

Several hundred people who had bought tickets for a matinee at the Holborn Empire, London, in aid of "Limbless Soldiers and Sailors of the Great War" were hoaxed. The tickets were stated to be available for one of four performances, and prices ranged from 1s. to 2s. 6d. The first intimation the management had was the assembling of a crowd with tickets for one of the performances. The victims accepted the situation philosophically and with a good deal of humour. Some had bought tickets on April 1 and were not forgetful of the fact.

The pheasants which have been hand-reared at Waikanae are slowly increasing, and are so quiet that sportsmen find no sport in shooting them (remarks the Otaki correspondent of the "Manawatu Standard"). There are a few, however, who would shoot anything, and in view of this it was hoped to form a sanctuary. If left alone for a couple of years there is no doubt the pheasants would quickly increase, and with a view of having them in numbers Mr. Field, who has taken great interest in the birds, desires their protection for the time being. Mr. Field's lake sanctuary for water-fowl has been a great success, and no doubt it would be a good thing to have a protected breeding place in the district for game generally. It is on the tapis that a breeding place for pheasants will be located either at Waikanae, Otaki, or Levin, the old game farm behind the hills at Paraparamu being quite unsuitable for the purpose.

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