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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement of Mr John L. Harris, of Blenheim, to Miss Flora Sherwood, of Patea, is announced.

The engagement is announced in Westport of Miss Powell (Mahe) to Mr A. G. Houghton, of Richmond, Surrey, England.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

TACON - MARCH.

St. Mark's Church, Opawa, was the scene of a very pretty wedding, which took place on Wednesday, June 6th. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Cholmondeley, assisted by Rev. J. Ensor. The church was beautifully decorated by friends of the bride, a very handsome wedding bell being universally admired. The contracting parties were Miss Marion March and Mr George L. Tacon, the former being second daughter of Mr J. E. March, of "Te Owhanga," Ferry Road. The bride looked sweetly pretty in a white silk gown trimmed with lace. The yoke was composed of ruffled chiffon, and the sleeves were tucked. Her veil was worn off her face, and in her hair was a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a handsome bouquet. The chief bridesmaid was Miss Lily March, who wore a white silk dress trimmed with turquoise blue ribbon and velvet. Her hat was blue velvet trimmed with ostrich plumes and chiffon. The best man was Mr Ronald Duncan. There were also two bridesmaids—Misses Mollie Donald and Esme Malcolm—who wore "Kate Greenaway" dresses of white corduroy velvet trimmed with white swans down, and sweet little bonnets to match. They carried large baskets of autumn-tinted chrysanthemums. The bridegroom's present to the chief bridesmaid was a long granny chain with heart attached, and to the younger ones short chains with lucky beans; the bridegroom's present to the bride was also a long chain. The bride's going-away dress was dark green cloth with red front, toque of green with plumes and red roses. She also wore a sable necklet and muff, the gift of her mother, Mrs March, mother of the bride, wore a purple dress with bonnet to match and lovely sealskin cloak. Miss March, blue grey coat and skirt, tope to match, with pink trimmings; Miss V. March, fawn coat and skirt with white revers, hat to match; Mrs Tacon, mother of the bridegroom, black coat and skirt trimmed with white corded silk and lace, pretty black and white toque. Amongst the guests were: Mrs Reese, navy blue coat and skirt, white revers, toque en suite; Mrs C. M. Anderson, golden-brown dress, toque trimmed with pink; Mrs R. Anderson, dark green costume, trimmed with velvet and pale green, green velvet hat with ostrich plumes; Miss Cholmondeley, brown dress, mandarin velvet trimmings, and hat to match; Miss L. Cholmondeley, green dress, violet straw hat, trimmed with violets; Miss Gardner, black costume; Mrs W. J. Bruce, green dress braided with black, picture hat with ostrich plumes; Messames E. Garland, Raumber, Styche, Donald, Hendl, Muridge, and many others. Amongst the gentlemen were: Messers March, Tapper, Hendl, Anderson, Ensor, Styche, Garland, Jamieson, Deamer, R. Cholmondeley, Thomas. The presents were both numerous and costly.

CRAWFORD—GRANT.

The marriage of Mr Herbert Crawford, only son of the late Samuel

Crawford, of Havelock, Hawke's Bay, with Florence, second daughter of the late Mr George Grant, of Napier, was celebrated on the 13th inst. at Havelock Parish Church.

The bride, who was accompanied by her uncle, was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Harriet Evison, step-sister of the bridegroom. The bride wore a travelling gown of fawn cloth relieved with white satin, and trimmed with dainty lace; her burnt straw hat was adorned with satin ribbon, and she carried a lovely bouquet of white flowers.

The bridesmaid's costume was of white muslin, trimmed with white ribbon, and she wore a large picture hat to match; she carried a pretty bouquet, and wore a gold brooch. The latter was attended by Mr George Joll as best man.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. Gardiner, and afterwards a dejeuner was given at the residence of the bride's uncle. The bridal couple left for Wangamui in the afternoon. The wedding gifts were numerous and handsome.

KELLY—FENTON.

The marriage of Miss May Fenton, daughter of Mr W. H. Fenton, of Napier, to Mr Percy Kelly, was celebrated in St. John's Cathedral, Napier, on the 14th inst. The two bridesmaids, the Misses Emily Fenton and Nita Kelly, wore brown cloth trimmed with white silk, with hats to match. The bridegroom presented them with gold bangles. Mr L. Bosven attended the bridegroom as best man.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in pale grey trimmed with cream sash silk. She wore a grey picture hat, and carried a shower bouquet. She also wore a gold and diamond bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Waiapu performed the ceremony. A reception was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's parents, and later in the day Mr and Mrs Kelly left for Waipukurau and Wangamui.

LETTER FROM KRUGER.

TO MR W. E. REGAN, F.R.G.S.

Mr W. E. Regan, the well known South African magnate, was interviewed by a reporter from the "Telegraph" at his London office, 41 Threadneedle-st. He said: "President Kruger, the Cromwell of South Africa, sent me one letter which I have particular occasion to remember, for by the same mail I received two other letters, one from the late Right Hon. William E. Gladstone, and the other from His Majesty the King of Portugal. All three were letters of encouragement for I was carrying out large operations which necessitated my working day and night; certainly for nine months together I worked nineteen hours a day. But the strain began to tell upon me. I became weak and run down. Locomotor ataxia set in. I could not walk straight, and fainting fits became frequent. The day after I received these important letters my mind was blank. The complaint had left my limbs and attacked my brain and this state of things continued for several months. I consulted four doctors, all noted medical men. One said I would be in my grave in six months, another suggested I should go abroad permanently, while the third said nothing could be done as the case was brain paralysis brought on by over-work and anxiety. A city friend suggested Dr. Williams' pink pills, but I laughed, and thought nothing more of what I now regard as a valuable suggestion. Subsequently I told him I had not tried them. He left me in the street, and later on brought to my office twelve boxes of Dr. Williams' pink pills, and insisted on my swallowing the first dose then, and told me to take one pill after each meal. I could see he believed in the efficacy of Dr. Williams' pink pills and I determined to finish the contents of the twelve boxes. I did so, and always carry low, in a silver match box, filled twice a week, Dr. Williams' pink pills. I take three a day, and am no longer troubled with locomotor ataxia in the limbs. My brain is perfectly clear, and I work from 8 in the morning till 8 at night, and I thoroughly believe I sleep as soundly as if camping out on the South African veldt.

Exchange Notes.

Standard stocks had excellent demand during the week.

Buyers outnumbered sellers by two to one.

Values generally improved.

Mining stocks continued dull.

Old Waiotahi Company (Trans) paid a dividend of 1/ per share. Buyers offered 25/.

Eclipse Company crushed 131 tons for a return of bullion worth £275.

Waitekauri shares continue in steady demand at 55/.

N.Z. Talisman return showed improvement this month, 870 tons of ore yielding £2,897 6/. Shares firmed a little during the week.

Union Steam shares changed hands at £10 10/.

Grace Darling G.M. Company reconstruction scheme did not succeed.

N.Z. Drug shares (paid-up issue) sold and could still be placed at 53/.

During the past month the Whangamata Gold Corporation treated 750 tons of ore for a return of bullion valued at £1,041.

Komati Reef shares have an upward tendency. Sales were made this week at 1/9 and 1/10.

Coal shares had buyers at better rates. Westports were wanted at 81/, Taupiri advanced to 18/6, and Hikurangi to 8/3.

N.Z. Crown Mines return for the month was £5,788 from 3,772 tons.

Kauri Timber shares are still rising in value, 6/6 being now offered for old, and 1/11 for new issue.

Tairua Broken Hill shares were easier this week, being sold at 2/3, with buyers now offering 2/1.

May Queens also eased in value, being sold at 2/1 with no quoted buyers above 1/10.

Enquiry was made this week for Land Mortgage, first at 26/, and afterwards at 28/, but no sales were reported.

Tributers in the Queen of North mine, Coromandel, crushed two tons of ore, which yielded bullion worth £77.

The returns from Progress Mines for May are as follows:—Battery, 174,000 gold from 5000 tons chlorinated. 21500 gold from 80 tons; total value £8067.

The Kapowai Company (Gumtow) has five men at work driving on a reef in which gold is frequently seen in the stone.

The Maratoto Company has cleaned up, but the value of the bullion has not yet transpired.

South British Insurance shares had a sharp advance, and have now reached a record price, being wanted at 65/, with no sellers under 68/.

Other insurance stocks had good all round demand at recent quotations. Buyers of New Zealand advanced to 63/6.

The dispute regarding the Welcome Jack mine (Gumtown) has been settled without reference to the Warden.

National Bank shares have steady buyers at 66/.

During the week returns have been reported from 31 dredges, the total gold yield being 1,340oz 81wt 13gr, or an average of 43oz per dredge.

The following dividends were declared by dredging companies in the South during April:—Hartley and Riley (9th), £1 per share; Clyde (21), 1/6, and (22), 1/; Enterprise (42), 2/; Chicago (12), 1/; Equis Flat (12), 1/; Tuapeka (8), 6d; Success, 2/; Golden Treasure (39), 3/; Golden Gate (7), 2/; Inch Valley (5), 1/; Waimanu, 6d.

The sum of £20,321 has been expended by the Ohinemuri Syndicate up to the date of application for protection.

The Tararua Creek Company during May crushed and treated 1,850 tons of ore for a return of bullion worth £1,529 18/. The total output of bullion from this mine to date amounts to £34,569 3/.

The Ethel Reefs Company crushed 52 tons of ore and 389 lbs of picked stone for a return of £778 1/8.

Barrier Reef shares are moving upwards, buyers now replacing sellers at 6/, with no shares offered.

In cheap lines Waikoi South shares gold at 4d, Maratoto at 11d, and there were buyers of Waikoi Consolidated, Waikoi Consols, Extendeds, Souths, Kurunui-Caledonians, May Queen Extendeds, New Whau, and Mauraki Freeholds at low rates.

A piece of very rich stone was sent up from the New Four-in-Hand mine this week. Shares in the Company changed hands at 3/2 and 3/1.

Kauri Freeholds Gold Estates' this month crushed 1707 tons for a yield of bullion worth £2512.

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