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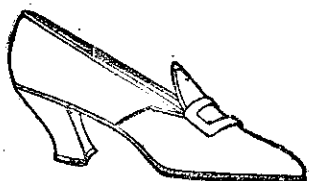
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SPORTING.

Acceptances for the Gore Trotting Meeting close this evening at 5 o'clock.

Mettle Drift is going well. Keep your eye on him at the holiday meetings.

Frank Young estimates the cost of making a good plough track on the Gore course at half a thousand. A lot of money.

Watty Taylor's cup for Wyndham is on view in Burn's jeweller's shop. It is of solid silver, and well worth the winning.

The Clifden Club has cut one of the jumping races out of its programme this season.

Silverpeak has been scratched for the Wyndham Cup. Alex McIvor doesn't like the idea of trying her out over ten furlongs with 9st 2lb.

A noticeable absentee from the jumping competitions at the local show was Mick O'Brien, of Otutau. He generally has several "leppers" going at the shows.

The Gore judge's box is to be placed further back from the course, and raised. This should help the judge in making his decisions.

Barley Rigs ran well up at Winton, a lot of people thought he won, and at 8.9 in the Mimihaui Handicap at Wyndham he reads well.

Big Willy Gardiner, the owner of John Barleycorn, Corn Rigs, Barley Rigs and Co., was judging draught horses at the local show this week.

Donovan has Fleetham looking well and he carried out the yellow ribbon on Wednesday, denoting that the imported stallion is champion for 1920-21 season.

In the Mataura Handicap, two miles for trotters, at Gore on Boxing Day, the ancient Bushranger has been given a royal chance, but perhaps he is too old now.

Rorae's Drift 8.8, in the Wyndham Cup reads well, but I doubt it is not the same old Rorae's Drift that we knew a season or two back. If he has come back to form the race would be a gift to him.

Wairio nominations close next Thursday afternoon at 5 p.m. Owners and trainers will note that they close in Invercargill this year with the secretary who can be found in the "News" buildings.

Mr Gibbs keeps weight up on Marching Order all right. Fred Moore will soon find it difficult to win a race with this horse unless the weight-adjusters modify their high opinion of him.

Bill Stone lost no time in withdrawing his horses from the Dunedin meeting when he saw the handicaps. When an owner has good horses he must expect to carry some good weights.

The handicaps for the first day of the local meeting are published in this issue. Whatever Mr Dunne's qualifications as a handicapper may be he has certainly been prompt in his declaration.

Taking a line through his handicaps for the Mimihaui and President's Handicaps at Wyndham, Mr Gibbs makes Marching Order within a pound of Kilbrogan over six furlongs. A compliment Fred Moore won't like I guess!

Denial, Luigi and Frog were amongst the old steeplechasers trying their luck at the jumping game at the show this week. Frog and Luigi, the latter well handled by the eldest son of the president of the Southland Racing Club, got into the prize-money.

What price Melee in the Wyndham Cup? Last June at Wingatui with 8.8 in the saddle he made hacks of Royal Star 8.15, All Ready 8.3, Burrangong 9.3, Elcus 8.13, Kilkee 7.13, Thaddeus 7.10, Almoner 7.9, Bondage 7.2, and Thistledown 7.0, in the Provincial Handicap, 1½ miles. And now Mr Gibbs only asks him to carry 7.7.

As the local club has issued an invitation to the world's ladies to attend their meeting on January 3 and 4, and barred

all children under twelve years, what about making the outside enclosure available for children of this age and their nurses?

What has Breton ever done or shown that Mr Gibbs should put him within a pound of the top-weight in the Final Plate at Wyndham? They are not a good lot but Frenchman, Lady Knight and Clothilde are all better performed than Willy Swale's neddly.

There was an attempt made in Dunedin and Christchurch last week to back Eleus and Silverpeak for the double at Invercargill. In Dunedin they said the money came from the right quarter, but perhaps this was only the old dodge of impressing the handicapper that the pair had been reserved for these two races.

Quite a number of horses claim engagements in the Federal Handicap at Wingatui on Boxing Day and the President's Handicap at Wyndham on New Year's Day. A comparison of the weights are:—

	Federal.	President's.
Michaela	9 9	9 8
Satisfaction	8 13	8 12
Killowen	8 9	8 8
Kilbrogan	8 2	8 2
Rokelaine	7 11	7 10
Redshire	7 0	7 0
Pyjama	7 0	6 13
Link Up	7 0	6 13

The handicaps for the hurdle races at Dunedin and Wyndham furnish another example of how closely Mr Gibbs endorses Mr Henrys' adjustments for Dunedin. The weights of the horses engaged in both are:—

	Dunedin.	Wyndham.
Jack Symons	12 7	12 7
Barrister	10 9	10 9
Tuticorn	10 8	10 8
Awahou	10 2	9 13
Mandrake	10 1	9 13
Calma	9 8	9 6
Good Start	9 2	9 0
Gowanbrae	9 0	9 0

The following are Messrs Henrys' and Gibbs' opinions of the horses who are engaged in both the Otago Handicap and Wyndham Cup, each run over a mile and a quarter:—

	Otago Hcp	W. Cup.
Radial	9 10	9 10
Eleus	8 9	8 6
Almoner	8 6	8 5
Bengeroop	8 6	8 5
Warlove	8 5	8 4
Satisfaction	8 2	8 1
Tim Soldier	7 10	7 9
Thaddeus	7 8	7 7
Jock	7 7	7 5
Linden	7 5	7 5
Malaga	7 3	7 2
Twinkle	7 0	7 0

Again how great minds think alike!

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

OF NEW ZEALAND BATTLEFIELDS.

T.J.M. writes from Nelson to enquire if it is possible to obtain photographs of Gallipoli, or any of the battle-fronts on which the N.Z.E.F. fought.

There are few official photographs of Gallipoli, but there are many of other scenes of action, plates and portfolios of which are in the custody of the Dominion Museum. The portfolios are open to inspection, and, in ordering, it is required that the number of the print, the size, and the number of copies desired should be specified. For those who are not able to inspect the portfolios it may, however, be possible to give a general idea of the time and locality of the actions of which photographs are required, but a note to the director, Dominion Museum, Wellington, should elicit definite information.

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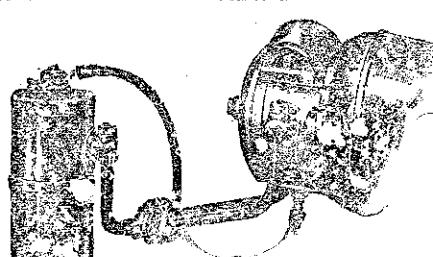
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