

to the Governor for a proclamation bringing the Takitimu district under the provisions of section 46 of the Act. The movement is now being taken up by the natives of other districts, with the result that a similar request will be forwarded to His Excellency respecting four of the Maori Council districts out of the six that comprise the Eastern Maori electorate.

Cause and effect! A Wairarapa paper states that it is a somewhat remarkable fact that a certain street in Masterton, which was constructed about two years ago, has not yet had a building erected in it.



MR. FRANK STEWART, the enterprising proprietor of Stewart's Pictures, Tivoli Theatre.

At the "No-License Rally," held in Masterton the other evening, one of the speakers, finding his voice was getting somewhat husky, asked for a drink. A voice among the audience, evidently belonging to a member of the "Droppers" Union, called out amid much laughter, "Shall we drop it in the same place?" Some few seconds elapsed before the speaker could make himself heard again.

Maine adopted prohibition many years ago and it was thought that thereby the liquor question was taken out of politics. But that was a great mistake, for the liquor question has been a burning issue in State politics ever since, and has been a prolific cause of bad Government in the State. In every State election this question has come up to obscure other State questions, and long needed reforms are unattainable, because, with the liquor question ever uppermost, it has been impossible to get a square verdict of the people or to elect legislators pledged to reforms. While this struggle has been going on for so many years liquor has been freely sold in Maine, and a grave feature of the case is the fact that homes have been converted into "blind tigers" and "speak-easies." The State maintains an expensive force of deputies to enforce the prohibitory law, there is no public income from licenses, and the testimony of those who know is that there is more hard drinking and drunkenness in a Maine city than in cities of other States that are "wide open." —"Newark Evening Star" (U.S.A.).

The Wairarapa "Daily Times" expresses the somewhat vain hope "that those taking part in the forthcoming struggle of License versus No-License, which promises to be as keen in Masterton as in the Wairarapa electorate, will strive to keep the fight on a high plane, where intolerance, hysterics, discourteous behaviour and personal bitterness are not, and where persons who are interested purely in the sociological aspect of the question will not be offended and driven to dissociate themselves from it, by evidences of partisanship carried beyond the bounds of ordinary courtesy and reason?"

The Tauherenikau Hotel has changed hands, Mr Thomas Sims, lately of Taranaki, having taken possession.

The advice given by Sir James Carroll to a deputation of country race club delegates that interviewed him on Monday night will be taken to heart by the hotelkeepers of this country. "I am glad," Sir James said, "you have reason to come here; glad you are hurt." The deputation had been protesting against their treatment by the Racing Commission. The Acting-Prime Minister had previously mentioned that there had been a disposition to shirk coming out into the open against the efforts of those who

promoted anti-gambling measures in Parliament, members who were known to be supporters of the turf being inclined to discuss other questions in the lobbies when gambling was the subject before Parliament. "Stir them up," remarked the leader of the deputation. "Yes, I want you to take a livelier interest in this question than you have done," continued Sir James. "We have been only hearing one side, and so long as they claimed attention and there is nothing set up against them there is only one result. Why people should have been afraid I don't know. I have incurred as much odium as any public man for my action connected with the turf, and in the expression of my views I have had to stand alone. None of my friends have come along and said 'I'll help you over the stile, old man.'"

It is not often that a theatrical personage has the opportunity of tapping a Royal personage on the proboscis for three weeks at a stretch. Nevertheless this extraordinary distinction has been conferred on Mr Willy Pantzer, the famous head of the Pantzer troupe of acrobats to appear with the Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime. Mr Pantzer is a crack light-weight boxer, his father also, in his time, a famous athlete, tutored the late Czar Alexander in the science of weight-lifting. Playing a season in St. Petersburg, His Imperial Majesty the present Czar, happened to hear that Mr Willy Pantzer, junior, was in the city. He sent for and commanded him to attend each morning, and instruct his Imperial Highness in the noble art. When leaving, the Czar presented Mr Pantzer with a magnificent diamond ring, which he now wears with pardonable pride.

Many Goldfields residents will regret to learn of the death of Mr James A. McKenna, of Waikino, which occurred at the residence of his brother-in-law (Mr S. L. Bygrave), Oxford Hotel, Tirau, on the 10th inst. The deceased, who was 41 years of age, was well known throughout the goldfields. He was one of the oldest and most prominent members of the No. 10 district Ancient Order of Druids, and was Past District President. He took a keen interest in the welfare of the Order and in athletics, and was held in high esteem.

At the Balclutha Magistrate's Court T. R. Carroll, licensee of the Mandeville Hotel, was charged with failing to furnish notice of liquor sent into a no-license district. It was proved that notice had been sent, however, and the case was dismissed. A technical charge was also preferred against the same defendant to the effect that he improperly described four bottles of whisky as such and not as "two-thirds of a gallon." Defendant admitted the seriousness of the offence and was convicted without a fine being imposed.

At the Te Kuiti Magistrate's Court on Thursday, before Mr Loughnan, S.M. 22 breaches of the Licensing Act were preferred against 12 persons. The principal breaches were failing to send notices, and also failing to supply the clerk of the Court with the names and addresses of the persons to whom the liquor was sent. His Worship, in giving judgment intimated that the defendants generally failed to carry out the provisions of the Act, which was so worded as to allow the clerk of the Court to control the liquor coming to the King Country. He had warned offenders again and again that they would be fined if they did not comply with the law. A few cases were first offenders, and fines of 1s and costs were imposed. Several second offenders were fined £2 and costs, and a third offender £3 and costs. The licensee of the Pirongia Hotel was charged with supplying a half-caste named Wade with liquor. The defendant satisfied the magistrate that he thought Wade was a quarter-caste, and the case was dismissed.

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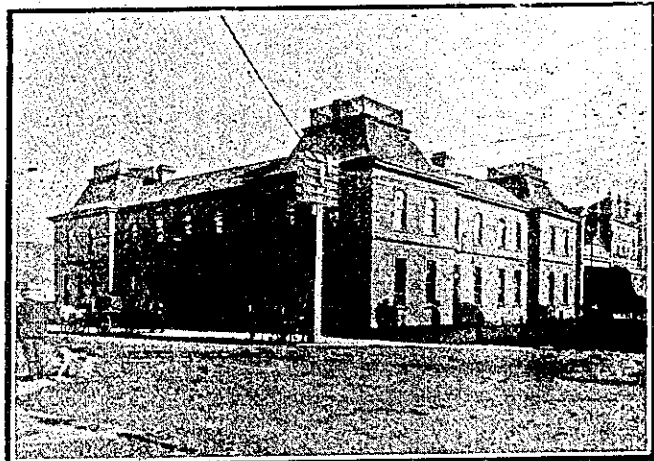
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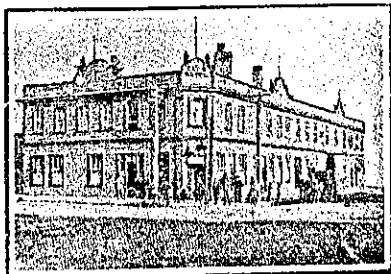
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