

That Mrs T. Cotter's dance, which was to have come off to night (Wednesday) in the Remuera Hall, has been indefinitely postponed, owing to sudden sickness in the family.

That the Misses Horne, Auckland, are giving a large musicale on Saturday next in the Bonaventura Hall, Parnell, to meet Mr and Mrs Frank Roche. Mrs Roche possesses a very charming soprano voice, and has several times appeared in operas in Melbourne and Adelaide. A promising young violinist is also to be at the party.

That the prohibition party in Auckland scored heavily on Monday, as one of the hotels in Shortland-street received accidentally an effective deluge from the bursting of a water main immediately in front of the building. This occurred at half-past five in the morning, and threw cold water on their proceedings for some time. This temperance outburst also hurled paving-stones and other missiles at the hotel windows, breaking them and doing other damage. The trouble was caused by extra pressure on the pipes to put out a fire in Wyndham-street.

That Miss Mathieson, lady teacher at the Point Chevelier school, Auckland, was the recipient of a very handsome present from the pupils and some of the teaching staff on her promotion to Newton East school. The gift was a pretty gold bracelet, with an amethyst in the centre. Miss Florence Dixon read a neat little speech as she presented this token of the appreciation in which this teacher is held, and the headmaster, Mr R. Jones-Parry, made a few well-chosen remarks. Miss Mathieson has been at the Point for five years.

That the Auckland footballers are in luck in having Mr George Fowlds for a vice-president, as he has offered a set of jewels to the winning team in the school's Association.

That his many friends will be glad to hear Mr B. Ashcroft, of the National Bank, is now rapidly recovering from his recent severe illness, and though still in the Napier hospital, hopes to leave for his home in Wellington at the end of this week. The matron, nurses and doctors have indeed cause to be proud of their Napier hospital, which compares most favourably with other hospitals I have seen both in this colony and in England.

That condemned railway irons are largely used in country places in the colony as telephone posts.

That Lady Glasgow has accepted the office of patroness of the home industry section of the Wellington Exhibition.

That Miss Lyell, of the Nursing Staff of the Auckland Hospital, who after completing her three years' course of training is leaving the Hospital to be married, received a pretty present from her coadjutors, with a few words of esteem and friendship, at a farewell supper the other night.

That the Governor has given a donation of £225 to the funds of the Sailors' Rest, Wellington.

That a complete set of seventeenth century armour has just been brought from England for the Christchurch Museum.

That a great wind storm visited Denniston last week. Several chimneys were blown down, tanks lifted bodily and destroyed, and unsecured trifles such as tubs, baths, etc., disappeared altogether.

That as a result of the recent three days' bazaar held by the ladies of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Thames, the sum of £411 was received from all sources.

That a son of the Hon. W. Johnston had a narrow escape from drowning in the Rangitikei River last week. When crossing the stream he parted company from his steed, but fortunately managed to reach a sking bank.

That it is proposed to re-establish the Auckland Sketch Club. It is stated it did good work last year, and that there was an average attendance of from 22 to 30 artists.

That the shareholders of the Auckland Glen Var Wine Company are registering the Company under the Limited Liability Act. Capital £5,000, in 10,000 shares of 10s each. The following gentlemen were elected as directors:—Judge Seth Smith, Messrs J. M. Mowbray, William Hellaby, Walter Stimpson, Lindsay Cook, A. E. A. Smith, with power to add to their number; Mr William Rattray was appointed auditor; Messrs Beale and Beale, solicitors; and the National Bank, bankers. There is said to be a very steadily increasing demand for wholesome, pure, yet cheap wine.

That the marriage of Mr A. E. Kernot and Miss Rae (daughter of Mr H. Richardson-Rae) will take place at Wellington about the middle of September next, and that the wedding is to be quite private.

That the St. John Ambulance Association (Auckland branch) is beginning its series of winter lectures. The town class for ladies commences July 17th in the Municipal Buildings, Coburg street entrance. The men are more backward in desiring information in the ever useful First Aid Course, and there are not yet sufficient applications to form a class. Miss M. A. Barstow has kindly consented to act as ladies' secretary for Epsom, and Miss Buchanan for the North Shore. A Mount Albert nursing class is also being formed.

That the grand new organ in St. Sepulchre's church Auckland, is nearly ready for the grand opening day. Money is needed to cover all expenses. One generous friend has offered to give £10 on the Sunday it is formally dedicated to the Primate. The old one was last used on Trinity Sunday, when Chopin's Funeral March was played at the conclusion of the evening service. The new organ has three manuals, 1,436 pipes, 24 stops, and pneumatic action throughout.

That the June number of the *Review of Reviews* (Australasian edition) is to hand, and its pages are, as usual, full of interesting matter. Sir Samuel W. Griffith, Chief Justice of Queensland, contributes a careful article on 'The Finances of Federation,' and Captain W. R. Crewell, R.N., naval Commandant of South Australia, writes ably on 'A Federal Australian Life-Saving Service.' The character sketch for the month is Nicholas II., Czar of Russia.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR ROBERTS TO MISS WILKIN.

A VERY quiet wedding was celebrated at St. Mary's, Merivale, on Thursday afternoon, when Mr Harry Roberts, dentist, Christchurch, was married to Miss E. Wilkin, of Wellington.

THE bride wore her travelling gown—a very pretty blue with white revers and vest, blue velvet hat and white plumes.

MRS MITCHINSON (mother of the bridegroom) wore a handsome black silk, black velvet mantle and bonnet relieved with colour; Mrs Robinson (sister of the bridegroom), rich blue velvet, black toque with orange velvet bows.

MR W. ROBERTS (brother of the bridegroom), Mr Mitchinson, and Mr Rosewarne were present.

AFTER the ceremony the bridal party returned to the residence of the bridegroom's mother, 'Trevarrack,' Aikman's Road, where afternoon tea was dispensed, the happy pair leaving for the North by the 'Takapuna' in the evening. Among the presents was a handsome piano from Mr W. Roberts.

MR MUIR TO MISS CANT.

AWITU was certainly *en fete* on Wednesday, the 1st July, our regular steamer 'Weka,' on arrival at the wharf, giving evident tokens of something unusual being on the *tapis* by the display of flags, etc.

THE occasion was the marriage of one of Awitu's most popular favourites in the person of Miss Julia Cant, daughter of our respected settlers, Mr and Mrs Cant, of Awitu, to Mr John Muir, son of Mr Alexander Muir, of Peihakura, near Waikuku, also highly respected settlers of long standing.

PUNCTUALLY at 1 p.m. the ceremony was performed at the bride's parent's residence by the Rev. W. Roper (Anglican), of Waikuku.

THE bride, who was given away by her father, looked lovely in a handsome dress of white crepon, silk sleeves, with trimmings to match, white tulle veil over a tiara of orange blossoms, and carrying in her hand a beautiful bouquet of flowers and ferns. She was attended by Miss M. Muir, Misses Walker (two), and Miss Bollens. The first young lady was most becomingly dressed in white crepon with pink silk sleeves and pink trimmings, whilst the dresses of the others were also white with pink trimmings.

MR TOM MUIR, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The presents were numerous and valuable.

AFTER the ceremony the newly wedded pair left by the 'Weka' for Auckland en route to Sydney for their honeymoon trip, amidst the heartiest congratulations of their numerous friends and relations, and sincere wishes for their future welfare.

A CAPITAL luncheon was given, no expense having been spared to make the entire affair the complete success it was. The usual toasts were given and responded to and the day's proceedings ended in a most enjoyable dance, which was kept up with great spirit until daylight did appear. Music was most ably provided for the occasion, Mr Walker, as usual in all the social reunions, being a most efficient *chef d'orchestre*.

THE whole arrangements throughout reflected the greatest credit on those concerned, and it must have been most gratifying to the parents to note the evident enthusiasm displayed on all sides.

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HUNTING.

A SUCCESSFUL MEET OF THE HAWKE'S BAY HOUNDS.

(BY STIRUP.)

THE meet of the Hawke's Bay hounds took place on Saturday, June 20th, at Mr Sydney Johnston's Orua Wharo Station. All through Thursday and Friday very heavy rain fell, but towards 9 a.m. on Saturday morning the sun came out and continued pleasant throughout the day. There were about 150 riders present, and the meet, no doubt, would have been even larger had the weather cleared up earlier, as some of the Napier and Hastings 'straight sport' had previously ordered horse boxes. Mr and Mrs Johnston and Miss Inglis received and entertained the ladies and gentlemen of the hunt at a substantial luncheon. The table groaned under the weight of good things provided. After justice had been done to the edibles and the inner man satisfied, Mr Jackson, the huntsman, mounted on Revenge, and the whip, a roan; the Masters, Mr Sutherland and Mr Rhodes, mounted on handsome horses, rode up with the hounds in front of the lawn, the verdict being this pack never looked better. A move was then made, Mr Worrall pointing out the places most likely to conceal pussie. These proved correct, for the hounds ran off at a great pace, running the hare for about three miles, but owing to so much water lying on the lowlands the scent got cold. The river bed was next drawn, and hares proved too numerous. After several runs and a kill, The Master decided to draw some more open paddocks, with the result that the hounds found immediately, running through the plantations and paddocks, and across the roads over fine jumping country and big ditches. This was a capital run, and only brought to a close through another hare suddenly springing up and crossing the scent, and as night was fast approaching, the Master gave the word 'home.' This being the first meet at Mr Sydney Johnston's, Orua Wharo Station, it was voted a great success, and it is now looked upon as one of the finest hunting places in Hawke's Bay. The jumps had been arranged beautifully, and loud was the approval on seeing so much room at each jump (over thirty-two feet in addition to the wings). This afforded very great pleasure to the large field, who cleared the fences in good style, and free from accidents. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs Sutherland, Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Herbert Russell, Miss Meta Johnston, Miss Inglis, the Misses St. Hill (two), Miss Millar, Miss Godfrey, Miss Wilson, the Misses Rhodes (two), The Masters, Mr Sutherland and Mr Rhodes, the Huntsman, Mr Jackson, and Mr Anderson, Whip; Messrs H. H. Bridge, Stewart, Bridge, Kinross, White, Frank White, Hugh White, Ernest White, T. White, Jas. Worrall, A. Deane, H. Evans, A. Potts Carlyon (two), C. Arrow, Hobson (four), G. Prescott, Groom (two), W. Wilson, Dr. Godfrey, and others I do not remember. Amongst those driving were our host and hostess with a large house party, Messrs Price, Mrs D. Grant, Mrs J. Worrall, and Mrs John Butcher with a large township party. The ladies and gentlemen of the hunt were again entertained at afternoon tea and something stronger for those who preferred it, bringing to a close a very pleasant day.

AUCKLAND.

BY ONLOOKER.

The Pakuranga hounds met last Saturday at 'The Pah,' Onehunga, and had a most unpleasant day, it being too cold for the scent to lie well, and frequent heavy showers fell, which damped the riders not a little. But notwithstanding the weather there was a large field of about one hundred horsemen and women. Shortly after twelve we made a move and drew along the gully at the back of the Pah. In a plantation puss was found. She made straight in a north-west direction across the paddocks, passing through a wire fence, the followers making for the gates. Away she went across the road into a cottager's place, where a wide jump of a gorse hedge and a ditch on the off side had to be negotiated. Next over a stone wall into Mr Dibble's property, then a stiff post and rails, which about a dozen of our best riders successfully negotiated, pounding the rest of the field, who were seen carefully taking an open gate at the further end of the paddock. Next came a wall with a nasty drop, which took the hunt into Mr O'Callaghan's, and then back over the double on the road to 'The Pah,' making a semi-circle. Next came a small wire fence into the avenue of 'The Pah,' which the foremost riders successfully jumped, but one of the crowd got strung upon it; down through the avenue at hand gallop over a wire fence with a rail on the top, which took the pack to the bottom of the garden, where pussie, alas! was lost. An adjournment to the Three Kings was then made, where another hare was drawn for. Through the scoria, plenty of walls to be jumped, but no find, we