



Alexander Robinson, licensee of the Yanco Glen Hotel, near Broken Hill, and a son of his were recently drowned in a dam.

Transfers of licenses have been granted as follows:—Criterion Hotel, from John Morrison to F. P. O'Dowd, and the Queen's Head Hotel from Edward Blair to W. F. Brown.

Mr James Verrall, of the Bricklayers Arms Hotel, has been a licensee for 20 years, and had, by his evidence in Court the other day, never been convicted of a breach of the licensing laws.

Beer duty for the month of April shows a decrease of £202 0s 8d, as against the same month of last year, the figures in 1900 being £1649 2s 2d, and this year £1447 1s 6d.

The mummified remains of a cat and a rat are the result of an exploration among the ruins of Mr Rae's Hotel at Wairoa, Lake Tarawera. This house was destroyed by the eruption in '86.

In the United States maize is extensively used in the manufacture of whisky. It is probable that more of that grain is used than all other grains combined.

In a Supreme Court recently an accused man madder related a peculiar experience of men "when in their cups." He said that at various times during a "drunk" a man got lucid intervals, and then his memory became oblivion again. There were many, he said, in the Court, who could tell the Bench. The remark caused a general smile.

Old Gentleman (bestowing a trifle): "Poor fellow! What has brought you to this serious condition of suffering?" Beggar: "Temperance, sor." Old Gentleman (astonished): "Temperance?" Beggar: "Yes, sor. O've done nothing all day but sit in the park and drink water; but with the help of your honour's sixpence O'll be a new man in a few minutes."

It was most emphatically not a nice fresh egg; the most skilful frying extant in cabaret-rooms had not disguised the fact that it was of the nest, nesty. The aged driver who had ordered it gazed at it fitfully, then turned his head and re-swallowed his rising bile. "What ha' ye got to find fault abahnt naow, George?" growled the chef. "Arry," replied the old cabman, sadly, "I can't 'elp a-thinkin' as this ain't square treatment of an old customer like me. Why, this 'ere lot 'as been sent back, an' sent back, an' sent back by one an' the other till it's got ruddy-well frayed at the edges!"—"Sporting Times."

Waihi has had quite a busy time lately. The Conciliation Board has been sitting there for some time now, and the place is thronged with visitors. The four large hotels in this town seem to be all doing well to judge by appearances. The Sterling Hotel has been considerably enlarged since my last visit a year ago, and is now a fine building. Mr E. Billing has had many improvements effected since he assumed the proprietorship, and visitors will find this a most convenient and comfortable hotel in which to stay.

During the Easter holidays Te Aroha had an unusual number of visitors, with the result that the hotel accommodation was taxed to the uttermost. The Grand Hotel there is now under the proprietorship of Mr O. F. Pilling, who has made considerable improvements both in the way of conveniences, and in the management of the hotel. Visitors cannot do better than put up at this hostelry, and in Mr Pilling will be found a thorough sport and a good all-round fellow.

The Criterion Hotel at Paeroa is now under Mr F. Gimblett's proprietorship. This is a fine hotel, fitted with every convenience and conducted in first-class style. The splendid large commercial-room is a feature of the establishment, and, in fact, commercials find the hotel admirably suited in every respect to their special calling. Visitors receive every attention from both Mr and Mrs Gimblett, who are deservedly most popular with the travelling public.

While passing through Paeroa recently I looked in at the Commercial, and was pleased to find Mr Shaw, the popular proprietor, looking better in health than for many months past. This is the sporting hotel of the district, and always receives its due share of patronage. The worthy host looks well after all his patrons, while Mrs Shaw, with her pleasant and kindly manner, makes any stranger feel at home right away.

A party of temperance fanatics raided a liquor saloon in Winfield, Kansas, on February 13th. The result was deplorable. The saloon was completely wrecked. Two women were shot, one fatally, and the bar-tender was seriously wounded with a hatchet. The raiders included 500 Methodist theological students, who chased the men who had fired on them, and threatened to lynch them.

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What is claimed to be the largest warehouse in the world is the mammoth tobacco warehouse at the Stanley Dock, Liverpool. It is fourteen storeys high, has a length of 725 feet, a width of 165 feet, a height of 180 feet, a floor capacity of 36 acres—sufficient to store 60,000 hogsheads standing on end. The cost of the warehouse is put at about £300,000.



ANNUAL LICENSING MEETINGS.

JUNE, 1901.

- Franklin, Saturday, 1st, Courthouse, Pukekohe
- Marsden, Saturday, 1st, Courthouse, Whangarei
- Eden, Monday, 3rd, Borough Council Chambers
- Devonport
- City of Auckland, Tuesday, 4th, S.M. Court High Street
- Waitemata, Tuesday, 4th, Courthouse, Helensville
- Parnell, Wednesday, 5th, Borough Council Chambers, Parnell
- Manukau, Wednesday, 5th, Courthouse, Onehunga
- Ohinemuri, Wednesday, 5th, Courthouse, Paeroa
- Waikato, Wednesday, 5th, Courthouse, Hamilton
- Bay of Islands, Wednesday, 5th, Courthouse, Kawakawa
- Bay of Plenty, Wednesday, 5th, Courthouse, Tauranga
- Thames, Friday, 7th, Courthouse, Thames.

Mr Justice Denniston gave his decision in the case of James of New Brighton. The licensee applied for relief from the forfeiture of his lease on account of the endorsement of his license. The endorsement being the outcome of a decision made by His Honour on the question of a traveller's or a residential thirst. The application for relief was dismissed.

At Blackburn William Geldhart was summoned by the Excise authorities for selling herb and sarsaparilla-beer without a license. A Somerset House analyst stated that both the beers contained 3 1/2 per cent of proof spirit. When fully fermented both beers were capable of yielding 7 or 8 per cent of alcohol. The defendant was fined £6 and costs.

In the Wellington Police Court Dr McArthur, S.M., heard a charge against Joseph Hamilton of breaking and entering T. G. Macarthy's brewery at about 2 a.m. on Sunday, 21st April, with intent to commit a crime. Mr Wilford defended. The evidence for the prosecution was that accused was found on the premises, and was under the influence of liquor. He was "wrestling" with a key in the door, and a jar that did not belong to the premises was found close by. One of the police witnesses stated that at the time he discovered accused on the premises, he heard the stops of what seemed to be someone running away. The defence was that accused was drunk, that he saw a light in the brewery, and went in through the open gateway in the hope of getting another drink; that he heard footsteps as of two men running away, and that the key found with him when he was seized, and also the jar, must have been left by the other persons who decamped. Mr Wilford called evidence as to accused's good character, and after Hamilton himself had given evidence, the Magistrate decided that the case was not one to go to a jury, and discharged accused.

James Verrall, licensee of the Bricklayers' Arms Hotel, pleaded not guilty to a charge of permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises. The Hon J. A. Tole (Crown Prosecutor) conducted the prosecution on behalf of the police, and Mr J. R. Reed appeared for the defendant. The case was the outcome of a charge brought previously against a man named John Charles Brockbank, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of drunkenness, but was convicted. Mr Reed said that he proposed to call evidence to show that the man was not drunk when in the bar of the hotel. Mrs Verrall would swear that Brockbank came into the bar, and while conversing with her his head fell forward, and that he grasped the ledge and began to tremble violently as if he were going to have a fit. It would be shown that the man was ill from the effects of liquor, and not drunk. Mr Reed further contended that the police were carried away by a desire to obtain a conviction in licensing cases, and that the constable in this case was a young one, and was mistaken. James Verrall, the defendant, deposed that he had been a licensee for 20 years, and had never had a conviction in respect of the licensing laws recorded against him. Witness said that no drink was served to Brockbank at the time in question, but to a man named Dewsbury, and the latter poured some of it down Brockbank's mouth when he was taken ill. The latter was placed on a seat, and on the constable entering he took the man out on the pavement. The man walked along the road without being assisted by the constable. Witness denied telling Brockbank to plead not guilty, but admitted that his wife (witness) had got Mr Reed to appear for the man, and had paid his fine. Witness thought that Brockbank was going to have a fit. No liquor was served to Brockbank that evening to witness' knowledge. Corroborative evidence was also given by Mrs Verrall and James Cantell. His Worship reserved his decision sine die.

At the Police Court last week, before Mr H. W. Brabant, S.M., George Loram, licensee of the Epsom Hotel, pleaded not guilty to selling liquor on Sunday, February 17 last, to one Geo. Samuel Woods, the latter not being a bona-fide traveller. Mr J. A. Tole (Crown Prosecutor) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr H. Campbell for the defence. Constable Mackie deposed that on the day in question he visited the defendant's hotel, and found three men inside. Two

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of the men, named Higgins and Wollams, had drinks in their hands. On speaking to defendant witness was informed by him that the men had represented that they were travellers. The men made no remark during the conversation. Higgins and Wollams lived about half-a-mile from the hotel, and Woods about three-quarters of a mile distant. Mr Campbell said from the evidence it was impossible to deny that a breach of the Act had been committed. There was no doubt that a sale of liquor had taken place, but the circumstances were such that he would ask for leniency. Woods had come to the hotel and asked for brandy for his child, who had just undergone an operation. Defendant refused to supply the brandy without a medical certificate, but at Woods' request he allowed him to go in and have a drink, as Woods was feeling the effects of the chloroform, and looked sick. The other two men came along shortly afterwards, and said they were travellers, and as they appeared respectable, they were admitted, and Woods "shouted." Defendant had only been in charge of the hotel for two months at the time, and did not know that the men were residents of Epsom. For the defence, evidence of defendant and a man named Carroll was taken. His Worship said there could be no doubt that the liquor was supplied, and that proper precautions were not taken in order to ascertain if the men were travellers or not. Defendant was convicted, and fined 40s, and costs £7 7s, and the license of the hotel endorsed.

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