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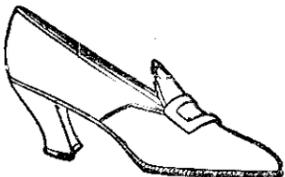
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SPORTING.

Friday.—Otautau races.

Wednesday.—Wairio races.

First race at Wairio on Wednesday,
1 p.m.

Otautau acceptances on Saturday even-
ing.

La Palmas has gone wrong and has
been turned out.

Acceptances for the Wairio meeting
close this evening.

Lady Joffre has met with an accident
and will be another unlikely starter at
Wairio.

The nominations for the Tapanui meet-
ing on 23 inst. easily constitute a re-
cord for the inland club.

Kilkee won both the Wairio and Otautau
Cup races last year. He isn't engaged
in the these races next week but Linden
is, and he might win a double.

A horsethat looks sure to win a race
next week is Red Admiral, and I wouldn't
put the best race of the two days past
him.

The maiden trotter Hylas got into a
wire fence, writes our South Hillend cor-
respondent, and got so badly cut that he
will not be a starter at Wairio.

If Hagerty's on him my money will be
on Dunmure in the Wairea Leapchase.
The course will suit him well, and the dis-
tance is just the full journey. Tom Kett's
neddy can go well.

Anyone who saw Buller at work in the
Shorts Handicap on the second day of
the Invercargill meeting should remember
the effort he made, when trying to select
a winner for the Flying Handicap at
Otautau next Friday. They are a poor lot
of sprinters to be as near him in the card.

Mandrake isn't engaged at Wairio and
to make up for it he has been extensively
nominated at Otautau. He was running
on well in the first mile race at Inver-
cargill, and has not been harshly treated
by Abbey Jones in the mile welter at
Otautau. He beat Hineamaru out of
sight and is now meeting her on 3lbs
better terms.

If old "York's Drift" is only a-quarter
of his old self, won't he slate the mob in
the Wairio Cup when it comes to racing
over the last quarter of a mile. He tried
to win this cup some years ago, but
Marsa beat him badly, and then the "old
horth" went on and won the Dunedin
Cup and the big handicap on the third
day just a month later.

The Clifden Cup this year will be worth
£110 and is for hacks only. The whole
programme is for hacks, and as there is
plenty of this class of horse about the club
should receive good nominations. Abbey
Jones, of Winton (the other Abbey is
back from his world tour now), will frame
the handicaps, and nominations close on
February 5.

The Clifden Club has issued its pro-
gramme for the annual race-meeting, on
February 23rd, and gives £550 in stakes.
The programme draws special attention
to the "picturesque course," and the
Club boasts of no less than twenty-six
stewards. I should think that if there
are any settlers in the district who are
not included they must feel slighted.

Though he won five races straight on
end Mazama did not beat a good field in
any one of the five races, and in his last
effort gained more advantage at the start
than the margin he won by, while none
of the races were longer than a mile. In
giving the son of King's Guest and Elaird
10st 12lbs in the Otautau Cup Abbey
has dealt to him a heavy load indeed.
Taking a line through the New Year
meeting handicaps, Abbey makes him out
to be 8lbs better than Radial over a mile
and a quarter, 16lbs better than Silver
Peak, and 26lbs better than Rorke's Drift
and Eleus. In his past performances,
that is before coming into Mr Hazlett's
stable Mazama had the reputation of be-
ing a stayer, but he would need more
than a reputation to be entitled to be
handicapped in this manner. In the

Wrey's Bush Welter over a mile, Mazama
is handicapped by Abbey Jones to give
Linden 26lbs, and in the Otautau Cup,
a quarter of a mile longer he has to give
Linden 39lbs, and yet Linden ran War-
love to a head over a mile and a-quarter
at Dunedin on Boxing Day at a difference
of 14lbs. But then Abbey didn't see
them going round the course at Wingatui.

Bill Stone, Alex McIvor, George Young
and three horses have sailed for Wel-
lington. All three were well pleased
with the weight allotted Eleus in the
Wellington Cup, and it is just on the
cards he might take it out. But there
are better cattle to beat than he met at
Invercargill! Silver Peak is just brilliant
enough to do anything, and of the pair
I like her chance best. Roseday, the
third in the team, might have won a
race at Wairio!

An excellent train service for both
horses and the public has been arranged
for the Wairio meeting next Wednesday.
A special train for horses with carriages
attached leaves Invercargill at 7.35 a.m.
The ordinary 8.30 a.m. train will pick up
passengers at side stations, and a fast
special only stopping at Otautau will
leave Invercargill at 10.35 a.m., arriving
Wairio at 12.20 p.m. As the first race
has been timed for 1 p.m. This will give
passengers plenty of time to reach the
course before the machine will close for
the first race. Returning trains will leave
Wairio, non stop between Wairio and
Invercargill at 6.30 p.m., and others at
7 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. The 7 p.m. train
connects with a special to Orepuki. Horses
will be returned to Invercargill and Riv-
erton by the 7.30 p.m. train.

GORE NOTES.

The "Mataura Ensign" reports:—
For the Gore Racing Club's March
meeting a programme on the same lines
as last year has been drawn up. The pro-
gramme has yet to be approved by the
Dunedin District Committee and the Trot-
ting Association.

The starting of Mr W. Norman at
the Southland Summer Meeting has
come in for a good deal of criticism, but
it should be remembered that Mr Nor-
man only took up the task to see the
club over its troubles. In regard to
starting, Mr F. Wallis has had no
equal in Southland.

Mr W. F. Dunne, the new handicap-
per for the Southland Racing Club, only
met with moderate success as judged by
the acceptances, but as the club had a
record meeting he may get a better ac-
ceptance list for the March meeting.

The two-year-old pacer Downcast, by
Adonis—Satinwood, is reported to have
been taken to Ashburton by Mr D. War-
ren. There were a number of inquiries
for the purchase of this horse after
his excellent showing at Wyndham on
New Year's Day, but nothing has leak-
ed out as to whether he was sold or
leased.

Inquiries are being made on all hands
for the purchase of Mr J. M. Peart's
mare, Nellie Scott. It is understood
that W. Fleming, of Christchurch, the
well-known trainer, made a special offer
for this mare, and that F. E.
Jones, of Timaru, made a special trip
to Gore to try and buy her. The writer
first picked out this mare as one of the
best maidens ever seen out at Gore. J.
McLennan and A. Pringle, of Dunedin,
also approached Mr Peart in regard to
the lease of the mare. From the writ-
er's point of view Mr Peart is foolish in
not accepting some of the offers of
leasing the mare, as he has no possible
chance of training her properly. The
price asked for the mare is £600, but at
this figure there is not much chance
of a sale. Mr Peart has a particularly
good pacer, but the mare has not a
chance of showing her best under the
conditions in which she is trained. The
writer understands that Mr Gardiner,
a Gore amateur, will drive Nellie Scott
in the Winton Trotting Cup.

The greatest known distance to which
sound has been carried through the atmos-
phere is 345 miles, as it is asserted that
the very violent explosions of the volcano
at St. Vincent have been heard at De-
merara. Sounds travels farther and less
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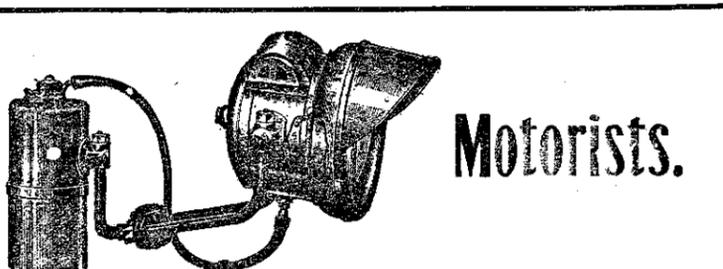
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