

Killen was finished on Wednesday morning, the jury bringing in a verdict of murder against Booth, and against the three other men arrested guilty of aiding and abetting in the commission of the unlawful act.

Mr George B. Dibbs has been checked, and there are many who sympathize with him under the present charge. He went to gaol for twelve months to avoid paying the £3,500 verdict recovered against him by Mr John Shepherd for defamation of character, and now he finds that his high-spirited action has availed him nothing. He occupied himself in gaol in many useful ways, but it is hardly to be credited that he would have submitted himself to the sheriff if he knew as much last year as he does now.

The Tramway question is still an engrossing topic. The Oxford street people finding that the Government would not widen the thoroughfare, exerted all their strength in opposition to the double line. There had been midnight meetings, and mid-day deputations, but the only result was official equivocation. On Tuesday morning the shopkeepers awakened to the tune which the pick and shovel gang were making on the metal, and very soon the Colonial Secretary was interviewed once more.

THE ANNUAL DINNER, to commemorate the Festival of July 12th, will be held at Shearman's Hotel on that date. Dinner on the table at 8 p.m. Tickets, 6s 6c each.

ASHBURTON COUNTY PLOUGHING MATCH. THURSDAY, 21ST JULY, 1881. A Farmer's Ball will be held in the Town Hall on the above date, under the auspices of the Ploughing Match Committee.

LECTURE AT WAKANUI. A Lecture in aid of the School Funds will be delivered in the Wakanui School-room on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, 12TH INSTANT, at 7.30 p.m.

TO LET—A Five Roomed HOUSE, in Princess street, with 1/2 an Acre Garden Ground. Rent 10s a week. Apply, Office of this Paper.

TO LET—A Four-roomed HOUSE, 1 Two-roomed HOUSE. Apply to MATSON, COX, & CO.

CORRESPONDENCE. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

THE FORTHCOMING PLOUGHING MATCH TO THE EDITOR. Sir,—Would you permit me, through the medium of your valuable paper, to explain more fully my reasons for proposing a ball and supper to be given in connection with the Ploughing Match?

speech of the late Mr Mechi, at a ploughing match dinner in the County of East England, just ten years ago, when double-furrows were first made use of at ploughing matches in that district. He said that "The question of education was a most important one, because, in these days of intelligence, agriculture must be improved, and it could only be improved by the application of science in order to determine, both employer and employed must be educated in all matters relating to the proper cultivation of the field."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most careful of their health, and most particular in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the digestive organs; they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and dry up all that is noxious from the system.

MEETINGS. AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB. Full Rehearsal TO-NIGHT, at 7 o'clock. All members particularly requested to attend. Supernumeraries required. Punctuality requested.

ASHBURTON COUNTY COUNCIL. Notice is hereby given that Mr S. HOLLAND, has been RE-APPOINTED POUNDKEEPER of the Waterloo Pound, until further notice.

ASHBURTON COUNTY COUNCIL. SOUTH RAKAIA PLAINS WATER SUPPLY. The Ashburton County Council directs the publication of the following resolution, passed at its last meeting, relative to extraordinary damages to any of the water-races constructed by the Council.

ASHBURTON COUNTY COUNCIL. Ploughing Match. Under the auspices of the Agricultural and Pastoral Association. THURSDAY, 21ST JULY, 1881.

ASHBURTON COUNTY COUNCIL. SPECIAL PRIZES. Friedlander Brothers—Horse collar, for the best team on the ground.

ASHBURTON COUNTY COUNCIL. WESTERFIELD MILLS. Having taken the above Mills, I beg to inform farmers and the public generally that the MILL is NOW OPEN, and will be run on a first-class article, and in the hope of public support.

P. and D. Duncan. BEG to call the attention of Farmers and others to the fact that they have taken the following prizes and awards at this season's Shows and Exhibitions.

THE TRADE PROTECTION SOCIETY'S PRIVATE CIRCULAR (instituted 1873) gives a weekly list of Bills of Sale, Mortgages of Stock, Liens, Bankruptcies, etc., throughout New Zealand.

TENDERS will be received for the ERECTION of about 12 miles Wire-Fencing, more or less, labor only, until SATURDAY, the 16th July. Lowest tender not necessarily accepted.

Public Notices. IMPORTANT. The friends of Mr MARTIN will please RETURN the FLAGS borrowed for their ball on Friday last from 238c R. W. SHEARMAN.

CHAFF CUTTERS. From £13 upwards. Horse Gear from £10 10s, simple strong and compact.

FOR SALE. A small FARM of 75 Acres, within six miles of Ashburton, on favorable terms.

FOR SALE. A FARM of 300 Acres, all sown down to wheat, well and securely fenced, abundantly watered, and within easy access of a Railway Station.

FOR SALE. T.S. 907, 908, 909, 910, being one acre in a block; also, T.S. 860. These sections will be sold on favorable terms.

WE have received instructions to SELL BY PRIVATE TREATY, A SNUG Improved Farm, Now in fallow. This Farm consists of 127 Acres of the best land in the Wakanui District and will be sold a bargain, on easy terms of payment.

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Trees. WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY, 12 o'clock. ALFRED HARRISON will sell by Public Auction, on above date, at his Rooms, a consignment of FRUIT & FOREST TREES.

FOR SALE. Andrews and Beaven's celebrated CANTERBURY, ZEALANDIA, and AUSTRALIAN. A small FARM of 75 Acres, within six miles of Ashburton, on favorable terms.

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BAZAAR, BURNETT STREET. WEEKLY SALE OF HORSES EVERY SATURDAY, Commencing at 1 p.m. MONEY TO LEND, at a low rate of interest, in sums of £50 and upwards.

TO LET—BOARDING HOUSE in East street, lately in the occupation of Mr C. Truckle. Apply to T. BULLOCK.

TO PERSONS DESIROUS OF STARTING A BACON CURING FACTORY. FOR SALE CHAP—4 Sections on the South East Town Belt, containing 1 Acre. Capital site for Bacon Curing Establishment.

T. Bullock, AUCTIONEER, ESTATE AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, EAST STREET, ASHBURTON.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE and TO LET with a purchasing clause:— 207 Acres partly improved, situated in the Upper Ashburton road district.

W. F. Wilding, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, AND NOTARY PUBLIC. ATTENDANCE AT ASHBURTON EVERY FRIDAY.

ASHBURTON HOTEL, ASHBURTON (Next to the Bridge).

DUNCAN MCKENZIE, late of the firm of Mutch and McKenzie, having purchased this well-known and old-established HOTEL, now takes this opportunity of thanking his numerous friends and customers for the liberal support accorded him during his connection with the late firm, and trusts in his new undertaking he will meet with a full share of public patronage.

DUNEDIN COFFEE PALACE AND PRIVATE HOTEL. MORAY PLACE. These extensive premises, replete with every comfort as a first-class Restaurant and Family Hotel, are now open to the public.

MRS FENWICK'S Adelaide Hotel, HANOVER STREET, DUNEDIN. Good Accommodation for Boarders.

MATSON, COX, and CO. AUCTIONEERS & VALUATORS, LAND, STOCK, AND ESTATE AGENTS. LOANS NEGOTIATED at Lowest Rates and on most favorable terms.

GRAIN MERCHANTS. FORTNIGHTLY SALES OF STOCK Will be held at ASHBURTON AND TINWALD ALTERNATELY.

TO STOCK OWNERS, FARMERS, AND OTHERS, IN THE COUNTY OF ASHBURTON. We beg to announce that we have COMMENCED BUSINESS at ASHBURTON.

J. T. Ford and Co., AUCTIONEERS, CHRISTCHURCH, TIMARU, and ASHBURTON. We have arranged with Messrs FRIEDLANDER BROS. to receive entries and to make arrangements for sales on our account in the Ashburton District.

J. T. Ford and Co., AUCTIONEERS, CHRISTCHURCH, TIMARU, and ASHBURTON. WITH reference to the above, our name is a sufficient guarantee that any business entrusted to our care will receive every possible attention.

BRANSON & PURNELL, BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS, EAST STREET. C. W. Ireland, BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR, Saunders' Buildings, Ashburton.

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Boarding Houses, &c. A REALLY GOOD BOARDING-HOUSE. Directly opposite the Mail Office, BURNETT STREET, ASHBURTON. Good Breakfast, Good Luncheon, Good Dinner, Good Tea, and Meals at all times, to suit the convenience of customers and people from the country.

The A1 Restaurant. PHILIP HARPER wishes to intimate to his old Patrons, and the Public generally, that he has taken those Commodious Premises in TANGEROO STREET known as the A1 Restaurant, where SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION can be obtained by all who favor him with a visit.

PANAMA HOUSE (LATE ANSTEE'S), TANGEROO STREET, ASHBURTON. The undersigned begs to inform the public that he has REMOVED from the Prince Albert Boarding-house lately in the occupation of Mr Anstee, where he hopes to merit the same patronage bestowed upon him as heretofore.

PRINCE ALBERT BOARDING HOUSE. In consequence of insufficient accommodation at the Echo Dining Rooms, the PRINCE ALBERT BOARDING HOUSE, where a good table will always be kept. Meals 1s each. Good Accommodation for Boarders and Travellers, at 16s, 18s, and £1 per week, to meet the times.

JOHN FOWLER, GROCER, DRAPER, & GENERAL MERCHANT, TANGEROO STREET, ASHBURTON. JOHN FOWLER begs to announce to his old friends and customers that he has again RESUMED BUSINESS, at the old site, Tanageroo street, and trusts by Moderate Charges and every attention to customers to merit a share of support.

W. H. PUDDICOMBE & CO. Take this opportunity of thanking their customers for the very liberal support accorded them since commencing business, and now beg to notify that they have been encouraged to make extensive additions to the store and largely increase their stock, which will ensure residents in the Mount Somers and surrounding districts to obtain every requisite without having to make a long journey to Ashburton or Christchurch.

SUFFOLK BUTCHERY, HAVELOCK STREET, ASHBURTON. G. J. Martin, BUTCHER. Begs to inform the Public of Ashburton Borough and County, that he is supplying the Prime Meat at CHEAPEST RATES, for CASH.

S. Hardley, EAST STREET, ASHBURTON. S.H. begs to inform the public that he has imported and fitted up on his premises the necessary machinery for the Manufacture of Ridging and Spouting of all kinds.

P. & D. Duncan. BEG to inform their friends and that they are about TO OPEN A BRANCH IN ASHBURTON, ADJOINING THE POST OFFICE, For Repairing all kinds of Agricultural Implements.

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Business Notices. S. Lucas, PAINTER, GLAZIER, PAPER-HANGER, &c., Adjoining Panama House, TANGEROO STREET.

D. F. will pay the same attention in future to his Order Trade, as hitherto. All descriptions of BOOTS and SHOES made to order, at reasonable prices. A good fit guaranteed. A well selected Stock of Boots and Shoes of every kind always on hand.

CHAFF, CHAFF, CHAFF. ASHBURTON CORN & CHAFF STORE, HAS ALWAYS ON HAND— FLOUR, STRAW, HAY, OATS, BRAN, SHARPS, CHAFF, CRUSHED OATS, POT TOES, BEANS, PEAS, CARROTS, &c., &c., in Large or Small Quantities, at Lowest Prices.

MEDICAL HALL, ASHBURTON. ESTABLISHED 1874. J. M. CAMBRIDGE, CHEMIST. PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO THE PURITY OF DRUGS.

TEETH CAREFULLY EXTRACTED. PRESCRIPTIONS ACCURATELY PREPARED. Open on Sundays, 10 to 11 a.m., 2 to 3 and 7 to 8 p.m.

ALFRED COOK, news runner for the Lyttelton Times, Canterbury Times, and Star, is prepared to undertake the distribution of circulars, hand-bills, &c., and to do general light porter work, and odd jobs.

George Trickett, BOOTMAKER, begs leave to thank his customers and friends for the support he has hitherto received in Ashburton; also, to inform them he has REMOVED TO MOUNT SOMERS, where he hopes to receive a share of public patronage. All bespoke Orders made on the premises. Repairs promptly attended to. Note the Address— G. TRICKETT, 939a Mount Somers.

J. Sherriff, MONUMENTAL MASON, Manchester street south, and Barbadoes street (near the Cemetery), Christchurch. A large stock of Head-Stones, Tombs, and Monuments always on hand. Designs forwarded on application. For further particulars apply to A. THIELS, Ashburton. 323a

SPRINGFIELD COAL. THIS SPLENDID COAL may be ordered in large and small quantities, and all orders will be promptly executed. C. A. ULRICH, Cobb & Co.'s Office, Cathedral Square Christchurch. Agent for Springfield Coal Co. [Limited.]

GRATEFUL COMFORTING EPPE'S COCOA. BREAKFAST. BY a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected cocoa, Mr. Eppe has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maldies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape merely a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame. See article in the Civil Service Gazette. Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets, labelled— JAMES EPPE AND CO., HOMOEOPATHIC CHEMISTS, LONDON. EPPE'S OBOOOLATE ESSENCE, 793