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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Shanks, North Belt, Christchurch, and Mr Harry Aitken, of Christchurch.
The engagement is announced of Mr. George Dunnet, of Auckland, to Mrs. Millicent Millar, of Wanganui, New Zealand, N.S.W. Mr. Dunnet left by the Zealandia on Monday.
The engagement of Miss Plumley, second daughter of the late Mr. Plumley, dentist, Auckland, to Mr. Hugh Price, of Cambridge, is announced.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

LEVIN—RIDDIFORD.

A wedding in which exceptional interest was taken was celebrated on Tuesday, November 4, between Mr Robert Lionel Levin, eldest son of the late Mr W. H. Levin, and Miss Nora Riddiford, only daughter of the late Mr Richard Riddiford, of Te Awaite, and of Mrs MacRae. The ceremony, which was celebrated at St. James Church, Lower Hutt, Wellington, was fully choral, and the church was prettily decorated for the occasion.

The bride, who was given away by her step-father, Mr John MacRae, of Bowlands, Wairarapa, looked very charming in an exquisite dress of white satin, veiled with some priceless lace, the gift of the bridegroom's mother, a tulle veil, and sprays of orange blossoms. She wore a necklace and pendant of pearls, the bridegroom's gift, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. The four bridesmaids, Misses Elsa Riddiford, Alice MacRae, and Oonah and Edilice Fitzgerald, wore graceful dresses of white silk and lace, and large black hats. The bridegroom presented each with a gold cable bangle. Mr A. S. MacShane acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's uncle Mr Edward Riddiford, Walvetu, Lower Hutt, at the conclusion of which Mr and Mrs R. Levin left for their honeymoon, which will be spent in the South Island.

PILCHER—TINGEY.

At St. Mark's Church, Wellington, a marriage was solemnised between Miss Mabel Tinge, third daughter of Mr R. Tinge, to Mr Harold Pilcher, of the firm of A. S. Paterson and Co. the bride wore a dress of white Oriental satin, trimmed with chiffon and insertion, and carried a shower bouquet. She was attended by Misses Tinge (4) and Miss Sale, all daintily gowned in white silk. Mr E. Christie was best man, and Messrs Tinge (2) acted as groomsmen. Mr T. Watkins presided at the organ, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. B. Coffey. A reception was afterwards held by the bride's parents at their residence in Tinakori-road.

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Personal Paragraphs.

Miss Todd (Napier) is the guest of Mrs. J. J. Kinsey, Christchurch.

Colonel Davies (Auckland) has arrived in Wellington on a visit.

Mr. J. Marsden, Stoke, Nelson, went to Palmerston to assist in judging exhibits at the Manawatu Show.

Mr. K. Duncan made the best score in the finals for the club competition of the Wellington Golf Club.

Miss Cotter, of "Oaklands," Auckland, returned home after a ten weeks' visit to Paeroa.

Mrs. Frank Perry, of "Crissoge," Hawke's Bay, has been staying with Mrs. Shaw, Cooite-road, Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. Callender (Ashburton) have been staying with Mrs. Brandon, Hobson-street, while in Wellington.

Mrs. and Miss Ogle, Fendalton, returned on Friday from a visit to Sydney.

Miss Pickering (Auckland) has gone this week to stay with friends at Avonside.

Messrs B. Rennell and E. Morey, both of New Plymouth, have gone for a trip to Christchurch.

Mrs. and Miss Mary Bullock returned to Christchurch last Friday after spending the winter in Sydney.

Mrs. Von Dadelzen, of the Napier Athenaeum, has returned from a visit to Gisborne.

The Rev. and Mrs. Major left Auckland by the mail steamer Sierra last week for England, via Sydney.

Miss MacDarnald has returned to her home in New Plymouth, after her pleasant trip to Auckland.

Mr. and Miss Cowlishaw are for the present staying at 98, Park Terrace, their house at Avonside being advertised to let.

Mrs. B. H. Burns is back in Christchurch after a very successful singing tour in Wanganui and Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Duncan (P. & D. Duncan), Christchurch, returned last week from a trip to the Old Country, having had a very pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews, Christchurch, returned from a trip to England, which they thoroughly enjoyed, a week ago.

Mr J. W. Wilkin, chief postmaster at Invercargill for the last twenty-six years, has been transferred to the charge of the Auckland office.

Lieut. Okey, of the Taranaki Rifles, who went home as a member of the Bisley team, returned to New Plymouth last week.

Mrs Julia Martin, of Wakapuaka, is at present the guest of the Rev. F. A. Bennett, of Bell Block, New Plymouth.

Miss Hovell and Miss Kathleen Hoadley have left Napier to spend several weeks at "Wanna," Mr. Beamish's station, near Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, of Waipukurau, Hawke's Bay, have returned home after an enjoyable trip to England.

Mr. F. Pirani, ex-M.H.R., who recently underwent a painful operation in a private hospital in Wellington, is now able to get about.

Mr. J. P. Maxwell (Wellington), who has been on a trip to England, returned to New Zealand by the Mokoh.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lee and Miss Lee (Australia) are in Christchurch again on a visit to Mrs. Joseph Palmer, "Woodford," Papanui.

Mr. Mangham Barnett (Wellington) has been on a visit to Dunedin, where he has been engaged in acting as judge of the Dunedin Musical and Elocutionary Society's contest.

Mrs. Milson has taken a house in Alkman's Road, St. Albans, and moved in with her son and daughter last week. Mrs. Milson has quite recovered from her serious illness.

Mrs. F. M. Wallace, who has been under treatment for her throat for nearly two months by Dr. Fergusson, in Dunedin, returns to Christchurch this week.

Dr. Wohlman and Mr. B. S. Corlett returned to Rotorua last week from Tokaanu (at the south end of Lake Taupo), where they had been to select a site for new bath buildings which are about to be erected.

The Club Championship of the Wanganui Ladies' Golf Club resulted in a win for Mrs. Cleghorn. Miss Cave coming second. Miss Sargeant and Miss Cowper were defeated in the semi-finals.

The many friends of Dr. O'Carroll, formerly of New Plymouth, but now in Dublin, will be pleased to hear that he has quite recovered from his last illness, and is mentally as bright as ever.

Among the visitors staying at the Lake House, Lake Takapuna, are: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heather, Mrs. and Miss Gillilan, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Mahony, and Major-General Hegg.

Miss Mary Anderson, daughter of the late Captain Anderson, I regret to say, is laid up at the Christchurch Hospital with typhoid fever. Her sister, Miss Jean Anderson, arrived from Blenheim last week, and is the guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Crooke.

At the sale of work held in the Girls' High School, Wellington, by the local branches of the ministering Children's League a sum of £60 was made, which will be devoted to the Queen Victoria School for Maori Girls, Auckland.

Lieutenant Levin, of the Here-taunga Mounted Rifles, was presented with a handsome silver salver and a claret jug, on the occasion of his approaching marriage to Miss Riddiford. Sergeant-Major O'Brien acted as spokesman for the corps.

Recent visitors at the Wellington Tourist Office include Mr. and Mrs. Lauri, London, Mr. E. S. Whitney, Chicago, Mr. Vivian Ellis, London, Mr. F. Grant, Sydney, Mr. Colin Robertson, Victoria, Mr. C. D. Murray, Sydney, Sr. W. Cawood Sheed, Victoria, and Mrs. Castle, London.

Mr. D. J. Nathan, President of the North Island Bowling Association, has presented four gold medals or a set of silver-mounted bowls to the rink securing the third highest aggregate of points at the coming tournament, which will be held at Palmerston North next January.

Dr. MacArthur (Blenheim) is coming to Wellington to relieve Mr. W. B. Haselden, Stipendiary Magistrate. The latter is going to Auckland to take the place, temporarily, of Mr. Brabant. Mr. H. Bishop is relieving Mr. Beetham, S.M., at Christchurch.

Mr. G. A. Broad, of the Napier branch of the Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, has received an appointment in Wellington. He has made himself very popular during his two years' residence in Napier, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends.

Mr. G. G. Johnson, who for the past nine years has been a member of the New Plymouth Telegraph Office staff, has now been transferred to Masterton. Before leaving he was presented by Mr F. D. Holdsworth (chief postmaster) on behalf of his fellow-officers, with a handsome Gladstone bag and traveling rug.

Mrs. G. Pearce was successful in winning a first prize at the Hutt Ladies' Golf Club (Wellington). Miss Fitzherbert and Mrs. Watkins tied for the second prize, and in playing off Miss Fitzherbert won, and a consolation prize went to Miss Riddiford. The prizes were presented by Mr.

Mowbray. Miss Fitzherbert won a medal outright in playing off a tie with Miss Humfrey.

Presentations of gold alberts and match-boxes were made recently to Mr. H. H. Henderson and Mr. A. E. Jackson, who are leaving the Wellington branch of the Government Life Insurance to go into business elsewhere. Mr. Henderson's destination is Dunedin, and Mr. Jackson is going to set up in Westport. The presentations were made by Mr. D. M. Luckie, the Deputy-Commissioner, who spoke very highly of the retiring officials, and wished them great success in their new occupations.

In spite of denials to the contrary it is asserted that Colonel Porter will succeed Sir Arthur Douglas as Under-Secretary for Defence. Colonel Porter has been busy since his arrival from England last week in settling matters in connection with the Coronation Contingent. He is to leave shortly for Gisborne, and on his return will take an important position in the Defence Office, but, whether as successor pro tem or permanent, to Sir Arthur Douglas, is not known with any degree of certainty.

The staff of the Auckland Municipal Chambers assembled in the council committee room last Friday for the purpose of making a presentation to the assistant town clerk, Mr Alfred Sexton, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss A. F. Edmonds. The Mayor, Mr Alfred Kidd, on behalf of the donors, presented to Mr Sexton a large, handsome marble clock, and in doing so referred to the universal courtesy displayed by the assistant town clerk and the painstaking manner in which he had carried out the duties devolving upon his office. Mr Kidd said Mr Sexton's manner had secured for him the goodwill of all his fellow employees. The wedding of Mr Sexton and Miss Edmonds took place on Saturday at the Beresford-street Church manse, the Rev. John Wilkins performing the ceremony.

The Star Hotel has had a full complement of visitors during the past week, amongst whom were the following: From London, J. Lascelles, W. R. Willis, W. Lewis, B. C. Thornhill, Miss Ross; from Sydney, Miss Madgwick, Mesdames Smythe, Shepherd, Dr. and Mrs. McIlroy, Mr. and Mrs. White; W. Carmichael, J. Hen-shaw, G. Marron, H. Abercrombie; Mr Peel, T. B. Davis, Colonel Bull, E. W. Swift; from Gisborne, Mr. and Mrs. Des Barrs; from Melbourne, J. Higgins; from Dunedin, J. S. Ross, Miss Lison; from Belfast, Ireland, Mr. W. Fletcher; from Christchurch, Mr. W. Comerford, Mrs. and Misses Davison (2); from Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Harley; from Wellington, Mr. A. H. Ker-not, J. D. Hunter, J. H. Smith; from America, Colonel Smith; from New Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Champion.

There were again a large number of visitors at the Grand Hotel, Auckland, during the past week. Amongst them were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Jacobs, Mr. A. Gollin, from London; Mr. J. Gorevan, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Storey, Mr. and Mrs. Thol Pom-dexter, San Francisco; Mr. Hugh McLean, Mr. R. Watson, Mr. A. A. McLean, Mr. A. H. Cunningham, New York; Mrs. Rowe and child, Sydney; Miss Johnston, Mr. Carl Dautzen, Melbourne; Mr. David Jolly, Otago; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nicoll, Ashburton; Count and Countess de Courte, Mr. and Mrs. T. Young, Mrs. A. A. Carrigan, Mrs. John Corrigan, Mr. Bauer, Dr. and Mrs. Findlay, Mr. Sulmond, Wellington; Mr. A. S. Paterson, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. Fleming-Strubbers, Whangarei.

Mr. Alf Warbrick, the Government guide stationed at Waimangu, Roto-mahana, reports as follows on a recent eruption of the great geyser: "Waimangu started to play at 9.18 a.m.; at 10.55 was the most awful sight I have seen since the eruption. The whole Waimangu cauldron went up in one great mass of black sand and stones to a height of about 700 feet, the sand and stones being thrown as far back as 800 yards. The geyser kept playing continually, throwing up shots from 80ft to 200ft, till 6.30 p.m." On another occasion, lately the geyser kept playing almost every minute, sending up shots from 80ft to 1000ft.