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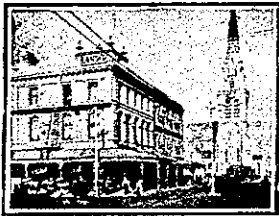
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RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1910-11.

FIXTURES.

June 21 and 22—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 23 and 24—Napier Park R.C. Winter
July 6 and 7—Gisborne R.C. Winter
July 15, 19 and 22—Wellington R.C. Winter
Aug. 8, 10, and 12—Canterbury J.C.'s
Grand National
Nov. 4—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.

NOMINATIONS.

June 23—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National
July 1—West Coast Breeders' Stakes
July 4—C.J.C. Grand National

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

June 23—Napier R.C. Winter
June 26—Wellington R.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.

June 24—Napier Park R.C. Winter
June 28—Gisborne R.C. Winter
July 3—Wellington R.C. Winter
July 14—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National
Aug. 4—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National
Sept. 1—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.
Oct. 20—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.
Nov. 1—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.

FURTHER PAYMENTS.

Sept. 1—West Coast Breeders' Stakes

FINAL PAYMENTS.

Aug. 4—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National

OWNERS REMINDERS.

Nominations for the C.J.C. Grand National meeting close to-morrow.

Weights for the Napier Park meeting are due to make their appearance to-morrow.

Handicaps will appear on Monday for the opening day's events of the Wellington winter meeting. Acceptances for same close on July 3.

Acceptances for the first day of the approaching Gisborne meeting fall due on Wednesday, 28th inst.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Keep Up The Distances.

Nowadays it would seem as though the tendency of those whose duty it is to draw up race programmes, is to provide events which can be guaranteed to attract large fields, and the result is that on a day's programme there is more than a sprinkling of what are known as sprints, or races run over five, six, or seven furlongs. Of course we all know that large fields ensue a large totalisator turnover and perhaps it is this fact which plays an important part when the framing of programmes is under consideration. However, this is not as it should be and it is the duty of the various committees to provide a programme of events appreciated by the public. An event over five or six furlongs is all very well, providing there are not many of them, but to have every other race for horses who are nothing more than a skin full of highly strung nerves, is not catering for the general public, without whose support racing would soon be but a matter of history. In glancing at the various motions to come before the New Zealand Racing Conference it is pleasing to note that the committee of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club is again to the fore with its motion that the programmes of all clubs should contain at least one race each day of not less than one mile and a-quarter. The committee of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club are evidently men who do not know what defeat is as this is the fifth occasion they have come forward with this same motion. Their stubbornness is worthy of admiration from all who have the best interests of racing at heart and let us hope that when the Conference meets in 1912 the motion of the Hawke's Bay Committee will not be before it, but will figure amongst the Rules of Racing.

Successful Colonials.

It has always been the proud boast of both Australians and New Zealanders that in the world of sport

they can play a prominent part and this was again emphasised on Saturday last in the London sporting world when quite a number of victories fell to representatives of Australia and New Zealand. The billiard match of 16,000 points between George Gray and Melbourne Inman, was won by the former, who, after the first couple of sessions, obtained the lead and clearing right out from the Englishman, won by more than half the game, to be exact by 8,769 points. The finishing scores were: Gray 16,000, Inman 7,231. At the Crewes sports meeting, the Christchurch runner Opie, was amongst the competitors, and he succeeded in winning the 100yds. scratch event, beating the Tasmanian ped. Stewart by inches, the time being 10 1-5sec. Guy Haskins who is also a member of the New Zealand team of athletes was not a competitor at the gathering. The well-known Auckland swimmer, Malcolm Champion, was also in winning vein, and he placed the 880yds Thames swimming championship to his credit, winning easily by 30yds from Findlay, who is to represent West Australia at the Empire Sports Festival. The breast stroke is Findlay's strong line and he is confidently expected to carry off the King's Cup. A. F. Wilding, the crack New Zealand exponent of tennis, also scored a victory, so that it will be seen colonial athletes played a particularly strong hand in athletic circles at Home on Saturday.

Appeal Upheld.

In giving judgment in the Barlow appeal last week, the Taranaki Jockey Club Metropolitan Committee made the following comment:—In this particular case, unfortunately, the usual and proper steps were not taken by the stewards in conducting their investigation. Barlow was not made acquainted with the charge, nor was he allowed to hear the statement made by or before the stewards as to his conduct in the race, or to call evidence in his defence. The questions asked him by the stewards do not seem to have been specially directed to the particular incident which a majority subsequently held to be "an obvious pull," and he does not seem therefore to have had any opportunity of explaining his action in that particular. Of the five stewards, one admittedly was not in a position to see what took place, and the other four were equally divided in opinion. If the decision of the stewards were to be held conclusive in all respects, that Barlow had been guilty of "pulling" his mount, with corrupt intention, it would inflict very great hardship in view of his having had no sufficient opportunity of defending himself, and of the stewards having been so equally divided. The Metropolitan Committee has had the advantage of a lengthy investigation, and of the evidence of Mr. Gray, Barlow (who was open to examination by Mr. Gray as well as by the members of the committee), and many other persons, and is satisfied with the explanation which has been given by Barlow, and, even if bound by the finding of fact, the particular fact that in the straight Barlow did not ride his horse in such a manner as a good horseman would and should have done, is of opinion that he is not guilty of any corrupt or fraudulent practice. Rule 6, of Part XXVI. (a Page 67), provides that "jockeys shall ride their horses out to the end of the race if they have a reasonable chance of winning," but the committee is satisfied by the evidence that after Sandy Paul had passed Master Sylvia, Barlow had not a reasonable chance of winning, and all that "the pull" consisted of was the abstaining from riding the horse out, notwithstanding this fact. The Committee cannot refrain from adding that in its opinion, Rule 7 of Part XXXI is faulty, and should be either re-cast or eliminated altogether. Barlow's appeal is allowed, and the decision of the stewards is reversed. The deposit lodged by Barlow will be refunded to him.

Stipendiary Stewards.

A good deal has been written and voiced in favour of the appointment of stipendiary stewards and one might safely say it is the "question of the hour." The advent of stipendiary stewards will surely come, but it

would seem as though the Racing Conference was not disposed to hurry in the matter. The question of appointing stipendiary stewards was well mooted last year, but when the Conference considered it an adjournment was decided upon. It is gratifying to note that at the approaching Conference the president will bring forward a motion for the embodiment of the new rule which reads as follows:—"Stipendiary stewards shall be appointed by the New Zealand Racing Conference or by the committee thereof nominated for that purpose, and with such powers and subject to such regulations as may, from time to time, be conferred or approved by the conference."

Leading Two-year olds in Australia.

During the current season no two-year-old has won as much as either Beverage or Desert Rose last season says the "Referee." The two named were particularly successful where rich prizes were concerned, while this year each of the big two-year-old races has gone to a different youngster. In Melbourne, for instance, Orvieto (Wallace—Ophir), won the V.A.T.C. Debutant Stakes, Philio (Andria—Phyllis) the Maribyrnong Plate, Wilari (Wallace—Murna) the V.R.C. Sires' Produce Stakes, and Sconser (Malster—Warfare) the Ascot Vale Stakes; while in Sydney, the A.J.C. Breeders' Stakes went to Cisco (San Francisco—Lady Wallace), the Gimcrack Stakes to Respect (Multiform—Heriot), the A.J.C. Sires' Produce Stakes to Gillamatong (Challenger—Grand Canary), the Champagne Stakes to Posadas (Positano—Etra-weenie), and the December Stakes to Milfoil (Lancaster—Milkmaid). From the above it will be gleaned that the big events were distributed in a manner suggestive of keen competition for next year's Derbies, and in addition to the horses mentioned there are Jacamar (Positano—Jacinth) and Woolerina (Malster—Suivre) to be taken into consideration. Neither pulled off one of the really big races, but the former's subsequent running suggested he was unlucky not to have gone closer to winning the Maribyrnong Plate; while the style in which Jacamar accounted for his two races at the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting has caused most racing men in this State to look to him as likely to prove the best three-year-old of the coming season. Possibly—as has happened more than once of recent years—some youngster with no particular two-year-old form to recommend him may make a good three-year-old, and in this connection Posio (Positano—Diffidence) may be worth keeping in mind. He was heavily backed for the A.J.C. Sires' Produce Stakes, but, running very green, was never dangerous. Appended will be found the names of the seasons' leading youngsters and the amounts won by them:—

Gillamatong, £1926; Cisco, £1742; Philio, £1576; Wilari, £1519; Orvieto, £1280; Sconser, £1272; Posadas, £1196; Woolerina, £1195; Jacamar, £1020; Respect, £1019; Milfoil, £800. Of the eleven it may be mentioned that Cisco was sold for 1050gns. as a yearling. Sconser 1100gns., Posadas 1125gns., and Woolerina 300gns., while Jacamar was bought in by his breeders at 1600gns. Gillamatong, Philio, Wilari, Orvieto, and Respect have been raced by their respective breeders.

Cullinan, in company with Shoemaker (a big chestnut son of St. Crispin) was sent for a schooling task over five hurdles at Greenmeadows the other morning. Shoemaker was no good to his comrade, for he soon went astern and finished a long way in the rear of Mr Lowry's gelding, who has improved greatly in his fencing of late.

Marton was withdrawn from all engagements at the Hawke's Bay meeting on Monday.

Auckland is very poorly represented in the principal jumping events at the Wellington meeting. In the Winter Hurdles only Don Quex hails from these parts, while in the Steeplechase Antarctic and Hoanga are the only Auckland horses engaged.

TURF TOPICS.

J. Chaaffe, who recently purchased Dogger Bank, is having some difficulty in finding a rider to hold the son of Menschikoff in the early morning on the tracks. Dogger Bank is easily the hardest puller at Ellerslie, and the other day a local rider, who knows the horse well, offered to bet a level fifty that there was not a rider in the Dominion who could hold the horse.

A. Goodwin, who formerly trained for Mr T. H. Lowry, and was associated with him when Creusot won the Grand National Hurdles, has decided to again enter the profession, and was, last month, granted a license by the Hawke's Bay Club.

T. Wilson left Auckland for Sydney on Monday with Soultiform and Silver Bullet. It is understood the pair will be taken on to Melbourne and raced there.

The "Dominion" has the following:—The Waikato trainer, R. Hannon, has, for a long time past, been a successful farmer, and his training stables have only been a side line. It is now stated that he is likely to forego the last-named task, and devote himself entirely to his farming.

Polymorphous is reported to be doing well after his recent operation, and his throat has now healed. It will, however, be three or four months before the big son of Multiform is put into solid work again.

F. Stenning has disposed of Epsom Lass, and the mare is now a member of R. Brough's string at Hawera.

Weights for the V.R.C. Grand Nationals have now appeared. In the Hurdle Race The Reckoning has been allotted top-weight, 11st 13lb. For the Steeplechase Grafmax, with 13st 5lb, is at the head of the handicap.

Maud S., the world-famous trotting mare of thirty years ago, when owned by the late George Stearns, was destroyed on Friday, 21st April.

B. Carslake and S. Ferguson, the two Victorian jockeys now riding in Austria, were not back in Austria long before they set to work. At the opening meeting of the season, Carslake rode three and Ferguson two winners, while L. H. Hewitt was also successful in a couple of races. A cable message received by his father in Melbourne on June 7 announces that Ferguson has since ridden the winners of both the Austria Derby and Oaks for Baron Springer, by whom he is retained.

After an exhaustive hearing the Taranaki Metropolitan Racing Committee decided to allow the appeal of R. Barlow against his disqualification by the Egmont Racing Club.

Mr Blume, of Brisbane, is the new owner of Lady Medallist. The St. Alwynne mare is at present spelling, but when J. Noud returns from the National meetings, in Melbourne, Lady Medallist will join his team.

The Winter Cup winner, Idealist, who has been a rank failure since racing in Victoria, and who has changed hands several times, is now being schooled over hurdles by S. O'Neill and, it is stated, is making good progress at the "lepping."

Mr P. Mitten, of the well-known Gran Vale stud farm, Temuka, has just sold his champion General Wood, son of Ribbonwood and Little Bell, to Archibald Leech, Resolution stud farm, Narruawaki, Auckland province. This handsome son of Ribbonwood was shown on several occasions and each time secured first and champion. The horse changed hands at 500 guineas, and Mr Mitten is to be congratulated on the breeding of such an animal. Mr Leech is well pleased with his purchase, which will make a welcome addition to the sires of his new district.

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WANGANUI.

(By Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, JUNE 19.

Fred Tilley has sent Piriwai home. The daughter of Obligado is remarkably fast, but has proved very disappointing, for the reason that she bleeds from the nose after galloping about half a mile. The Fordell trainer does not appear to have anything like a top-notch in his stable at present, Mescal and Gaby being perhaps the best. Goodwin Park is a good one, but is very unlucky. He is engaged in the New Zealand Cup, and may have to be reckoned with if landed at the post dressed in his best, that is, of course, providing he gets a decent run—which seldom happens in his case.

Some good work has been done during the last week or so on the local tracks by the jumping division. Lull and Sardonyx jumped the big country in splendid style, and on the form shown may be expected to run well at the Hawke's Bay and Napier Park meetings, where the opposition may not be particularly strong. Lull has been paid up for in the Woodlands Steeples, in which he has 10.8, and in which Sardonyx is also engaged at 10.5. Lull is also amongst those left in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, in which he has to carry 10.0. D'Nil, in the same stable, is engaged in the Whakatu Hurdles at 10.4. This gelding has been jumping well recently and looks to be in capital nick.

Euroco is to be taken across for the Napier Park meeting. He had D'Nil as a companion for a spin over the small sticks on Thursday, and appeared to have all the best of the go. The Euroclydon gelding when at his very best is quite in the first class as a hurdler, but frequently does not run up to expectations.

There is no getting away from the fact that North East and St. Bill are a pair of clinking good hurdlers, judging by their track form, which continues to please the touts. Both are jumping in great style, and as their pace is undeniable there is every prospect of them winning some good hurdle races for Alex. Hall.

Jimmy Peachey has been entrusted with the training of Lady Jean (the two-year-old daughter of Pilcher and Merry-go-Round), who claims an engagement in the New Zealand Cup. This filly is owned by Mr. A. J. Toxward, who owns Lady Lucy, and has a very racy looking appearance.

That well-known sportsman, Mr. R. W. Patterson, who formerly owned Solution, and now owns Mon Ami, has taken over the Federal Hotel, where he should do well as he is so popular in sporting circles. Mon Ami is to go into the Fordell stable, so will lack nothing in the way of training under such a mentor as Fred Tilley. The latter has sent Shuja home to his owner, from which it would appear that the son of Soult is not expected to stand another preparation. Tilley is taking serenity in hand again. The spell the Handsome Jack gelding has had should have done him good, and he may be expected to show some decent form during the coming season.

Albert Jackson is breaking in the Wairiki colt which he recently bought in Auckland. The half brother to Coromandel is a promising looking youngster, and should develop into a fine two-year-old. Coromandel is being given a spell.

It is stated that F. Cress is likely to do the riding of the Karamu jumpers during the retirement of A. Julian.

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Mr. A. P. Conliffe's b c Charles O'Malley, by Desmond-Goody Two Shoes, 4yrs, 9.0 2
Sir R. C. Garton's b h Declare, by Desmond-Clara, 5yrs, 9.4 3

ASHBURTON TROTTING CLUB'S
WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Ashburton Trotting Club commenced its winter meeting last Thursday under most favourable circumstances. The weather, though cold, was fine and sunny, and the attendance much as usual. All the fields were large, while the track was in fair order, considering the heavy rains that fell in the beginning of the week. Totalisator investments for the day aggregated £4835, as against £2463 for the corresponding day last year, when, however, ten bookmakers were licensed at fees aggregating £118. Results:—

INTRODUCTORY HANDICAP.—Electric Jack 1, Radiant Morn 2, Imperial Tracey 3. Scratched: Bellfounder, Princess Dolly, Andy Regan. Won by a length. Time, 3min 4 1-5sec.

WAKANUI HANDICAP.—Treasure-Seeker 1, Prince Gift 2, J.C.H. 3. All started. Won by two lengths. Time, 5 min 14 1-5sec.

LONGBEACH HANDICAP.—Lyonnais 1, Quincy 2, Bold Maid 3. Scratched: Lady Lyons. Bold Maid and Lyonnais made the running from the start, and eventually the latter rounded the top turn slightly ahead, and from that out had matters his own way. Quincy, who had come up well, reached the post eight lengths away, and three lengths in front of Bold Maid. Time, 5min 0 3-5sec.

FIRST AMATEUR HANDICAP.—Princess Tracey 1, Miss Lyons 2, Beach Yaw 3. Scratched: Andy Regan, Captain Mac, All Tracey, Quebec. Won easing up by twelve lengths. Time, 3min 55 3-5sec.

LAGMOR HANDICAP.—Rolf Boldrewood 1, Medallion 2, Armament 3. All started. In the straight Medallion and Rolf Boldrewood were in front, and, in a good race to the post, the latter won by four lengths. Armament was twelve lengths away. Time, 3 min 43sec.

ALLENTON HANDICAP.—Miss Lyons 1, Rothschild, Jun. 2, Electric Jack 3. Scratched: Betty Martin, Triumph, Maid of the Forest. Won easing up by 40 yards. Time, 3min 53 3-5sec.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP.—Cute 1, Empress Eugenie 2, Flashwood 3. Won by six lengths.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting was concluded on Friday in delightfully fine weather. There was only a fair attendance. The totalisator investments for the day amounted to £5195 10s, and for the meeting £11,030 10s. The results are as follow:—

ADVANCE HANDICAP.—Imperial Tracey 1, Beach Yaw 2, Black Monarch 3. Scratched: Hazelfield, Bellfounder, Miss Greenwood. Won by 50 yards, with 20 yards between second and third. Time 3min 59sec.

MITCHAM HANDICAP.—Treasure-Seeker 1, Top Note 2, March Hare 3. Scratched: Rubican. Won by two lengths, four lengths separating second and third. Time, 5min 3 3-5sec.

ASHBURTON TROTTING CLUB HANDICAP.—Silver Princess 1, Belroy 2, Lyonnais 3. Scratched: Ferira. Norcen, who finished first, was disqualified for boring on to Silver Princess when nearing the winning post. It was a good race. Silver Princess finishing four lengths ahead of Belroy, with the rest close up. Time, 4min 54 1-5sec.

SECOND AMATEUR HANDICAP.—Princess Tracey 1, Lyonnais 2, Renee Clair 3. Scratched: Tring Park, Kilbarshan. The two first horses took charge at the top turn, and fought out a splendid finish. Princess Tracey winning by a head. Time, 3min 6sec.

AUTUMN HANDICAP.—Glenloth 1, Violet C. 2, Wickliffe 3. Scratched: Francita. Time, 3min 51 3-5sec.

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FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Lyonette 1, Delia 2, Dashwood 3. Scratched: Princess Tracey, Tring Park, Charming Boy. Won by six lengths, with three lengths between the second and third horses. Time, 2min 33sec.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS
AND ACCEPTANCES.

HANDICAPS.

GISBORNE R.C. MEETING.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, one mile and three-quarters.—Kremlin 10.13, Artie 9.13, Raupare 9.10, Te Kainui 9.8, Game 9.4, Cloughton 9.2, Appelles 9.0, Master Stead 9.0.

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WINTER OATS HANDICAP, one mile and 240 yards.—Paisano 11.5, Iney 10.4, Spate 10.1, Bunkum 10.0, Sublime 9.13, Erin 9.9, Obscurity 9.1, Berengaria 9.0.

HACK FLAT HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Bunkum 10.10, Scorch 10.8, Stourton 10.6, Ardferit 10.2, Game 9.13, Miss Ada 9.11, Josie 9.7, First Marshal 9.6, Cloughton 9.5, Santiago 9.5, Happy New Year 9.3, Rising Sun 9.0, Tyne Lass (late Miss Reay) 9.0.

TRIAL STEEPLECHASE, two miles.—Okaihu 11.5, Connecticut 11.3, Whata-shot 10.10, Captain Jingle 10.3, Mozart 10.0, Mooskin 9.13, Waiohika 9.11, Wanstead 9.9, Kohupatiki 9.9, The Plough 9.7, Castle Canter 9.7.

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HOW SOME HAVE FARED.

"KNOCKOUT" BROWN'S STYLE SUCCEEDS.

One of the oddest things about "Knockout" Brown, the New York lightweight, who recently gave Champion Wolgast such a surprise at Philadelphia, is the attitude he assumes when facing an opponent. He always stands with the right arm and foot extended, in direct contrast to the regulation pose adopted and taught by all boxing teachers. Nearly every novice, when he starts his first lesson with the gloves, wants to stick out his right arm and foot, but this is quickly put a stop to by the teacher. It isn't very easy, as a general thing to persuade the learner to switch to the other position, and the tutor usually accomplishes the desired change by demonstrating with the aid of a couple of sharply administered jolts the uselessness of the novice's guard when opposed to a left-hand artist.

But Brown appears to have made his own style pay, notwithstanding all the sneers of the critics who assert that a man cannot hope to make good at the stuffed mitt game unless he conforms to the accepted fashion of wielding the said mitts. The probability is that if Brown tried to box in regulation style he would become a mark for the most mediocre performers.

There are some fighters who are natural born scrappers, able to slug merrily and with tremendous effect along certain lines. Now, take one of these fellows and endeavour to mould him into a different pattern, one that seems more in unison with established theories, the chances are just a million to one that you will spoil him altogether. Imagine trying to make Terry McGovern stand up, jab prettily, and do fancy side-stepping, when the former Brooklyn terror was in his prime.

It is best to let nature alone in these kind of cases. Whether Brown will continue to win victories in his own peculiar way remains to be seen. If he does, he will be the first pugilist of class who won fame and fortunes under such conditions. There never has been a fighter in recent years, outside of Brown, who used the left arm for guarding and the right to jab with—that is to say, never one that amounted to a row of beans. Now and again some raw kid has bobbed into view as a preliminary who held his arms in an attitude à la Brown, but he seldom appeared more than once.

Back in the nineties, however, there was a big, hulking heavy-weight named Mike Boden, who always sparred with the right auctioneer extended. Mike hailed from Philadelphia, and was celebrated principally as a trial horse for champions. Whenever a star heavyweight visited Philly, they sprang Michael on him, with the proviso that the visitor was to stop Boden in four or six rounds.

BODEN, A CANADIAN FIGHTER.

Though Boden was generally announced as coming from Philadelphia, he was really a Canadian, and known to his intimates as "The Canuck." He was not a very agreeable sort of person, the same Mike. When he was up against a hard puncher in the ring he was wont to get ugly after he had been made the target for a few shrewd wallops, and then the "Canuck" indulged in every foul trick known in the business; and he was a dab at inventing new ones. His queer sparring attitude puzzled quite a few clever men, who found themselves at sea when commencing an attack on the huge frame of the right hand jabber.

In 1892, Jim Hall, the clever Australian, who was then milling in good form, took on Boden at Chicago for a four-round bout. According to the terms of the contest Hall was to stop Boden in the distance. Jim started out blithely enough, but the straight unerring left which had always proved so vindictively effective in punishing an adversary seemed to have lost its bearings. Boden's right was always in the way, and being a much bigger fellow than Hall, he kept crowding the Australian continually. Hall's cleverness enabled him to keep out of the track of Boden's swings. Mike being a clumsy individual and not possessed of any particular accuracy of aim.

But Jim was not accomplishing much at that, and his failure to land

properly riled him immensely. In the second round Hall dashed savagely at his opponent, slipped inside Mike's exasperating right, and battled him on the jaw with a good satisfying jolt. Mike muttered an oath, clutched the Australian's slim figure in his arms, and extending his bull neck, bit Hall on the shoulder.

Hall uttered a yelp of dismay and anger, and the fight broke up amid a scene of wild disorder. Boden was disqualified, of course, but as he had insisted upon receiving his money before he entered the ring, that didn't trouble him any. He was anything but a sensitive soul.

But retribution camped swiftly on Boden's trail. At the ringside, while Boden was using his molars, sat Joe Choynski. The latter sized Boden up thoroughly and decided that he could figure out a plan of battle which would put the kibosh on the man-eater. A match was arranged between Choynski and Boden, under the same terms as those governing the bout with Hall. When the men faced each other in the ring, Choynski instantly adopted the same attitude as Boden—right arm and right foot out.

This was meeting Mike with his own weapons, and the "Canuck" didn't like it. Joe seemed perfectly at home, and whenever Mike tried to jab, he was countered with straight rights that shook him from his square dome to his wide feet. He then tried to clinch and outrough Choynski, but the latter was strong at the wrestling game, and wrenched Michael's joints in painful fashion.

For a couple of rounds Mike staggered along, getting much the worst

boxer who tried to change his style to suit Brown's methods would probably find himself up a tree in no time. The pose is second nature to the knockout youth, and one that a man accustomed to spar according to the usual rules could hardly venture to assume with any hope of success.

OLD BOXERS GIVE WAY TO YOUTH.

FITZSIMMONS AN EXCEPTION.

There was only one Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons. Only one gawky blacksmith, who, at the age of 35, went out and won a world's championship, and for five years successfully defended it. Old Bob set a record that will probably stand for all time in the archives of fistiana. Fitz was the Mme. Bernhardt of fightdom. Age did not leave any defects upon him and he was fighting great battles when other men were past the meridian of their years. The freckled Cornishman established a goal that fighters of the present day will never be able to touch.

There are few old glove rammers in the ring today. The rusty arms of antiquity have evidently been consigned to their proper place—the junk man's back yard. Age cuts small figure with the exponents of the many art of pummeling. Youth is king, and a man's proficiency is not gauged by his years because all of the children of the God of Fisticuffs are pretty equitably matched in this regard.

In the hit and get away game of to-day, a man past thirty is rated as

twins, Mike and Jack (Twin) Sullivan, rank next in order in the list. Jack has been stopping cross-counters and moving his hands in faultless rhythm for nearly 13 years. Mike is the junior twin of the ring sport. He only took up the game in earnest in 1901, when the fame of his brother began to permeate his being.

Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, is 32 years of age. The fight game has known him for nine years. Flynn is the last of the millers over the one score and ten.

Following are the ages of the other oldest ring celebrities of to-day, showing positively that youth is dominant: Owen Moran, 27; Tommy Murphy, 26; Harry Lewis, 25; Willie Lewis, 27; Abe Attel, 27; Tony Caponi, 29; Hugo Kelly, 28; Fighting Dick Nelson, 28; Jack Redmond, 27; Battling Nelson, 29; Jem Driscoll, 30; and Rudolph Unholz, 30.

A 20-rounds contest at Melbourne last week, between Billy Elliott and Frank Thorn, resulted in the latter gaining a points' victory over the New Zealander, after an exciting set-to.

Bill Turner the Tasmanian heavyweight, is very keen on getting a chance at showing his skill against Jack Lester, but so far the American has turned a deaf ear to his harangues.

Says an eye-witness of the Jim Flynn-Al Kaufmann fight, in which the latter obtained such a gruelling at the hands of the fireman:—"Kaufman was knocked completely out, a



GROUP OF WELL KNOWN AUCKLANDERS, TAKEN ON THE OCCASION OF MR. W. W. NAUGHTON'S RECENT VISIT TO HIS NATIVE TOWN AFTER A LENGTHY ABSENCE.

of it. He held on repeatedly and refused to break and then Choynski brought another trick into play.

As Boden clung to him like a leech, Joe shifted his arm until the elbow rested upon the apple of his opponent's throat. Then he utilised his right glove as a hammer, driving down upon the left. As the bone of Choynski's elbow stabbed into his throat, Boden groaned in agony, gurgled once or twice and broke away. It wasn't exactly according to the rules as laid down and promulgated by the Marquis of Queensbury of esteemed memory—but it was just the proper caper in dealing with a thug of Boden's stamp. He had found a man who could and would meet him with foul for foul, since he refused to fight any other way, and the licking that Boden received on that occasion was such that veteran ring followers present almost wept tears of pure, unadulterated joy.

Nobody, however, accuses Brown of fighting foul, his whimsical pose is the only thing in which he differs from the ordinary fighter. It has been suggested that it might be well for someone to use Brown's own tactics when facing him. But that would be a somewhat risky proceeding. Choynski worked it all right on Boden, because the latter was slow and clumsy, whereas Brown is as supple and quick as a cat. The average

being on the decline of his powers. He is looked upon in ring circles the same as an octogenarian. Such a man has not a chance of ever ascending to a title, although one does hold one now—Jack Johnson. But the negro is an exception.

Only five fighters who are now making their living by sticking gloves into an opponent's features are over 30. These are Jack Johnson, Cyclone Johnny Thompson, Mike and Jack (Twin) Sullivan and Jim Flynn. Only two are 30—Jem Driscoll and Rudolph Unholz. Of those passed the acknowledged period of decadence, Cyclone Johnny Thompson is the eldest. Sycamore, Illinois (U.S.), was the first training quarters of the cyclonic one 35 years ago. Thompson is the oldest fighter of the present time. However, he didn't start as early as some of his competitors and has only been in active conflict nine years. There is a queer angle connected with the Cyclo's history. A lightweight and welterweight until 35, he turns into a light heavyweight, left registered at 161 pounds.

Next to Thompson is the Champion, Johnson. The negro has participated in the sorrows and joys of mundane existence for 34 years. Johnson has come the closest to Fitz's record. He was 32 when he won the title from Tommy Burns.

The two antiquated bald-headed

swinging right uppercut to the jaw, followed by another to the chin, after the Californian was almost helpless earlier in the round, being the finishing wallops to one of the best battles seen at Kansas City between heavies for a long time. From the third round on when Kaufman, under a shower of blows, took the count of nine, the battle was all in favour of the fireman."

In these columns is reproduced a photograph of a group of well-known Aucklanders, who met together to welcome their old friend, Mr. W. W. Naughton, during the latter's visit to his native town some few weeks ago. In order to commemorate the occasion, Mr. Arthur Myers, M.P., ex-Mayor of Auckland, invited the members of the group to Jenkinson's studio, and presented each of them with a copy, a considerate action that was greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Al. Kubiak, who was spoken of some time ago as an American heavyweight likely to visit Australia next season, was recently beaten by Joe Jeanette. The last-named showed that he had the "Indian's sign" on Kubiak by stopping him in the ninth round. The pair had met twice previously, the coloured man winning on each occasion.

FOOTBALL.

SENIOR CUP FIXTURES.

June 24—Parnell v. Ponsonby, University v. Newton, City v. Marist Bros., Grafton a bye.

SATURDAY'S SENIOR MATCHES.

Perfect weather prevailed on Saturday for the Auckland Rugby Union's club championship matches, and the attendance at Alexandra Park constituted a record for the season. The match between University and Marist Bros. evinced great interest in football circles, and these teams had pride of place on No. 1 ground. Both sides being possessed of fast and clever backs, an excellent game was promised, but though the match was very evenly contested and caused much excitement between the rival barrackers, it did not fulfil expectations. It was only in the latter part of the match that the players gave a good

show, the opposition being badly outclassed, and it would be a wise course for the Newton team to adopt to withdraw from the competition after next Saturday—which brings the first round to a close—as by so doing they will shorten the second round of the A.R.U. championships by two Saturdays.

University and Marists Draw.

After watching the University-Marist Bros. match, the question arises as to whether the students are playing with as much dash now as in the opening matches. Many are to be found who express the opinion that the hard matches in which the 'Varsity team have so far participated, are commencing to tell on the light blue combination, and some venture the opinion that the students are losing their form. Certainly the University backs, who are regarded as the main hope of the students, did not give as bright and as clever an exhibition on Satur-

day as in previous games, but they were undoubtedly hampered to some extent by the loss of their mainstay in Gray, who left the field injured, while the rarity with which they secured the leather from the scrum counted against them greatly. Then again, the 'Varsity forwards were outmatched by the heavier Marist Bros.' front division, so that the light blue backs were working under extreme difficulties, having to make all their own openings. Still, making allowance for all this, there can be no doubt that the 'Varsity rearguard, lacked their usual combination, their best work being accomplished individually, although more than one golden opportunity was lost through the one man attempting to do too much. However, the clean and attractive play of the 'Varsity team has made them universally popular with the football-going crowd, and their many supporters are still hopeful of them taking a very prominent part in the decision of the championship, despite the set-backs of the past couple of Saturdays. The Marist Bros. did no more than was expected of them in Saturday's match, for though they established a lead in the first spell, and had everything in their favour, a draw was the best they could make of it. The Marist Bros. forwards played together well, and it was principally due to their efforts that

How the Points Were Obtained.

University had a dazzling sun to face in the first quarter, which troubled their backs to no little extent. Passing runs were frequently attempted by both teams during this spell, but with fruitless results, mulling and errors of judgment being strongly in evidence. The Marists did most of the attacking, and after pressing the students near the line, Little snapped up the leather smartly, and shot across, registering the Old Boys' first try. B. O'Brien had an unsuccessful shot at goal. Marists 3, 'Varsity nil. Just before the quarter ended, Gray was injured in stopping a rush and had to retire, Shepherd replacing him. The Marist Bros. were having all the best of it in the second spell, but were unable to break through 'Varsity's defence. Finally they were awarded a penalty, and Little being entrusted with the kick piloted the leather over the crossbar. The Marists continued on the aggressive, but the students, opening play up to their backs, the Old Boys had a busy time of it defending. A passing run initiated by Bamford saw the leather travel to Blkely to Wilkes, and the 'Varsity wing forward, when tackled by J. O'Brien, transferred to Macky, and the speedy threequarter, raced in and scored. He took the kick himself, but without success, and half-time was called with the score: Marists 6, 'Varsity 3. Matters livened up considerably on resuming, and some exciting play took place in close proximity to 'Varsity's line, but Marists' efforts were not of the finished order and no score resulted in this spell. Shortly after the commencement of the final quarter, Wilson scored one of the finest tries ever witnessed at Alexandra Park. Securing possession in his own 25, Wilson put in a brilliant sprint up the field to the Marists' fullback, then handed on to Shepherd, coming round in time to take the return pass, and dashing across and scoring amid the wildest excitement. Macky was again unsuccessful with the kick, making the score equal: Marists 6, 'Varsity 6. The concluding stage of the match was fought out at a great pace, but the end came without further score.

Comments on the Players.

Wilkes, the 'Varsity wing forward, who altered his position to five-eighths when Gray left the field, was in the thick of the fray from start to finish, and he used his best endeavours to open up the game as much as possible, often with excellent results. Of the other University forwards Bamford did good work on the line-out, while Grierson and McDavitt grafted consistently. Of the backs Macky, on the wing three-quarter, was responsible for the best exhibition, and his work was in all respects highly creditable. Macky should be heard further of when the team for South comes to be selected. Geddes, the other wing, also gave a clever display, and is a first-class man in the position. Borrie, at five-eighths, got through all that was required of him with a fair degree of success, his rush-stopping being his strongest attribute. Wilson played brilliantly on occasions, particularly when he scored his clever try, but there were times when his work was not up to the standard expected of a player of his calibre. Harris, on the wing, played a fine game for the Marist Bros., giving his side a great deal of assistance. Herring put plenty of dash into his work, while Dennehey rendered able assistance. Nolan displayed good form at half-back, giving his rearguard plenty to do. Little, on the wing three-quarter, shone up well on the attack, his pace coming in very handy at times. The bulk of the defence fell to the O'Brien Bros., both of whom distinguished themselves, J. O'Brien, at full-back giving a faultless exhibition.

The Grafton-Ponsonby Match.

The Grafton-Ponsonby match was a spirited enough exhibition, but now and then the play became very ragged. The forwards were well-matched as regards strength, but the Graftonites

The desirableness of white gloves over dark is never more vividly brought home than in a picture show. The white are easily followed, especially when one of the fighters is a coon. The dark glove is merged in the colored mass, and the eye is unable to follow it, while, as a fact, the 'graph can only faintly suggest it, anyway.

The prospect of a club swinging competition between Tom Burrows and Jack Beamish, the Englishman, in Australia, is causing considerable interest throughout the Commonwealth, and as arrangements are now practically completed for the match, it should not be long before the pair measure endurance. Beamish has accomplished great things in the club swinging world, and when the last Australian mail left, he was engaged in an attempt at West Maitland to create a world's record of 82 hours. Club swinging is at present booming in Australia, and on the 6th inst. Harry Lawson, a native of Macleay, beat Burrows' record at the Theatre Royal, Kempsey, N.S.W., by five minutes, swinging clubs continuously for 76 hrs. 15mins., and finishing wonderfully fresh.

Those who availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the novel exhibition given by Gardiner and De Mar, jiu-jitsu experts, who have lately been showing on the Fuller circuit in the principal towns of New Zealand, will be interested to learn that a contest will in all probability take place shortly in Sydney, in which the skill of jiu-jitsu will be pitted against pugilisticscience. The proposed match is the result of a £500 challenge recently issued by Professor Stevenson, a jiu-jitsu exponent, to meet any boxer in a contest for supremacy. This challenge has been accepted by none other than Bill Squires, ex-Australian champion boxer, who is to fight Lang for the fourth time in August next, his match with Stevenson to take place before he tries conclusions with the Melbourne heavyweight. Squires, who since his retirement from the ring, has been engaged in farming pursuits, expects to be in great fettle by the time for the match with Stevenson rolls round, and has hopes of handing out a sleep-producer to the jui-jitsu man on that occasion. Gardiner and Le Mar's tour of New Zealand sufficed to convince athletic enthusiasts on this side of the Tasman as to the effectiveness of jiu-jitsu holds when properly applied, and few, after watching their exhibitions, would view with any favour Bill Squires' chances of winning the contest against an experienced exponent of this modern Japanese art of self-defence.

Jack Johnson, world's champion, is at present engaged on a boxing tour of Great Britain, where he will give exhibitions in the principal towns. It is now just on two and a half years since Johnson won the championship from Tommy Burns in Sydney, and during that period no boxer that has met the clever negro fighter has troubled Johnson in the slightest. The position at present with regard to pitting a man against the negro with any chance of success is infinitely worse than was the case a couple of years back, and with the crushing defeat of Jim Jeffries, it would seem that the only hope of the white race flickered out, as outside of the big boilermaker no boxer has yet seriously been considered a match for the black champion. After exhaustive try-outs the long list of white hopes has dwindled down, and though Carl Morris has perhaps emerged from the ordeal first in the public's favour, he can scarcely be regarded as a likely opponent for Johnson, which means that there is only one man whose claims are worthy of recognition, and that man is a black—Sam Langford. It would give the white race but little satisfaction to witness a black beat a black for the world's championship, and, therefore, the average ring enthusiast cares little whether the Boston Tar Baby and Johnson are brought together or not. One thing is plainly evident, and that is the present crop of heavyweights, with the exception of the two negroes mentioned, is a decidedly poor one, and indications point to the fact that there is no likelihood of any Bob Fitzsimmons, Jem Corbotts, Tom Sharkeys, Kid McCoys, and other boxers of this stamp appearing on the horizon at present. Meanwhile, Jack Johnson may strut about without a care or worry, and being in a class by himself, there is nothing for followers of the ring to do but herald him on all sides as the undoubted champion of the world.



Two Clever Auckland Wing Threequarters:—HARRISON and WOLFGRAMM (Grafton).

exposition of Rugby, their play in the opening stages being patchy and of a moderate character. The final result was a draw, each side registering six points, and consequently the enthusiasm of the onlookers was maintained right up to the finish. University having sustained a defeat on the previous Saturday at the hands of City, Saturday's draw with Marist Bros. leaves the students a point behind City in the club competition. Ponsonby and Grafton met on No. 2 ground and after a keenly fought out game the match ended in a draw, 11 points going down to the credit of each side. The scoring was all done in the first half, the uncertain handling of the leather in the second spell being in a large measure responsible for no points being registered in the latter half of the game. Ponsonby opened very willingly in the first quarter, and it appeared as though the wearers of the blue and black were in for a fairly easy victory, but the Graftonites bestirred themselves and were soon a match for their opponents in all departments, honours being most even in the play that followed the equalising of the scores. Parnell met a weakened Newton team on No. 4 ground, and the maroons secured their first win of the season by the substantial margin of 30 points to nil. The Parnell men did not over-exert them-

selves, the opposition being badly outclassed, and it would be a wise course for the Newton team to adopt to withdraw from the competition after next Saturday—which brings the first round to a close—as by so doing they will shorten the second round of the A.R.U. championships by two Saturdays.

beat their opponents on the line-outs, while the Ponsonby men held the advantage in the scrums. Had the Grafton players pulled themselves together a trifle earlier than they did, and so prevented the six points being recorded against them in the first quarter, victory would more than likely have come their way. Ponsonby's early scoring appeared to spur last year's champions on to greater efforts, but Grafton then met them with a solid resistance, and managed to even up the score by half-time. The second half was pointless, both sides putting a good deal of vim into their work, and towards the end the Ponsonby vanguard exhibited signs of their condition giving out, whereas the Graftonites were playing as hard as ever. The showing of both rear divisions was somewhat disappointing, as though given a great many chances, they often failed badly through fumbling the leather and getting out of their positions. The game, nevertheless, was an interesting one, the occasional glimpses of combined open play making up for the straggling exhibition which it sometimes developed into.

Each Side Notches 11 Points.

Ponsonby assumed the aggressive from the start, and invading Grafton's territory in pursuit of a high kick by Murray, McDonald dribbled the ball over the line and scored. O'Leary failed to convert. Ponsonby 3, Grafton nil. Ponsonby returned to the attack and Clarke, breaking through the black and whites' defence, passed to Nicholson, who dived over and scored. Hall's attempt at goal proved fruitless. Ponsonby 6, Grafton nil. Grafton rallied and Wolfgramm figured in a fine piece of attacking, getting over Ponsonby's line but losing the ball at the critical moment. Grafton, however, were not to be denied, and they kept pegging away until a chance presenting itself, the forwards, with a determined rush, carried all before them, Glenn forcing down for the black and whites. Candy landed a splendid goal. Grafton then roused themselves for another effort, and Glenn was soon over again, from a pass given him near Ponsonby's line by Smyth. Candy's shot at goal was unsuccessful. Grafton 8, Ponsonby 6. Play at this stage became vigorous, and Murray was instrumental in Ponsonby obtaining another try, this player, after centring, securing the ball himself, and transferring to Cunningham, who scored. D'Audney piloted the ball over the bar. Ponsonby 11, Grafton 8. Grafton being awarded a penalty, Candy sent the ball between the uprights and a moment later the whistle sounded with the score: Ponsonby 11, Grafton 11. A great tussle ensued in the second half, in which honours were fairly even, but the game ended with the score unaltered.

Players Showing Good Form.

Hall was always conspicuous among the Ponsonby forwards, and he was a source of trouble to the opposing team. Sellers, Cunningham, and Hornbrook comprised a trio, who got down to their tasks in good style. Bate played well among the backs, getting in much serviceable work. Murray, O'Leary, and McGregor all stood out prominently at various stages of the match, their play taken all round, being above reproach. For Grafton, Glenn played a sterling game in the forward division, and will assuredly make a name for himself in Auckland football ere long. Others who rendered the Grafton team invaluable assistance were Pople, Swainson, and O'Brien. Wolfgramm was the pick of the backs, the dashing three-quarter being a tower of strength to his side. Edwards and Power also gave good accounts of themselves, being associated with the bulk of the work accomplished by the black and white rearguard.

Parnell's First Victory.

Parnell, whose record up to Saturday last consisted of two losses and two drawn games, made no mistake when opposed to the weakest team in the competition, the result being Newton suffered defeat to the extent of

30 points to nil. The game was, as the score indicates, too one-sided to need much comment. In general all-round play the advantage easily lay with the wearers of the maroon, and at no time did Newton look like bringing off a surprise by causing a break in their list of defeats. Newton made a promising struggle in the early portion of the game, but this was of the flash in the pan order, and once the Parnell team were in scoring vein the points mounted up rapidly. Parnell's display in the first half of the game was not calculated to impress the few spectators who viewed the game, chance after chance being lost with monotonous regularity, the maroons' attacks being very ragged. In the second half, however, matters underwent a change, and the ball coming from the scrum more cleanly, the Parnell backs threw the leather about to advantage, passing runs being manoeuvred at frequent intervals with successful results. Newton made a poor attempt at defence once the Parnellites obtained a lead, the maroons running in and scoring almost when they liked. The Newtonites, besides comparing unfavourably with the other teams in the competition as regards weight, are a long way below senior form, and cannot hope to meet with anything but reverses should they elect to play through the second round.

Scorers of Parnell's Points.

Butterworth opened Parnell's scoring account, by notching a try from a scramble in Newton's 25. Hardwicke failed to convert. Parnell 3, Newton nil. Franks secured the maroons' second try, Hardwicke being again unsuccessful with the kick. Thomas obtained Parnell's third try after a dodgy run, and Warbrick added the major points. Parnell 11, Newton nil. The score was unaltered when the whistle blew for half-time. In the second half Armstrong made a good opening and transferred to Hardwicke, who sprinted in and scored. Thomas failed with the shot. A passing run by the maroon backs gave Hogan a chance, and the speedy three-quarter was across the line in a flash. Clarke failed with the kick. Shortly after Hogan got over again, and Hardwicke landed a superb goal. Parnell 22, Newton nil. A vigorous tussle near Newton's line resulted in Muir scoring, but Hogan's shot at goal proved fruitless. Endean then scored for the maroons, and Twinnane converted, making the score: Parnell 30, Newton nil.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES.

SECOND GRADE.

The meeting of the two undefeated teams in the second grade championship—College Rifles and Ponsonby—caused great excitement among Rugby enthusiasts, the match being played as a "curtain raiser" to the University-Marist Bros. game. Those who were out at the Park early were rewarded with a bright and spectacular exhibition, in which honours went to College Rifles, who played in a manner that would do credit to any senior team, the final scores being College Rifles 19, Ponsonby 12. For the winners tries were obtained by Weston (2), Campbell, Walker, and Nesbitt, two of which were converted by Ifwerison, while for Ponsonby Swain and Cross scored tries, while Cross kicked two penalty goals.

University beat Marist Brothers by 17 points to nil.

Parnell beat Newton by 13 points to 3.

THIRD GRADE.

Marist Brothers beat College Rifles by 8 points to 3.

Parnell beat Engineers by 41 points to 3.

Laidlaw Leeds beat No. 2 Natives by 11 points to nil.

City beat Garrison Artillery by 6 points to 3.

FOURTH GRADE.

Grafton won from Ponsonby B by default.

Rovers defaulted to Marist Bros. City beat Ponsonby by 12 points to nil.

Parnell won by default from Newton.

FIFTH GRADE.

Ponsonby A beat City by 28 points to nil. A City player was ordered off for using bad language.

Newton B beat Marist Brothers by 12 points to nil.

Newton A beat Grafton by 11 points to 3.

Ponsonby B beat Newton C by 17 points to 5.

NOTES.

The Auckland team will play the Thames at Thames on July 1.

Robertson, the Parnell five-eighths, left on Monday for Christchurch, and will, therefore, not be seen out for the maroons again this season.

Jack Martin, who last year was a member of the Parnell team and also represented Auckland B, played for Hawke's Bay against Poverty Bay at Gisborne on Saturday, the match in question ending in a draw—each side scoring 12 points.

The University fifteen still retain an unbeaten record so far this season in the Otago championship competition, but their victory over Pirates on Saturday by 3 points to nil was a very close call.

"Manko" Tomlinson, who is well-known in athletic circles in Auckland, had the misfortune to break his leg just above the ankle while playing for the City third grade team on Saturday. The fracture was sustained as the result of crossing his leg with another player's whilst making a kick at the leather.

Walsh, the clever Ponsonby half-back, worked a double shift on Saturday. He donned the jersey for the Ponsonby first juniors against College Rifles, which match was played prior to the senior games, and then he took Webb's place in the Ponsonby senior team in their contest with Grafton. To play two such strenuous matches as these proved to be is a task that would be found beyond a great many of the best trained footballers, but Walsh lasted both games out in a whole-hearted manner.

Webb, the Ponsonby half-back, received a nasty kick in the head while playing in a Tramway match on Thursday, necessitating the insertion of three stitches. He was unable to play for Ponsonby on Saturday, but will be seen out for the blue and blacks in their match against Parnell.

The Auckland Electric Tramways team will journey to Wellington later on in the season, where they will meet the Tramway representatives of the Empire City. The Auckland team includes the following well-known players: J. Hall, Webb, McDonald, McGregor, O'Leary, and J. Franks.

The Parnell team intend paying Rotorua another visit after the senior competition is completed, and will play the representatives of the Hot Lakes District, with whom they drew last year.

WANGANUI NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Pirates again "made good" on Saturday, when they defeated Wanganui by 18 points to nil. There was no score in the first spell, but the blacks were unlucky in not notching a couple of scores, over eagerness being the cause of failure. Half way through the opening spell, W. Dustin, one of the finest forwards in the Union, got a nasty kick on the face, having his cheek cut open and his nose broken. This player has been very unfortunate this season, as in the seven-a-side tourney, which opened the season he hurt his ankle within two minutes of the game starting, and

Saturday was the first time he had gone on the field since. In the second half, the blacks had much the best of matters, putting much more dash into their work, while Wanganui slackened off very considerably.


The Pirates now have a big mortgage on the Cup, as they have to win but one more game to retain the championship. So far, they have won all their matches, and it must be said that they well deserve success, as they train well, and are always ready to play a game right out. They are a very light lot, but their lack of weight is made up for by the dash they display.

Wanganui were unfortunately unable to place their full strength in the field, and had to play three junior forwards, who had already played one game during the afternoon. Edgar McDonald, late of the Marist Bros. team, Auckland, played for the red and blacks, and did excellent work on the wing. He had the bad luck to have a small bone under the eye broken just before the end of the game. If he is available he should be a certainty for the next rep. team, which is to play Taranaki on the 6th July at Hawera.

Kaierau defeated Eastern by 17 to 6, after a more even game than the scores would indicate. One of the Kaierau scores was obtained in a rather peculiar way. When the second spell was about to start, three of the Eastern men were off the field, and O'Donnell, of the Eastern side, who was going to kick off waited until these men ran across the half-way mark to "on side." He then ran to kick the ball, and the referee, who had not yet given the usual signal to commence, at once whistled, the kick and the sound of the whistle being simultaneous. Eastern thought there must be some infringement, and when the ball was returned over their goal line they never attempted to get it. Souter of the opposing side, who followed up the kick, touched down, and was awarded the try. The referee said he simply blew his whistle, as he was supposed to do, as the signal to kick off. Eastern talk of appealing against the score, but it is a matter of fact, and therefore there can be no appeal. In any case the score did not affect the result.

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In "A Woman of Pleasure," one of the finest melodramas in the enterprising manager's repertoire, William Anderson is catering admirably for lovers of the picturesque and sensational. There are many exciting scenes in the play, chief amongst them being the Relief of Mafeking, a Balloon Scene, and the Burning of a British Troop Ship, the last named scene earning especial praise when the drama was last produced in Melbourne.

The passing of the weeks seems to have no effect upon "Our Miss Gibbs," unless it be to render it more popular than ever. As a matter of fact, so far there is no indication of a decrease in the audiences which throng Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, each evening to revel in the many delightful features of the record musical comedy, but on the contrary, the attendances are increasing. From the rise to the fall of the curtain one bright and sparkling item is followed by another, and music, comedy, and dance in a brilliant setting of gorgeous costuming and attractive scenery, holds the audience in thrall until the close of the performance.

The new dame for the "Jack and the Beanstalk" Pantomime, Mr Jack Cannot, gave a slight indication of his vocal talent as "King Stoneybrokish" in the production. As a matter of fact Mr Cannot, who was originally engaged for the "dame" part in the pantomime, is an accomplished musician, and a most excellent entertainer socially. As a consequence he is in great demand among hostesses, who are anxious to make their social functions pass off well. In addition to singing, Mr Cannot is a first-class pianist, and having originally been trained for a Grand Opera career, very naturally is quite at home with the best music. One of his most notable feats is that of being able to play the whole of the "Madam Butterfly" music from memory. He is also conversant with a series of dainty French songs, which he renders in a most artistic manner. It may be asked why so talented a musician should devote his life to the lighter side of the theatrical profession, but Mr Cannot's answer to this question is that in his present line of business he is never idle, whereas he could not expect anything like the same satisfactory state of affairs if he confined himself exclusively to Grand Opera. He confesses that waiting for fame and in the meantime starving in a garret, does not appeal to him, and even for art's sake he is not prepared to make such a sacrifice.

Mr John MacCormack, the great Irish tenor, who will be included in the Melba Grand Opera Company, was born at Athlone, Ireland, where his parents still reside. At one time it

soon became quite famous. He was in such request that very shortly out of his earnings he was able to undergo a course of study. His own natural ability and his training stood him in such good stead that he succeeded in taking London by storm. Then he went to Milan, and took lessons from Sabatini. In 1907 he took the tenor role in "Cavalleria Rusticana," and from that moment his fame was assured, and his name was on the lips of every music lover in London where he appeared.

The new dame of the "Jack and the Beanstalk" pantomime, Mr Jack Cannot, once had a very amusing experience when playing a similar role in one of the English provinces. He appeared on the stage as a fresh, complexioned dame of about fifty summers, and looked his part to perfection. So much so indeed that an innkeeper in the district, who was evidently on the look out for just such a better half as the pantomime dame appeared to be, sent a note to Mr Cannot, offering his hand and heart in matrimony, and appointing a place of meeting. In full enjoyment of the joke the "dame" turned up at the place appointed in his usual every-day male attire, fully prepared to enjoy a good laugh at the expense of the innkeeper. But when that personage hove in sight—a big, burly man with a florid complexion and red whiskers Mr Cannot thought discretion was the better part of valour, and he quitted the field without uttering one word in explanation of the misunderstanding.

MUSICAL NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

Miss Myrtle Meggy, the Sydney pianist, is to give a recital in the Aeolian Hall, London, on the 29th inst., in conjunction with the Hon. Julian Clifford, the well-known English vocalist.

Mr Norman L. Martin, who plays the 'cello in the Sheffield Choir orchestra, is, I think, the youngest member of that picked band of musicians. Mr Martin, who is not yet out of his teens, is a very talented musician, who has a great future in front of him. He is a compositor by trade, and is in the employ of the "New Zealand Times."

Madame Kate Rooney, who had a very busy time during Easter with concerts in London and the Provinces, is back again in the "Big Smoke." On April 26th, Madame Rooney sang at the annual concert of the Catholic Association, and on the 27th, at the Royal Victoria Hall, with the band of the First Life Guards.

Mr A. H. Gee, the basso of Westminster Cathedral Choir, and well-known in New Zealand, was tendered a complimentary concert in Pillar's Rooms, Victoria, London, on April 27th. He was assisted by sixty-six of the most popular of the London artists, including Madame Kate Rooney, Annie Barth, Ruby Helder, Clara Hubbard, Hope Jackson, Maude Niver, Messrs Barclay Gammon, Harrison Hill, Arthur Helmore, Ernest Meads, Harold Montague, George Mozart, Charles Pond, W. Lewell, Lloyd Shakespeare, George Snazelle, and Henry Stockwell, etc.

"Madame Melba, artiste." This may—or may not—be the new title of the great Diva. Melba is in London at the moment, says "Bayard" in the Manchester "Sunday Chronicle," and negotiations are nearing completion for her appearance at a West End variety theatre. Next to Bernhardt, the conversion of Melba to variety would be the greatest achievement yet attained in connection with advanced vaudeville. It is not certain what Melba's decision will be, but at present the odds seem to favour her accepting the terms offered. These are big, you may be sure. It is likely that the inducement approaches in value that which finally won over the great Bernhardt. Should the efforts to secure Melba be successful, it is probable that she will have the assistance on the stage of a famous Italian tenor, and that they will do excerpts from "Carmen," and other of her favourite operas. It would be a triumph of the music-hall providers if she could be engaged to make her choice of material from "Carmen," "Rigoletto," and "La Boheme."

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At the Annual Meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of New Zealand, held on the 19th October, 1910, a resolution was unanimously adopted constituting the Sporting and Dramatic Review, the official organ of the Association for the Dominion.

H. J. WILLIAMS.

Secretary N.Z. L.V. Association.
Wellington, October 20, 1910.

TEMPERANCE ETHICS.

THE MORALS OF A "NO-LICENSE" CONVENTION.

MORE HALF TRUTHS.

"Assume a virtue if you have it not" might well be taken as the motto of the "No-License" Convention that closed its sittings in Wellington last week. The same old spirit of intolerance actuated the delegates from the opening of the Conference until its close. The truth was only partially told upon most of the subjects engaging their attention. It is assumed that the last word that can be said in favour of alcoholic liquors, either as beverages or medicines has been controverted and that there is "no other side" to the problems that are to engage the attention of the people at the licensing poll next November, other than that propounded by the leaders of the Alliance. So sure are they of their position that one of their chiefs, the Revd. J. Dawson declared yesterday week that "the liquor traffic has to die in New Zealand." Some 5000 people must have listened to the declaration and to his subsequent appeal for the "money to bury it." They contributed all told the sum of £32 16s—an average of 1½d apiece! Still, the enthusiasm was there, if the money was not; and later, if the majority gets its way, it will have the pleasure of helping to find the money, of which it will have deprived the State and the local authorities (easily running into a million and a half sterling per annum), besides having the 50,000 or 60,000 people who are dependent upon the liquor trades for their means of livelihood, thrown into competition with them. That, of course, is a fact that the Alliance finds it convenient to keep in the background, that it will belittle whenever it is brought to light, and the truth in connection with which it will misrepresent and suppress as long as possible. For people who profess to live and mould their lives by the truth as the Alliance leaders do, they are singularly lacking in the first principles of common honesty. Suppression of facts material to the settlement of any controversy is just as dishonest as the misrepresentation of facts or the actual denial of the existence of such facts. And, as we all know, "the lie that is half-a-truth is ever the greatest of lies."

THE "ALLIANCE" POLICY.

The Alliance has definitely declared its support of the bare majority as the deciding factor at the Licensing polls. It has furthermore determined to support only such candidates as give in their adhesion to the principle, the resolution carried at the Convention being as follows:—

"That this convention reaffirms the principle of simple majority rule in licensing legislation. It maintains the equal value of every vote. It condemns as unjust and intolerable the three-fifths handicap that has obtained for seventeen years, and it urges electors

to refuse to vote for candidates who support the three-fifths majority.

We have neither the right nor the desire to quarrel with the Alliance upon its method of conducting its business, but we can and do take exception to its decisions and also to what it is pleased to term "simple majority rule," which in its working would be as "unjust" and as "intolerable" as "the three-fifths handicap" it condemns. The "three-fifths" majority is only a degree or so removed from the tyranny of the "bare" or "simple majority," as the Alliance people now term it. Majority rule is, at best, a poor thing; it enforces what are conceived to be, but very often are not, the wishes of the many against the few, and, under certain circumstances, it may even develop into government by brute force; in which case it may be found that the minority can use the weapons with which nature has endowed them, and handle the weapons of war, better than the majority. The whole course

its comparative moderation, and to the fact that the carrying of No-License does not involve Prohibition, the resident in a No-License district retaining the right to import liquor into it for his own use, and, up till last year, for the reasonable entertainment of his friends also. It remains to be seen just what effect the more prohibitory law carried last year will have upon the polling next November. We may regard it as certain that the feverish anxiety displayed by the Alliance leaders to secure the bare majority, is due to the feeling that the party will sustain a set-back on both the No-License and Prohibition issues next November. They hope to make up for the deficiency by securing the recognition of the bare majority principle as the deciding factor in the licensing polls. And meanwhile they are none too careful in their statements, nor at all scrupulous in their "facts." Take for instance the statement made by the Revd. W. J. Elliott, of Ashburton, in regard to that district. Mr. Elliott is one of the Methodist Ministers sta-



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of events from the earliest days until now, shows plainly and unmistakably that it is the virile minority, rather than the noisy majority that is always clamantly asserting itself, that has made history and won its way to the front. And to say that the majority has the right to enforce its will upon the minority in such matters as meat and drink, is to pave the way for the inevitable future declaration that the minority must also conform to the wishes of the majority in matters of faith and conscience. The burden imposed in either case would come to be regarded as both intolerable and unjust, and would inevitably lead to a wholesale disregard of, and for, the law that might well end in bloodshed and riot.

THE BARE MAJORITY AGAIN.

The Alliance leaders may be persuaded that the psychological moment has arrived for the enforcement of their ideas upon the people; but in enforcing them it is quite possible they may meet their Waterloo. The so-called "success" of the No-License movement thus far is largely due to

tioned in that town. He has been there "about five minutes," to use an American phrase, and now regards himself "as one of the family," possessing all the knowledge of the family. And Mr. Elliott makes this statement (referring evidently to the business of the Farmers' Co-operative Association), as evidencing the increased trade and prosperity of Ashburton under "No-License." "The sales of merchandise in connection with one firm in Ashburton in 1902 amounted to £33,210, but in 1911 the amount was £67,913." With a stricter regard for the truth, Mr. Elliott should have told the Wellington people also, that the increased trade was due to the extensions and developments of a co-operative trading business, that is responsible for the closing down of more than one of the small stores that formerly had a flourishing trade in the town. But then, so many seekers after truth appear to be more interested in shaping it to suit their own views, than in bringing the full facts to light, that this may, and possibly does, account for Mr. Elliott's partial statement of the position.

THE CHURCH AND POLITICS.

LIQUOR AND LAND MONOPOLIES.

The Manawatu "Daily Times" reports that "after the Church of Christ service at the Orange Hall, Palmerston North," on Sunday evening, "the congregation unanimously adopted the following resolution:—'This congregation regards the traffic in intoxicating liquors as the greatest obstacle to the moral and material progress of this young nation, and calls upon all Christians and patriotic men and women to unite in one mighty effort to rid the country of a traffic so devilish and destructive.'"

A further resolution was then moved, which failed to secure more than the one vote. It was as follows: "This congregation denounces the customs tariff and land monopoly as most iniquitous and oppressive, crippling the trade of the country, creating unemployment, and depriving the landless workers of their natural freedom and about half their earnings. We therefore urge all Christians and all labour organisations to refuse their votes to parliamentary candidates who support these iniquities, and wherever necessary to put up the most powerful man they can find as the candidate of freedom and justice."

Perhaps the congregation were of the opinion that it would be better to dispose of the "devilish and destructive" issue first, before turning their attention to "the customs tariff and land monopoly," for which (if it be the case) the Government and its supporters should be correspondingly grateful. By the way (we ask the question with all reverence), what is the Church of Christ, or perhaps we ought to say, in view of the exclusive title adopted by this congregation, holding its services in the Orange Hall, at Palmerston North, who gave this particular "church" the right to designate itself as "The Church of Christ?"

TRADE TOPICS.

The National Council of the allied licensed interests is meeting in Wellington this week. Mr. Leo Myers and Mr. J. S. Palmer, the Auckland representatives on the Council, both left for Wellington by the Main Trunk express on Sunday night.

The Wellington Town Hall (according to the "New Zealand Times") was crowded on the occasion of the "public demonstration in favour of the principles of the New Zealand Alliance" on Thursday last, and, prior to the inevitable "collection" being taken up, the Rev. J. Dawson prefaced the appeal for funds with the remark: "The liquor trade has to die in New Zealand, and we want your money to bury it." On a moderate estimate of the seating accommodation in the building, there must have been 5,000 people present. They were so overjoyed at the prospect of "burying" the liquor trade that they gave £32 16s in response to the appeal, or less than twopence per individual!

All renewals were granted at the Buller Licensing meeting.

A correspondent writes suggesting that "Mr. J. S. Palmer's letter on the 'Women and Hotels' question should be circulated far and wide, as a protest against the needless interference on the part of the Auckland Licensing Committee, with the liberty of the subject. 'From the legal standpoint, he adds, 'Mr. Palmer shows conclusively that the Licensing Committee had no right to enforce their wishes in the way they have done.'"

At its adjourned meeting on Friday, the Auckland Licensing Committee considered the objections raised by the Police against the renewal of the license of the Occidental Hotel in Vul-

can Lane. The Police report had described the house as dirty and very poorly furnished, and complained of the licensee's treatment of a boarder named Waddle in January last. At the outset Mr Earl protested against a "highly ridiculous incident" which occurred in January, being brought up again in June. Evidence was heard in support of the objections, and the Committee having adjourned to consider the matter, Mr Cutten, S.M., subsequently announced that the license would be granted. The licensee was, however, warned that more attention would have to be given to the accommodation of the house. If the hotel was required at all it was required as an hotel. If it was conducted as a drinking-saloon only, the committee would have to take the first opportunity of closing the house. The chairman said it would be desirable for the licensee to always live on the premises.

We learn that Mr W. Francis, late manager of the Opuia road creamery, has taken over the Oeo Hotel, Opuake, and will enter into possession in a few days.

The death is announced of Mr Frank Rose, for some years licensee of the Oxford Royal Hotel, at Tirau, and previously a resident of Cambridge.

During the course of some interesting reminiscences of early days at Mātara at a banquet, Mr John Gray stated that the first public worship in the town was held in the tap-room of the hotel, and the minister had to come from Clinton to conduct the service.

Several firms were charged at Te Kuiti with having sent liquor into a proclaimed area without having notified the clerk of the Court at Te Kuiti by a statement in writing of the name and address of the person to whom sent. After hearing evidence the Magistrate said he had given public warnings in January and May last, when he had notified everybody that in future the punishment should be severe. Over 100 cases of a similar kind had come before him since the operation of the Act at the end of November. He had considered these public warnings to be sufficient, but he did not want the vendors of liquor to continue to think that a magistrate would still let people off. In one case a fine of £2 and costs was imposed, and the other defendants were convicted and fined £1 and costs.

At an adjourned meeting of the Parnell Licensing Committee, Mr E. C. Cutten S.M., presided, Messrs. Clements, Thomas, Gavia, and Basley being also present, the only matter for discussion was the adjourned application for a license for the Panmure Hotel by Robert Nudds. The police reported that certain renovations required had been effected, and that others were being effected; and on an undertaking being given by Mr Grundy, on behalf of the owners, that necessary fire-escapes would be provided the license was renewed.

Speaking about barmaids and registration to a Wellington "Post" reporter, Mr E. J. Carey (secretary of the Wellington Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union) said:—"Further consideration leads me to think that the number of girls available for bar service will be lessened much sooner than I at first expected. In Auckland there is even now a demand for barmaids, and some dozen vacancies were waiting to be filled when I left. The position is that although there has been a large number registered, many of the girls have only applied so that in the event of necessitous circumstances arising bar employment will be open to them."

At the Magistrate's Court, Te Kuiti, a native was charged with supplying a half-caste with liquor, and also with aiding and counselling to procure liquor. Mr Finlay, who appeared for the accused, entered a plea of guilty and remarked that this was the first case of the kind in Te Kuiti. Constable Matthews stated that these cases were becoming very common, but they had considerable trouble in detecting them. The Maoris at present were receiving far too much liquor. His Worship inflicted a fine of £5 and costs on the first charge and 5s and costs on the second.

That Manchester is to lose its "Seven Stars" Public-house in Withy Grove is more dismal tidings for the antiquary than for the teetotaler, says the London "E.V. Gazette," for the inn prides itself on being one of the

oldest in the country. There is documentary evidence to show that it existed before the year 1356. Other taverns claim an even greater antiquity, including the "Fighting Cocks" at St. Albans, one of the oldest inhabited houses in England, and one of the most high-spirited, for a few years ago it displayed a notice on its sign-board that it was "Rebuilt after the Flood."

At a meeting of the Rakaiia Licensing Bench, a case presenting some interesting legal features, was heard. The case was one arising out of the application of a man named, Edward Bull for a license for the Mount Somers Hotel, which had been in the Ashburton district before the redistribution of districts, and the license of which had been taken away by the no-license vote of the Ashburton County. By the redistribution of districts, however, the hotel came into the Selwyn district, which had not been declared a no-license area. The application for the granting of a license was made under section 30 of the Licensing Act of 1910. Mr Smithson contended that the license had ceased to exist. The committee, after hearing the evidence, retired and on returning stated that it could not grant the license, but would give every assistance if application were made to the Supreme Court under the Declaratory Act for the granting of a license. The matter was adjourned for three months, to enable a decision to be given by the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court should decide that the applicant is entitled to hold a license, it is stated that the committee will probably grant his request, and the Mount Somers Hotel become once more a licensed house.

In a licensing prosecution heard at Greymouth, which discloses at once the danger and hardship of the law relating to the supply of liquor to minors, where licensees are concerned, the defendant was charged with supplying two youths under the age of 21 years with liquor. The evidence showed that the two youths lined up to the bar but were refused drinks by the barmaid. Both left, but subsequently the older youth (aged 18 years) bought a shilling's worth of whisky in a bottle, which the pair consumed off the premises. Later on they bought a bottle of beer, which they took away. Then, when the liquor had begun to "work," one pushed in among a crowd of men and secured two drinks, which in the first place were handed to an adult. The magistrate, in finding the licensee £5, said that there was no doubt that the lads had conspired and connived to obtain the liquor. They seemed to be aware that a barmaid was entitled to supply it in bottles to lads over 14 years of age, and took advantage of this. The Act doubtless was at fault in this respect. The barmaid was fined £1, but the second case was dismissed, as it was proved that she could not possibly have seen the younger boy in among the men.

A new railway regulation that came into force a few days ago, has created much consternation (writes a Christchurch correspondent) among those Ashburton residents who have been in the habit of visiting Chertsey, which is outside the "dry" area, with "a baby" enclosed in a sack. On Friday, several persons who had made their "baby" heavier, as a result of their visit, went to the railway station to catch the last train for Christchurch to Ashburton, and deposited their charges on the platform until the arrival of the train. "Are you travelling by this train to Ashburton?" asked the stationmaster, and on receiving a reply in the affirmative, those who had a "baby" were, to say the least, not agreeably surprised when the stationmaster informed them that under the new regulation they were obliged to pay 1s as excess rate, and to allow their "excess luggage" to be conveyed in the guard's van. Hitherto passengers have been privileged to take their "babies" into the carriages where they were either put under the seat, deposited on the rack, or placed on the seat, according to their bulk.

At a meeting of the Pahiatua Licensing Committee, presided over by Mr L. G. Reid, S.M., there were no objections to any of the hotels and all the police reports were favourable. New licenses were granted to the holders of temporary ones, and renewals to all the others. Very few requirements were called for at any of the hotels, and the meeting only lasted twenty minutes. The Chairman said the committee wished it to be known that they were very pleased to say



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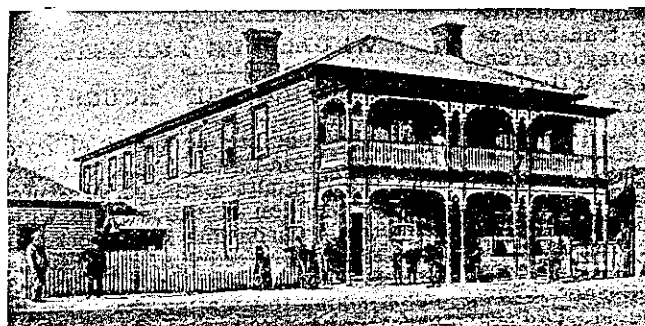
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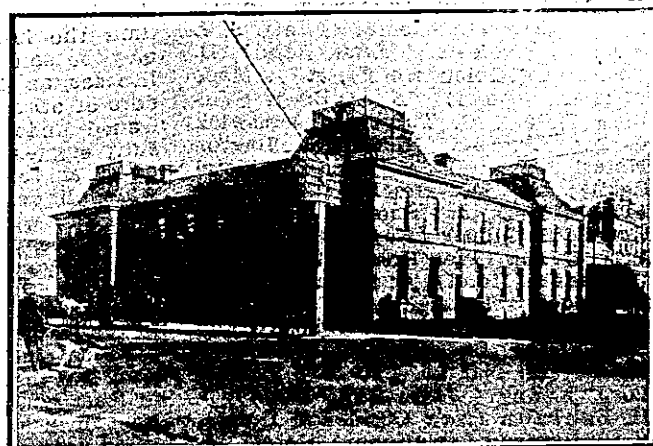
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that all the hotels in the district had been so well conducted, and thought it only fair that notice should be taken of the fact.

A rather peculiar position cropped up at the annual meeting of the Geraldine Licensing Committee. Mr Raymond, who appeared for the licensee and tenant of the Wellingford Hotel, Temuka, explained that the lease would expire on the 30th inst., and the owner, Colonel Hayhurst, did not propose to keep the license going, but intended to pull the building down and erect shops. The tenant, however, had asked for an extension of the lease until December next. Colonel Hayhurst had no objection, but did not care whether the license was granted or not. The police report was favourable. After consideration the matter was adjourned until the quarterly meeting.

The Wellington Licensing Committee have granted wholesale licenses to the following firms:—W. M. Bannatyne and Co., Ltd., J. J. Dudgeon, J. Dalrymple, Johnston and Co., Ltd., E. T. Taylor, Levin and Co., Ltd., H. Cramp, Gollin and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., Laery and Co., Ltd., David Anderson and Son, W. D. Cook, W. and G. Turnbull and Co., A. D. Kennedy, A. Marguire, Wairarapa Farmers' Co-operative Association, Ltd., Roper and Co., Ltd., T. W. Young, A. E. Kernot, R. T. Robertson, Murray, Roberts and Co., H. W. Preston, J. A. Fraser, H. Wollerman.

The following licenses have been granted by the Manukau Licensing Bench:—Railway Terminus Hotel (Onehunga), Mrs. Isabella Smith; Manukau Hotel (Onehunga), T. Sands; Exchange Hotel (Onehunga), Edward Keating; Prince Albert Hotel (Onehunga), Thomas Foley; Hibernian Hotel (Onehunga), Mrs. Harriet Dingle; Railway Hotel (Drury), D. J. Jackman; Star Hotel (Otahuhu), Percy J. S. Russell; Globe Hotel (Papakura), J. E. Hunt; Criterion Hotel (Otahuhu), A. Underwood; Papakura Hotel (Papakura), W. Parkinson; Marine Hotel (Howick), A. E. Bennett.

The Wellington Licensing Committee granted the following transfers at its annual meeting: H. Dooley (Clarendon) to M. Moynihan, P. McIlvridge (Shamrock) to P. Rogers, J. Swindale (Palace) to N. R. Smith, A. Sellar (Clyde Quay) to Robert T. McFarlane, R. Dwyer (Duke of Edinburgh) to Richard Dwyer. Renewals were granted in the following cases:—J. C. Mason (Panama Hotel), J. J. Firth (City Hotel), N. R. Smith (Palace Hotel), W. J. Conner (Bartlett's Hotel), Mrs. F. M. Paulsen (Commercial Hotel), J. McDonald (Albert Hotel), C. McEnroe (Britannia Hotel), M. McVinish (Post Office Hotel), M. O'Neill (Cambridge Hotel), P. W. Corby (Caledonian Hotel), S. J. W. Bird (Foresters' Arms Hotel), D. Cormack (Albion Hotel), A. J. Mace (Central Hotel), B. O'Brien (Victoria Hotel), G. Tunoch (Brunswick Hotel), W. N. Nidd (Wellington Hotel), F. W. McFarland (Hotel Cecil), A. M. Buick (Shepherd's Arms Hotel), J. Shortis (Princess Hotel), S. Gilmer (Royal Oak Hotel), P. J. Griffin (Pier Hotel), D. Sullivan (Terminus Hotel), C. McManus (New Zealand Hotel), M. Moynihan (Clarence Hotel), J. Beveridge (Grand Hotel), O. Beauchamp (Tramway Hotel), M. Nathan (Te Aro Hotel), D. J. Kenny (White Swan Hotel), J. H. Fairbairn (New Occidental Hotel), K. Wilkinson (National Hotel), J. Dealy (Railway Hotel), E. Keeney (Thistle Inn Hotel), F. J. Oakes (City Buffet), J. T. Foley (Cricketers' Arms Hotel), P. Rogers (Shamrock Hotel), F. Dobson (Masonic Hotel), F. Pool (Empire Hotel), L. P. O'Brien (Metropolitan Hotel), H. Whelan (Alhambra Hotel), J. Sullivan (Imperial Hotel), M. J. O'Brien (Prince of Wales Hotel), J. Dwyer (Club Hotel), Richard Dwyer (Duke of Edinburgh Hotel).

OBITUARY.

MRS W. J. WHITE, OF FOXTON.

Our sympathies are with Mr W. J. White, of Whyte's Hotel, Foxton; in the sad bereavement that gentleman has sustained by the death of his good lady, from rheumatic influenza, at the early age of 39 years, on Fri-

day last. The late Mrs White was universally beloved in Foxton, where she was, according to the local paper, looked upon as "one of Nature's gentlewomen." Her gentle, though dignified nature (says the "Manawatu Herald") commanded the respect of even the "toughest flaxie" and her homely manner was a bye-word with the travelling public, who made Whyte's Hotel their temporary place of abode. As showing the esteem in which Mrs White was held by the flaxmill employees, the "Herald" publishes the following tribute to her memory from "A Flaxmill Hand":—"There are scores of workers in Foxton to-day who are depressed and downhearted over the death of Mrs White, and who cannot show their sympathy in the customary way, so I ask you as a favour to give this note public notice, coming from the workmen of Foxton: She was a lady who was as kind and considerate to the humblest as to the richest, and who was greatly honoured and esteemed, and much appreciated by all who had the pleasure of knowing her: It was always a delight to converse with her for she was so good and generous to all. We, as persons who only knew her publicly, feel our loss much more than we can express, to those who knew her intimately the loss must be very keen. What it must be to Mr White and his family we can only surmise, and we offer our deepest sympathy and compassion: We also express the hope that in time they will be able to overcome the great trial that has been laid on them."

The late Mrs White was the daughter of Mr Robert Wainhouse, and was a native of Auckland. She was married at Nelson and lived in Wellington for many years prior to going to Foxton with her husband, a few years ago. Besides the husband, there are six children—two girls and four boys—the eldest of whom is 16 years, and the youngest three years—left to mourn their loss. The Acting Prime Minister and numerous friends of Mr White and his late wife have been prompt in telegraphing their expressions of sympathy with the bereaved family in their time of trouble. The funeral on Monday was very largely attended.

WHOLESALE LICENSES.

LIMITING THE HOURS.

At the meeting of the Wellington Licensing Committee, the chairman said the committee wished to express its appreciation of the way in which Inspector Ellison and his officers had conducted proceedings against sly grog-selling. They had thought so much about the matter that they had passed the following resolution:—"That the Wellington Licensing Committee desires to draw the attention of the Minister for Justice to the fact that the Licensing Act, 1908, does not limit the hours within which liquor may be sold by holders of wholesale licenses, as it does in the case of holders of other licenses authorised to be issued under that Act, and respectfully suggests that the Act be amended so as to limit the hours within which liquor may be sold by the holders of wholesale licenses." The committee, he added, had no desire to reflect upon wholesale licensees as a body, for they knew that in nearly every case they were above suspicion in the matter. They opened their premiss at eight a.m. and closed at six p.m., but the committee knew one case at least where the premisses had been kept open long after those hours.

Mr Tripe said he thought he would be failing in his duty, acting as he did for many wholesale merchants and licensees, if he did not express to the Bench his cordial approval of the suggestion made. He was perfectly sure that all reputable merchants, and licensees in the city would cordially endorse what the chairman had said about Inspector Ellison and other members of his staff.

Mr J. J. McGrath, representing the Licensed Victuallers' Association, said the association would be very pleased to give any information or assistance they possibly could to any police officer with regard to the illicit sale of liquor. They were indebted to Inspector Ellison for assisting to remove the stigma cast upon them of having sold liquor on Sundays.

A VENERABLE WINE.

The most celebrated of all the wines of Germany is known as rose wine, and according to a French contemporary it is jealously preserved in the Town Hall of Breme. The wine has been in the vaults, so

we learn, since 1621, when the conscript fathers had six great vats made at Johannesburg and six others at Hockheimer. Each received the name of one of the Apostles. It is an unwritten law that as soon as a bottle of wine is drawn from the vats a similar quantity of the same vintage is put into the tun, consequently they are always full.

Each of the tuns or vats in the Town Hall at Breme cost originally £48 and their capacity is 204 litres, or about 57 gallons. Now we have our French statistician again at work as to the cost of the upkeep of the cellar. He comes to the conclusion that each time a bottle of this wine is drunk it represents a sum of over £50.

During the war of 1870 the French occupied the town, and the officers, braving the anger of the Council of Breme, made free with their precious wine, and it was said that the town of Breme paid more to France than all the other towns in Germany. At the time of the Crown Prince's wedding we further learn that he was allowed one bottle, and one only.—"London (Eng.) Globe."

MARSDEN LICENSING COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the Marsden Licensing Committee was held at Whangarei on Tuesday, when there were present:—Messrs. Scott-Smith, S.M., G. McKay, W. Carter, A. Todd and the Rev. J. H. Hawkes. The following renewals of licenses were granted without opposition: Kamo Springs Hotel (G. W. Henderson); Commercial Hotel (H. J. Bray); Settlers' Hotel (C. T. Gibson); Mangawai Hotel (A. Williams); The Cumberland, Little Omaha (Jessie Harper);

Kamo Hotel (A. J. J. Meyer); Maungaturoto Hotel (J. F. Hyland); Hikurangi Hotel (Jas. Main); Whangarei Hotel (S. McMahon); Parua Bay Hotel (A. T. Allwood).

Permanent transfers were granted and further licenses issued in the cases of the Poroti Hotel (Stuart Rudell to George Burdett), and the Ngunguru Hotel (John Weymouth Hurrell to C. G. Taylor).

William Thomas Simons, who has recently acquired the wholesale business of William Woods, in Vine Street, was granted a wholesale license. In connection with the granting of the license to Mr. Main, of Hikurangi, counsel for the applicant asked that the provision making a levy of £20 for the roads in addition to the £20 for the license be at least reduced. It was decided to renew the license under the same conditions, but to ask the local body to spend the larger portion of the money raised for them on the roads in the vicinity of the hotel.

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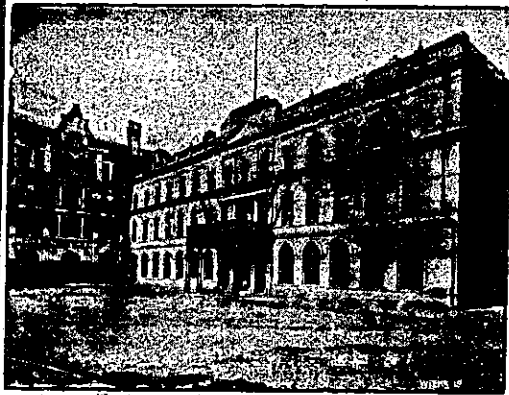
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AN EVENING WASTED.

Bilkins: So you didn't go to the fancy dress ball?
Wilkins: No. I made a fool of myself there last month, and I didn't care to risk it again.
"Eh? Didn't drink too much, did you?"
"No; but when the masks were removed I discovered that I'd wasted a whole evening spooning with my wife."

WHAT HE WANTED.

He was earnestly but prosily orating at the audience. "I want land reform," he wound up, "I want housing reform, I want educational reform, I want—"
And said a bored voice in the audience: "Chloroform."

THOUGHT IT WASN'T COMING OFF.

Suitor: I hope my proposal for your daughter's hand has not taken you by surprise, sir.
Prospective Father-in-Law: Well, to tell you the truth, it has. You've been so thundering long-winded over it that I thought it wasn't coming off at all.

STUPID.

"I shall be awfully stupid now," exclaimed a wife who had returned from a visit to her dentist.
"Why so, my dear?" queried her husband.
"Because I have had all my wisdom teeth pulled out," replied the lady.
"Oh, my love, the idea that wisdom teeth have anything to do with wisdom is a foolish one. If you were to have every tooth in your head drawn it couldn't make you any stupider, you know."
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In a provincial city the post office is in a side street and very difficult for strangers to find. A youth, whose propensity for practical joking has more than once got him into trouble, called one day and inquired for the post master. He was told he was very busy.
"Will no one else do?" asked a clerk.
"Certainly not," was the answer.
"Very well. Will you wait, sir?"
"With pleasure."
Presently the postmaster appeared, and inquired the stranger's business.
"Well, it's simply this, sir," was the answer. "I've been having a look round some of the back streets, and I have discovered a place where you could hide the post office even more than it is here. Good morning."

WHERE THE GUARD WAS.

A capital story in connection with the encampment is going the rounds. It is customary when the officer of the day passes along the lines for the sentry to call the guard outside to salute.
An officer was taking an official round the camp when he came up to the guard sentry, who contented himself with saluting. The officer stood aghast with indignation at the sentry's seeming indifference. Finally letting loose his pent up anger, he exclaimed:—
"Don't you know your duty, sir? Why don't you call out the guard?"
The soldier replied:—
"Well, sir, I haven't got much to do with it!"
What do you mean?"
"Well, sir," replied the sentry, "you see, I'm a prisoner, and as the members of the guard wanted to have a game of cards they asked me if I would do sentry for them for an hour or two."

VERY BASE.

It was at a London police court, a man was being summoned for assault.
"Why did you assault the plaintiff?" inquired the magistrate.
"He called me a basement," exclaimed the prisoner.
"Called you a basement? That's rather peculiar. Why did you call this man a basement?"
"Becos'e is a basement," replied the prosecutor. "E's a coal-seller, and if that ain't a basement, I don't know what is."
The case was adjourned to give the Court time to recover.

FOR PROPRIETIES' SAKE.

A funny little man with a lisp was fuming on account of an alleged affront to his dignity. Finally, however, he decided to overlook it.
"Well," said he to a companion, "I'll have to call the indethent inthident clothed."
"I would," agreed his friend. "All indecent incidents should be clothed."

NO WONDER SHE RAVED.

"What's the matter with your wife? She seems very irascible lately?"
"Why, she was assisting at a rummage sale and somebody sold her new hat for 4s 11d."

QUITE SAFE.

"How long have you been a chemist?"
"Twenty years."
"Passed all the examinations?"
"I am a member of the Pharmaceutical Society."
"That's all right. Now I know you are fully qualified; give me a seidlitz powder."

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

A young attorney not noted for his brilliancy recently appeared in court to ask for an extra allowance in an action in which he was so fortunate as to be retained. The court, not discovering anything unusual, complicated, or extraordinary about the litigation, inquired of the young man:—
"What is there about this case that to you seems extraordinary?"
"That I get it," blandly and innocently replied the young aspirant for fees.

HIS TALE OF WOE.

"Eh, Saunders, mon," said a neighbour peeping in at the open door, attracted by the sounds of woe, "what's ailin' ye?"
"Oh, dear, oh, dear!" sobbed Saunders, "Donald Makintosh's wife is dead."
"Aweel," said the neighbour, "what o' that? She's no relation o' yours, we ken."
"I know she's not," wailed Saunders, "I know she's not; but it just seems as if everybody's getting a change but me."

A HIGH FEE.

A man stopped a newsboy in Sydney, saying "See here, son, I want to find the Blank Bank. I'll give you a shilling if you direct me to it." With a grin, the boy replied, "All right, come along." And he led the man to a building half a block away. The man duly paid the promised fee, remarking, "That was a shilling easily earned, son." "Sure," responded the lad, "but you mustn't forget that bank directors are paid high in Sydney."

HAD TO FOLLOW THE DOCTOR'S ORDERS.

"I understand," said the Judge, "that you stole the watch of the doctor who had just written a prescription for you at the free dispensary. What have you to say to this charge?"
"Well, your Honor," said the prisoner, "it is true, but I found myself in a hole. His prescription said a spoonful every hour, and I had no watch."

SHE GUESSED.

Two ladies, previously unacquainted, were conversing at a reception. After a few conventional remarks the younger exclaimed: "I cannot think what has upset that tall blond man over there. He was so attentive a little while ago, but he won't look at me now."
"Perhaps," said the other, "he saw me come in. He's my husband."

AN OVERSIGHT.

Scene: A crowded railway carriage.
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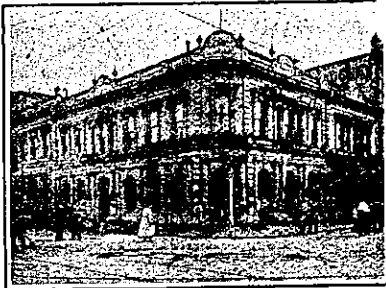
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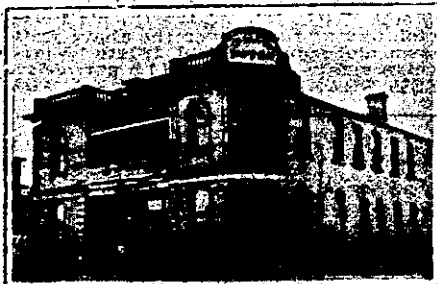
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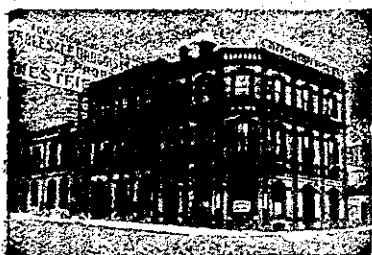
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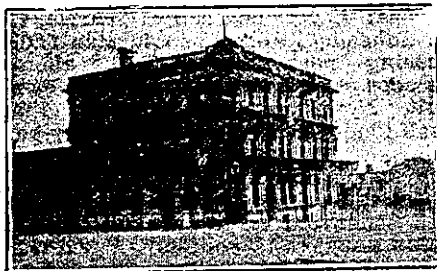
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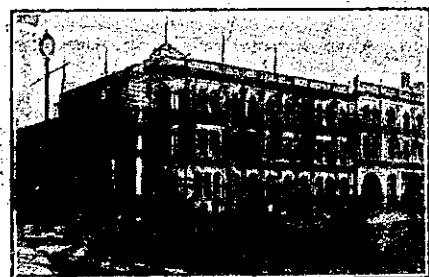
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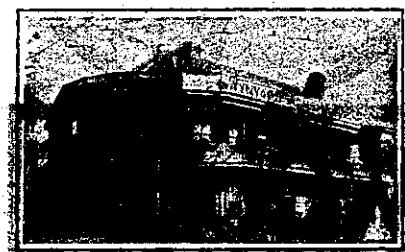
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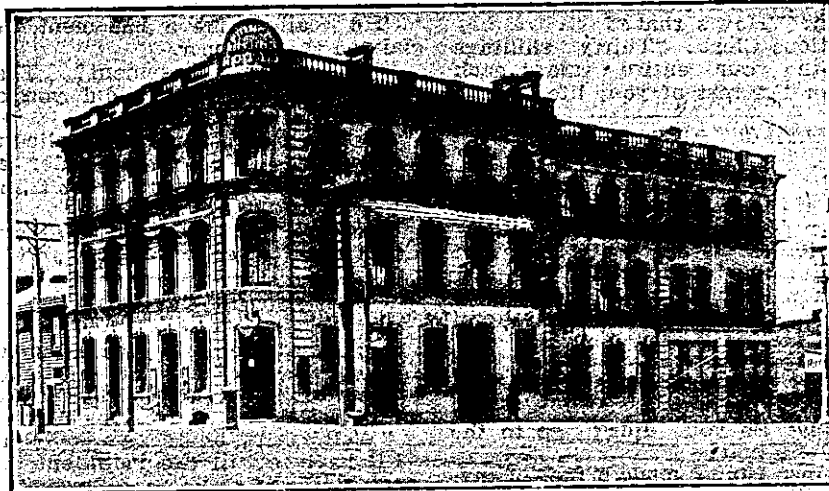
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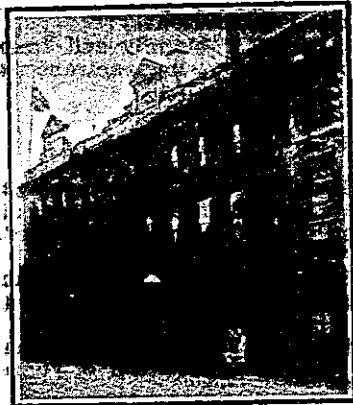
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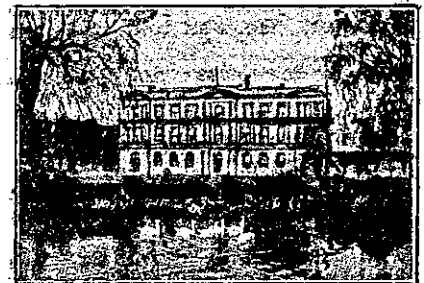
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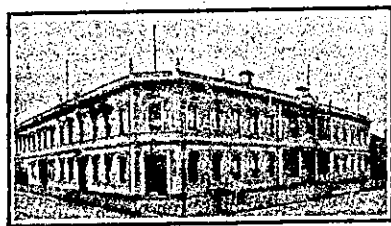
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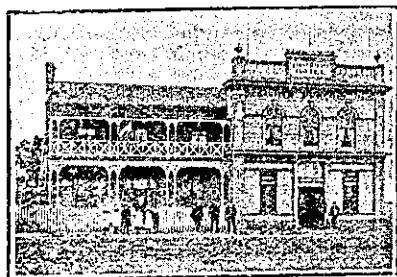
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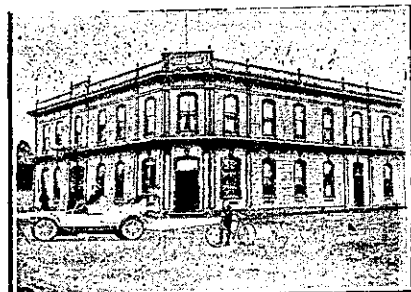
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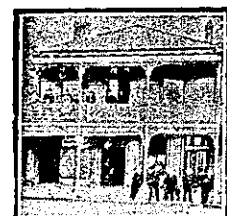
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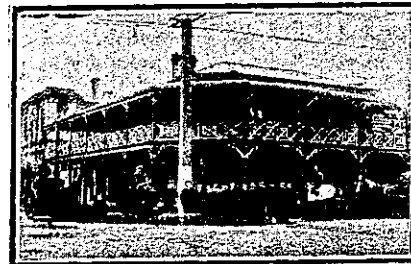
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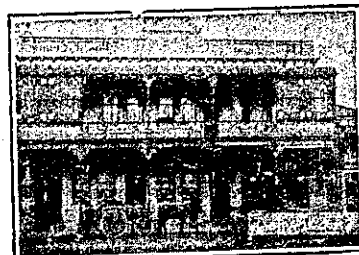
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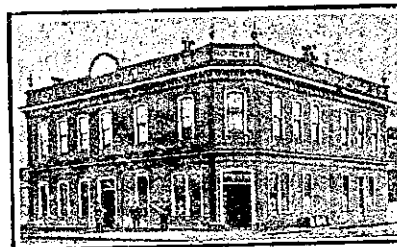
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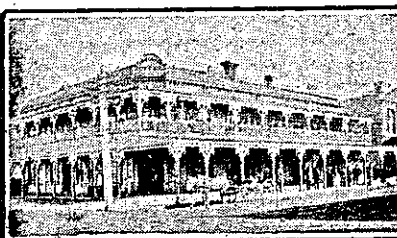
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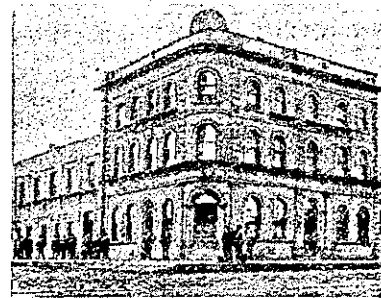


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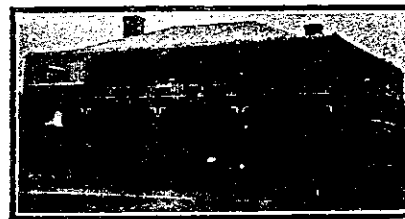
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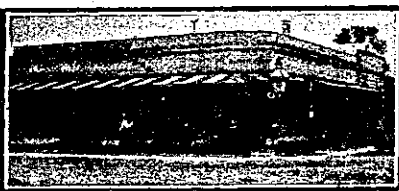
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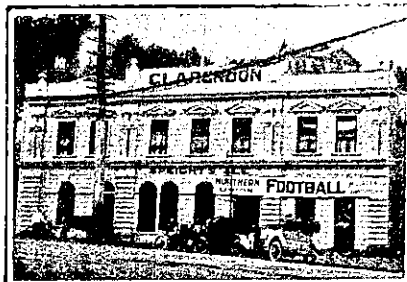


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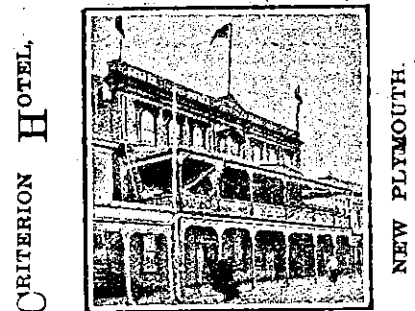
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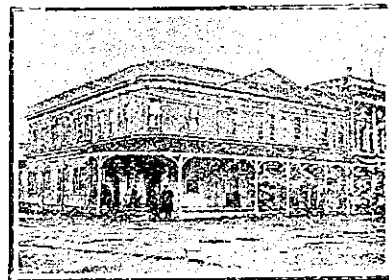
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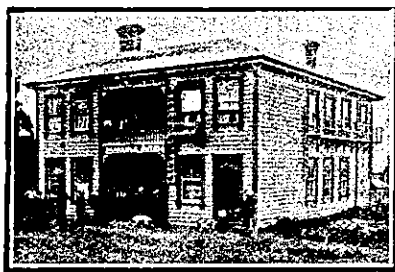
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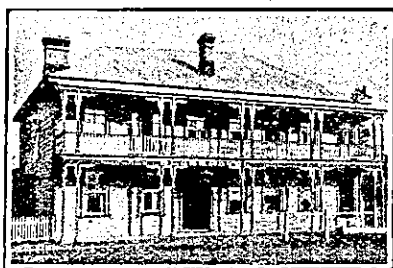
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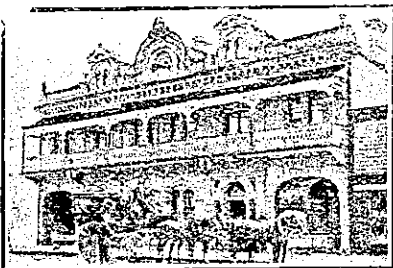


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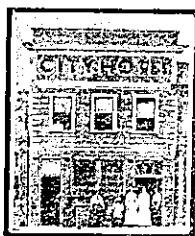
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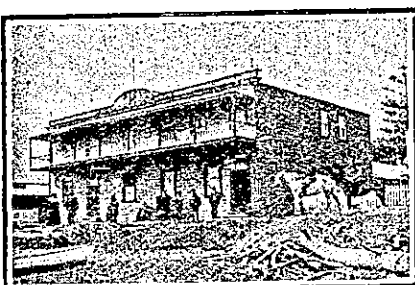
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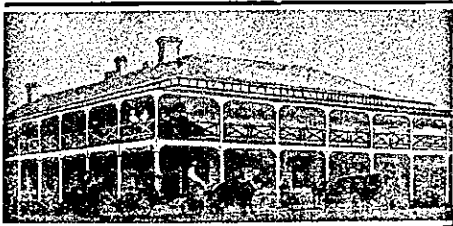
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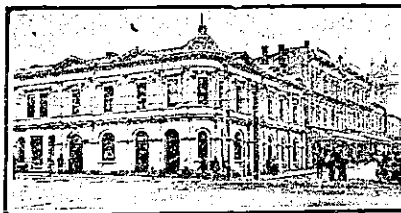
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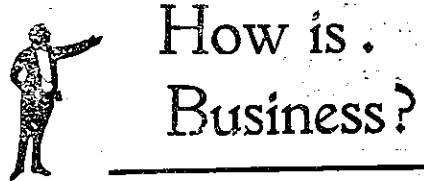
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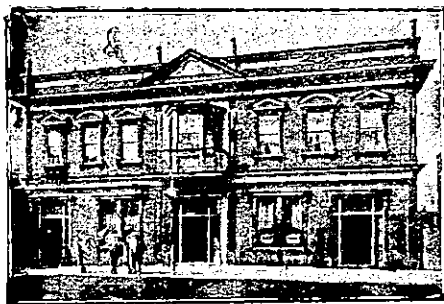
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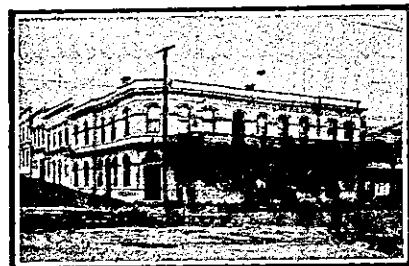


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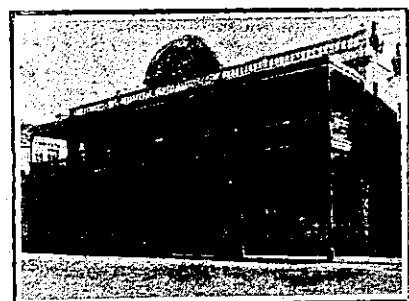
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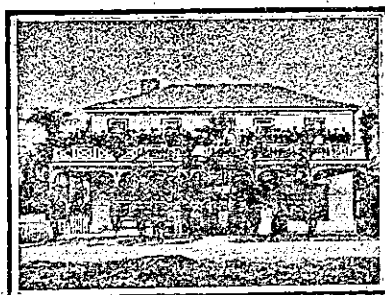
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