THE engagement is announced of Miss Maggie Shannon, third daughter of Mr G. V. Shannon, Rangitikei and Wellington, to Dr. J. Carr Smith, of Hunterville, eldest son of the late Dr. Smith, who for many years resided in the Wairarapa district.

THREE Picton engagements are announced this week:—Miss R. Speed to Mr John Duncan, J.P., of the Grove, Queen Charlotte Sound. Miss Mary Seymour, eldest daughter of Mr H. C. Seymour, of Cam House, to Mr G. J. Riddels, of Picton. Miss K. Seymour, second daughter of Mr H. C. Seymour, to Mr George Seale, late of Picton, who has now joined the busy throng in Western Australia. The happy couples are receiving congratulations from everybody.

The latest Wellington engagements announced are:—Miss Davy to Mr Charles Knight; and Miss Cameron to Mr Fred Pearce. Miss Cameron is a sister to the young lady who is engaged to Mr Cecil Keble.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR A. MILLER TO MISS BAMBURY.

A VERY pretty wedding took place at St. John's Church, Ponsonby, on Thursday afternoon, when Miss Bambury, eldest daughter of Mr J. Bambury, of Shelly Beach Road, was married to Mr Ambrose Miller.

THE bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a trained gown of rich cream cashmere, caught up on the skirt with little posies of orange blossoms, which formed graceful drapings; her veil was exquisite. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet.

THE bridesmaids were Misses Clarice and Beatrice Bambury, who wore pale pink frocks, with cream picture hats and carried baskets of roses. Mr A. Hatton acted as groomsman.

SOME of the dresses noted were:—

Mrs Bambury, chocolate-coloured satin, white Maltese lace fichu, black lace bonnet with pink roses; Miss E. Bambury, pretty fawn dress, yoke and sleeves of terra-cotta shot silk, white hat; Miss A. Bambury, electric blue silk shot with fawn, bouquet of sturtions. Amongst the guests were Mrs Cox, black gown, black lace cape, black lace bonnet; Mrs Lawry, green silk, black lace cape, black and green bonnet; Mrs Longlands, pretty white China silk, white chiffon hat; Miss Cook, white crepon dress, chiffon hat; Mrs Wood, electric blue, a darker shade of brocade epaulettes, etc., etc.

MR DOBSON TO MISS DOBSON.

LAST Wednesday the church of The Nativity, Blenheim, was the scene of a simple but pretty wedding between Miss Carrie Dobson, daughter of Mrs Dobson (Blenheim) and Mr Herbert Alexander Dobson (Picton.)

THE bride entered on the arm of her brother, Mr Walter Dobson, and was attended by her sister, Miss Millie Dobson, and Miss Gracie Huddlestone, her mother giving her away, and Mr Henry Dobson accompanied the bridegroom as best man.

THE ceremony, performed by the Venerable Archdeacon Grace, was choral, Miss McCabe and Mr Royers being at the organ. The bride was pretty and charming in a lovely white silk lustre striped with brocaded lilies of the valley, and trimmed handsomely with lace, becoming cream gauze hat with cream lace and white poppies, and she carried a beautiful shower bouquet of white flowers.

THE bridesmaids wore pretty white pin spot muslins, and dainty fancy straw hats trimmed with ribbon and white lilac. Mrs Dobson (mother of the bride) looked very nice in black silk, moire and lace mantle, and jet bonnet.

AMONG the guests were Mesdames Hodson, Williams, Grace, Jenkins, Conolly, Hushel, Jackson, Howard Dodson, Misses Clark, Molaurin, Chaytor (three), Rayner, and Messrs Chaytor, Henderson, Conolly, and Archdeacon Grace, etc., who were entertained at afternoon tea, after which Mr and Mrs Herbert Dobson drove to Picton, the bride wearing a becoming grey travelling dress and hat to match.

THE presents were both useful and ornamental, and testified to the popularity of the bride and bridegroom.

AN ART EXHIBITION IN AUCKLAND.

AN exhibition of art work by Australian and other artists of repute has attracted the attention of lovers of art in Auckland during the past week. Some of the most interesting, and certainly some of the finest exhibits shewn are those in black and white by Swinton Diston, F. B. Schell, and other fine artists. One or two of these pictures are the originals of the fine engravings drawn for the 'Picturesque Atlas.' There is a fine picture of the mail steamer leaving Auckland wharf, and another, sure to command admiration, of Lyttelton Harbour. A fine picture of Wellington is one of the most noticeable in the exhibition, and a pretty view of the Cemetry Bridge and gully in Auckland will be certain to please all who have enjoyed the original vista. Altogether the exhibition is well worth a visit, the oils and water colours also being worthy of prolonged inspection.

The Parnell Lawn Tennis Club have a faculty for giving pleasant and successful entertainments. There is therefore no doubt but that their *tableaux* and concert to be given on the 21st instant will be very largely patronised. Rumour has it that the pictures are to be of quite exceptional artistic merit, and the concert will assuredly be a very pleasant one.

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Society Gossip.

AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE, NOVEMBER 12.

We have once more enjoyed the Amateur Opera Company's production of the

'MIKADO,'

which was staged for three nights last week, and was again much appreciated. A large number of the audience were strangers from a distance, Onehunga, Thames, Kaipara, etc., so I am unable to give their name.

The talented

GREENWOOD FAMILY

also finished their season, the young ladies looking as pretty as ever. I saw amongst those present Mrs Walnutt, in black; Misses Walnutt (two), black skirts and blue and pink blouses, respectively; Mrs Masefield, terre with black velvet; Mrs Broughton (Whangarei), black silk with electrique blue vest and ruffs veiled in black lace; Mrs Harry Jervie, black skirt, canary blouse; Mrs Leonard, black silk with white flowers; Miss Leonard, black skirt, white Liberty silk blouse, large bouquet of white flowers; Mrs Maxwell, black lustre with white lace; Miss Chadwick looked very pretty in black relieved with white; Mrs Seccombe, black silk; and her daughter wore a mode grey. But as I told you before, light blouses are so much worn in the Opera House just now, that they become monotonous and indescribable.

THE MOUNT ALBERT SOCIAL

took place last Thursday evening in the Mount Albert Hall, and as usual, the ladies of the district kindly provided light refreshments. The floor was in perfect condition, almost like real ice. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs Sloman, in handsome black silk; Mrs Tanner, grey check tailor-made gown finished with tabac brown velvet sleeves; Mrs Kerr Taylor, dark skirt, coquelicot red silk blouse; Mrs Wright, black; Miss Sellers, dark skirt, cream blouse; Miss Lusk looked very pretty in a white satin evening gown finished with tulle and pink roses; Miss Florrie Sellers, a bright pink gown relieved with white; Miss Maud Sellers, ciel blue; Miss Maud Martin, dark skirt, pink blouse with pink Empire sash; Miss Edith Tanner, dark skirt, coral pink blouse with white lace and pink ribbon streamers; Miss Ethel Dixon, dome blue; Miss Florrie Dixon, dark green; Miss Dawson, dark skirt, white blouse; Miss M. Dawson, fawn tussore silk; Miss M. Wright, dark skirt, pink blouse; Miss Amy Taylor, dark skirt, Mexique blue blouse; Miss Goodwin, dark skirt and red blouse; Miss — Lusk, striking coquelicot red gown veiled in net *en suite*; Miss Slowman, a white evening gown finished with chiffon and pink roses; and her sister, white frock with red sash; Miss Hill, dark skirt, white blouse; Miss Harper, dark skirt, pink blouse.

TENNIS.

The Mount Eden and Epsom Lawn opened last Saturday. The attendance was very small, owing no doubt to the numerous counter-attractions. The ever refreshing cup of tea was dispensed with tasty cakes during the afternoon. Amongst those present were Miss Paton in navy, and her sister, slate grey; Miss Hardie, black skirt, white blouse; Mrs Horace Walker, black mourning gown; Mrs Chapman, dark skirt, blue blouse; Mrs McFarland, black skirt, white blouse; Miss Little, grey; Miss Otway, dark skirt, pink blouse; Miss Thompson (Rocklands), lilac zephyr; Misses Morris, Gorrie, Hesketh, and Whitson were studies in dark skirts and various shades of lilac blouses; Miss Towsey, black; Miss Hooper, navy, and her sister wore terra cotta; Mrs C. Baker, grey gown; Miss Dudley, black skirt, white blouse, purple vest, and white sailor hat with purple trimming; Misses Stewart (two), dark skirts, light blouses; Miss Garland, brown, and her sister, Mrs Heathcote, grey; Miss Spurgeon looked well in navy skirt, pink blouse; Mrs Blazzard Brown, tabac brown silk; Mrs Heywood, black; Miss M. Heywood, salmon pink with green velvet tabs; Miss Alice Hesketh, pretty dark skirt, heliotrope blouse, gem hat; Miss Millie Hesketh, grey costume, hat to match; Miss Preece, pretty dark skirt and pale blue blouse, gem hat; Miss E. Preece, navy skirt, pretty blue blouse, sailor hat; Miss Thomson, heliotrope costume, white hat; Miss Brown, pretty light tweed, hat to match; and many others whose names I do not know.

The Auckland

RACING CLUB'S SECOND SPRING MEETING

took place at Ellerslie last Saturday, Prince of Wales' Birthday. The day was fine, and not too warm. The stand was filled with an elegant and well-dressed crowd. The brilliancy of the ladies' frocks and the green velvet award in front of the stand had indeed a very picturesque effect. Amongst the too numerous gowns for me to remember I recollect Mrs (Colonel) Dawson, wife of the President, in a stylish bluey grey lustre faced with black, white sailor hat; Miss Esme Elliot, white serge skirt and cape, pink and white striped blouse, picture hat; Miss Florrie Buckland, neat-fitting grey check, sailor hat; Miss Maud Buckland, slate grey, hat of floral decorations; Mrs Ching, striking grey gown trimmed with salmon and veiled in ecru lace, bonnet to correspond with pink flowers; Miss Stevenson (Glenholm), navy serge, cerise vest; Miss — Stevenson, navy and white check tailor made gown; and another sister looked pretty in brown; Mrs Dargaville looked well in a black silk, *bouton d'or* yoke veiled in net, bonnet with yellow daisies; Miss Dargaville, electrique blue; Mrs McCormick, pretty lilac costume; Miss Percival, mode grey, and her sister dark skirt, white blouse; Miss E. Percival, nil green; Mrs Masefield, black silk; Mrs Dufaur was very much admired in a black silk creponette, bodice of maize-coloured satin veiled in ecru lace with orange rosettes, black lace bonnet to correspond; Miss Ida Worsp, navy gown with electrique slate bodice; Miss Hilda Worsp, fawn gown, pink vest; Miss Dunnett, well-fitting brown tweed; Miss G. Walker was looking her best in dark skirt, white blouse, white sailor hat; Mrs Mair, brown; Miss Mair looked *chic* in a dark skirt, violet velvet blouse, hat trimmed *en suite*; Miss Thorpe, lizard green cashmere; Miss Flora Thorpe, old gold; Miss Churton and her sister were similarly attired in dark skirts, light blouses; Mrs Hanna, dark skirt, white spotted blouse, sailor hat; Miss Wilkins, brown holland relieved with blue; Miss Maud Wilkins, navy cambric with large bishop sleeves; Mrs E. Buchanan, mode grey; Miss Bailey, dark grey lustre; Miss Sutton, grey tailor-made gown; Mrs Neil, navy skirt, pink blouse; Mrs Atkinson, black silk with bead trimmings; Miss Atkinson, dark skirt, terre brocaded blouse, and her sister pale pinkey fawn tweed; Mrs George Bloomfield, black creponette skirt, white flowered silk bodice with black net cape, magenta velvet bonnet; Mrs Lucas Bloomfield, brown tweed, white lace collarette, lilac vest, striking bonnet with four ear trimmings; Mrs Thompson, black silk with natural daisies on corsage; Miss Thompson, navy serge, brown cape; and her sister, cream striped lustre, sailor hat; Mrs W. Bloomfield, black creponette; Mrs Thomas Morrin, stylish galois grey crepon, pale pink shot bodice finished with white lace, grey toque with pink flowers; Mrs Sam Morrin, black; Miss — Hesketh looked well in a pale blue lustre trimmed with dark blue silk, large picture leghorn hat trimmed with ostrich feathers; Miss Ethel Bull, dark skirt, pink blouse; Miss Noakes, slate grey; Miss Eaton, white serge, black vest; Mrs Masien looked *distinguee* in a white cambric striped with black; Miss Courtayne, spotted muslin; Mrs Dunwoodie, black silk; Misses Dunwoodie, dark skirts, pretty sky blue blouses; Miss Macindoe, dark skirt, ciel blue crepon blouse; Miss Heywood, nil green cashmere with terre satin bodice veiled in ecru lace; Mrs Hope Lewis, lizard green crinkley trimmed with cream lace, pink vest; Miss Tilly, mode grey tweed trimmed with green, silver grey bonnet; Miss Aubrey, short slate-grey frock, large black lace hat with lavender flowers; Mrs Lyons, black silk with violet sleeves veiled in black lace, black lace hat trimmed with violets; Mrs Anscombe, fawn gown trimmed with electrique blue, large hat with black velvet and flowers; Mrs Duthie, absinthe green silk *en traine*, bonnet to match relieved with pink; Mrs Colbeck, black gown with bodice of slate grey; Mrs Blair, black silk skirt, cream spotted blouse; Mrs (Dr.) Bews, Mrs Bodle, navy, and sailor hat; Mrs Burton, mode grey with black lace bonnet; Miss Bush, pale blue zephyr, black sash, white sailor hat; Mrs Chamberlin, dark grey with black spots, black lace cape;