

MELBOURNE RACES. FIRST DAY.

The Town Plate.

Of forty sovereigns. Entry, £6, Heats, two miles and a distance.

- Campbell's ch. g. Petrel..... 1 1
Collins's g. g. Smolensko..... 2 dist.
Dewing's ch. g. Romeo..... 3 2
Purves's b. h. Banker..... 4 3
Lang's b. m. Haidee..... dist.

On starting Petrel took the lead, followed by Banker, Smolensko, and Romeo, and in rounding the course in the bottom Smolensko changed places with Banker, and took a second one, Romeo a third, in this they continued round the course, Petrel leading with apparent ease, and finally took the heat from Smolensko (whose rider punished the grey without effect); altogether the heat from the unequal running of the horses, caused little interest, and occupied 4 minutes and 20 seconds in the running. Five to three were freely offered on Petrel, but no takers. The second heat, which was run in 4 minutes and 19 seconds, was a very sad affair, Petrel took the lead in beautiful style, and run right away from his opponents, winning the race in a canter; he is considered by good judges to be a very first-rate horse. Some fair running took place with Romeo and Banker, but 'The light of other days are faded.'

SECOND RACE. Maiden Plate.

Of twenty-five sovereigns. Entry £5, one mile and a distance.

- Ewart's Fatima 1
Brown's Adela } dead ht.
Mogg's Little Devil 3
Purves's Atalanta 4
Brock's Blue Bell bolted.

This was a splendid race. The start was excellent, Adela slightly leading, closely waited upon by Fatima, and Little Devil, Atalanta following, with Blue Bell. At the first turn Little Devil challenged Adela, when 'Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war.' The Devil and Adela ran neck and neck to the distance post, when Adela drew a little ahead, but the terrific running of Fatima altered the appearance of the race, by passing the Devil and making a dead heat with Adela. Time, 2 minutes, 22 seconds. For the next heat only Fatima and Adela started, and ran neck and neck round the course. Fatima winning by a length. Time, 2 minutes 19 seconds. A charge of jostling was brought against Fatima, by the owner of Adela, who entered his protest accordingly, but the decision of the Stewards was in favor of Fatima.

Publican's Purse.

Of thirty sovereigns. Entry, £5. Heats, two miles and a distance.

- Collins's g. g. Smolensko..... 1 1
Collins's g. g. Latitat..... 2 2
Ewart's g. g. Jim Crow..... 3 4
Dewing's ch. g. Wild Harry... 4 6
Pyke's b. m. Miss Letty... 5 3
Barker's b. m. Dolly Varden... 6 5

SECOND DAY. Ladies' Purse.

25 sovereigns; entry, 5 pounds; three miles and a distance.

- Collin's g. g. Smolensko..... 1
Dewing's ch. g. Romeo..... 2
Purves's b. h. Banker..... 3
Bond's b. g. Flying Shingler, Nowhere, Barker's b. m. Dolly Varden With-drawn.

Flying Shingler took the lead at starting, followed by Romeo and the others, when Smolensko crept ahead. Shingler then led, followed by Romeo and Banker, but not having sufficient pluck was compelled to retire to the rear. It was a capital race, Smolensko winning about three lengths. Mr Brown, the rider displaying considerable jockeyship. This heat was run in 6 minutes and 30 seconds.

Port Phillip Stakes.

25 sovereigns, entry, 5 sovereigns Heats,—one mile and a distance.

- Crook's Gay Lad..... 1 1
Kirk's Manchester..... 2 2
Barker's Jennie Deans..... 3 5
Pyke's Billy-goby..... 4 4
Purves's Vesper..... 3 3
Haines's Fille de Joie..... dist.

This heat was run in two minutes and forty seconds. The first heat was a very good one, Gay Lad winning it in gallant style. The second heat also afforded much sport, and was well contested, but still Gay Lad maintained his ground, though Mr Kirk's horse, Manchester, worked his way most nobly.

- Henderson's Pussy..... 1 1
Cowell's Jack Sheppard..... 2 2
Purves's Pretty Housemaid... dist.

Pony Stakes.

16 sovereigns; entry 2 sovereigns Heats,—one mile and a distance.

Pussy and Jack Sheppard were very matched, but Pussy's bottom proved over that of the other and succeeded in beating him in both heats.

THIRD DAY.

The course was crowded, and the sport was excellent, the following is the result:—

Consolation Stakes.

Of ten sovereigns, with entry £2 added.

- Ewart's Jim Crow 1 1
Kirk's Manchester 2 2
Barker's Dolly Varden 3 3
Delany's Haidee 4 dr.
Time—2 minutes, 16 seconds.

HURDLE RACE OF NINE LEAPS.

Of twenty sovereigns, with entry £5 added.

- Dewing's Wild Harry 1
Bond's Flying Shingler.... 2
Purves's Banker 3

Away went the Shingler, well ridden by Mr A. Hunter, at a slapping pace, taking his leaps beautifully, and with much apparent ease; Banker, ridden by Mr Kearney followed, but swerved at the first leap, went over the ring and was disqualified; and after him Wild Harry, ridden by the owner—he knocked the first rail off the fence. Shingler refused the fourth hurdle, and from the crowd of horsemen following, his rider was unable to bring him round again. Shingler got blown in attempting to pull Wild Harry—the refusal of the fourth hurdle by the Shingler gave Wild Harry the chance, who cleared all his leaps gallantly and came in the winner. Banker came down at the last leap, descending the flat, and rolled over his rider, who, most fortunately was not hurt.

SYDNEY.

BOILING DOWN.—The Sydney Salting Company has erected spacious premises at the head of Johnston's Bay, and has commenced boiling down sheep and cattle, and are making preparations for salting as soon as the season commences, which will be in about six weeks. The buildings, which are very well adapted for the purpose, are principally of weatherboards, and bring on the side of a steep bank communicating with the harbour, there is every facility for getting rid of the filth, and keeping the place clean. The boilers and pans are the same as were in use in Sydney, and there is in addition a small steam engine for pumping water wherever it may be required. A lot of Mr. Johnstone's cattle were boiled down last week, the result of which was very satisfactory.

CHESS CLUB.—We have much pleasure in announcing that a Chess Club has just been formed in Sydney, the members of which meet at Mrs Butler's on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Captain Moriarty, the port master, is president. Mr R. Windeyer, M.C., vice-president; and Colonial Surgeon Richardson, treasurer. The number of members at present enrolled is twenty seven. The rules are founded on those of the St George's Chess Club.

MR WINDEYER.—The honorable member for Durham met a numerous body of his constituents at the Albion Inn, East Maitland, on the 13th March, in pursuance of previous advertisement. when the chair having been taken by Mr C. Doyle, the honorable gentleman proceeded to address the meeting at considerable length. The first topic adverted to by Mr Windeyer in his speech was, the address forwarded to the Queen, at the instance of Mr R Lowe, relative to colonial wheat; and in commenting upon this measure he dwelt strongly upon the importance to the colony of having a price established for its grain, beyond which that branch of colonial production could not sink. He then proceeded to refer to the Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill, and the refusal of the Governor to extend to it the Royal sanction, urging upon the meeting the importance of its probable effect if passed into a law, from the necessity of having an outlet for the refuse of their fast increasing vineyards. He congratulated the meeting upon the happy result which had attended the labours of the Dredging Machine Committee, and the beneficial results which the operations of that machine would have upon the commerce of the District; and he also referred at some length to the squatting movement, dwelling strongly upon the argument, that it was the interest of the district to uphold the squatters, inasmuch as it was from that class of colonists that almost all their comforts were derived, and without whose assistance the agriculturists would have to live principally upon the produce of their own farms. The hon. gentleman next proceeded to advert to the District Councils, and the impossibility of carrying out such institutions in thinly peopled districts like those of New South Wales, where the mere expense of the necessary machinery would create a greater burthen than the population of the several districts were well able to bear, besides which, the fact that the Government possessed the power of levying upon a single individual for the whole amount of the taxation would render those bodies mere tools in the hands of the executive for the time being. He then directed his attention to the abolition or stoppage of the Registry Office, a measure for which the sole blame was attachable in his opinion to the head of the Government, as it would have been an easy task for that officer to have curtailed the public expenses in instances where such retrenchment would not have been injurious to the public welfare, and a sufficient surplus for all purposes would by that means have been created. Finally, he alluded to the Education question, which he admitted to be a subject that ought to be decided, not by the representatives themselves, but by the popular voice; and it was for this reason, he said, that he had voted as he had done upon that question. He had been guided by what he had con-

shown by the petitions which were brought before the Council, and if he had acted in error it was the people's own fault. After Mr Windeyer had concluded his address a vote of thanks was accorded to him for his past services.

TORRES STRAITS.—The following extract from a letter received by a gentleman in Sydney from Captain Baker, of the Marie Somes, shows the advantage of going through Torres Straits by the route laid down by Captain Black, wood, to that of taking the inner passage, which vessels conveying troops coived to be the wishes of the people, as are compelled to pursue by government:—"Barque Marie Somes, Calcutta, December 11th 1844.—Dear Sir,—The good ship arrived here on the 11th November, all well. I fell in with the Blundell and her companions—the St. Vincent, London, and Meg Merrilie, four days after leaving your port, they having had four days' start of me. I delivered the letters which you gave me for the Blundell and then parted company. We were only nineteen hours and a half under weigh in the Straits; anchored the first night under the Bird Islands, and at two the next afternoon in Mount Adolphus Bay, the island having previously been visited by a number of the natives from the main. They came down abreast of the ship, waving boughs of trees, inviting us to come on shore. We did not go near them, but landed well armed on a point, to paint the ship's name on the white rocks, as we found the surveying vessels had passed through and left their names and dates also. We landed on Booby Island, and found that we had gained eleven days on the four troop ships, which left Sydney twenty days before us; they passed through all well. I arrived here before any of them; the Royal Saxon was the first that arrived, the Lloyd's next, and then the Komore. The Briton has not yet arrived, but has taken a very curious route, preferring to go through all the straits in preference to an outside passage.—Yours, &c. J. Baker, Master, Maria Somes.

COMMITTAL FOR PERJURY.—Mary Hurley was committed on Saturday last to take her trial, for having committed wilful and corrupt perjury, in the Police Court, about fourteen days previously, by swearing, while suing her husband for maintenance, that she had never been unfaithful to him. The evidence adduced proved her statement to be false.—Herald.

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.

His Excellency has consented to withdraw that portion of the Taxation Bill which imposes the duty upon the value at the place of import, instead of that of that of export. This modification does not, however, in the slightest degree interfere with the principle sought to be carried out. It is true, that by the act under which this colony is governed, there is a power reserved to increase the duties to 15 per cent. It is an irrefragable truth, that to tax us at all, without our consent, is unjust and unconstitutional. His Excellency, it is true, as he said to his Council, 'found us so,' taxed. He is so far not to blame. But if he carries that power farther, if he taxes us to the utmost, if he exercises an unconstitutional authority, because he has the power—then the blame of that further amount of wrong rests with him. We hope, therefore, he will pause ere he sanction it.

The modification already allowed will render the abandonment of the entire, harmless. The sum which can be raised, can be but a mere trifle. It is not worth while to encroach further upon the trifling privileges of freemen possessed by us, nor to incur a deserved unpopularity for such a petty assistance to the treasury. Concession to the wishes and petitions of the people would come with a good grace if it applies to the whole tax. If partial it may be supposed either that it was made to separate the mercantile from the popular interest, or that it was illegal, and that, not a wish to conciliate those he governs, was the cause of the modification conceded by his Excellency.

THE REVENUE—STATE OF TRADE.

The Revenue tables just published show an increase of £520,924 on the quarter, and £1,305,349 on the year. An increase of £473,347 has taken place in the Customs department alone for the quarter, notwithstanding the reduction of the Wool and other duties last session. The post-office has also yielded an increase of £40,000 on the quarter, and £82,000 on the year.

The great activity in the trade of the country easily accounts for the flourishing state of the revenue, as it does also for the reduction in the expenditure on the poor. In the township of Leeds the reduction in this expenditure is very gratifying. For the month of September, 1843 and 1844, the expenditure on the poor was as follows:—

In September, 1843... £1544 11s. 6d.

1844... 1191 11s. 6d.

Reduction in 1844... 345 19s. 9d.

It will be seen from our Manchester trade report that the home demand for cotton manufactures is excellent, and was never known to be better; and nearly the same remark applies to every other large branch of manufactures and trade. It seems almost superfluous, were it not for the interested blindness of many, again to point out the notorious truth, that this state of general prosperity is found co-existing with cheapness of food. It has always been so; and, on the other hand, national distress is always found co-existing with dearness of food. Surely this is the strongest possible proof that cheap food is the first of material blessings to a country, and that laws which make food dear are necessarily mischievous. If this be so—and nothing can be plainer—we hope the manufacturing and trading classes will never remit their exertions to obtain the entire repeal of the unnatural Corn Laws.

THE MEET.

The Bachelor's Ball (may it not be the best) Has been honored in verse by "Eximious Guest," And the charms of a flowret (unknown) in Geelong Have awakened an "Outlandish Settler's" song.

But are there no bards a just tribute to yield To thy deeds, M. F. H., and the sports of the field. The subject inspires, for still in my ear The sounds are yet thrilling as loud and as clear

As when, over hills and through woods in full cry, Thy brave little pack made each echo reply.— And well I remember that bold jovial crew, All mounted and ready ere day dawn's first hue

Had gladdened the Bay, which with silvery light Reflected the beams of the goddess of night— Ere these were eclipsed by the tint of the east, The crowd mustered strong—there were thirty at least,

Impatiently waiting with looks that would say To the huntsman—we wait but your order "away." The kennel now opens, the hounds' eager cry Bodes ill to the fox that their mettle should try;

The huntsman appears, heads his hounds in a crack, And the field follow cheerily now in their track;

On—onwards they go, scarce a sound is yet heard Save the soft piping note of the startled bell-bird, And the murmuring whisper of morn's early breeze,

Yet wooing with kisses the tall forest trees; But on sped the pack through each thicket and brake, When a challenge is heard on the side of the lake;

"Hark to him good dogs," and again the sharp cry Of Nimrod is heard in the cover hard by. The pack catch the sound, and from every throat

How gaily re-echos the musical note, "Hold! hold hard my lads—have patience I pray,

"Leave the hounds to themselves, they'll show us the way. And over the brow of the hill course the pack;

No longer restrained, full till on their track The field follow madly. Cries one of the clan, "Ride over them, gentlemen, now if you can,"

And first in the hunt, with his nag in full stride Is the bold M. F. H., and his whip alongside, Well on, in their wake (ay! believe it who can) Rides another Goliath, a sixteen stone man;

Who's that in his rear? "Height of shortness," oh! then There'll now be no holding these sixteen s'one men,

Half the field in her rear—on her cob full of life Rides gallantly forward—the huntsman's young wife;

The field view her course, over timber and stump, And in half suppressed whispers, vote her a trump.

"On! on!" cries the whip (yet he meant not to scoff; The words were scarce uttered when some one came "off"

With a crash most astounding—a regular spanker— The dust clears away, and discovers the Banker

Half senseless, extended in spread-eagle fashion. Some stop to assist, the remainder still dash on,

Tally ho! Tally ho! there—they view him at length, As, breaking from cover with fast-fading strength,

He struggles for life, whilst the field onward rush With vigour renewed to compete for his brush.

Regardless of danger to limb or to neck, But fate interposed—the hounds came to a check;

This gave each nag time to recover his breath, And "Jorlocks" a chance to be in at one death— The chance availed nothing, for though people say

"Twas a capital run, yet the fox stole away, Which luckless event disposed some to be witty, But if we don't brush him next meet it's a pity.

Then here's to thee, S—, each sportsman shall fill A bumper at starting, with hearty good will; May each sporting blade freely stump up the tin

To retain and encourage thy smart whippers in, And when future years their cold shadow have cast

O'er the days of gay youth, irretrievably past, Thy deeds will enliven—thy worth must instil

A sweet recollection to memory still. "BETTER LATE THAN NEVER."

ON SALE,

(AT THE STORES OF THE UNDERSIGNED.) MARSALA WINE, in octaves and quarter casks Port Wine, in quarter casks and hds. "London", Bottled Porter Green Tea, at £3 large chest Soudrapary ditto, in 1/2, 1, and whole chests Black Tea, in boxes and chests Boydell's Tobacco, at 1s per lb, Spirits of Tar and Turpentine Oil of Vitriol and Green Copperas Saltpetre and Liverpool Salt Camp Ovens and Iron Pots Two inch patent Cut Nails Best Molekin Trowsers, lined Long Cloths and grey Calicos Candle Wick Also every description of Settlers supplies.

ALFRED WOOLLEY, Marrabool-street.

On Sale, at the Stores of the undersigned, "ex Heroine."

EIGHTY-SEVEN packages of Ironmongery, Cutlery, and Hardware comprising:— Sorby's patent Sheep Shears Best bright Screw Augers Strong Spades, riveted eyes; strapped and Post-hole ditto, and Shovels Tea Kettles and Saucepans Hurdle, Shingle, Batten, Flooring, Spike, and Shoe Nails An assortment of Table Knives and Forks, Pen and Pocket ditto Files, Locks, Iron and Tinned Tacks Pins, Shoe Awns, and Hair Brooms, &c Also, the usual extensive assortment of Drapery, Stops, &c., &c. F. CHAMPION.

WANTED,

A FEMALE as House servant. Apply to Mrs Strachan, Corio Terrace.

NOTICE.

THE remainder of the Exiles (twenty in number) will, on Monday next, 31st instant, be removed to the Breakwater, where parties desirous of hiring them are requested to apply. E. B. ADDIS, C.C.L.

FOUND.

AND now running at Burrumbroop Station, near the Grampians, a strong Bay Horse, aged, and lame of both fore legs. The owner can have him on paying the cost of this advertisement. March 26, 1845.

MEETING.

A PUBLIC MEETING of persons interested in the formation of a direct Road to the Wharf, by cutting through the hill at the north end of Yarra-street, will be held at the Caledonian Hotel on the evening of WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 2nd of April, at six o'clock, for the purpose of considering the best means of carrying the desired object into effect. March 28, 1845.

South Geelong Monthly Sale.

MR. A. LEVY

Will sell by auction, at Mr. Griffin's, South Geelong, on WEDNESDAY NEXT the 2nd of April, at 12 o'clock, A MIXED herd of Cattle, consisting of 32 head. ALSO, A Mangle, &c., &c. Terms at Sale.

NOTICE.—Deeds of Grant, in favour of the undermentioned persons, for Land purchased from the Crown, have been received at this office and are ready for delivery. Parties entitled, are requested to receive them without delay, as they will be held responsible should any accident happen to them, by being left in the State Treasury after this notice:—

- Atkinson James, Austin Thomas, Airey George S., Allan George, Allan James, 2; Atkinson Francis, Atkins John, Arrow-smith Nicholas, Andrew Alexander; Bateman John, 2; Baynton Henry, 3; Blair James, 8; Bowerman Henry, Bowerman Henry Boucher, Brodribb William Adams, Brown John, Brown Richard Henry, Brodie James Sinclair, Bonbury Richard H., Cussen Patrick, Cronin John, Coates Walter, Campbell Robert, Jones Clark John, 3; Clarke Richard, Deane Robert, Dick John, Duck James, Ryan Alfred John, Falkner Charles, 2; Fleming Robert, Hayen Jacob, Hay Andrew; Hawdon Joseph, Hitchcock George; Hill Jane, Hinton James Pullar, 3; Hutchinson Samuel, Kerr William Henry; Kidder John, Langborne Mary, Lawson home William, Lilly George, Lindsay John, 2; Lloyd George Thomas, Mason John, McCrae Alexander, Mason Henry Ward, McDowell William, 2; McLachlan John, Mortimer William, Morrison George, McDowell James, Minton Thomas, Mercer William D., Hammond, 1; Pender Michael, 6; Reeve John, Ross Knight William, Roe John, Rose James; Hannibal, 2; Robson George, Robson Thomas Ackery, 2; Smart Ann Staunton; Smith Thomas, 2; Smith James, Saunders John, Smith John Thomas, Scots Church; Geelong, 3; Snook John, Scobie Mitchell; Forbes, Sullivan George; Grey, Taylor Cortland, Timmins William, Vernon William, Wall Charles William, Warner John, Warner Robert, Ware Jonathan, Binns, Whyte John, Wigan Frederick, W. LONSDALE.