

MR F. TRASK has been elected Mayor of Nelson for the seventh time.

CAPTAIN SARGENT hospitably entertained some friends on board the ship 'Pleione' in Nelson Harbour on Tuesday evening. Music and dancing were the chief order of events, and a most pleasant time was spent. The Misses Edwards (three), Webb-Bowen (two), Hubbard, Messrs Catley, Washbourne, and others were present.

MR AND MRS MCRAE, Nelson, have gone to Wellington for a visit.

THE foundation stone of the new Baptist Church, Nelson, was laid on Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. D. Dolamore.

MRS AND MISS WINDSOR, who have been on a pleasant four months' visit to Sydney, returned to their Auckland home last week.



SOCIETY * ON * DITS.

That the Auckland Industrial Exhibition arranged by the Sunday School Union, and opened last Tuesday in the Drill Shed, will well repay a visit. A hospital cot will be a great attraction, as the net proceeds of the exhibition are to go towards a fund for a Children's Hospital, which is much needed in Auckland. The exhibition is to be open for some days.

That much regret was expressed in Christchurch that the illness of the Countess of Glasgow had prevented His Excellency the Governor from attending the Show and festivities.

That the ladies at Opunake are busily engaged in preparing for a bazaar, the proceeds of which are to be devoted towards the erection of the jetty there.

That the Agricultural and Pastoral Association in Blenheim held a show in their grounds in Maxwell road on Wednesday, the 18th.

That the Tararaki Agricultural Society's Show will take place in New Plymouth on Thursday, November 26th.

That a small epidemic of 'fires' has broken out in Picton again. That they generally occur between Sunday and Monday, just when people have successfully 'wood' nature's sweet restorer. Seward's 'George Hotel' was the victim this week, and was burnt to the ground.

That during some very vivid lightning flashes last week, the residents of Castlecliff, Wanganni, were startled by a loud boom, which some took to be a signal from a ship in distress. It was found that a detonating rocket on the bridge of the 'Moa,' which was lying at the Heads Wharf, had been exploded by the lightning, the report being as loud as that of a cannon.

That a garden party in aid of the convent schools in Blenheim will be held in the grounds surrounding the house lately occupied by Mr Park, Maxwell Road, next Wednesday evening. The Hibernian Band will contribute several pieces, and there will also be vocal solos, quartettes and choruses. Refreshments are provided, in which are included strawberries and cream.

That the Championship Regatta is to be held in Picton again this year under the auspices of the New Zealand Rowing Association, and that the spirits of the Picton people have risen considerably since the incubus-prize money—has been taken off them.

That Bishop and Mrs Nevill have let their pretty Dunedin residence, as they intend visiting England shortly.

That the junior cricket (cup) match, Awarua v. Waitohi, played at Picton on Saturday, was won by the Waitohis with an innings and several runs to spare.

That before Mr Harden leaves New Plymouth for Wellington a presentation will be made him by some of his numerous friends.

That at the Wellington Show Lady Augusta Boyle won the first prize for tandem team, and His Excellency the Governor was awarded first in cobs.

That the Children's Flower Show in Auckland last week was a very successful affair, and that there was an excellent committee. The two who inspected the gardens for competition did their work most courteously and carefully. They were Mrs Thomas, wife of one of the University professors, and Mr Goldie, Superintendent of Parks under the City Council.

That an elector at Roslyn is rather in a quandary as to what electorate he is in. His house is on the boundary of two electorates, and his front rooms are in the Dunedin city electorate, while his three back rooms are in the Taieri. He sleeps at night in the Dunedin electorate, and has breakfast in the Taieri. Like the fellow in the song, 'E duono where 'e are.'

That Tamahau Mahupuku intends cutting up his property at Papawai into 400 small sections, and allowing the Maoris to erect a residence on each section, so that the crowded state of the paha may be done away with. This is a step in the right direction.

That all frugal Blenheim housekeepers regarded with dismay the advertisement of the local bakers that bread would advance in price from 6d the 4lb loaf to 7d, or if booked, 8d, from the beginning of this week. It is really outrageous, for no matter how cheap flour is, bread is never less than 6d there, whilst at the same time in other places it is 4d. This action of the bakers will only recoil

on themselves, for already there is talk of establishing a co-operative bakery, and if that does not come to pass many will make their own bread at home, so say the Blenheim ladies.

That an artist would find interesting subjects for his pencil at some of the Picton fires.

That the Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association had magnificent weather for their Show, and though the exhibits were altogether not quite so numerous as last year, the display was up to a very high standard. The Show was well attended, as usual, there being a large number of the fair sex on the ground.

That the Athenæum, speaking of the portraits which exist of Robert Louis Stevenson, mentions the one painted in Samoa in 1892 by Signor Nerli, a poor production of which appeared in the *Cosmopolitan Magazine* for last July. Signor Nerli, who has a reputation as a portrait painter, is now resident in Auckland, where, in company with Mr Perett, he has opened a studio.

WAIHI JOTTINGS.

(BY BRICE FABER.)

OUR new Vicar, the Rev. Mr Wilson, was entertained here on the 16th inst. by the members of the Church of England in Tanner's Hall. The entertainment took the shape of a conversation. The committee of management—Messdames R. H. Holmes, Taylor, and Rame, Messrs Nash, Tyrell, and C. J. Saunders—deserve the greatest praise for the splendid programme presented to the audience. It is not every day, in spite of the many musical attractions that come our way, that we have the felicity of hearing such a combination of talent, emphasized by the happy selection of some of the most beautiful solos ever written. Amongst the many pleasing items, 'The Lost Chord,' by Mrs Holmes; 'The Holy City,' Miss Spargo; duet, 'What are the Wild Waves Saying?' Mrs Holmes and Miss Bridson; and 'Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep,' by Mr Childes, were musical gems, which appealed to the hearts of all musicians present. Mr Bengie in a few appropriate remarks introduced the Rev. Mr Wilson, who on coming forward was greeted with loud applause. Throughout his speech was full of pithy passages and sound moral sentiment. The Rev. gentleman has, no doubt, touched the bright side of nature in his manner of presenting the ethical doctrines as it should be taught to his congregation. Mr Tyrell acted as accompanist during the evening.



ENGAGEMENTS

MISS EMILY NEVILL, niece of the Bishop of Dunedin, is engaged to Mr J. Gillies, of Johannesburg. Many congratulations are being forwarded to the fiancée.

The engagement is announced in Dunedin between Mr Stewart Seigh and Miss Mary Hogg, both of that city.

MR LOUGHNAN TO MISS BURNS.

MR H. H. LOUGHNAN, well known in Christchurch, was married in Timaru to Miss Mai Burns, of Wellington. The wedding was a strictly quiet one. The happy couple have not returned to town yet.

ELECTORIAL DISTRICT OF EDEN.

WRITE FOR ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO SERVE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NOTICE OF POLLING DAY.

In pursuance of "The Electoral Act, 1883," and "The Electoral Act Amendment Act, 1886," and "The Electoral Act Amendment Act, 1887," the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Eden do hereby give notice that, by virtue of a Writ bearing date the 27th day of November, 1896, under the hand of the Clerk of the Writs, an Election will be held for the return of One qualified person to serve as member for the said District; and that the latest day for receiving Nominations for Candidates will be the 27th day of November, 1896; and that a Poll, if necessary, will be taken at the several Polling Places of the said District on the 4th day of December, 1896. Every man desirous of becoming a Candidate must be nominated by not less than two electors of the District, by a Nomination Paper as prescribed by section seventy five of "The Electoral Act, 1883," delivered to the Returning Officer on or before the 27th day of November, 1896. The following are the Polling Places for the Electoral District of Eden:—

- The Borough Council Chambers—Devonport (principal)
- The Gay & Live Hall—Northcote
- The Zion Hill Schoolhouse—Hirkerhead
- The Colonial Sugar Company's Schoolhouse—Chelsea
- The Public Schoolhouse—Birkdale
- The Public Schoolhouse—Albany
- The Public Schoolhouse—Mayfield
- The Public Schoolhouse—Lake Takapanu
- Wesleyan Church, Kussell-st.—Arch Hill
- Christians' Meeting House—Kingsland
- St. Luke's Parish Hall—Mount Albert
- The Public Schoolhouse—Point Chevalier
- The Public Hall—New Lynn
- The Public Schoolhouse—New Lynn
- The Public Schoolhouse—Titirangi
- The Public Schoolhouse—Waikomiti
- The Public Schoolhouse—Hua
- The Public Schoolhouse—Brooklyn
- The Public Schoolhouse—Waitakeret, West Coast Road

BENJ. GILMER,

Returning Officer.

Star Chambers, Shortland street, Auckland, 21st November, 1896.

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AUCKLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION. SEVENTH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

TO BE OPENED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, AT 3 O'CLOCK, BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR (MR J. J. HOLLAND).

The following is the programme for the next four days:—

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25—7.30 p.m.—Concert by Church of Christ Choir. 8.0 p.m.—Writing Competition. 8.45 p.m.—Concert by Fitzstreet Church Choir. During the evening the Union Band will perform.
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26—7.30 p.m.—Dramatic Entertainment, All Saints' Sunday-school. 8.0 p.m.—Short-hand Competition. 8.45 p.m.—Concert by Grace Road Church Choir. During the evening the Newton Band will perform.
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27—7.0 p.m.—Essay-Writing Competition. 7.30 p.m.—Concert by St. James' Choir. 8.0 p.m.—Map-Drawing Competition. 8.45 p.m.—Entertainment by Professor Carollo and Pupils. During the evening the Artillery Band will perform.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28—4.0 p.m.—Ironing Competition. 7.0 p.m.—Foot-Cleaning Competition. 7.30 p.m.—Concert by Bedford street Church Choir. 8.0 p.m.—Darning Competition for Boys. 8.30 p.m.—Nail-Driving Competition for Girls. During the evening the Helping Hand Band will perform.

Sunday-school Superintendents should not forget to remind their Scholars to attend themselves and also to ask their fathers and mothers, big brothers and sisters, and all their friends, both old and young, to attend.

Boys and Girls remember that every Sixpence you give to the Exhibition is Sixpence more to go to the Children's Hospital.

TICKETS, 1s; CHILDREN, 6d. To be had from Sunday-School Union Depot, Wellesley-street; Brown and Stewart's, Queen-street; or at Door.

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