

the manager of the club with the two unopened letters. One of them was addressed to 'Mr——,' and the other to 'The Members of the —— Club.' This was speedily perused, and ran as follows: 'If Mr—— should not be in the club at the time this parcel arrives, will the members kindly see that his child is delivered to him?' The notes were written in a firm round lady's hand upon stone coloured paper, and enclosed in square envelopes to match. A council of war was held, and it was decided that the police must take the responsibility. A friendly constable took the poor little bairn into his custody and carried it off in triumph to the sheltering halls of Bow-street, armed also with the three letters to help in the identification of the parents of the child.

WHO was the inventor of the new wedding cakes? Whoever he was he deserves immortalising, for his was a brilliant idea, one I should have been 'real proud of' myself, had I thought of it. You know, in the wedding cake of more ancient type there was always a thick layer of white sugar which nobody cared about; a medium layer of almond paste which everybody wished for, and did not always get; and an immense quantity of cake of which many only ate a few crumbs. *Mais nous avons change tout cela.* The latest specimen has a thin layer of sugar, only just enough to look pretty, and underneath are alternate layers of cake and almond paste, one as thick as the other. The consequence is that no one is defrauded of their lawful share of almond paste, or 'love,' as it is usually called, and for purposes of distribution it is far better, as the contents of the box does not crumble away nearly so much as it did when the principal portion was cake alone. If only someone would invent a box which could not be rifled, and was bound to reach its lawful destination, we should have nothing left to desire.

THE first class tournament in connection with the Thorndon Lawn Tennis Club terminated on Saturday afternoon, when a large number of people assembled to witness the final sets. The contest for the Men's Championship lay between Messrs Harry and Rosa Gore. Twelve men entered for this, but by Saturday it had narrowed down to the two brothers. Strangely enough this happened also last year when Mr Rosa Gore was champion. This year, however, after a splendid game and amidst great excitement (the score standing at two sets all, and five games all) Mr H. Gore proved successful. Miss Mason won the Ladies' Single Championship after a capital set against Miss Beacon. The Doubles were won by Mr Cyril Tanner and Miss Millie George. A great many people were watching each day, and afternoon tea was always provided by the ladies, which proved very acceptable.

ANOTHER of the pleasant Northcote picnics took place on Friday. Parnell was mostly represented, Mrs and the Misses Thorpe being the chief promoters. Other ladies present were the Misses Wilkins, Rookes, Forbes, Moss, Heywood, Kilgour, Stratford, Minitt, etc. Dancing was, of course, the *finale*, and passed the evening agreeably.

A cab-fare indicator has come into use in Lancashire. When the passenger enters it is the driver's duty to place the indicator at the amount which the traveller will be called upon to pay. The instrument also forms a continuous record, showing at the end of the day how much the cabman has taken.

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE



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MONS. PAUL BLOQUET (MAX O'RELL).

MAX O'RELL has been delighting the good folk of Wellington, and has evidently taken a fancy to the Empire City. His lectures have been very largely patronised, and the cheery little Frenchman has made himself vastly popular by appearing frankly delighted with everything and everybody. Aucklanders are anxiously awaiting his arrival and will doubtless boom him on arrival.

MR TINLINE, with his nephew, Mr Murray, has arrived in Nelson, having come overland from Christchurch. Mr Tinline will be warmly welcomed here after his long absence in the Old Country. His name is not only respected in Nelson, but in all the surrounding districts, and is especially loved by those boys and girls lucky enough to have obtained the 'Tinline Scholarship,' and thus been enabled to attend the College here through the generosity of their kind benefactor.

OWING to the death of Mr Jackson, a new manager had to be appointed to the Nelson Savings Bank. A number of applicants sent in their names, the one chosen being Mr A. A. Scaife, the popular Deputy Official Assignee, and the verdict of all is 'He is the right man in the right place.'

ANOTHER old Nelsonian has left Nelson in the person of Mr Frank Heaps who sailed by the Rotorua for Wellington, en route to Port Darwin, where he has been promoted after being five years in the Nelson Cable station. He will be very much missed both in the athletic and social circles being an energetic tennis player as well as a favourite in society. Before Mr Heaps left Cable Bay his fellow officers gave a supper in his honour at which Mr Browning, Superintendent of the station, presented him, on behalf of his companions, with a gold signet ring. Mr Heaps in big reply said how much he felt leaving all his friends among whom he had spent so many happy years.

MR F. WORSELEY, the popular accountant of the Union Bank here, has been appointed manager of the Blenheim branch, to which town he went last week, carrying with him the good wishes of all the Nelson people. Mr Booth, teller in the same bank, has taken Mr Worseley's duties, and Mr Lunn, of Christchurch, takes the counter, vice Mr Booth.

MISS NELLIE STEPHENSON, who was first a pupil of Mrs James Wilkie, of Dunedin (singing with good results at several concerts there), and who has since been studying with Hertz (Melbourne), came out lately at the Exhibition building in that city, and with much success. She has a beautiful contralto voice, and has proved an acquisition to the Company.

GREAT sympathy is expressed on all sides for Mrs Medley and her family, owing to the death of Captain Spencer Medley, R.N., which took place in Wellington last Saturday. Captain Medley was fifty-six years of age, and was the son of the late Bishop Medley, Metropolitan of Canada. He served for thirty-two years in the Royal Navy, and during that time saw a good deal of active service, and at

one time served as lieutenant in Nelson's old ship the Victory, in Portsmouth Harbour, under Lord Alcester, who was then Captain Beanchamp-Seymour. Captain Medley was decorated with the Crimean and New Zealand medals, and served in the Taranaki War. At one time he was private secretary to Sir George Grey, and after his retirement from the service in 1865 he, with his family, settled in Wellington, and later on he was well known as aide-de-camp to Governor Jervois.

WELLINGTON had a visitor in the person of the Hon. Carr Glyn for the last few days. Mr Glyn is Chairman of the London Directors of the Bank of New Zealand, and expresses himself greatly pleased with this colony.

SIR JAMES HECTOR, Chancellor of the New Zealand University, and Mr Maskell, Registrar, have left for the South in order to attend a meeting of the Committee of the Senate in Christchurch.

THE Hon. Richard Seddon, Minister of Defence, paid an official visit to Captain Bickford, of H.M.s. Katoomba last Saturday afternoon at Wellington, going and coming in the Ellen Ballance. Archbishop Redwood and the Rev. Father Dawson also visited the ship on the same day.

THE friends of Mr Athol Reader, son of the late Colonel Reader, will be pleased to learn that he is now occupying the important position of confidential secretary to the British Ambassador in Tangier, Morocco. He left Wellington with the intention of entering the Army at Home but he changed his mind on being offered this other position, the climate and work suiting him better.

MR JOHN TINLINE (Nelson), who has recently returned to the colony from England, came overland from Kaikoura to Blenheim last Friday by special coach. His party included Mrs Jack Sharp (Nelson), Miss Dinie Collins (Kaikoura), Mr Bullen jun., and Mr Murray (Adelaide). Besides these Mr Tinline entertained Mr and Mrs Harry Sharp, Mrs Hiley, Mr Thomas, and Mr and Miss Neville (Nelson) at luncheon at the Criterion Hotel on Saturday. Mr Tinline and party leaving that afternoon by special coach for Nelson by the Rai Valley. His numerous Blenheim friends were delighted to see him looking so well after his trip to the Old Country, and only wished he would have made a longer stay.

QUITE a gloom was cast over Blenheim when it became known that Mr Edmund Paul of Moorlands had died very suddenly of paralysis. Mr Paul was universally popular and respected, and his loss will be long felt by all classes of the community. He took a lively and practical interest in all that went on and was a prominent member of the Education Board for many years; he was a most impartial Justice of the Peace, and was often called the 'Father of the Marlborough Agricultural and Pastoral Association,' which in a great measure owes its existence and present prosperity to his early efforts. He was President of the Agricultural and Pastoral Association for some years, as well as of the Marlborough Hunt Club which will sadly miss his genial and kindly welcome and generous hospitality at the popular meets held at 'Moorlands.' It was Mr Paul who organised the Marlborough Hussars, of which he was captain for a very considerable time, and the Acclimatization Society of Marlborough is much indebted to him for the active way in which he furthered its interests. He was a very successful breeder of draught horses, his sheep were always good, and the Moorland's crops were noted for their excellence. Mrs Paul and her only son, Mr Murray Paul, have our heartfelt sympathy in their sudden and unexpected bereavement. A large and influential procession followed his remains yesterday to the Blenheim Cemetery, the coffin being covered by beautiful crosses and wreaths sent by his many friends. Mr Paul was fifty-eight years of age.

ON the evening of the same day Mr Donald Fulton died up at Hillersden after a short but very severe illness. He was on his way home last Tuesday from Birch Hill with Mr H. Jackson, when he was taken suddenly ill, and was conveyed to Mr James Bell's at Hillersden, where Mr and Mrs Bell showed him the greatest care and attention, but in spite of the most skilful medical aid his sufferings ended in death on Saturday evening, to the unpeppable grief of his numerous relatives and friends. He was thirty-two years of age, and was a most skilful flax dresser, and a clever expert in flaxmill machinery, and a great favourite with all with whom he came in contact. His family have universal sympathy for the loss of one cut off so suddenly in his prime. He was buried in the Blenheim Cemetery in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends.

SIR JOHN MILLAIN, R.A., has been awarded the distinction of the German honour, Pour le Merite. This order, which is only granted in cases of exceptional merit, was given to Sir John by virtue of the portraits and genre pictures he sent to the International Exhibition at Berlin last year.