?" bristled the other.

"I'm a mile runner," was the reply.

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Her Husband (very meekly): "Perhaps, my dear, it's because I so seldom get a chance to open my mouth when I'm awake!"

FIVE HUNDRED PAIRS.

The tailor-bird turned away another customer. "Sorry, old chap, but I can't take another order for a year," he chirruped briskly. "Great Auks!" exclaimed the disappointed one in astonishment; "got a Government contract?" "Almost," replied the tailor-bird; "a pants order from a thousand-legged worm!"

THE BRUTE RETORTS.

The Shrew: "Actually, sir, your snoring is more than sufficient grounds for divorce! Why, oh, why do you sleep with your mouth open?"

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She was a city bride, who had never before taken a hand in housekeeping and knew but little about things in the kitchen. A few mornings ago she got after the milk man. "What is the matter with your milk?" said she, with great vehemence. "I don't know," he replied. "What do you find wrong with it?" "Well," she said, "every morning it is covered with a nasty yellow scum." "And what do you do with the scum?" "Why, I skim it off, of course, and throw it in the garbage."

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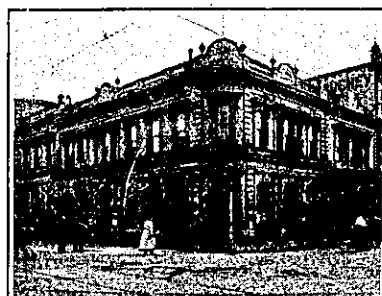
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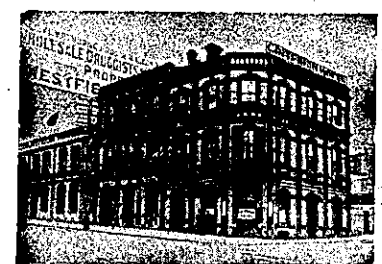
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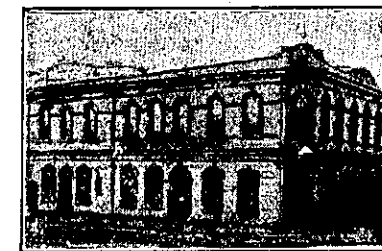
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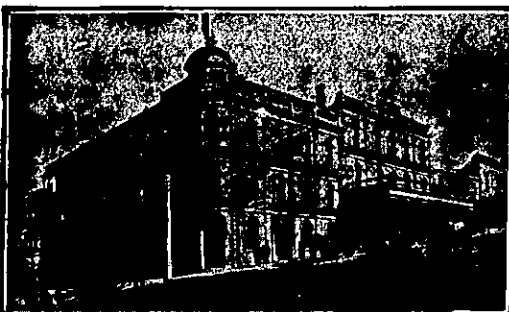
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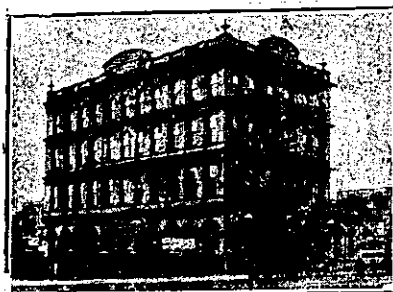
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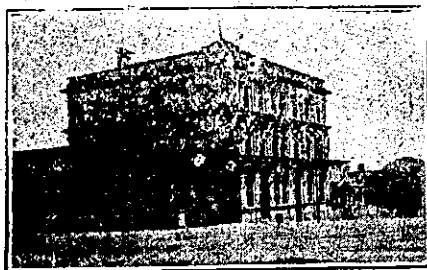
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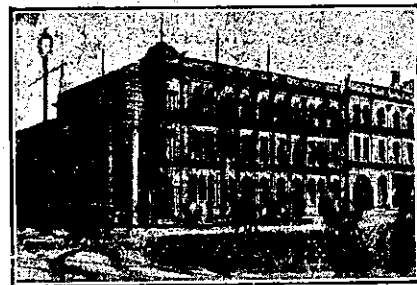
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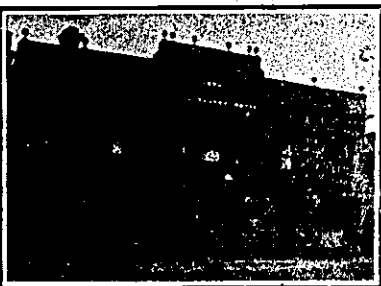
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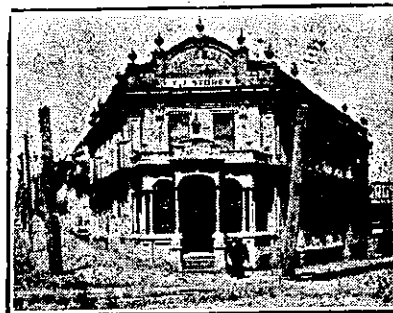
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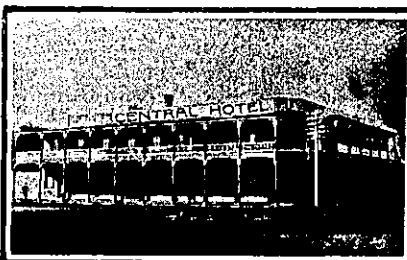


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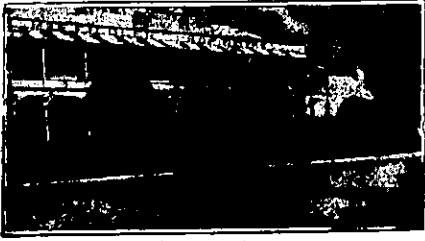


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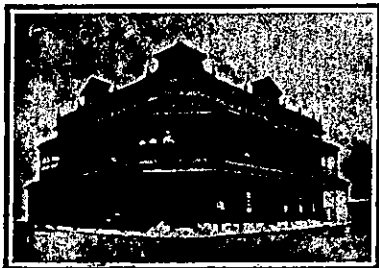
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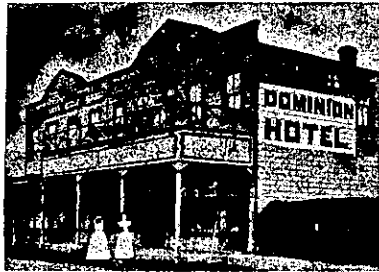
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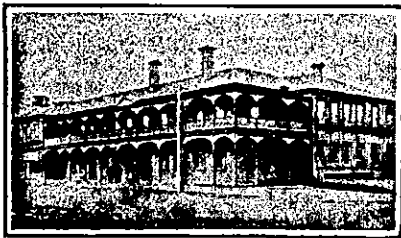
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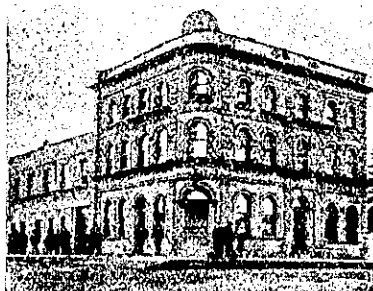


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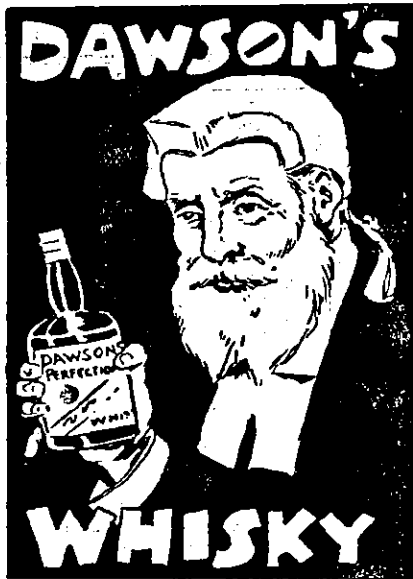
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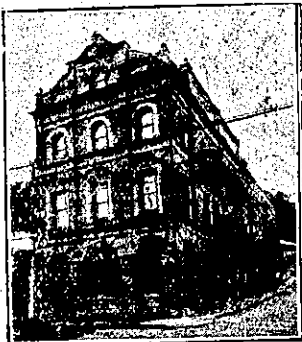


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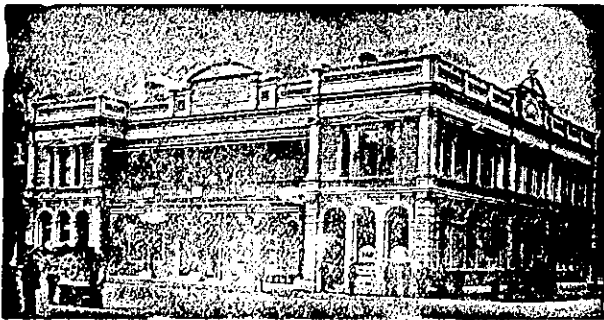


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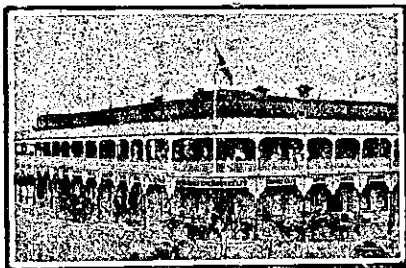
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 TARIFF: 6s. 6d. per day. Arrangements by the week.
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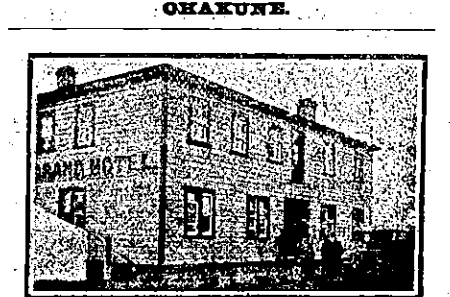
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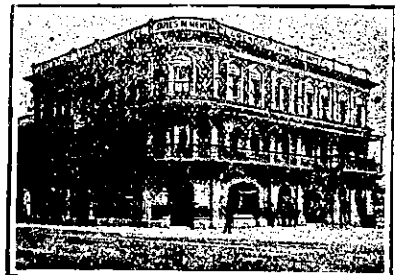
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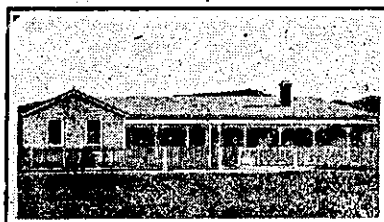
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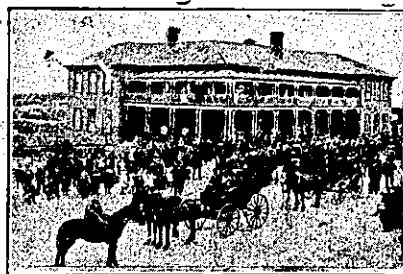


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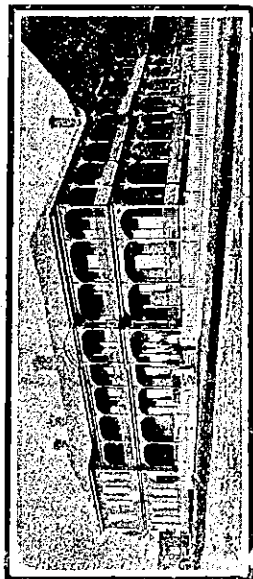
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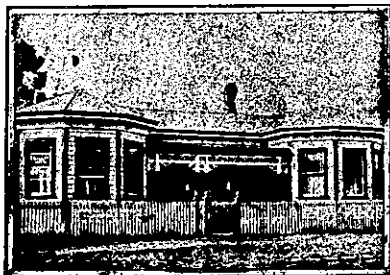
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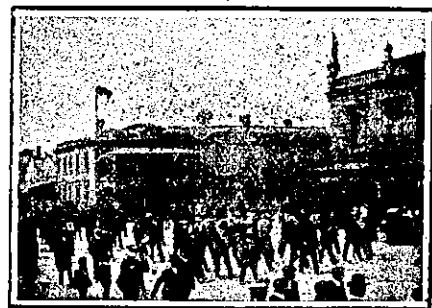


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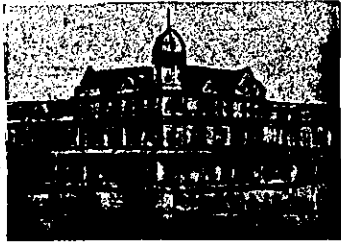


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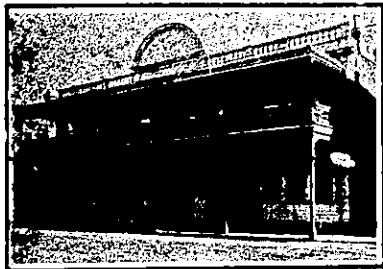
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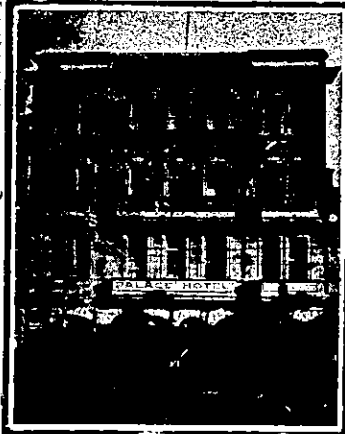
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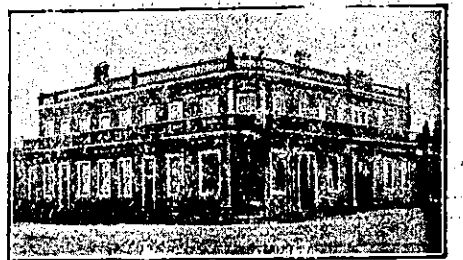
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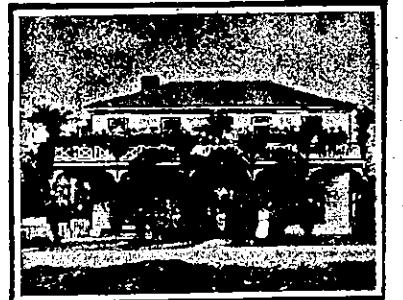
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