

It is so long since we have had a circus in Auckland that Messrs Bos-tock and Wombwell's show, which opened in Mechanic's Bay on Monday night, was sure of a most hearty welcome. There wasn't room for every-body on the first night, and the season promises to be a record one. The strange part about the show is that there are no horses, and, stranger still, one doesn't miss them. The menagerie is a strong feature, and contains some magnificent animals from a particularly fine elephant down to a couple of cranes, which wander about the tent at will, much to the amusement of the small spectators. The best thing in the circus is undoubtedly the Lukushima troupe of Japanese. There are six of them, five men and a woman, and they perform some truly remarkable feats of jugglery and balancing—even for Japanese. A strange act is that of M. Menier, "the Human Ostriche," who dines quite sumptuously off a tallow candle, some coal with lighted kerosene, and sawdust as a bone bouche. He then turns himself into an animated gas burner, and emits flames from his mouth. There is a wealth of talent in the bill, and applause is never long silent. The "turns," which go to make up a really enjoyable programme, are provided by Signor Bertani, who balances very cleverly on ladders; Jarvis and Campbell, two neat jugglers; Gungi and Dowli, a pair of highly amusing clowns; the Pastor Brothers, who go through some attractive acrobatic performances; Will and Tim, cake-walking tramps; Miss Mona, who dances prettily; Jackles and his wonderfully trained dogs; and last, but not least, Herr J. Hohendahl and his magnificent lions.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

GLADDING.—On May 26, 1906, at their residence, St. Martin's-lane, to Mr. and Mrs. Gladding, a son; both well.
PARSONS.—At 22, Norfolk-st., on the 25th May, the wife of F. Parsons, a son.
POOCH.—On May 30th, at Mt. Albert, the wife of V. Pooch of a son; both doing well.
STOKES.—On May 27, the wife of J. T. Stokes, Quadrant-street, Onehunga, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BENTON — PATERSON.—On 30th April, by Rev. Gray Dixon, John, eldest son of the late James Benton, of Eden-dale, to Agnes Wilson, second daughter of the late Robert Paterson, Mt. Roskill- rd.

DEATHS.

ADAMS.—On June 2nd, at the Auckland Hospital, Joseph Charles, the beloved husband of the late Minnie Adams, late of Franklin-road; aged 45 years.
ARKLE.—On May 28th, at Epsom, John formerly of Mountford Hall, Northumberland, in his 88th year.
BERGMAN.—At Onehunga, on May 30th, 1906, Kelsey, the dearly beloved infant son of K. and A. Bergman; aged 8 weeks.
BAINBRIDGE.—On June 1, 1906, Florence Edith, dearly beloved wife of William Bainbridge.
DEACON.—On May 31st, at the Mental Hospital, Bessie, the dearly beloved wife of A. Deacon, of Devonport, in her 40th year.
HEATH.—At the Auckland Hospital, on June 2nd, 1906, Thomas Casack, the youngest and dearly beloved son of John and the late Mary Ann Heath; aged 22 years. R.I.P.
KINGSFORD.—On May 31st, at "Wara-tah," Snessex-st., Grey Lynn, Charles, be-loved husband of the late Sarah Kingsford; aged 65 years.
MARRIOT.—On May 30th, at the Auckland Hospital, Joseph Marriott, engineer, late of Comorandell, dearly beloved husband of Annie Marriott.
MARRIOTT.—On May 30th, at Auckland Hospital, dearly beloved father of Mrs W. Keupit, Arch Hill, and Mrs C. E. Clurton, Scotland-st., aged 76. "At rest."
MARRIOTT.—On May 30th, at Auckland Hospital, beloved husband of Annie Marri-ott, of Stratford.
MARRETT.—Suddenly, on June 2nd, 1906, at her residence, Jernyn-st., Hannah, dearly beloved wife of Henry J. P. Mar-rett, aged 44 years.
MOYLE.—On May 27, at Waifi, Sarah, the beloved wife of Thomas Moyle, second beloved daughter of Mrs Captain Tonge, Vincent-street, Auckland. Deeply re-gretted.

PAGE.—On May 30th, at the Auckland Hospital, Robert Page, dearly beloved husband of Anna Page; aged 53.
PAUL.—On May 31st, 1906, at her resi-dence, Albert-st., Sarah Paul; aged 60 years. R.I.P.
PRIOR.—On June 1st, at St. Paul's-st., suddenly, Marlon, the widow of the late Peter Prior; aged 63 years.
PURCHAS.—On May 28th, 1906, at Hast-ings, somewhat suddenly, Roy. Arthur Guyon Purchas, in his 86th year.
ROWBOTTOM.—On June 4, at his resi-dence, Auburn-street, off Klyther Pass- road, George, the beloved father of H. R. and E. Webb, and eldest son of the late George Rowbottom, master mariner, Yorkshire, Eng; aged 52 years.
SEABOURN.—On May 26th, at his late residence, Park House, Te Aroha, John, the dearly beloved husband of Caroline Seabourn; aged 77 years. Deeply regretted.
SMALL.—On the 30th inst., at his son E. Inw's residence, Devonport, Auckland, Charles Thomson, the dearly beloved husband of Kate Small; in his 56th year; late of Waunganui.
WADMAN.—At the Auckland District Hospital, on June 1, 1906, the result of an accident at the Onehunga Woolen Mills, Alfred George, the dearly beloved son of George and Mary Wadman; aged 20 years.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Freda Matthews, fourth daughter of Mr. A. Matthews, of Waiorongomai, Featherston, to Mr Alec Hannay, of Te Pau, Kahurangi.
 The engagement is announced of Mr. Noel Nelson, eldest son of Canon Nelson, of St. Paul's (Auckland), to Miss May Blundell, only daughter of Mr. Louis Blundell, Wellington.

The engagement is announced of Miss Winifred Roskrige, eldest daughter of Mr. L. C. Roskrige (Wellington), to Mr Garnet Holmes, son of Mr. John Holmes, Oriental Bay, Wellington.

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Dear Bee, May 5.
 The first day of the WINTER RACE MEETING

was gloriously fine, though rather cold towards the end of the afternoon. There was not a very large crowd present, and not a particularly enthusiastic one either, but there were some very pretty new winter frocks worn. Amongst them were Mrs Lowry (Hawke's Bay), who wore a very smart gown of pearl grey cloth banded with silk braid of same shade, dainty toque to match; Mrs George Bloomfield, brown cloth tailor-made gown, becoming blue hat trimmed with brown tulle and shaded roses; Mrs F. Waller, wore a picturesque 1806 Empire coat and skirt, of navy blue cloth, white vest, and very pretty blue velvet hat, ermine stole and muff; Mrs Robert Burns, pretty pastel shade of heliotrope cloth, dainty hat of same shade, with roses of deeper tone; Mrs Hartland, brown embroidered cloth gown with brown chenille toque; Mrs Ralph, brown cloth tailor-made, cream tulle, small toque to correspond; Mrs Lawson, beautifully fitting green cloth tailor-made, white vest, green hat with white wings; Mrs Bodle, grey flecked tweed toilette, black hat; Mrs Ranson, pretty grey costume, dainty black and white toque; Mrs McCallum, dark blue cloth tailor-made, hat garlanded with crimson roses; Mrs Percy Butler, blue cloth coat and skirt, white vest and blue mushroom hat with shaded blue ribbon; Mrs Holgate, smart dark brown costume with small fur toque; Mrs Copeland Savage was charmingly gowned in a blue-grey coat and skirt, black hat with shaded blue feather; Mrs Lyons was gowned in white cloth with white caracul jacket; Miss De Camp, black tailor-made gown and small black hat; Mrs Hanna, dark tailor-made gown, black hat with red roses; Mrs Black, black costume with long biscuit-edged Empire coat and black hat; Mrs Rees, navy blue with small blue strays, toque to match; Mrs E. B. Lusk, reseda green cloth with hues of white and green velvet a shade darker, white hat with black ostrich feathers; Mrs Bwan, Alison, grey cloth skirt and smart grey caracul jacket, blue pork-pie toque with long brown feather; Mrs Pilkington, dark blue cloth with quaint little bobby fur hat; Mrs Colegrove, wore grey; Mrs Lawrence, navy blue coat and skirt, with white vest, relieved with red, red mushroom hat; Mrs Dunnett, black tweed costume, small black toque with crimson