

men's appreciation of the fair and impartial manner in which Mr. Beibert had carried out his duties.

Misses Madeline Webb and Gertrude Spencer, who are to give two pleasant week ends in the Wellington Town Hall Concert Chamber, leave Auckland by tonight's express. They are accompanied by Misses Peggy Bain and Blanche Garland.

LONDON, April 8.

Messrs. A. H. Court and G. F. Court, of Auckland, are here on a business trip for their firm, John Court (Ld.), Auckland, of which Mr. A. H. Court is one of the directors. They will be here about three months altogether, buying for the firm, and will be visiting all the manufacturing centres in Great Britain and on the Continent during that time. They came via Suez, by the Oroya, landed at Marseilles, and spent two days there and three days in Paris. They will return via America, taking in Quebec, New York, the Falls, and the Great Lakes, and hope to be back in Auckland by the end of August.

Mr. J. A. Pottinger, of Gisborne, has passed the examination for the degree of F.R.C.S., Edinburgh. He will proceed shortly to the Continent and spend some time in study in Berlin and Vienna.

The delegates to the Imperial Press Conference have been made members of the Royal Colonial Institute, and a special entertainment in their honour was proffered some time ago by the Council, but it was found that the whole of the available time of the delegates during their stay in London would be absorbed by their existing arrangements.

Mrs. Penber Reeves, wife of the ex-High Commissioner for New Zealand, will be a candidate for the London County Council at the next elections. Mrs. Reeves is a prominent Fabian Socialist, and has been a member of the Council of the Fabian Society for some years. She is a practised speaker, and on many platforms in this country has advocated the enfranchisement of women and the endowment of motherhood.

Last Friday was "capping" day at Edinburgh University. The presence of candidates for medical degrees at a spring graduation was a novelty, and their numbers were not very large. So far as I could ascertain only one New Zealander was capped—Mr. Alexander Kenneth MacLachlan, who obtained the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.

On February 15, at Dresden, Flora Isabella Louisa, eldest daughter of the late Baron von Waldenburg and his wife Felina Macaulay (nee Greig, New Zealand), was married to Baron von Krakowitz.

Callers at the High Commissioner's office this week: Mr. Arthur R. Andrew (Dunedin), Mr. Basil Herapath (Auckland), Mr. A. H. R. Hunt (Wanganui), Mr. P. P. Bigwood (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Dillon (Marborough), Miss Nellie Nannestad, Miss Nora Nannestad (Wellington), Mr. Ralph T. Rayner (Bromerton), Miss J. E. Beckenham (Timaru), Mr. W. McRae Peacock (Napier), Major Nelson George and Mrs. George (formerly of Auckland), Miss Sutton (Auckland), Archdeacon Scott (Christchurch), Mr. J. E. Russell (Auckland), Mr. A. W. Court (Auckland), Miss Tomie and Miss Haggis (Nelson), Mrs. Chrystall and family (Christchurch), Miss Ingie (Kooke, B. India), Miss Belcher, Messrs. R. and T. W. Belcher (Christchurch).

The death recently took place at Cowdenbeath, Fifeshire, of Mr. Andrew Selkirk, a descendant of Alexander Selkirk, who was the original of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe." Andrew Selkirk was an engineer by trade, and had himself led a roving and adventurous life. He travelled extensively in Australia and New Zealand, taking part in the early rushes to the gold diggings. He could turn his hand to practically anything, and was the owner of much house property, which was all planned and largely built by himself.

The brewers were complaining of the 23d per barrel of 70 gallons which had been imposed, and he could show, from reliable figures, that their profits amounted to from 10/- to 14/- per barrel.—Mr. Lloyd-George.

"What would you say," said the prophet of woe, "if I were to tell you that in a short space of time all the rivers in the country would dry up?" "I would say," replied the patient man, "go and see how Eirewen."

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25 0 0	25	New South Wales	65 10 0
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Gallows Romance.

"THE MAN THEY COULD NOT HANG" MARRIES A DEVONSHIRE NURSE.

To be able to assume the role of bridegroom after having on one occasion stood for an hour on the scaffold with the hangman's rope round his neck, expecting every moment to be his last, is the unique experience of John Lee, who is known to the world as "the man they could not hang." Lee, who was convicted in 1884 of the murder of Miss Emma Keyse, at Babulcombe, in Devonshire, was married quietly at Newton Abbot to Miss Jessie Augusta Bullied, a good-looking woman about thirty-five years of age, who has been a nurse at the local workhouse infirmary. The two had been seen in each other's company for some little time past, and Newton Abbot was not unprepared for the wedding, though the date had been kept a close secret. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. N. Oliver, the pastor of the church. The bride looked charming in a travelling dress of blue serge, with white picture hat and brown fur. The bridegroom was married in

a bowler hat and overcoat. After the ceremony the happy pair took tea in the Durham, where tea-homemakers will be spent. The bride's fellow nurses at the workhouse infirmary are naturally greatly interested in the event. But the first intimation they had that Friday was the wedding day, was the non-appearance of Miss Bullied to take up her duties.

To avoid publicity, the marriage was by license, and only the Rev. N. Oliver, who officiated, the Registrar, and caretaker, were present. Report of the ceremony, however, soon spread, and a big crowd gathered outside as the couple emerged from the building. They were besieged with showers of confetti. Congratulations, too, from many in the crowd were very hearty.

The story of Lee's marvellous escape from the gallows is a familiar one. He was butler to Miss Keyse, a former maid of honour to Queen Victoria, who was found battered to death in her home. An attempt had been made to set fire to the house, and her body was considerably charred. Suspicion pointed to Lee. He had been seen outside his mistress's door, bloodstains were found on him, a blood-stained knife was found in a drawer in his room, and it was ascertained that the oil in which Miss Keyse's body had been soaked, had been taken from a can which was in such a position that no one could have touched it without awaking Lee. One of the points against Lee was that he bears a grudge against his mistress. Lee was found "guilty," and sentenced to death, but three times the gallows seemed to work. This remarkable occurrence gave rise to the belief among the superstitious that he was innocent, and that Fate had so intervened to correct the error of the jury. It also had the effect of procuring a commutation of the death sentence to one of penal servitude for life. Lee was released from Portland, after serving twenty-two years of the sentence, on December 19, 1907. Sir William Harcourt, in commencing the sentence, gave as his reason, "It would shock the feelings of everyone if a man had four times to bear the pangs of imminent death." Lee was only twenty-one when convicted.

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13th—11.45 a.m.	2 p.m.	11 a.m.	2 p.m.
15th—9.15 a.m.	11.45 a.m.	No str.	11 a.m.
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