

H. Lorigan, the well-known hurdle and cross-country rider, has decided to forsake his calling as a jockey and enter into farming pursuits.

An announcement that a miniature race meeting was to be held at one of the local racecourses the other day (says a Gisborne paper), when various horses would be given a try-out, was brought under the notice of the authorities, and as a result it was decided that the gates of the course should be locked, and that nothing in the nature of racing should be allowed to take place. Sub-Inspector Cassells and the secretary of the club went out to the course to see that this decision was enforced. It was stated by the Inspector that the club was in no way concerned with the announcement, and that to have permitted such an unregistered meeting as suggested was not only illegal, but would have brought the possibility of forfeiture of license.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Hawke's Bay Trotting Club at Hastings, Sir James Carroll expressed a desire to see the sport extended in the North Island. He would like to see it there as an adjunct of the sport of kings, and he thought it would become so if the Bill before Parliament were put through providing the extra twenty or so permits. He urged, however, that the South Island should not ask for all those permits, but should give the north a chance. If the standard in the south could be extended to the north the time would come when Maoriland would produce quality and ability and would show trotting that would prove an example even to the home of trotting—America.

The Chokebore candidate Checkmate (Antagonist—Winning Way), who won a race at the South Canterbury Hunt Club's recent meeting, and acted as runner-up to Carmine in the Avonhead Handicap on the opening day of the C.J.C. Grand National fixture, has been sold by Sir George Clifford to Mr. W. Stone, the well-known Invercargill owner.

A. Wormald (Bombproof, Bill Terry, and Crib), and J. T. Humphries (Golden Prince, Hylans, and General Petain) headed the list of successful horsemen at the New Zealand Grand National meeting with three wins apiece. W. Rowe (Kauri King twice), J. Campbell (Carmine twice), and M. McCarten (Walton and Arch Salute) each rode two winners, while J. R. Cochrane (Six Cylinder), H. McSweeney (Coalition), J. Deerey (Signysian), J. Olsen (Killowen), A. Ellis (Greeks), E. Warner (Oakleigh), G. Young (Clean Sweep), L. Hagerty (Tatimi), B. Deeley (Royal Star), G. Fielding (Lawsuit), R. S. Bagby (Will Oakland), and Mr. J. Barr (Blazeaway) each was responsible for a victory apiece.

The jockey boys in South Australia went on strike at Gawler recently, and won almost without a fight (says the Adelaide correspondent of the "Sydney Referee"). During the week they announced that unless the field in the Welter was reduced to 25, or that the race was run in divisions, they would decline to ride. No one seems to have taken the threat very seriously until the race came on for decision, and then when it was announced that there would be 27 starters, the jockeys notified the chairman of the club that they would not go to scale. For the next few minutes there was a bit of a hubbub, but the committee of the club decided to stand to their original resolve and not to run the race in heats, and waited for the jockeys' next move. This consisted of the lads putting on their civilian clothes and walking off the course, so that when the starting time actually arrived not a single jockey had presented himself at the scales to ride. The situation, of course, was humorous. Just fancy jockeys ruling racing anywhere! But this is exactly what occurred, and now everybody is asking what are the stipendiary stewards for, and why didn't they exercise their authority instead of allowing the jockeys to force the abandonment. This is not the first time the jockeys have taken matters into their own hands, and the position certainly becomes all the more aggravated when it is realised that in this State special provision is included in the rules to deal with jockeys, trainers, and owners, in fact, anybody who attempts to arrange matters so as to bring about the abandonment of a race meeting or a race. In the light of recent happenings in New Zealand, it will be interesting to see what action the S.A.J.C., the ruling power in the State, takes over the matter.

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The first annual report of the Hawke's Bay Trotting Club presented by the president (Mr. M. Johnson) to members is a tribute to the enthusiasm and wide support forthcoming in regard to light harness racing in that province. "It is only a few months ago," states the report, "that a few enthusiasts attended a meeting called for the purpose of forming a trotting club in Hawke's Bay, and the outcome of such meeting was the holding of an inaugural meeting, when the club gave the largest stakes for any one day (non-totalisator) meeting in the Dominion, and finished the first year with a credit balance of £12. Surely this result spells success, and can we not look forward with confidence to the future, seeing our efforts have been so loyally supported by all sections of the community. We have a financial membership of 293, which is really excellent for a first year's effort. We received in donations the sum of £147, and a beautiful fifty-guinea gold cup presented by D. E. Davis, Ltd., to go to the winner of the first Hawke's Bay Trotting Cup. Our meeting was unfortunate in taking place during the railway strike, otherwise we would undoubtedly have achieved an even greater success."

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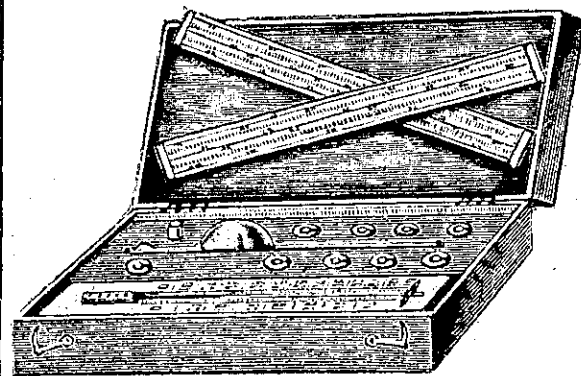
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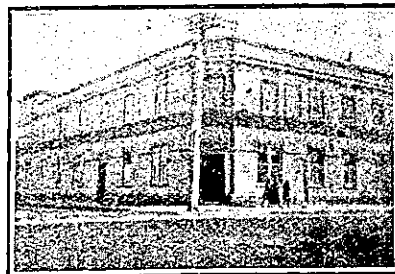
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