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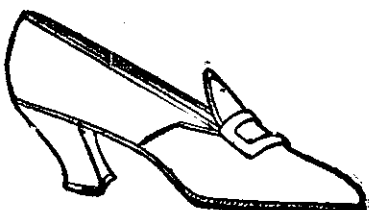
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## RACING NOTES.

Digger Russell has blistered Listening Post.

The Riverton Club wants a handicapper and a starter.

Southland Club's nominations close on Monday, at 5 p.m.

Nominations for the Dunedin Christmas meeting are not good.

The Forbury meeting will be concluded to-morrow (Saturday).

The Gore Trotting Club's nominations close on Friday evening, at 5 p.m.

Bengerop was paying the best part of a score had he won at Timaru on Friday.

The Birchwood Hunt Club will hold a totalisator meeting at Otautau next April.

Bill Norman has agreed to do the starting for the Southland and Wyndham Clubs at New Year time.

The new track will be in good condition to race on at New Year time according to the caretaker.

Awahou, Calma, and Goodstart, will represent Southland in the hurdle races at Dunedin Christmas Meeting.

On Wednesday next at 5 p.m., George Smart will receive nominations for the annual race meeting at Wyndham.

Songbird has been nominated in the two-year-old events to be decided at Wingatui this month.

Radial, after missing in the six furlong race at Timaru on Thursday was allowed to pay a false price on Friday, when he won handsomely over a mile.

Tommy Baird has lost Adelina. She had to be destroyed as the result of the accident she met with returning from the Winton race meeting. She was a well bred one, but disappointing on the turf.

By the nominations received by the Dunedin Club for its hurdle races it looks as if Wyndham and Invercargill Clubs will get a good response from owners of hurdlers for the £600 they are hanging up for three hurdle races.

The Southland horses engaged in the Otago Handicap, worth a thousand quid, to be run at Wingatui on Boxing Day, are Almoner, Bengerop, Eleus and Tin Soldier.

"Grandstand" in the "Winton Record" champions Bill Norman's starting and says it was owing to the "News" scribe's unfair criticism which made Mr Norman ask the club to get someone else to do the job. Mr Norman occupies a public position and I scarcely think he is as thin in the skin as "Grandstand" would make him out to be.

Trotters will be extremely well catered for in Southland during the holidays and early part of January. Commencing on Boxing Day, the Gore Club will provide eight races, on New Year's Day, the Wyndham two, on January 3 and 4, the Southland Club four, on January 19, the Wairoa Club two and on January 21, the Otautau Club one, a total of seventeen well endowed races.

The Wairoa Jockey Club has cut trotting owners out of the £200 set aside for expenses of the unplaced horses at their meeting next January. The Trotting Association made this club cough up another £25 for its trotting events, but I think the trotting men would have rather raced for £25 less, and shared in the £200. A rule that is made to apply to one district does not necessarily suit the whole dominion, and in the interests of trotting in Southland the Association will be well advised to revise this rule regarding stakes.

There are too many bachelors on the Southland Racing Club committee or else married members whose wives have young children and they don't want them to attend the races, or else they would not have passed that resolution prohibiting children under twelve years of age going to the races. At one meeting this committee extends an open invitation to all the ladies in the Dominion to attend their race meeting and at the next they say any women with encumbrances under twelve years old are not wanted. Why bar the women who are doing their duty, and encourage only those who shirk the duty of motherhood or who are well enough off to be able to have someone to mind their offspring on race days.

## "GYPO" MEMORIES.

When the Willochra drew into Port Tewfik and disembarked her reinforcement (which was to go into camp outside Suez), the New Zealand boys must have sized up the native Egyptian as an "amusin' cuss," as they stood packed in trucks viewing him fulfilling the curse pronounced on Adam and his seed—that of "earning his bread in the sweat of his brow."

Lumbering past was a vehicle the appearance of which was strong presumptive evidence that the owner followed the occupation of "Jerry Cruncher," the resurrection man, and had rifled the grave of a countryman and utilised the coffin to mount on an axle between a pair of enormous wheels, with a diminutive donkey in the shafts. On this sat a scrawny-looking Egyptian possessed of all the aplomb of a war profiteer at the steering wheel of a 40-h.p. 8-cylinder limousine. Another strange conveyance doing business was one with a camel and a cow yoked side by side.

But it was as a railway servant that the Gyppo focussed our attention. Each of the tribe carried a flag or a whistle and seemed obsessed by a belief that on his individual efforts depended the whole railway system. As the long troop train waited, hour after hour, the signal for departure, I watched the native railway officials closely. One, whose ears were the only preventive to a total eclipse of his face by an old helmet he wore, was rushing up and down the platform with a red flag in one hand and a green one in the other. He would wave the red flag to the engine-driver, observing which a deformed Gyppo ran up, pushed him aside, and waved a green one. Another would blow his whistle at the driver, while a fellow-employee, to assert his superior power, bore down on him, places the toe of a very bony foot (with some force behind it) where the seat of the trousers would be if the Gyppo were to sport such habiliments, frowned him down so and blew a louder so things remained "as you were."

When the grand climax of departure approached, all the officials with flags and whistles commenced waving and blowing, whereat the asthmatical engine set up such a screeching—the Gyppo engine-driver cannot be excelled for getting the most out of the whistle, both as regards volume and duration of sound—that it used up all the steam, and a further delay was necessary till more was generated.

Ultimately, when we drew out on our way to the Australian camp at Wabour-el-Miah (about a mile inland from Suez), it required a little gift of deduction to appreciate the fertility of Gyppo profanity and the amplitude of declamation as the officials argued and gesticulated on the station platform. Yes, the despatch of a train is a big event in the life of the Egyptian railway man.

## GOING UP.

Squeezing myself into the small seat reserved for the passenger, I looked anxiously up at the profile beside me—the profile of the man to whom I was shortly to entrust my life, my safety. I saw a stern-set mouth, a hawk-like eye, a general air of alertness and self-confidence, and took courage.

He was intent on the levers of his machine. Not a tremor passed over his countenance. Though this going up meant much to me, it was evidently nothing to him—a matter of every day. Strong, well-built, how the uniform became him, I reflected; and the ribbons on his breast testified to many feats of courage and endurance. He pressed a lever. I shut my eyes. We began to go up. A sound as of the rushing of many waters filled my ears, and I felt as if I were leaving all I cared for behind me.

The noise ceased. He had shut off the power. What was happening? I opened my eyes and found he was speaking, but could make nothing of the words. Still I knew all was well, for he again pressed the lever, and we went up, up, with the same rush of sound, and the same amazing sensation of leaving body and soul on the earth beneath.

Once more we stopped, and he spoke rapidly. This time I clutched the arms of the seat, rose to my feet, listening eagerly to catch the words he was saying—

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The last were the words I had waited for.

"Thank you," I said, giving him a grateful look as I stepped out of the lift.

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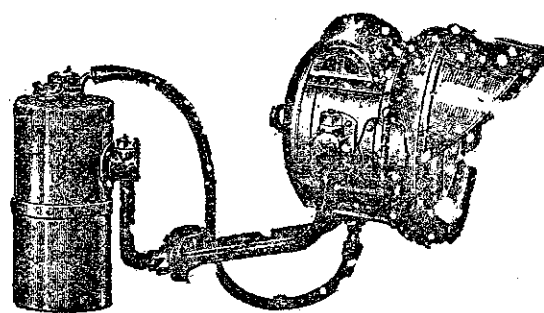
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## MILITARY TITLES.

The efforts made in official circles to keep alive the military titles employed during the war, although the soldiers who earned those titles have long since returned to their civil vocations, ought to be sternly discountenanced, states the "Age" Melbourne. The State Parliament is included among those who are doing their best to keep military titles alive, for it has printed lists of members of the new Parliament, for use when taking divisions, with military titles appended to certain members' names. The Government's action in this regard was strongly objected to in the Legislative Assembly recently by Mr Thomas, who said he spoke as the father of several soldiers, urged that military titles should be "transferred to oblivion" during peace times. He directed attention to the fact that while the ranks of "colonel," "major," and "captain" were indicated in the lists, the rank of "private" formerly held by a Mr Slater had been completely suppressed.

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