

self in Nelson. The "Digger" congratulates both these organisations on their efficiency and keenness; and wishes them the very best of luck.

From the "Digger" window I look across Dee street's whirling traffic, to the fine new shop of Messrs Davis and Prentice, where dwells an interesting "Digger" whose interest in coloured beverages recently brought him closer to the pearly gates than all the lethal advices of Jacko and Fritz. The prompt steps of this young mechanic when he discovered that the taste of the fluid did not come within his tabulated and varied assortment of "thirst quenchers," led him to the "Boss Digger" at the hospital, where effective methods were quickly taken to rid him of the "spirits of salt," which had somehow got into the wrong bottle. We are pleased to see our young genial friend once more speeding about on his reliable and well-known Indian as "smart" as ever.

Since last issue one of our most enthusiastic and oldest draughts players has passed away in the person of Mr James H. Whitaker, vice-president of the Invercargill Draughts Club. At one time a prominent chess player he forsook it for draughts and has been a constant supporter of the club and a regular attender since. His was a kindly cheerful disposition, and he had many fine qualities. Modest in his victories over the board (he was in the front rank as a natural player and never relied on the book). He was never vexed with his losses and was always ready to give credit to those who won from him. His presence at meetings of the club will be much missed. His bereaved family have the club's sincere sympathy in their sad loss.

"SETTLING DOWN."

It is now over two years since the Armistice and more than a year since the majority of the soldiers were repatriated, and it is interesting and gratifying to note the way in which the returned soldiers have settled down to civilian life. Doubts were expressed as to whether or not the returned men would "settle down." It has been noted in other parts of the Empire that employers were not anxious to employ V.C. winners, inclining to the opinion that the psychology of these men unfitted them for civilian life. The same lack of faith in the returning men was noted in this country when opinions were expressed that the experience of war would have a very unsettling effect on the majority of the men. Two types of individuals could be looked for—the ordinary working civilian who didn't go abroad, and the returned soldier whose chief characteristic would be his indolence. It must be very gratifying to the prophets to see their prophecies failing already, to note the way in which the returned men have settled down and to observe the part that they are playing in the community. ... we now find returned soldiers in every walk of life fulfilling their obligations as citizens in the same manner as they fulfilled their duties as soldiers. Occasionally we do find a returned soldier breaking the laws of the country and bringing trouble on himself, but the great majority—probably ninety-nine per cent.—of the men capable of working have accepted work willingly and cheerfully as their lot in life henceforth. In this consideration it is pleasing to know that the men who have been financially assisted by the Government to go on the land and acquire houses and businesses are fulfilling their obligation. It is authoritatively stated that the arrears of interest on borrowed money is a very small amount compared with the total due. This proves beyond doubt that the returned soldier has "settled down" and is now playing his part in the civil life of the community in the same spirit that he played his part at the war. His part now is work and he has not taken long to realise it. Unfortunately we have in our midst too large a number of those who by reason of wounds and disease cannot work, but it is safe to affirm that the returned men who can work are now working. Of course in every community there are to be found people who endeavour to rub along and live without rendering any services in return, and amongst returned soldiers, men of this class may occasionally be met with. When they are discovered it may be reasonable to assume that the war was not responsible for their present indolent ways, that the habit was acquired prior to the war, that they were of little use at the war, and now get very little sympathy from the great number of returned soldiers who are playing an important part in the life of the country. Fortunately the number of indolent ones is almost a negligible quantity and it is satisfactory to be able to say that the returned soldier has now "settled down."

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BOXING

"DENNY" MURPHY v. "SEAMAN" BROWN.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3.

Keen interest is being shown in the arrangements for the forthcoming professional boxing contest between "Denny" Murphy and "Seaman" Brown to be held in the Municipal Theatre, Invercargill on 3rd January next for a purse of £100 and the welter weight championship of N.Z. Since their opening announcement the committee have been fortunate in arranging a match between Brian McCleary (amateur Australasian heavy-weight champion) and the local boxer, C. Whitaker, who has just returned from Wellington after a course of instruction under Fritz Holland, and is showing much improved form. McCleary is bringing with him a very clever light weight in McAleer, who will be matched with J. Mitchell, of Dunedin (winner in the recent Wairongoa Shield Competition held in Dunedin against Canterbury). These bouts with the addition of W. J. Sycamore v. L. McDonald (Dunedin), M. J. Neylon v. S. Mackey (Dunedin) and D. Adams v. W. Rowe (Dunedin) should provide the best programme ever staged in Invercargill. The local committee are sparing no efforts to make the fixture a success and carpenters have been busy engaged in building suitable staging in the theatre to accommodate some 200 ringside patrons. The box plan opened at the secretary's office Esk street, on Monday last, and patrons would be wise to secure a seat as indications all point to a record house. Admission:—Ringside, 2s; Dress Circle and Orchestral Stalls, 10s; Back Stalls, 5s; Gallery, 3s.

WYNDHAM RACING CLUB.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ACCEPTANCES.

The following are the acceptances for the Wyndham R.C.'s annual fixture on New Year's Day:—

New Year Hurdles (one mile and five furlongs).—Compulsion and Parister 10.9, Awahou and Mandrake 9.15, Achilles 9.8, Calma 9.6, Staff Officer 9.5, Goodstart, Moonglow, and Red Tape 9.0.

Trial Plate, £120 (five furlongs).—Bretton 8.13, Hard Cash and Frenchman 8.12, Lady Knight 8.10, Clothilde 8.8, Killory 8.7, Admiral Fisher, Gleatrain, Herbert, Lady Blisful, Markilla, Moeke, Rockhampton, Royal Admiral, and Strowana 8.5.

Victory Class Trot (harness), £200, class 3.50 (one mile and a-half).—Dark Rosine, Downcast, Oaknut, Osteast, and Pessimist limit, Colchester and John Richmond 12yds behind, Kentucky Wood, Maile, Rothell 24, St. Mihel 72.

Wyndham Cup, £600 (one and a-quarter miles).—Elenus 8.6, Almoner and Bengeroop 8.5, Satisfaction 8.1, Kilkea 8.0, Killowen 7.12, Tin Soldier 7.9, Melee and Thaddeus 7.7, Jock and Linden 7.5, Malaga 7.2, Twinkle and Glenshine 7.0, Red Admiral 6.12, Hineamaru 6.9, Sunny Loch and Miss Muriel 6.7.

Mimihau Handicap, £150 (six furlongs).—Cattach 8.10, Corn Rigs and Roniform 8.5, Filigree 8.1, Sunlit 7.11, Jazz, Mantua and Osterman 7.9, Bothnia 7.8, Blue Admiral and Wild Night 7.7, Hard Cash 7.6, Reproachful, Lady Pallas, Kokowai, and Flag Lieutenant 7.5, Clothilde 7.3.

President's Handicap, £200 (six furlongs).—Almoner and Satisfaction 8.12, Buller 8.9, Kilkea and Killowen 8.8, Kilbrogan 8.2, Rokelaine, Algidus, and Borodino 7.10, Caverock 7.5, Redshire 7.0, Helicon, Pyjama, and Link Up 6.13, Bothnia 6.12, Orderdown 6.9.

Digger's Trot (saddle), £150 (one mile).—Donside, Eppie Adair, Fashion Plate, Moor Chimes, Marvendale, and Polygon limit, Pessimist, Quickmatch, and Vitalis 24yds behind, Lord Rokeby 36, Kentucky Wood 48, Black Harold 72, Evening Chimes 84.

Visitors' Hack Handicap, £180 (one mile).—Algidus and Marching Order 9.0, Mettle Drift 8.7, Corn Rigs 8.5, Etta 8.2, Bazama 8.1, Mirza 7.8, Wild Night and Bretton 7.7, Lady Pallas and Kokowai 7.5, Whipcord 6.13.

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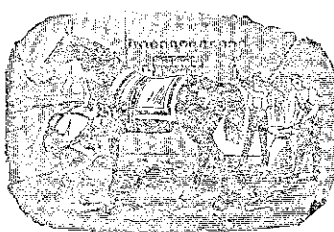
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