

Convents are now being sold in Prussia by the dozen; while thousands of schoolmasters are wanted all over the country to fill the vacancies that have arisen for years past, and the government even go so far as to advertise in Jewish papers for Jewish teachers in cases where no Christians can be found to do the work. Vast numbers of members of religious orders of both sexes are constantly driven out of the country to pine away their existence in exile which had hitherto been so useful to large classes of their own people. Among the convents recently closed by order of the Prussian Government there is one belonging to the Ursulines, at Dorsten in Westphalia. On this property there is a mortgage of £15,000, and when it came to be sold by auction it was generally thought that there would be no outside bidder, and a government official, Herr Riese, was just about to have it knocked down to him for £75, when the agent of Count Droste-Nesselrode, a Catholic nobleman of the district, arrived on the spot and secured the prize by bidding £5 more. From a statement we find in the Westphalian 'Volks-zeitung,' it appears that the Count means to keep the property intact until "better times" shall begin for the Church; and as the same nobleman already holds the mortgage in his hands, it is quite possible that this convent, at any rate, will not be alienated from the pious object for which it was originally intended.

HISTORICAL! Vide "Jurors Reports and Awards, New Zealand Exhibition." Jurors: J. A. Ewen, J. Butterworth, T. C. Skinner. "So far as the Colony is concerned, the dyeing of materials is almost entirely confined to the re-dyeing of Articles of Dress and Upholstery, almost useful art, for there are many kinds of material that lose their colour before the texture is half worn. G. HIRSCH, of Dunedin (DUNEDIN DYING WORKS, George street, opposite Royal George Hotel) exhibits a case of specimens of Dyed Wools, Silks, and Feathers, and dyed Sheepskins. The colors on the whole are very fair, and reflect considerable credit on the Exhibitor, to whom the Jurors recommended an Honorary Certificate should be awarded." Honorary Certificate, 629: Gustav Hirsch Dunedin, for specimens of Dyeing in Silk Feathers, &c.

"DUKE OF EDINBURGH"—The old wooden structure that did duty as the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, in Russell-street, for so many years, has, we are pleased to observe, given place to a new brick building, erected at considerable cost, in order to meet the rapidly increasing requirements of this popular and important part of the city. The present proprietor, Mr. D. HARRIS, has spared no reasonable expense in furnishing and fitting the building with every modern comfort and convenience. The situation is extremely healthy, and commands splendid views of the ocean and harbour, and is within easy reach of the business part of the city. Persons in pursuit of a respectable and comfortable residence will do well to go to the "Duke of Edinburgh" Hotel, Russell-street, Dunedin.—[ADVT.]

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PROGRAMME:

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, 30 sovs. Over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Two miles and a distance.

MAIDEN PLATE, 25 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20 sovs. Weight for age, 1½ mile. Entrance, 30s.

TAIERI HANDICAP, 40 sovs. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 1 sov. 1½ mile.

DISTRICT FARMERS' PURSE. A Handicap of £30, with a Sweepstake of £2 each; the amount accruing from the Sweepstake to go to the 2nd horse. Nomination, £2; acceptance, £1. For all horses the property of residents within the Electoral District of Taieri, and being their *bona fide* property two months previous to the day of running.

SELLING RACE, 30 sovs. Weight for age. Horses entered to be sold for 50 sovs, to carry 10lbs over weight for age; for 40 sovs, weight for age; for 30 sovs, allowed 14lbs; for 20 sovs, allowed 28lbs; for 10 sovs, allowed 42lbs. Entrance, 2 sovs. 1½ mile. The winner to be sold by auction, and any surplus to go to the funds.

HANDICAP TROTTING RACE, 20 sovs. Optional saddle or harness. Entrance, 2 sovs. Distance, 3 miles. No weight under 10st.

PONY RACE, 10 sovs. For all ponies 14 hands or under. Catch weights. Entrance, 1 sov.

ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP, 60 sovs, with a sweepstake of 2 sovs; the amount accruing from the sweep to go to the 2nd horse. The winner of the Taieri Handicap incurs a penalty of 5lb. Nominations, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, 2 miles.

SELLING HACK RACE, 15 sovs. Open to all horses. Catch weights. Post entry, 1 sov. 1 mile. Winner to be sold by auction for £15; any surplus to go to the funds.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP, 20 sovs. For all beaten horses during the meeting. Entrance, 1 sov.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The decision of the Stewards to be final.

Nominations for all handicaps to be made to the Secretary at the Mornington Hotel, Mornington, on or before the 27th February, at 8 p.m. Weights to be declared on Wednesday, the 7th March, and published in the daily papers on the 8th of March. Acceptances, with Sweepstakes, on the night of general entry.

General entries to be made at the Mornington Hotel, Mornington, on the 13th March, before 8 p.m.

All entries and acceptances must be in sealed covers, addressed to the Secretary, and contain entrance money, age and description of horse, and colors to be worn by the rider. A penalty of £2 for riding in wrong colors.

No person to enter a horse unless he be a subscriber of not less than £1 ls. to the funds, and no person to nominate unless both owner and nominator be subscribers to the same amount.

No protest will be received unless the sum of 2 sovs is deposited with the Secretary, to be absolutely forfeited if same be considered frivolous or vexatious.

Five per cent. will be deducted from the gross amount of all moneys paid, in accordance with the programme, for expenses.

The new rules of the Dunedin Jockey Club will be strictly adhered to.

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