

SOUTH TARANAKI

May 8.

At the Opera House.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday evening we had a special treat, when Mackelays and Devant gave a very clever performance in the Opera House. Some of those present were:—Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Parrington, Mr. and Mrs. Nalder, Mr. and Mrs. Gillies, Mr. and Mrs. Lennon, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hawken, Mr. and Mrs. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Budge, Mr. and Mrs. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Major, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Nolan, and Misses Nolan (2), Caplen (2), Glenn (2), Jackson, Reilly, Brett, Douglas, McAlbun, Wray.

Bridge.

A large bridge party was given at Mrs. Glenn's last Wednesday evening—the first of a series to be held every week during the winter months.

Tea for Miss Williams.

Miss Williams, who is shortly to be married, was the guest of honour at a tea given by the Misses Caplen on Friday. During the afternoon a putting competition, which was held, was won by Miss Alexander. A word-making competition was won by Miss Duckworth. Miss Caplen wore a white muslin blouse, and black voile skirt; Miss Elsie Caplen, white silk blouse, grey skirt; Mrs. W. Hamilton, blue and white striped taffeta; Miss Williams, dark tweed coat and skirt, brown hat trimmed with red roses; Mrs. Livingston, black taffeta, pretty saxa blue hat; Miss McLean, blue frock, large mole coloured hat trimmed with red and pink roses; Miss Nolan, blue coat and skirt, mole coloured hat; Miss B. Nolan, dark green skirt frock, hat to match; Miss Glenn, blue coat and skirt, blue hat with pink roses; Miss Alexander, black costume, black and white hat; Mrs. Bayly (Hamilton), cream coat and skirt, cream hat; Miss White, green tweed costume, hat to match; Miss Moore, grey coat and skirt, white hat; Miss Lysaght, dark blue costume, blue felt hat with quills.

Personal Items.

Mrs. and Miss Bayly (Hamilton) are spending a short holiday in Hawera as the guests of Mrs. White. Miss Lattar (Christchurch) is staying with her sister, Mrs. Williams. Mrs. W. Hamilton (Opunake) is paying a visit to her parents. Mr. Lindsay, of the Bank of Australasia, has been transferred to Wellington. Mr. Thynne has taken his place. Miss McMichael is staying with Mrs. F. Livingston.

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May 7.

Bridge.

Mrs. Greenwood gave a very enjoyable little bridge party last week. The prizes were won by Mrs. Dodgshun and Mrs. C. Jones. On Monday night Mrs. Griffiths also gave a bridge party for Mrs. Lacy Peake (of Cambridge), who is the guest of Mr. H. Peake. The prizes were won by Miss P. Jones and Mrs. L. Jones.

Croquet.

Last Thursday the final for the croquet championship was played on Miss Inlay's lawn, Mount Desert, by Mrs. Colin Campbell and Mr. R. Stevenson. After a close and very exciting game, the former was victorious. Amongst those watching were Mrs. Inlay Saunders, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. and Miss Blundell (Nelson), Mrs. A. Lewis, Miss Inlay, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Stevenson, Miss Carew (Dunedin), Miss Humphries (New Plymouth), Miss K. Humphries (New Plymouth), Mrs. H. Sarjeant, Misses Clarkie (Hawke's Bay).

Williamson's ever-popular Royal Comic Opera Company staged "The Merry Widow" on Tuesday at the Opera House before a very large and fashionable

audience; in fact, there was a record booking, many of those who were determined to get good seats going down as early as 6 in the morning and standing in a queue till the office opened. Mrs. H. Sarjeant wore an old rose chiffon taffetas, with Maltese lace on her corsage and festoons of the same on the trained skirt; Mrs. Greenwood, white silk blouse with lace and insertion, black skirt; Mrs. Wilford, black velvet gown with jet ornaments and cream chiffon vest; Mrs. H. Wilson, black crepe de chine gown with lace, pale grey opera coat with ornamental buttons and touch of green velvet; Miss Wilford, pale pink crepe de chine frock with gold embroidery on her corsage and in her coiffure, and pale blue cloth opera wrap with Oriental trimming; Mrs. Lethbridge, black chiffon taffetas with transparent lace yoke and cream opera coat; Mrs. Sorley wore a pale grey silk with lace; Mrs. John Watt, black silk with lace; Mrs. A. G. Kitchen wore a Polish grey charmeuse gown with chiffon and lace on her corsage and touch of silver thread; Miss Willis wore a becoming pale pink silk with vest composed of tiny frills of cream Valenciennes lace, and silver sequins on her corsage and sleeves; Miss — Willis, a pretty cream silk gown with chiffon on her corsage and silver sequin net; Mrs. John Stevenson wore a black silk with band of beautiful cream lace on the trained skirt and corsage; Miss Stevenson, pale blue chiffon taffetas gown, with lace and touch of silver on her coiffure, and pale blue ribbons in her coiffure; Miss Carew (Dunedin), pale pink silk with lace and chiffon; Mrs. Sanderson, black chiffon taffetas, with vest of gauged cream chiffon and Oriental embroidery; Mrs. James Watt, white silk gown with lace and insertion, white opera coat; Miss Brettagh, pale blue silk frock with lace prettily arranged on her corsage; Miss D. Brettagh wore a white silk gown with pale pink rose and foliage on her corsage; Miss Todd, becoming electric blue silk frock with lace; her sister wore a white frock with a spray of roses on her corsage; Mrs. Borlase, cream lace robe; Mrs. Paterson, turquoise blue silk with transparent lace yoke; Miss Brewer, black silk with lace; Mrs. Goodwin, black silk gown with cream lace; Mrs. Dalgety wore a brocade gown with lace and net on her corsage; Mrs. John Anderson, black silk with lace; Mrs. Blundell (Nelson), black chiffon taffetas with cream net, tucker and bands of green and gold embroidery on her corsage; Mrs. M. McLean, black silk with cream lace; Miss Anderson, deep yellow chiffon taffetas gown, with silver sequins on her corsage and sleeves; Mrs. R. Jackson, black silk with lace on her corsage; Miss Cutfield wore an Empire frock of cream charmeuse, with silver sequins edging her corsage; Mrs. Blair, cream silk with lace and silver thread embroidery; Mrs. F. Jones, black silk with transparent lace yoke; Miss R. Jones, cream silk and net frock with narrow rows of velvet edging the corsage; Miss O'Brien wore a white silk gown with lace and insertion; Miss Pratt, cream Empire robe with chiffon and net on her corsage; Mrs. Sheriff, black and white gown with frills of net edged with narrow black velvet; Mrs. H. F. Christie wore a cream gown with lace and chiffon; Mrs. A. Lewis, handsome pale grey silk robe, with over-skirt of black lace, and chiffon on her corsage; Mrs. H. Nixon, emerald green sequin gown over silk, long black satin opera coat; Miss Nixon wore a cream silk gown with lace; Mrs. Mackay, beautiful pale blue charmeuse gown with lace and chiffon on her corsage, and in her coiffure she wore pale blue; Miss Blundell (Nelson) wore a smart gown of fine cream muslin beautifully embroidered in crimson flowers and foliage, deep crimson Empire sash and ends; Miss Hamner (Christchurch), white muslin frock with lace and insertion, pale blue silk sash; Miss Christie, dainty pale blue silk gown with lace on her corsage; Mrs. McGregor, cream fillet net gown made in Empire style with bands of cream silk embroidery; Mrs. Fairburn, black brocade with jet on her corsage, and fish of net and lace; Mrs. Good, black chiffon taffetas with Maltese lace berthe; Miss Mason, pretty cream taffetas made in Empire style with panel effect on her skirt, and square yoke of cream embroidered silk insertion; Miss R. Fairburn, white muslin frock with bands of insertion and lace, pale blue silk sash; Mrs. Allison wore a handsome black and white lace robe; Miss G. Christie, white silk with frills of the same, and pale blue silk sash; Mrs. A. Nixon wore a most becoming frock of old rose char-

meuse made in Directoire style with cream net and lace, the tight fitting under sleeves of the same; Miss R. Nixon, pale blue silk gown with Valenciennes lace and insertion; Mrs. Briggs, black silk gown with lace; Mrs. Stone wore an electric blue silk frock made with shoulder straps and sleeves, and yoke of cream net; Mrs. P. Forlong, black silk gown with gauged chiffon on her corsage; Mrs. Barthorpe (Silverhope), pale heliotrope gown with square cut yoke edged with embroidery and net; Mrs. Mowat (Hunterville), cream fillet net blouse, black silk skirt; Miss Warr (Silverhope), black silk gown with lace on her corsage, and pale pink roses; Miss Rhodes (Hunterville), white muslin frock with lace and insertion.

Bridge Party.

Mrs. Sarjeant on Friday gave a very enjoyable bridge party, the first of a series in a progressive tournament. The prizes were won by Miss C. Anderson and Mr. Gabites. Amongst those present were:—Mrs. Sarjeant, Miss Cave, Miss Gresson, Miss Stevenson, Miss Brettagh, Miss Blundell (Nelson), Miss Stewart, Misses Clarkie (Hawke's Bay), Misses Stevenson, Stewart, Cave, Chamberlain, and others.

Golf.

The Ladies' Golf Club formally opened their season on Wednesday, when the weather was perfect from an onlooker's point of view, but much too hot for a brisk game of golf. Mrs. Barnicot (president) and Mrs. Wall gave afternoon-tea. Amongst those present were:—Mrs. and Miss Moore, Miss Cave, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. H. Tolley (Blenheim), Mrs. Good, Mrs. Fairburn, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Bayly, Mrs. Hole, Mrs. H. Nixon, Misses Nixon (2), Dymock (2), Christie, Hamner (Christchurch), Mrs. and Miss W. Anderson, Miss C. Anderson, Miss E. Anderson, Miss Mason, Misses Cooper (2), Miss Haddfield, Mrs. Lomax, Mrs. Inlay Saunders, Mrs. Lett, Mrs. Lomas, Mrs. Meldrum, Mrs. Vennell (Oamaru), Mrs. Sarjeant, Misses Stanford (2), Miss Gresson, Miss Wilford, Mrs. James Watt, Miss Bates, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Taylor, Miss Harper.

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