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- Mudgee, New South Wales, May 24th,
- Deniliquin, New South Wales, July 19th
- Singelton, New South Wales, August 23rd,
- Murrumburrah, New South Wales, August 24th,
- Rupanyup, Victoria, August 28th.
- Donald, Victoria, September 5th
- Pyramid Hill, Victoria, September 7th,
- Horsham, Victoria, September 12th,
- Wycheproof, Victoria, September 12th,
- Natimuk, Victoria, September 19th,
- Devenish, Victoria, September 25th,
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- Cashel, Victoria, September 27th
- Numurkah, Victoria, October 3rd
- Kadina, South Australia, October 3rd,
- Pt Pirie, South Australia, October 3rd,
- Virginia, South Australia, October 4th,
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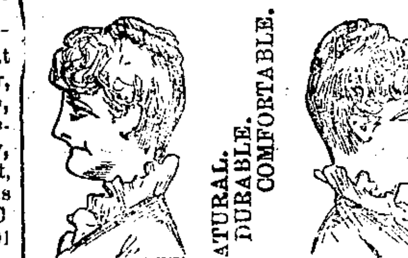

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DIARY.

November		Sun Rises	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises	Moon Sets.	Moon's age at noon.
				p.m.	a.m.	
12	Monday	4.33	6.57	0.24	1.52	8
13	Tuesday	4.32	6.58	1.28	2.24	9
14	Wednesday	4.31	6.59	2.30	2.50	10
15	Thursday	4.30	7.1	3.31	3.15	11
16	Friday	4.29	7.2	4.31	3.39	12
17	Saturday	4.28	7.3	5.0	4.4	13
18	Sunday	4.27	7.5	6.29	4.30	14

MOONLIGHT EVENINGS.

The Moon at 3 days old shines till about 8 o'clock.

The Moon at 6 days old shines till about half-past 10 o'clock.

The Moon at 8 days old shines till nearly o'clock in the morning.

The Moon at 12 days old shines from sundown till about 4 in the morning.

The Moon at 15 days old is full, and shines all night.

The Moon at 18 days old rises about 9 p.m. and shines till morning.

The Moon at 21 days old rises about 11 a.m. and shines till morning.

The Moon at 24 days old rises about 2 a.m. and shines till morning

The Moon at 27 days old rises about 4 a.m. and shines till sunrise.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS

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The Ashburton Guardian.

MAGNA EST VERITAS ET PRÆVALEBIT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1888.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Hundreds of cats are being sent from Christchurch to Kaikoura to destroy the rabbits.

The Empress of Russia has a household of seamstresses, yet makes nearly all the clothing for her youngest children.

During the past year, so an official report states, 707,980 gallons of wine were made in South Australia, an increase of 197,980 gallons as compared with the previous year.

On the fourth page of this issue will be found an article on the Sweating System, particulars of the recent gallant rescue in Lyttelton Harbor, news of the fighting at Suakim, and other matter.

The widow of Werata, the Maori who died in the Auckland Hospital from wounds received in the Poroti fight, has committed suicide at Dargaville by shooting herself through the head. She had been in a desponding state since her husband's death.

The Rev David Smith, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, is the oldest preacher in the world. For no less than ninety years he has been a professing Christian, and the other day he opened the General Conference of the denomination to which he belongs with prayer. He has now attained the age of 104.

For some time past the neighborhood of the Trocadero has been haunted by weird and plaintive modifications of a sort of unearthly music, and the strangest rumours have been afloat as to their origin. It has now been discovered that they proceed from the action of the wind on the girders of the scaffolding of the Eiffel Tower.

Hanson Craig, of Kentucky, is probably the heaviest man in the world. His weight is given at 792 pounds, and it requires 37 yards of cloth to make him a suit. He is 8ft 4½in in height, is 31 years of age, and weighed 11 pounds at birth. When two years he took a 100 dollars prize at the baby show at New York, tipping the beam at 206 pounds at that time. His father weighed 115 pounds and his mother 122.

Lady Bowen, Miss Agnes and Miss Zoe Bowen, the wife and daughters of Sir George Bowen, who were in the Dijon railway accident in France, have been reaping golden opinions for their attention to the sufferers. One of the ladies who narrowly escaped death, and who has since been on a bed of sickness, writes to her mother to say that she knows she will be relieved to know that "I am simply with administering angels — Lady Bowen her two daughters and maid. No words can ever say how much I owe them." Mr Finch-Hatton was also in the train at the time of the accident, but escaped with a few bruises.

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At the R.M Court this morning before Mr R. Alcorn, J.P., a first offender for drunkenness was fined 5s, with the usual alternative.

At the Rink to-night A. Wilkie and others will run for the championship against S. Clark's time. Clark will be allowed to run again if he desires. To-morrow the Rink will be open instead of on Thursday.

The Minister of Lands has sent a reply to the petition forwarded from Maniototo praying that about 12,000 acres, comprising runs 222 and 222B, be at once thrown open for settlement, intimating that the Government do not think it would be desirable to interfere with the existing tenure of the runs referred to. The "Mount Ida Chronicle" denounces the Minister for Lands for this decision, and declares that it is desirable in the highest degree that these blocks be thrown open for settlement at once.

An enormous shark, says the "Sydney Herald," has been captured by three Warrnambool fishermen in the vicinity of the Bay of Islands, at the mouth of Curdie's River. The measurements are given as follows:—Length, 24 feet; fins, 3 feet from tip to tip; width of tail, 4 feet; 12 feet round the girth; and 9 feet round the jaws. One of the most singular things in connection with the capture is that on opening the shark a large seal was found inside, with a hook and line attached to it. The last-named articles have been identified by Mr Roger Edwards, of Warrnambool, as his property, he having lost them in the bay some time ago.

Says an exchange:—A barque arrived at Melbourne early with general cargo, including some powder. It was ascertained that a portion of the latter had got adrift among the other cargo. There were both blasting powder and dynamite in packages found to be missing, and the only possible presumption was that the kegs had rolled along into another part of the ship during bad weather. A search was instituted, with the usual naked candle, of course, but to no purpose: On one of the officers going below he found, to his horror, a candle stuck right in the centre of keg of blasting powder. It had been extinguished, luckily, and to his relief, but on questioning the watch, one of the crew, with a smile quite childlike and bland, said he "t'ought dat vas beans." He had puffed out the light with far less concern that had it been held in a shining brass candlestick. "Where ignorance is bliss, etc."

At the Royal Palace Gardens, Blackpool, on the 10th September, an accident occurred by which seven persons received very serious injuries. A form of amusement called the "Aerial Flight" has been in operation there for some time. Two wire ropes are stretched across the gardens for some 150 yards or so, inclining from a height of about 60ft to 20ft. To these, cars are suspended by means of pulleys, and when filled with passengers one car glides along the rope rapidly, its momentum being regulated only by the weight of the empty car on the second rope, which is pulled up to the starting point, in readiness for the next load of passengers. On the day in question the car was started on its way down the wire rope with seven passengers, four men and three women. It had no sooner begun to get speed than the fastening of the rope in the ground gave way, and the car dashed from a height of about 30ft against a brick wall with such force that the wall was broken down. The car was smashed into splinters, and the passengers were lying amongst the debris and the bricks. Fortunately all escaped with their lives.

The death of Mr Kong Meng, a well-known Chinese merchant of Melbourne, is announced. A good story is told concerning the deceased: He was driving to his house in East Melbourne one night in a cab he used to hire regularly, when he was hailed by two weary pedestrians who wanted a ride. With his usual consideration he ordered the cabman to stop and take them in. The night being dark, and seeing a Chinese in front, they, with true larrikin spirit, thought they would have some fun, and commenced in the usual style of "John, no savee." To their astonishment the supposed Heathen Chinese addressed them as follows:—"Gentleman, I am not familiar with English slang, but if you cannot speak your own language correctly I shall be happy to converse with you in French, Hindostanee, or Malay. I wish to inform you, however, that this is my private cab, which I had pleasure in stopping for the accommodation, as I thought, of gentlemen, but as I perceive I have made a mistake, it will now afford me still greater pleasure to see you alight." The Europeans, it is hardly necessary to state, made a quick exit from the cab, highly discomfited.

Our Melbourne correspondent writes:—The cry of "Mad dog" has been raised for the first time in Melbourne, and something like a panic has set in in consequence. Australia has always prided itself on its total immunity from hydrophobia, but if all one reads is correct, Melbourne has falsified the record, and not only one, but two or three mad dogs have been destroyed during the week. We all know the song about "Schneider's leetle dawg," but here just now that celebrated animal is quite put in the shade by Mr Quilter's dog. Mr Quilter is the gentleman who owned the canine that is the cause of all the argument, diagnosing, and letter writing. The animal, showing signs of "a mind diseased," was shot, and Mr Quilter, being something of a vet, dissected the body, and published to horrified Melbourne the fact that the dog was mad. Then came doubt, argument, repudiation, and of course corroborative cases. All of a sudden instances of dogs going mad came pouring into the papers, and when reading the accounts, an ordinarily intelligent stranger would have gone away with the impression that every dog in Melbourne was mad as a March hare. But was it rabies or not? Half the vets say yes, the other half no, and I am inclined to agree with the latter, because surely if such a disease could obtain foothold in the country, we should have had it long before.

The "Mildura Irrigationist" writes as follows in regard to wounds on fruit trees, which occur through various causes:—Sometimes a large limb of a tree has been broken, and must be sawn off, or severe pruning seems called for through other causes. In such cases it is important that the wound occasioned by the knife shall be protected from the damaging effect of the weather by the application of some protecting or healing substance until some new wood has time to form over it. Gum shellac dissolved in alcohol is generally used for this purpose; but a more effective material can be made as follows:—Melt a pound of common resin over a slow fire, adding to it meantime an ounce of beef tallow, and stir all well together; then take from the fire, and when the whole has partly cooled mix with it a teaspoonful of spirits of turpentine and in a few minutes stir in a few ounces of 95 per cent. alcohol. Care should be taken to prevent the alcohol taking fire, and for this reason the kettle should be moved to a distance from the stove, and on no account should this mixture ever be made in the evening, when there is a danger that a lamp may be brought near it during the process. The compound should be carefully and thoroughly stirred until it becomes a homogeneous mass of the consistency of honey. Keep it for use in a large-mouthed bottle. Then in pruning trees, or whenever they have been cut in any way, coat each wound well with this preparation. It will stop the flow of sap, and hasten the complete healing of the wound.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

The ordinary meeting of the Borough Council was held last night. Present: The Mayor and Crs Williamson, Friedlander, Keir, Bird, Sealy, Scott, McFarlane, and Thomas.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT.

The Mayor said that the debit balance at the Bank was £1381 10s 10d. The amount which had been received since last meeting were:—Licenses, dogs, £5 5s; licenses, carriers, £13 10s; Library account, 16s; rents reserves, £31 10s; rates, 1888, £44 2s; soil, £2 3 6 1; refund, asphalt, 15s; bridges and culverts, £1 15s. Total, £99 16s 6d.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were read—(1) From Messrs A. and T. Burt in reference to pipes.—Received.—(2) From Mr J H. Twentyman, asking that a concrete channel be laid along Havelock street from Mr Steele's corner to West street. The present gutter was a great nuisance.—Referred to the Works Committee.—(3) From Town Clerk, Invercargill, stating that the Corporation of that town had a Merryweather steam fire engine, with a capacity of 350 gallons a minute, for sale.—Cr Friedlander stated that he had received full information from the Invercargill Council in regard to this engine. The price wanted for it was £525, whereas a Shand-Mason engine would be delivered in Ashburton for £487, and if the Council procured the latter engine the Fire Insurance Association would give a subsidy of £70, which they would not give towards the purchase of a Merryweather engine.—Letter received.—(4) From Public Works Office, asking suggestions in regard to Bill proposed to be introduced into Parliament to amend the Public Works Act.—It was decided to ask the Department to forward a copy of Bill for each Councillor.—(5) From Property Tax Commissioner *re* rates on Crown Lands—Matter left in the hands of the Mayor.

Several other letters were read and dealt with.

RESERVES.

The Reserves Committee submitted a report on the various matters referred to them. With regard to Mr Tasker's application for his lease of Borough reserve to be changed to a "Glasgow lease"—that is, a lease with a compensation clause—the Committee recommended that should such lease be granted, a stipulation be made that the lessee, on or before the expiration of the lease, should pay to the Borough funds the sum of £200, in consideration of the Council foregoing their claim to improvements or buildings made or erected on the land. In regard to Mr Segers' application it was recommended that the sum stipulated for, in case of the new lease being granted, should be £300. A recommendation was made that Mr J. W. Sutherland be allowed £20 for damage done by floods to Borough reserve at Hinds rented by him. The application made for a transfer of reserve from Mr Stribling to Mr C. M. Brooke was recommended to be granted, subject to certain conditions. The Committee recommended the Council to refuse Mr Brooke's application for permission to manufacture sheep dip on this section.

The report was adopted.

BOROUGH WATER RACE.

The Committee appointed to draw up an agreement between the Council and Mr Donald Williamson relative to that portion of the Borough water race which runs through his property recommended that the sum of £5 per annum be paid Mr Williamson for the right for the Council to take the water through his property and for permission for Council employees to enter thereon for the performance of work in connection with the race. The Council, the Committee further recommended, should keep in repair all culverts and bridges which it has erected and may erect over the race. In conclusion the Committee, in consideration of the Council having enjoyed the free use of Mr Williamson's land for the last seven years for the purpose of supplying Ashburton with water, recommended that the Council place on record its appreciation of Mr Williamson's forbearance and liberality in connection with the matter.

Cr Friedlander moved the adoption of the report.

Cr Thomas seconded, though he was somewhat doubtful as to the Council's power to make the payment to Mr Williamson, seeing the trouble they were now in with the Audit Department.

The report was adopted, the agreement to be subject on either side to 24 months' notice of termination.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Williamson for his kindness and forbearance in the matter during the past seven years.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

The Engineers' reported as follows:—The Works Committee beg to make the following recommendation re the letter from the Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, viz—That the Council give effect to the wishes of the Jubilee Committee, if that Committee are desirous that the Council should carry out the proposal of placing a clock in the tower of the Library; also that in their opinion a 4ft dial is to be preferred; but that enquires should be made as to cost of different sizes of dials and cost of lighting—Library fence: The contractor has completed this work, and we have advertised for tenders for painting, which will be laid before you this evening.

Cr Williamson, in moving the adoption of the report expressed his entire approval of the Council meeting the Jubilee Committee in regard to the erection of the clock, Cr Thomas having previously objected to the Council undertaking any liability.

Cr Thomas said it was generally not right to look a gift horse in the mouth, but he was sorry he would have to oppose the adoption of the report. It was an open secret that the Jubilee Committee had not enough money to procure a good clock. It was not the width of the dial that he looked at; they might have a ten foot dial, but it was not that which made the clock go well. Then as to the building, if the clock were erected there, only the Mayor, the R.M. and the stationmaster would be able to see it Besides that, the trees in front would soon have to be cut down, or the tower be raised. The matter of lighting the clock would also have to be taken into consideration. The fact was that they would get a £70 or £80 clock and would have to spend £100 or more in putting it up.

Cr Keir asked if the clock it was proposed to obtain was a striking one.

The Mayor understood that it was.

Cr Keir said that if so, Cr Thomas' objection as to people not seeing, it was done away with. He disagreed with Cr Thomas' opinion that a good clock could not be got for the money. A public clock was much needed in Ashburton.

Cr Friedlander said that the Committee had gone carefully into the whole matter. The only question was the size of the dial and that would not involve much extra outlay. If it were found necessary to raise the tower he would give the Council the bricks requisite, free of cost. (Applause).

Cr Sealy said that whether they had a clock or not it would soon be necessary to remove some of the trees in front of the building, therefore Cr Thomas objection on this head did not need consideration. As to the objection that had been taken to the building he considered it the most suitable edifice in the town. Everyone going to the Post Office or railway station would be able to see the clock, and those who did not see it would hear it strike. It was impossible to obtain a place where the clock could be seen from all parts of the town.

Cr Friedlander said that the public clocks in Christchurch could only be seen from the roadway in front of them.

The report was then adopted, Cr Thomas dissenting.

RATES.

It was resolved to take the necessary steps to recover outstanding rates.

TENDERS.

The tender of R. Johnstone for painting fence round Library building was accepted The tender of P. Devane, Mrs Butler and Mrs McTeague were accepted for the lease of the three river bed reserves.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Accounts were passed for payment, a number of carriage and drivers licenses issued, miscellaneous business was transacted and the Council adjourned.

THE DISALLOWED PAYMENTS.

It will be remembered that for some time past the Borough Council have had some trouble with the Audit Department in regard to payments made by the Council, but which the Auditor refuses to sanction, and which he calls upon the Councillors personally to make good. At last night's meeting another surprise awaited Councillors, inasmuch as the payment of £50 made to Mr Braddell, the late Clerk, on his retirement from office, had been disallowed.

The Auditor-General wrote as follows:—"I have the honor to return the balance-sheet of the Ashburton Borough for the half-year ended on the 30th September, which I have certified, except as regards the payment of a bonus by way of compensation for loss of office, which I have with much regret been compelled to disallow. It appears to have been decided by the Courts in England that such a payment, except under special provision of Parliament, is *ultra vires* of a Corporation.—I have, etc., J. E. FITZGERALD, Auditor-General."

In regard to the payments previously disallowed, amounting to £15, Mr A. H. McLean, the Inspector of Audit, wrote under date October 29th:—"At the September audit an amount of £2 15s for hire of hall for political meetings, and at the March audit £10 5s, expenses of delegate to Wellington, and £2 hire of hall for political meeting were disallowed as illegal expenditure. Will you please send me as soon as possible the dates on which these amounts were passed for payment by the Council, and the names in full of each Councillor voting for the same."

When the letter was received, the Mayor instructed the Clerk to reply that it would be laid before the Council at its next meeting. To this Mr McLean wrote to the Mayor on November 1:—"I wrote to your Clerk on October 29 asking for information respecting certain amounts disallowed at audit. In reply he states that my letter will be considered by the Council at next meeting on 12th inst. The import of my memorandum seems to have been misunderstood. I am instructed by the Controller to get the above information, and in order to save myself a trip to Ashburton for the purpose, applied to your Clerk for it. If there is any reason why he should not comply with this request, it will be necessary for me to get it myself, as I must obey instructions, and under the Public Revenues Act can examine the books at any time, but I can't see what difference it can make to the Council whether I get it myself or the Clerk supplies it."

Upon receipt of the second letter the information asked for was sent:

The Mayor said that he had seen Mr Walker in regard to the subject: Mr Walker expressed his firm belief that next session a Bill would be introduced into Parliament to put the matter right: Such a Bill was actually brought before the House last session, but the shortness of time prevented it being gone on with. When such was the case he thought the action of the Auditor was extremely harsh.

After some discussion Cr Sealy said that he understood that it had been decided that the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, should accept the service of summons.

The Mayor said that it had been so decided, but the aspect of the case was now changed, there being another £50 involved.

After some further discussion the Mayor said he thought they should appoint the Clerk to accept service of summons on behalf of the Council.

Cr Thomas said that the Clerk could not be sued in this matter:

Cr Williamson thought, the Council should bring the matter under the notice of the members of Parliament resident in the district, and the representations of these gentlemen might result in proceedings being stayed till after next session, when it was probable that a Bill dealing with the matter would be passed. He thought this request was a reasonable one, the money having been expended in the interests of the ratepayers. He moved that the Mayor interview Messrs Walker, and Buxton, and Major Steward, M.H.R.'s, and ask them to exercise their influence with a view to proceedings being stayed till after next session.

Cr Thomas seconded, and on his motion Cr Williamson was also deputed to act with the Mayor in interviewing the gentlemen before mentioned.

The motion was carried.

The Mayor took the opportunity of protesting strongly against the action of the authorities in disallowing the payment of the sum of £10, expenses of delegate to Municipal Conference at Wellington: He was sure that every Councillor and every burgess would agree that the work of the Conference would result in much good to the colony, but their sittings had now been discontinued on account of the Audit Department's action.

CRICKET

ASHBURTON *v* METHVEN.

The following is the team of the Ashburton Cricket Club which will play against the Methven on Wednesday the 14th instant:—Blake, Merewether, Mainwaring, Simpson, Hargraves, Cuthbertson, G. Andrews, Crisp, Denshire, Drummond, Sawle (2) and R. Curtis. The above players are requested to be at Scott's stables at 8 a.m. on the above date where a coach and four will be ready.

WRECK OF A SCHOONER.

LOSS OF LIFE.

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

WELLINGTON, November 12.

Inspector Thomson this morning received a telegram from Constable Mackay, stationed at Martinborough, informing him that the schooner Lizzie Guy, bound from Oamaru to Auckland with flour and grain, was wrecked on the East Coast off White's station on Saturday morning last. The telegram states that the captain and the cook were both drowned, but the remainder of the crew are safe. The constable reports that he is going to the scene of the wreck as soon as the rivers are fordable. Inspector Thomson has directed Constable Mackay to proceed with all haste to the scene, and request a Justice of the Peace to accompany him and hold an inquest on the bodies if they were washed ashore, in order that they may be buried on the beach. Inspector Thomson has also communicated with the agents of the vessel in Auckland and Timaru. The Lizzie Guy is a wooden schooner of 85 tons register, and was built in Bateman's Bay, New South Wales, in 1871. The following are the names of the crew who proceeded in her when she left Wellington on 7th October for Havelock, from which port she afterwards sailed for Oamaru:—Jas. Stephens (captain), John Wilson, Frank Nainly, Samuel Caverley, and Frank Slamberg. Her owner is Mr James Cray, of Hokitika. The insurances upon the vessel and cargo appear to be distributed amongst various offices. The National Insurance Co have a risk of £725 upon the cargo (shipped by Mess), and the Union Co. have a risk of £500 (£250 of which is reinsured in the N.Z. office) upon the same. The latter office have also a line of £125 upon the hull, but the exact amount of the insurance on the vessel, or other offices holding risks, is not ascertainable at present.

THE LONDON MURDERS.

ANOTHER ARREST.

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, November 10.

A free pardon has been offered to any one concerned in the Whitechapel murders excepting the actual murderer, for such information as will lead to conviction.

A sailor lately returned from Sydney has been arrested on suspicion.

THE LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET.

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, November 10.

Lord Salisbury, in his speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet at Guildhall, said the election of General Harrison as President of the United States, annulled the Sackville-West incident, which was merely a piece of election tactics. He considered the peace of Europe was now assured. With reference to Africa, the Prime Minister gave it as his opinion that the condition of affairs at Suakim proved it was impossible for the Powers to evacuate Egypt.

LONDON, November 12.

Mr Balfour was accorded a great reception at the Lord Mayor's banquet, and in the course of his speech said Government had abandoned the extension clauses of Lord Ashbourne's Act.

INTERPROVINCIAL NEWS.

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

AUCKLAND, November 12.

Sir Willoughby Dixon was drowned while fording the Punui River on horseback, about a mile from Kihikihi on Saturday. The deceased resided in the Waikato district for the past 35 years.

The furnace for smelting ore, erected at the Karangahape by Mr Parkes three weeks ago, has proved very successful, and arrangements are being made for the introduction of another furnace, which will treat twelve tons per day.

The Diocesan Synod opens its annual sessions to morrow. Bishop Cowie is expected to arrive here about Christmas.

A boy, while on an excursion to Rangitoto Island on Friday last, discovered a human skeleton bleached white on the beach. He brought the skull to town, and it has been identified by the false teeth as that of R. J. Debaby, one of a party of young men drowned in a boating accident last New Year's Day. The remains will be interred.

The representative of the Government, in the purchase of the Rotorua township, Mr Bush R.M., has received offers of sale from a third of the natives.

The survey of the Stratford route from the Ongarue Junction of the Central route, is practically complete, the northern and southern parties having given each other the hand. This line is being gone over again to check the data, but the whole information needed will be available for Parliament when it again meets. Some survey parties are still engaged on the Mimi Valley route, coming out at Waitara.

The employers at McArthur's factory, who are paid at a stated wage, and who gave notice at the beginning of the strike, came out this morning.

The Sailors' Home is apparently experiencing troublesome times. The Council have decided to dispense with the services of the Manager, Captain Moss; the latter being equally dissatisfied having sent in his resignation. Captain Moss writes a letter to the Press, stating he was not allowed to act as Manager, and was subject to continual espionage and slanders. The Home at present is almost without boarders.

WELLINGTON, November 12.

The Commissioners of the Melbourne Exhibition are reminding proposing wool exhibitors at the special January show that it is now time to make the selection of fleeces, and to send in their applications for space. The impression that exhibitors have to incur any expense for show cases is erroneous as the Commission will provide these.

In the course of an interview to-day the Premier stated that while he did not agree with the action of Sir Thomas McIlwraith generally he would enter a protest if an attempt were made to appoint to the Governorship of New Zealand a gentleman who was known to be unsuitable or objectionable to the colony. He further stated that the Government had no official cognisance of Mr W. L Rees' co-operative scheme, as mentioned in the morning cables, nor had they heard anything of the proposal to guarantee 3 per cent upon the sum of £300,000 to be expended in the emigration of Lewis Crofters.

BLENHEIM, November 12.

William Morris, a German, was sentenced to three months' hard labor in the Terrace Gaol for stealing clothing from Pigot's store at Mahakipawa. He said he was hard up, and since the loss of a son accidentally shot he had experienced weakness in the head.

HOKITIKA, November 12.

A miner named Walter Lennox, who had been missing three or four days, was found dead in a shaft at Ross this morning. The body is slightly decomposed. He had been suffering from melancholia for some time.

CHRISTCHURCH, November 12.

To-day the well-known horse Chancellor one of the best of Traducer's stock, dropped dead in Cashel street. He won the C.J.C. Handicap on New Year's Day, 1880, and ran altogether in 83 races in six seasons with fair success. He belonged to Ashley and Coleman who recently purchased him from Jas Spence. He had been at the stud for six years and gained second prize for thoroughbred stallions at the Metropolitan Show.

To-day Jane Clarkson, alias Jemima Duncan, was committed for trial for forging and utering a cheque for £1 10s on the National Bank on November 2nd. She obtained a blank cheque at the New Zealander Hotel, and got the barman at the City Hotel to fill it in. She signed it Jemima Duncan and cashed it at the Crown Hotel.

DUNEDIN, November 12.

Alfred Yorke was committed for trial on two charges of forgery, having signed cheques "A. C. Saunders." He avers that his name is Saunders.

A Chinaman was fined treble value for smuggling cigars from the Tai Yuan.

A young man named Ellis K. Picard, son of Dr Picard, of London, was found dead in his bed at South Dunedin, having evidently been smothered while in an epileptic fit. He was a single man and had been in the colony about three years.

The Exhibition guarantee fund is now £6000, and a large number of business firms in leading streets have scarcely been canvassed yet.

Preparations are being made by woolbrokers for an active season. In view of the approaching wool season the charge of ⅛d hitherto made on wools delivered for auction has been abolished, making the charges lower than in Christchurch, and much lower than in Melbourne.

There is great dissatisfaction in the Mount Ida district at the refusal of the Minister to recommend the throwing open of 12,000 acres on runs 222 and 222B for settlement.

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TERRIBLE SCENE AT A FIRE.

SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE.

[PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

NEW YORK, November 12.

A fire broke out in a large factory at Rochester, and the employes were compelled to jump from the windows. Twelve were killed and twenty injured. Twenty one are missing, and it is feared they have perished in the flames.

LABOR TROUBLES IN AUCKLAND

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

AUCKLAND, November 13.

The bootmakers strike at McArthur and Co's factory was settled at a conference between the Operatives Union and the Manufacturers Association last night. The basis is that Strong, on whose account the dispute arose, pays the fine inflicted by the Union, and the men on strike return to work this morning.

The Northern Steam Ship Company yesterday discharged the crew from the Iona and took on Union men. By the end of the present month they undertake to do the same on all their steamers.

Another dispute has arisen at McArthur's and Co's boot factory over a young man who had been discharged some time ago at the instigation of the Union for non payment of fines and levies. When the dispute with Strong arose this youth was again taken on and the Union demand his discharge or the payment due. The hands on strike have all resumed work and it is expected the fresh difficulty will be amicably arranged.

THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNOR

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, November 10.

It was hinted in the House of Commons yesterday that Sir H. A. Blake, the new Governor of Queensland, had been unpopular in the Bahamas, and that his term in Newfoundland had not been a success. The rapidity of his promotion was attributed by speakers to family influence and not to personal merits or ability.

Mr Archer, Agent-General of Queensland, replying to the Secretary of State, pointed out that in case of a national nominee being objectionable to the people of the colony he had been withdrawn, and expressed himself hopeful that this precedent would lead to cancelling Sir H. A. Blake's appointment.

The "Standard," in an article on the subject, says:—While it is impossible for the Colonial Office to delegate its responsibility, there is no reason for refusing to consult the Government of the colony, as proposed by Sir Thomas McIlwraith. This plan is habitually followed in appointing Ambassadors to Foreign Powers, and much stronger reasons exist for taking the same course with regard to the colonies.

LONDON, November 11.

The "Pall Mall Gazette," in the course of an article on the Queensland Governorship, says that because Queensland enjoys responsible Government that is no reason why the Colonial Office should not listen to advice. The article further characterises the appointment of Sir H. A. Blake as indefensible.

The "Globe" upholds Sir H. A. Blake's appointment.

(Received November 13, 12 40 p.m.)

LONDON, November 12.

A communicated article in the "Times" urges that Sir H. Blake should be sent to a crown colony, and an acknowledged leader of public affairs, or one of the leading colonial governors appointed to Queensland.

A SHIP ON FIRE.

SCENE OF EXCITEMENT.

[PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

NAPIER, November 12.

About a quarter-past 10 o'clock the ship Langstone, lying in the Bay, sent up rockets and blue lights. Steam was at once got up on the Waihi, and a message was soon after received that the ship was on fire, apparently in the lower hold. The Spit fire engine was immediately sent out on the Waihi, and the town brigade are mustered with steam and manual engines if their assistance is required, and steam is being got up in a tender to take them on. A code of signals has been arranged to signify that they are wanted, or that the fire is got under. Crowds are on the beach, but nothing of the fire is visible. The ship Langstone has nearly completed her loading with a cargo of wool. It is probable that nothing more will be known before the telegraph closes.

Midnight.

A signal which has just been received from the Spit Brigade from the Langstone states that the town Brigade will not be wanted to-night. This is not taken to mean that the fire is got under, as it was arranged that except in case of urgent need the steam fire engine should not be asked for, as the town would then be left defenceless. The Piako's crew are on board the Langstone, the hatches being battened down, and water poured below from the ship's and Spit's engines. The Captain of the Langstone was in the Theatre Royal at Anderson's performance when the alarm was raised, but he went on board with the Spit Brigade. It is feared that even if the fire is extinguished without much damage the cargo will also have to be put out and dried. The insurance risks cannot be ascertained. It is a coincidence that the Piako, which lies alongside, has been twice on fire. The first time, on her maiden voyage, very slight damage was done, but the second time she had to be run into a South American port and sunk.

LATER.

Shortly after midnight rocket guns fired and blue lights burned on board the Langstone indicated that the danger was increasing and arrangements were at once made for getting off the steam fire engine by the Ahuriri, which had steam up. Just as the steamer was starting, a boat from the Piako arrived to urge expedition, as the fire was very serious and beyond the manual and ship's engines. The steamer is now alongside. From shore it appears as if fire was breaking through the hatches, but that is not certain. Until the steamer started continual guns and rockets were fired, and indicated great urgency for protection. The town high pressure has been turned in all the mains, and parties of firemen will patrol the principal streets.

NAPIER, November 13.

The fire on board the Langstone was extinguished at 5 a.m. The hull is not damaged, but the deck above where the fire broke out is very nearly burnt through. The amount of water pumped into the ship lowered her forward four feet. The origin of the fire is unknown. It broke out by the foremast 'tween decks, where wool bales were loaded up to the deck.

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