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THE SILVERSTREAM MYSTERY.

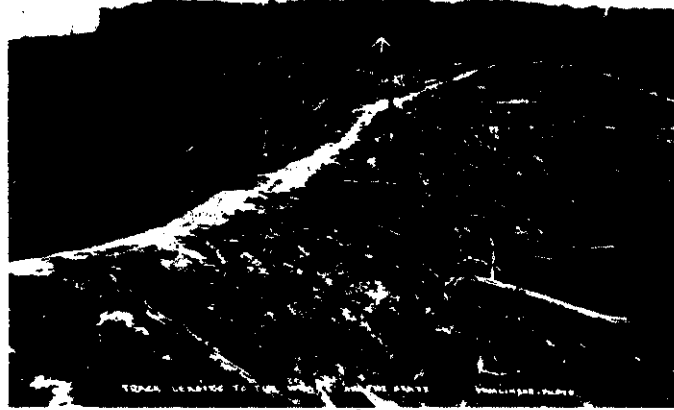
Our illustrations show the scene of what is known as the Silverstream Mystery. The events in connection with the affair, so far as they are known, have been made familiar to everyone by the papers. It will be remembered that the murdered man Hawthorne, with a man named Philpot, was working on a contract for the supply of sleepers at Silverstream, in the bush overlooking the Hutt district. Recently Hawthorne disappeared under mysterious circumstances, and inquiries failing to elicit his whereabouts, a search was made in the bush for his body. It was discovered by Mr Menzies crammed into a small hole in the ground, and there was the mark of a bullet in the hat he had worn. There was no doubt he had come by his end by foul means. Deceased was 21 years of age, and was born at Akaroa. His parents reside at Feilding. He was of steady and industrious habits. Philpot, his partner, is now under arrest charged with murder. He seems to be a man with a very bad record.

THE lamented death of Mrs John Fairburn, at Otahuhu, caused a deep feeling of depression in the district, as her loss will be greatly felt. There was apparently nothing the matter with her a few days ago; but on Thursday week she was taken ill. A necessary operation was performed with every care on Monday afternoon, but Mrs Fairburn passed away early on Tuesday morning. She was 58 years of age, a loving neighbour, an indefatigable church worker (Anglican), and a sincere practical Christian. Her bright helpfulness in trouble or sickness, her pleasant sympathetic manner caused her to be much beloved and esteemed. The funeral which was a very large and representative one, took place on Wednesday afternoon in the Church of England Cemetery, Otahuhu. Amongst those present were Mr Edwin Fairburn, Parnell (brother-in-law), nephews of the late Mr John Fairburn, Ven. Archdeacon Clarke, Dr. Erson, Messrs G. B. Hutton and S. Luke. Canon Gould conducted the service. Mrs Fairburn leaves two daughters and a son to mourn their irreparable loss.

Mr W. R. Vines, of Auckland, died last week in his 81st year. He was in good health up to the time of his death. His funeral took place at Purewa on Thursday afternoon. He was a prominent Plymouth Brother. Mr Ward, of Cambridge, performed the burial service. A number of old settlers and business men attended the funeral.

The death of the Rev. Josiah William Alloway, B.A., is much regretted by his friends. The rev. gentleman was living with his son-in-law, Mr Edgar Ward, Cheltenham, North Shore, Auckland, at the time of his death. He had been told some months ago by a medical man that he was suffering from cancer of the throat. Mr Alloway worked up till the last, successfully coaching candidates for the University examinations. Some years ago he was Mathematical Master at the Auckland College and Grammar School. Mr Alloway leaves a grown-up son and daughter, with whom much sympathy is felt. He was quite resigned in his sufferings and death. Requiescat in pace.

Mrs Joseph Chamberlain, wife of the English Secretary for the Colonies, and daughter of W. C. Endicott, Mr Cleveland's first Secretary of War, as a special evidence of the favour in which Queen Victoria holds her, has received from Her Majesty the gold instead of the silver Jubilee medal. The gold medal was conferred, as a rule, only on royal personages.



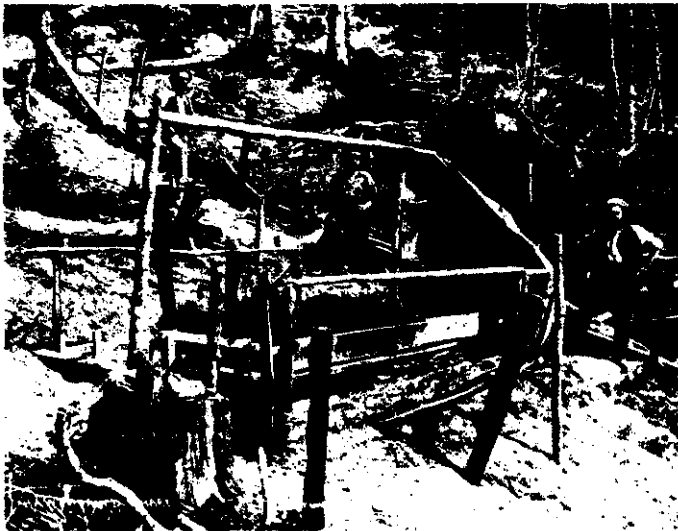
TRACK LEADING TO THE WHARE AND THE GRAVE.



MIR MENZIES, THE DISCOVERER OF HAWTHORNE'S GRAVE

The dominant race of the future, according to Professor O. C. Marsh, of Yale Peabody Museum, is to be the Japanese. His conclusion is not the result of pure speculation, but has been reached by careful study and logical deductions from established facts. From the beginning of life the struggle for existence has been won always by brain and not by brawn. That is why man survived. When man was a hairy animal, only a grade above the giant ape, there roved over the earth's surface monsters so gigantic as to be almost inconceivable now. But they had scarcely brain enough to forage for food. Primeval man, on the contrary, had a comparatively large brain, and so he conquered the monsters of the plain and jungle, and survives to-day, the lord of creation. But now comes the question: Which of the many races of earth will dominate the others? Professor Marsh finds that the Japanese have the largest brains. 'The big brain has won at every stage of the world's history,' he says, 'and there is no apparent reason why it should not continue to win in the future.'

The time lock for tobacco boxes has been invented by an American. The box is divided into two compartments, one for the tobacco and the other for the mechanism which controls the lock. In this way the smoker has access to the tobacco only at fixed times during the day, and, therefore, if he has sufficient strength of mind to keep out of a tobacconist's shop in the interims, this little instrument is calculated to prevent his abuse of the weed.



HAWTHORNE'S WHARE.



ANOTHER VIEW OF HAWTHORNE'S WHARE.