

Still there are no candidates coming forward to fill the Picton Mayoral chair. The Borough Council advertised for nominations, but no one accepted the invitation. Business people are too busy, and gentlemen at large love the dolce far niente too well to care to sit in a stuffy little office to rule a few City Fathers for a year.

Hurrah for a good harvest! From the Dunedin 'Star' we gather that the wheat yield of the colony will largely exceed the official estimate of an average of 30 bushels per acre, and that 35 bushels will probably be exceeded. Another gentleman who is entitled to speak with equal authority sets the probable yield down at 32 bushels per acre. The prospect of such an exceptionally heavy harvest has caused the holders of contracts to attempt to reap a golden harvest by raising the price considerably, while the shipping companies have taken advantage of the large surplus upon export to raise freights upon wheat for home shipment, so that farmers are being squeezed on all sides. Many of the Southern growers have resolved to put their wheat into stack and await developments. There is some talk of combination to obtain a supply of sacks from abroad, but this idea has not yet taken definite shape. As to the freights question, a new phase is likely to be put upon it by the appearance in these waters shortly of the first steamer of a line of great ocean tramps for whose advent the Minister for Lands is negotiating. All things considered, the waiting policy is the wisest one. A few months in stack will certainly do the wheat good, and in all probability the interval will witness an improvement in prices.

The conference of Bishops was held in Christchurch last week, but the business was of a private nature. The visiting Bishops were His Lordship the Primate, Bishop Mules (Nelson), the Bishop of Waiapu and Bishop Wallis (Wellington). They were the guests of Bishop and Mrs Julius at Bishopscourt for the few days. The Primate preached at the Cathedral on last Sunday morning, and the Bishop of Waiapu in the evening. Bishop Mules preached at St. John's, Latimer Square, on Sunday evening. The Bishops have now returned home.

Mr. J. Wilkie, the well-known sheep-breeder in the Waitotara district, has imported four very high priced Lincoln rams from England. The 'Live Stock Journal' says that these sheep were the best procurable, and from a Home standard of excellence no better were to be found in England. One of the rams came from the famous flock of Messrs Dean and Sons, of Lincoln, and three from Mr. R. Wright's stud at Knoekton Heath, in the same county. Three hundred guineas were given for one ram, and the others were purchased at over one hundred each.

Here is a good story from the South: At a recent sale of rams an intending buyer bid for a ram. Another buyer, for the fun of the thing, started to 'trot' the first bidder. The latter saw the little game and made such eager bids that the joker was sure of his prey. But he wasn't, because when the joker made his last bid his intended victim quietly smiled—and let the thing go, after it had reached far above its value. The joker smiled a sickly smile, and felt very sorry for himself. The bitter was badly bitten.

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The engagement is announced of Dr. Reed, of Waipawa, Hawke's Bay, and Miss Brenda Wilson, second daughter of Mr Wilson, of Napier.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ida Worsp, daughter of Captain Worsp of Auckland, to Mr Frederick George Sale, of the firm of Sale and Co., Kobe, Yokohama and London.

The engagement is announced of Miss Maud Shand, a daughter of Mr Shand (Wood, Shand and Co.), and Mr Allan Duncan, Christchurch.

The engagement is announced of Mr Francis Thorpe, son of the Rev. R. J. Thorpe, and Miss C. Menzies, a daughter of Mr W. Menzies, of Menzies' Bay.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

CHILDREN—PERRIN.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at Bishopdale Chapel, Nelson, on Monday afternoon, the Rev. W. G. Baker, Vicar of Brightwater, officiating, when Miss Effie Perrin, daughter of the late Mr Sidney J. Perrin, was married to Mr J. F. Childs, of Motueka Valley, Nelson. The bride, who was led to the altar by Dr. Andrew, and afterwards given away by her mother, looked exceedingly pretty, and was much admired in a simple gown of white silk lustre, trimmed with chiffon and silver passementerie, veil and orange blossom, and a beautiful bouquet finished her toilet.

There were three bridesmaids, the Misses G. and M. Perrin (sisters of the bride), and Miss Iva Hudson. All were attired alike in pretty frocks of cream lustre, sprigged with heliotrope, and tulle veils. Miss G. Perrin wore a gold bangle, and the other two gold initial brooches, gifts of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr Peppin as best man.

After the ceremony Mrs Perrin entertained a number of her most intimate friends at her residence. Afternoon tea, wedding cake, and other delicacies were provided, and the large number of presents were admired.

Mrs Perrin wore a becoming gown of black, a handsome white lace fichu, black bonnet, with mauve flowers; Mrs Mules, black; the Misses Mules (2), white costumes; Mrs and Miss Baker (Brightwater); Mrs Hudson, white halstone muslin over light blue, hat to match; Mr Pogson; Mrs Pogson, black coat and skirt, pink silk vest, bonnet to match, with pink flowers; Mrs C. Falkner (Motueka Valley) looked well in a blue cloth costume, the revers and cuffs of which were braided with white, full vest of cream silk, hat to match; Mr, Mrs and Miss Levisay; Miss G. Jones, white muslin; Mrs Webb-Bowen; the Misses Webb-Bowen (2), white costumes, floral hats; Miss Wood, white, with pink ribbons; Miss Gribben, becoming light costume, black picture hat.

The bride's going-away dress was soft grey material, effectively trimmed with light blue silk and chiffon, becoming white hat.

SHARP CORNTHWAITE.

A very pretty wedding is reported from Hombay, where Miss Lizzie Cornthwaite, third daughter of Mr W. E. Cornthwaite, was married to Mr W. Dunbar Sharp, of Ramarama. The ceremony, which took place at the bride's former residence, was celebrated by the Rev. F. B. Dodson.

Mr Cornthwaite gave his daughter away. She was very becomingly gowned in figured brocaded silk, and wore the usual wreath and orange blossoms. The bridegroom received the support of Mr R. Doull as best man. There were two bridesmaids—Miss A. Cornthwaite and Miss J. Sharp. Both wore exceptionally pretty dresses of cream striped silk, trimmed with pale green silk. They also wore diamond and gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom.

The wedding presents were numerous and handsome.

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AUCKLAND

Dear Bee, February 28,

The closing of our first Exhibition towards the end of the century is a fitting termination to another era in Auckland's history. How many pleasant reminiscences and stories of hours whiled away could the building tell, and one feels quite sorry that it has to give way, and within a few days will be a thing of the past—an evanescent dream. Wednesday afternoon last added to the store of pleasant memories in connection with its history, when Mrs Brett, of 'Te Kiteroa,' Lake Takapuna, gave an afternoon tea at L. D. Nathan's kiosk. A new departure has always a charm of novelty, and the unique idea of ladies entertaining their friends in the kiosks was decidedly a happy one, as it has contributed to give piquancy to the Exhibition's other attractions, as well as being an ideal form of entertainment. Owing to the heavy rain on Wednesday some of the guests were unable to keep their engagement. However, those who were courageous enough to face the elements passed a pleasant afternoon with the hostess and her daughter. The kiosk looked very inviting with its artistic colouring, the effect being enhanced by the brilliancy of the electric light, which was rendered necessary by the darkness of the afternoon. The little tables, which were adroitly placed round the kiosk, were very pretty with pink cloths, and decorated with white asters, pink tiger lilies, white dahlias, and Malmaison roses, mingled with pinnerseum and tricholena grasses. The guests disposed themselves in congenial quarters at the tables, and pleasantly chatted, being assiduously attended upon by the lady attendants, who were quaintly, though tastefully, dressed in heliotrope silk gowns with white muslin fichus and aprons, while strains of soft music from a string band under the baton of Mr Hunter added to the enjoyment.

Mrs Brett was gowned in a black foulard, white satin vest and revers veiled with black Spanish lace, black sequin bonnet with wreath of pink unmounted roses; Mrs Rainger, green and brown silk, horizontal striped gown, cream laced vest under cream guilpуре lace, and black picture hat with erect black plumes and pink roses; Miss Moon, fawn and pink silk bodice, black skirt, black bonnet with pink roses; Mrs Alfred Porter wore a smart fawn cloth tailor-made gown, black hat with pink roses; Mrs Arthur Brett, fawn and white striped drill skirt, and jacket, with yellow ribbon bow at neck, black picture hat with plume and yellow roses; Mrs Kent wore an effective black gown with pink silk bodice under cream lace and strapped with black velvet, black bonnet with pink chiffon rosettes; Mrs Cotter looked exceedingly well in black satin, bodice encrusted with cut steel beads, heliotrope straw hat with pansies; Mrs Devore, black satin with terra cotta brocaded sleeves, tiny green bonnet trimmed with black and green; Mrs Hardie, navy cloth skirt and coat, bonnet with blue ribbon and clusters of cornflowers; Mrs Lennox, black gown, lace cape, black bonnet with Gloire de Dijon roses; Mrs (Dr.) King, floral muslin over apple green silk, black toque with coral pink and green ribbon bow; Mrs Donald, pink silk bodice with black lace yoke, black skirt with rows of ribbon on hem, black toque with colquhoun red ribbon; Mrs Myers, black moire gown, black bonnet with steel and white aigrette; Mrs Coleman, French plaid skirt, black silk

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