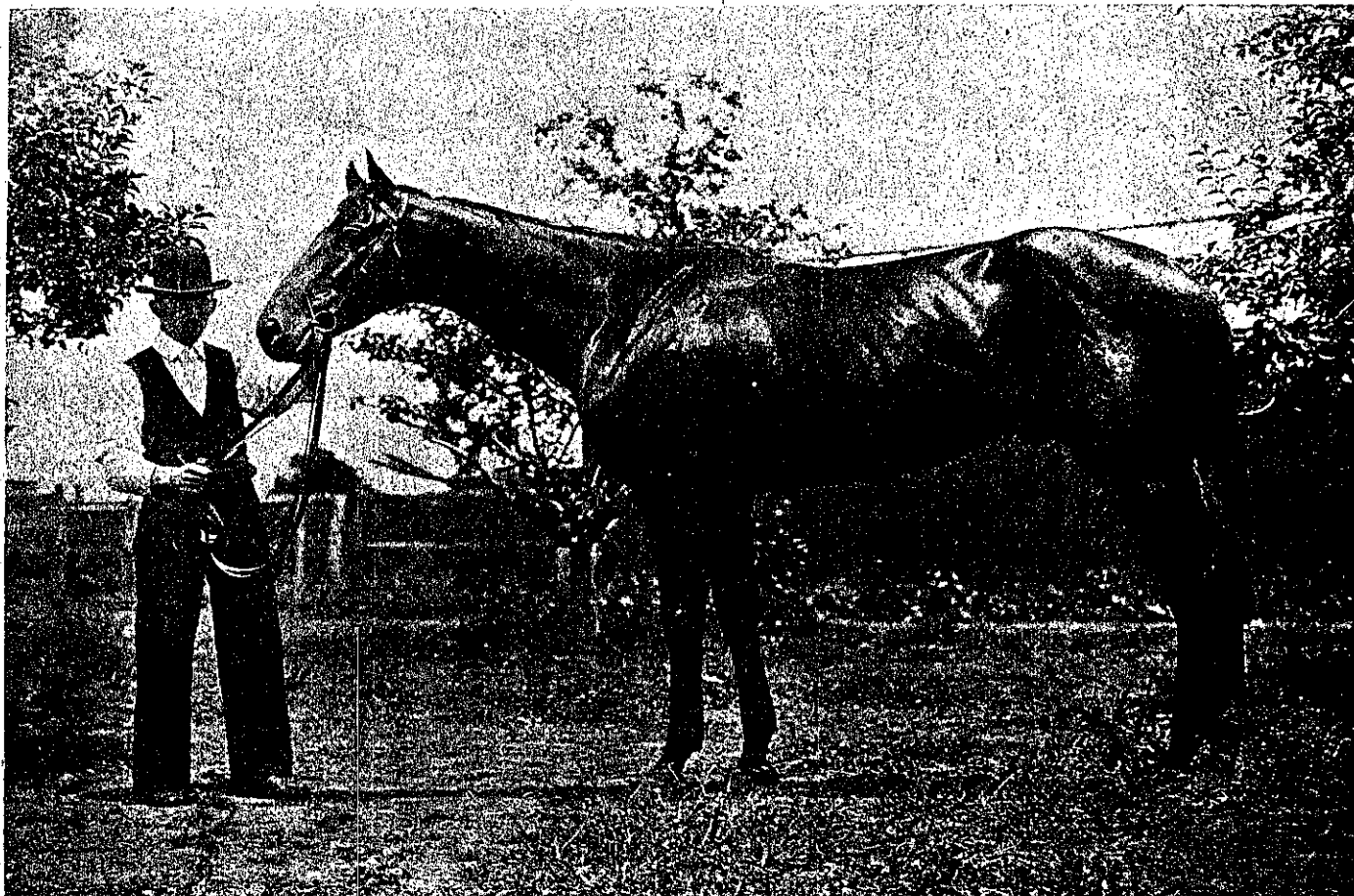


be obliged to close his career on the field for such a trifle, but then they take the game more seriously in Australia than we do over here.

The crack Adelaide batsman Hack intends to settle in New Zealand. Although his style is hardly graceful, he is one of the soundest bats in the South Australian representative eleven, and no later than last Friday made eighty-four against New South Wales.

The English team were in a fine scoring vein against Hawke's Bay. The latter led off with 106, towards which Lusk was the best contributor. On the Englishmen going to the wickets the bat immediately assumed command over the ball. That very sound little batsman, Burnup, put together 82 before being caught by Naughton off Lusk. Warner did rather better than he has in recent matches, the skipper knocking up 40 before succumbing to one of Trott's. That usually consistent scoring man, Fane, fared badly, Trott bowling him for four runs, and the same bowler got the Yorkshire crack, Taylor, leg before wicket when he had contributed 29. Dowson showed nice cricket for 41, but it was left for Bosanquet to give the best batting display, and he hit in the most brilliant style all round the wicket. So fast did the Middlesex amateur pile up the runs that it took just an hour to make 115, and he was eventually sent back to the pavilion by Young, who accepted a hot chance from Trott's bowling. Thompson played a very forceful, but somewhat lucky, innings of 67, while Whatman 19, and Latham (not out) 10 were the others to reach two figures. The innings eventually closed for the big total of 461. Going in with a big deficiency to face, Hawke's Bay started in the feeblest manner, four wickets being down for five runs. Hawke and Hallamore slowly raised the score, the former having 30 on the slate before getting leg before wicket to Hargreaves. Coterill, however, played the brightest innings for his side, rattling up 34 before Bishop, who was fielding substitute, caught him. Nothing could save off disaster, however, the match resulting in the hollowest of victories for the visiting team. One of the features of the match was the non-success of Trott, the ex-Australian player. His batting was very poor, while his six wickets were very dearly obtained, costing 225 runs.

Lord Hawke's team commence a match against Wellington on Saturday next. The visitors have so far not been really extended, all their victories having been of the hollowest description. It is to be hoped that the boys from the Empire City will make a better showing against the Englishmen than has been done yet. It is somewhat doubtful whether such very one-sided games do much to popularise cricket, for young players are apt to become disheartened, while a closer struggle would be certain to increase the attendance. Perhaps the All-New Zealand eleven may be able to check the victorious march of the Britishers.



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SIEGE GUN, Winner of the Auckland Cup.

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Victoria beat South Australia during last week by 189 runs, the scores being Victoria 472 and 164 to South Australia 317 and 140. In the first innings of the men from the Cabbage Garden, M. Ellis (118) and T. Hastings (106, not out) put on 211 for the last wicket, which is a record for Australasia.

The once famous Yorkshire batsman, George Anderson, died at Bedale, Yorkshire, on November 26. Born January 20, 1826, he was, of course, merely a name to the present generation. In his day, however, he played a great part in the cricket field, being for many years one of the best professional bats in England. He commenced playing cricket when quite a lad, and was already almost past his best when the Yorkshire County Club was formed, about thirty-eight years ago. His last match of over 50 in a first-class match was 99, not out, at Trent Bridge, for Yorkshire

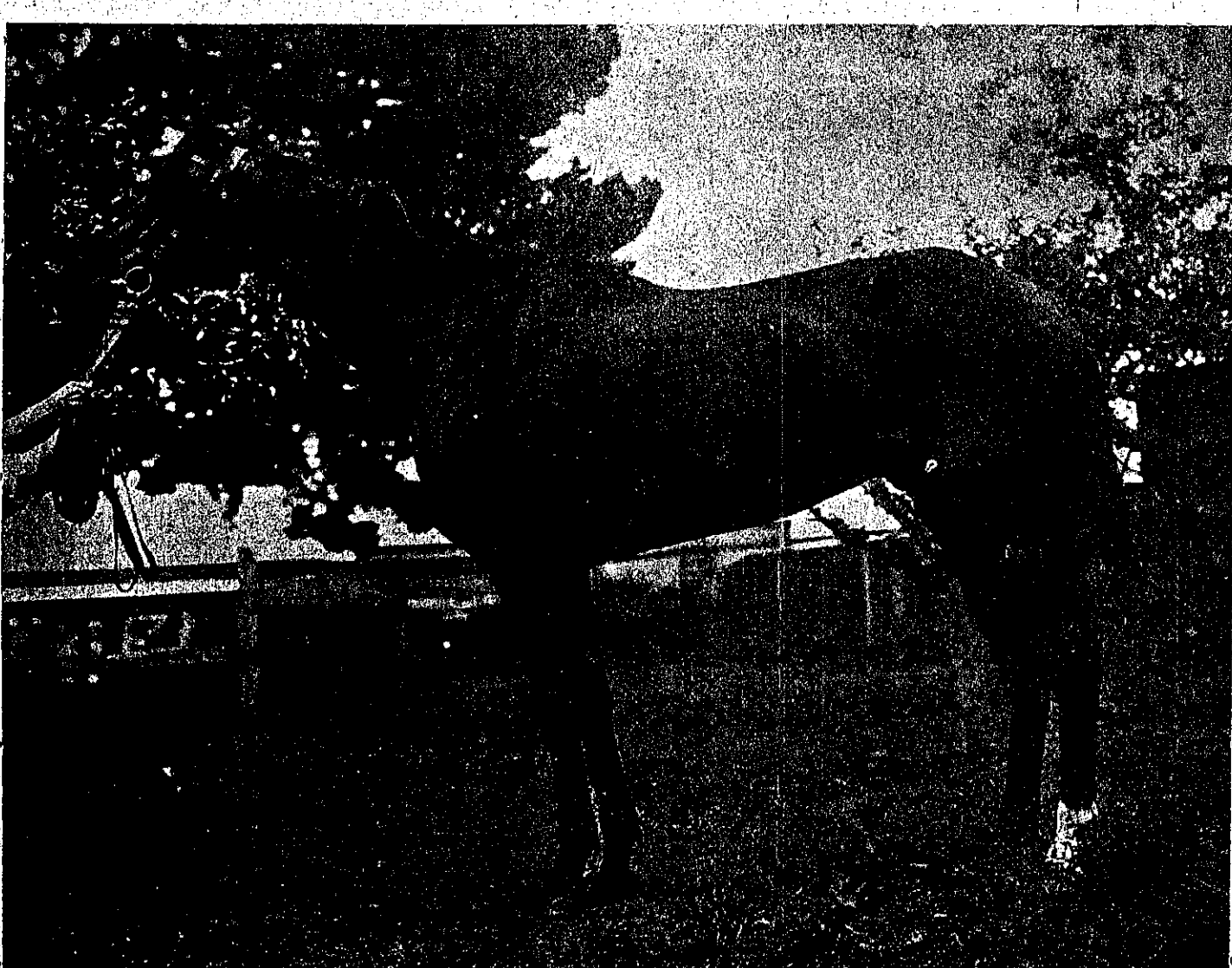
against Notts, in 1864. For many years he was associated with the All-England Eleven, and formed one of the unbeaten team brought by George Parr to Australia in 1863-4. His height was 6ft, and his weight 14st 7lb. Of him Dr. Grace writes:—"He was an excellent field, and as a batsman possessed rare hitting powers. He stood well up, played freely and confidently, and when he hit, the ball travelled at a great pace." He was superior to the average player in manner and education, and was a great favourite wherever he played. Parr's unbeaten team consisted of George Parr, captain (Notts), A. Clarke (Notts), J. Jackson (Notts), R. C. Tingley (Notts), W. Caffyn (Surrey), J. Caesar (Surrey), R. Carpenter (Cambridgeshire); T. Hayward (Cambridgeshire); G. Tarrant (Cambridgeshire), Dr. E. M. Grace (Gloucestershire), and G. Anderson (Yorkshire). They played sixteen matches, all against twenty-two, winning ten, losing none, drawing six.

CHESS.

This year the championship has fallen to an Auckland. Mr Grierson, who won, first appeared as a competitor for championship honours at Christchurch six years ago, when he won only one game out of ten. The following year, at Auckland, he came out with a score of 2½; and last year, also at Auckland, he made the same score. This is his fourth try for the championship, and the first time he has secured a place. Mr Grierson was taught chess when a boy of fourteen or fifteen years old by his father, and played occasionally before coming to New Zealand, when twenty years of age. He hails from Cheshire, in the neighbourhood of Manchester. After coming to the colony he went farming in the Waikato, and for thirteen years hardly played a game. He then moved to Auckland, and in a year or two joined the Ponsonby Club, going in then for reading up the book. Prior to this he had not studied the book. In 1895 he won the championship initiated for Auckland, and district, winning 15½ games out of 19. The following year he captured the Auckland Club championship, and in 1897 was fourth in the same tourney. In 1898 he came out second at the Auckland Chess Club tournament, and won in 1899, 1900, 1901, and 1902, in one of these years winning 18½ games out of 20.

The following list shows the winners up to date of all the championship tournaments held in New Zealand, and the centre represented in each case:—

- 1879—H. Hookham, Christchurch
- 1888—A. M. Ollivier, Christchurch
- 1889—H. Hookham, Christchurch
- 1890—R. J. Barnes, Wellington
- 1891—F. V. Siedeberg, Dunedin
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- 1893—J. Edwards, Wellington
- 1894—W. Mackay, Wellington
- 1895—W. Meldrum, Rangitikei
- 1896—R. J. Barnes, Wellington
- 1897—R. J. Barnes, Wellington
- 1898—R. A. Cleland, Dunedin
- 1900—W. E. Mason, Wellington
- 1901—D. Forsyth, Dunedin
- 1901—R. J. Barnes, Wellington
- 1902—J. C. Grierson, Auckland



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Mr G. G. Stead's ORLOFF, winner of the Railway Handicap at the A.R.C.'s Summer Meeting.

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The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of Mr Roscoe Reeve, solicitor, which appears in our advertising columns. Mr Reeve has had considerable experience in his profession, having been for several years managing clerk to Mr William Coleman, of this city, which position Mr Reeve recently resigned in order to start practice on his own account.

Our younger school of lawyers, following the example of their elders in all lands are gregarious. In this issue there are two partnership notices, one by Messrs Neumege and Elliott, and the other by Messrs O. Nicholson and Gribbin. Both firms start under the most favourable auspices, and with every prospect of a successful career.