

follows:—Caledonian, £18 10s; Tooke's, £9 5s; Albion, £5; Beach, £1 3s; South British Insurance, £2 7s; National Bank of New Zealand, £1 12s 6d.

GRAHAMSTOWN, July 26th.—A crushing of 17½ tons of stone from the Point Russell Co's claim yielded 138 ounces of retorted gold.

A trial crushing from the Pumping Association's shaft yielded no gold.

A special representative proceeds South to push the requirements of the Thames district.

The share market is dull.

REKFRON, July 26th.—The Energetic Co.'s crushing of 50 tons of stone yielded at the rate of 22dwts. of gold per ton.

GREYMOUTH, July 26th.—The steam-tug Titan is ashore on the bar, but is expected to get off next tide.

A woman named Morgan, the wife of a butcher, has been burned to death by falling into a fire.

WELLINGTON, July 28th.—A deputation regarding the Mount Rochfort Coal Company will meet the Premier after the Financial Statement has been delivered.

NEW PLYMOUTH, July 28th.—The turning of the first sod of the Waitara Railway will take place early next month.

AUCKLAND, July 28th.—Advices from Fiji report that the Chiefs Maafu and Tiri have seceded from the Government.

The Fiji Bank is likely to be successful.

The statement that the Sydney mail service to San Francisco will make Kandavu instead of Levuka the port of call causes disappointment at the latter place.

It is reported that Captain Daggett of the schooner Quickstep, formerly of the Daphne, has been killed by the Tanna natives.

The Star of the South, from Levuka, brings eight passengers and a quantity of cotton and other cargo.

QUEENSTOWN, July 28.—Astonishingly rich washdirt has been struck in the Shotover Company's claim. A lead five feet thick, yielding a half-penny weight to the dishful, was struck on Saturday.

Cakobau has taken over one thousand prisoners.

Cotton is coming forward briskly.

INVERCARGILL, July 28th.—A man named Thomson, one of the immigrants from the Shetland Islands, who was brought from Stewart's Island on Thursday to the Hospital, died this morning. From a post mortem examination which was held, it was found that the cause of death was inflammation of the brain.

HOKITIKA, July 28th.—The ss Rangitoto, Captain Mackie, arrived at 7 a.m., but could not be tendered till 3 p.m. She brings 18 saloon and 20 steerage passengers, and 326 tons of cargo for all ports. She has sailed North.

Passengers for Dunedin: Rev Mr Kinnimount and Mrs Kinnimount.

WELLINGTON, July 29th.—Mr Stafford will hold a meeting of his supporters to-morrow to consider the course to be adopted by them with regard to the policy of the Government, and especially the Financial Statement.

It is stated on good authority that the Provinces intend to attempt to obtain large Provincial loans.

AUCKLAND, July 29th.—Eppwright was hanged this morning. He made a long speech exculpating Fisher, stating that he stabbed Garity in the heat of a quarrel without intent to kill him. He denied that he had ever been in gaol before. After the cap was fitted, the drop was knocked off, but only moved six inches, and efforts to pull it down proved ineffectual. The culprit was then taken off, the drop was readjusted, and the second time it fell clear, causing almost instantaneous death.

At a meeting of the local shareholders of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, the Chairman regretted the difficulty that prevailed of investing large funds while the loan portion of the business was stagnant. There was a great improvement in the agency. A handsome dividend was paid.

The 21 days' crushing of the Golden Fleece Co. have been partially cleared up, and 2200 ounces of amalgam have been obtained. It is estimated that the crushing will yield 800 ounces of melted gold. 450 tons of stone crushed from the Wealth of Nations claim near the reef show well, the gold being well distributed. The company have driven into the reef 12 feet without reaching the western wall.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 29.—The elections of school committees for the city districts under the new Ordinance are causing considerable excitement.

The land sales yesterday amounted to 1479 acres, realising £2958.

The railway traffic returns for the month of June have been published. The receipts from the Lyttelton and Christchurch line were £4870; from the Great Southern line, £1053; and from the Great Northern line, £1039.

The Board of Education has resolved to send home for two masters and two mistresses, it being unable to procure them in the Province.

The applications for money from the £5000 grant to country libraries exceed the amount voted.

The 9th November falling on a Sunday this year, the Government have resolved to proclaim the 13th as a holiday instead. The Agricultural Society's Show takes place on the latter date.

The City Council has agreed to treat with a private company for the erection of a market on a large scale.

#### AUSTRALIAN.

MELBOURNE, July 22nd.—The Rip, pilot schooner, of Queenscliff, was struck by a heavy sea, and pilot M'Kenzie, Hicks the steward, and two sailors were drowned. The schooner was nearly wrecked, and the survivors are badly injured. Subscriptions in aid of the sufferers reach over £1000 already.

The Norfolk sails to-day, and takes 20 tons of meat preserved in ice by Harrison's process.

There are 24 Victorian entries for Intercolonial Rifle Match.

Coroners' juries are to be abolished.

The Brisbane Government offers reciprocity in regard to the Torres Strait and Suez services. Mr Francis (Victoria) says New

Zealand agrees to join in the Suez route, but the terms are not settled.

The Press complains that Mr Vogel's despatches are always marked confidential.

The Governor is shooting on the Murray.

Breadstuffs are dull. Country flour is at £13 10s. Wheat is at 6s to 6s 3d per bushel. Feeding grains are quiet. Maize and oats are lower. 1400 bushels of Oregon barley have been sold for the New Zealand market at full rates. Shoobridge's hops are at 1s 1d to 1s 6d. Sugars are improving. Yellows are at £36, and grainy grey, £38 10s. Brandies are advancing; Martell's dark and Hennessy's are at 7s 2½; pale is at 7s 8d.

Arrived—Hero, from Auckland, via Sydney, on the 20th; Rachael Cohen, from Wanganui.

Cleared out—12th, Aborigine, for Westport; 14th, W. C. Wentworth, for Hokianga; 18th, Zephyr, for Hokitika.

SYDNEY.—There has been fearful weather on the coast.

The merchants petition for a twelve-knot Californian contract. Mr Parkes says he intends offering all the Colonies the advantages of a Pacific service without asking from them a shilling as a subsidy.

The Naval Court at the Cape of Good Hope find that the steamer Fidela was lost through the fault of her captain.

Teas are lower. Large sales of bulk ale have taken place. Coarse salt is at 7s. The bank rate of discount is one per cent.

Arrived—Black Watch, from Dunedin; 16th, Result, from Auckland; 13th, Stormy Petrel, from Lyttelton.

CALIFORNIA via SYDNEY, May 9th.—Flour is at 4½dols; wheat is at 1dol 90c; feed barley is at 1dol. 17c; brewing barley is at 1dol 30c to 1dol 40c; oats are at 2dols 20c. Coal is dull.

NEWCASTLE.—Sailed: Pawn, for Lyttelton. Arrived: July 12, Cyrus, from Wellington; 18th, Amherst, from Napier; Duke of Edinburgh, and Syren, from Dunedin; 20th, Free Trader, from Lyttelton.

BRISBANE.—Parliament has been dissolved. The Government have decided not to grant any subsidy to the Sydney-Californian line, but to concentrate all their efforts on the Torres Strait route.

ADELAIDE.—The Ministry has resigned, and the one newly formed consists of Messrs Blyth, Chief Secretary; Glyde, Treasurer; Mann, Attorney-General; Gerrard, Secretary for Lands, and Bright, Secretary for Works.

The prospects of the Port Darwin gold fields are good; fever is abating, and the different vessels in harbor are being deserted by their hands.

10,300 bushels of wheat have been sold afloat at 5s 10d.

The exports of cereals during the half-year are valued at £1,300,000. The quantity exported during the year amounts to 131,000 tons.

A private telegram from California says that the surplus crop for export amounts to six million centals.

LAUNCESTON.—The Bank of Tasmania has declared a dividend of 7 per cent.

MELBOURNE, July 22nd.—Mrs Shannon, who murdered one of her children at Hotham, is at the point of death. The inquest on the murdered child is adjourned.

The Government have granted a lease to the Stawell claimholders against jumpers.

A large quantity of sugar which was offered at auction has been withdrawn in consequence of a slackness in the bidding.

Tasmanian oats, superior, are quoted at 4s 5d to 4s 8d.

SYDNEY, July, 22.—The Government agree to give £68,000 annually for a forty days' service between Liverpool and Sydney, via San Francisco.

ADELAIDE, July 16.—A severe shock of earthquake has been felt at Peake, a telegraph station in the interior.

#### CABLE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, July 19.—The International Postal Congress at Berne opens on 1st September.

The English Troops have burnt the city of Elmina, which was held by friends of the Ashantees.

The taking of evidence for the defence in the Tichborne trial commences on the 21st August.

The Right Hon Robert Lowe has contracted with some of the London merchants for the payment of the Alabama award.

Mr Russell, the agent for the New Zealand Government at Washington, is understood to have successfully negotiated for a Californian service.

Prince Arthur is to be married to the Princess Thyra of Denmark. The Prince is in Sweden, representing the Queen at the coronation of King Oscar.

The British are threatened with an attack by 10,000 Ashantees. Further reinforcements are ordered.

Lord Westbury, an ex-Lord Chancellor, is dying.

Lord Mayor Waterlow has been created a baronet, and the honor of knighthood has been conferred upon sheriff's Knight and Perkins.

A testimonial of great value has been presented by the Nonconformists to Mr Miall, M.P.

The committee appointed to consider the rise in the price of coal, attribute the rise in price solely to increased consumption. It recommends the non-interference of Parliament, and deprecates the proposed export duty.

There are sixty different Hindustani journals published in the Punjab, the North-West Provinces, Oude, and all the Central Provinces, of British India, all of which discuss education and other social questions, and freely expose the grievances of the native population.

Mr J. F. McEvoy, of Lowell, who lectured at Worcester, on "Lord Baltimore, and the early Catholic Settlers of Maryland," claimed that the Catholic history of America had never been fairly and fully written, and spoke at length on the tribulations of the colony, and the great influences Baltimore and the early Maryland Catholics exerted on the religious freedom of the country. It was the first and only colony in all the world which established religious freedom on the basis of the State. They were most fervent and devout Catholics and had more success in Christianizing the Indians than all the other colonies besides.