

A greyhound, bred and trained at Dunedin by Mr. John Drummond, has distinguished himself in connection with the Waterloo Cup, having got into the fifth round.

The trial of Biddle, the Victorian station-master, on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the Little River railway disaster in April last, has resulted in a verdict of acquittal.

It is announced that the Emperor of China has issued an order that the towns of Lang-son, Laokoi, and Coabang, in Tonquin, now in the occupation of the Chinese, shall be surrendered to French troops within a month. Parleying between M. Patenotre, French Minister, and the Chinese officials at Shanghai on the subject of France's claim for an indemnity on account of the Lang-son outrage is still proceeding. Meanwhile the French fleet, under Admiral Courbet, remains at Foochow, with a view to holding the place if the French demands are refused.

It is considered doubtful whether the Egyptian Conference will again meet, owing to the refusal of the Powers to accept a reduction of the interest of the Egyptian debt, as proposed by the committee of financial experts.

Dr. Moran, the recently appointed Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, sails for Australia by the Orient steamer Liguria. He has received an address from the Irish hierarchy.

A renewal of the panic has occurred at Toulou owing to the continued spread of cholera, and the Government officials are reported to be deserting their posts. A further slight outbreak of cholera has occurred here, and at Arles and Nimes, in the neighbourhood of Marseilles.

The *Spectator* condemns Lord Derby's pronounced indifference to the demands of the Colonies, but the *Saturday Review* in an article on the same subject approves of the action of the Government, warns the Colonies to be modest in their demands, and urges the adoption of a cautious policy.

During the past fortnight twenty-four cargoes of Australian wheat have been sold, the average price realised being 38s. 6d. Ten grain ships are now waiting orders off the coast.

TUESDAY.

The Auckland cabmen and the Tramway Company are at loggerheads. The former have been ordered to move from the Queen street cabstands to make room for the trams, but they declined to do so. On Saturday afternoon the cabmen obstructed the tramline, and one of the men threw a stone at a car, and was arrested. The stand-cabmen intend testing in court the question whether they can be removed from the cabstands hitherto set apart for them.

The Upper Rangitata Hotel was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday night. The insurances are £500 on the building in the Royal, and on the stock and furniture £210 and £50 respectively in the National. The loss, over and above the insurance, is estimated at about £300.

John M'Leary, machinist at the *Evening Star* office, Nelson, has been arrested on a charge of arson. On Friday night an old unoccupied house, near the railway station, was discovered to be on fire, but was extinguished with a few buckets of water. Last night a light was discovered in the house, and the neighbours sent for the constable, and then effected an entrance by means of the window. It was then found that a hole had been cut in the scrim and a candle placed therein, surrounded by hay, over which kerosene had been poured, a bottle containing about a pint having been left close to the candle. The hay was just igniting when it was discovered. M'Leary was remanded, bail being refused.

The barque Vanguard, 638 tons, which arrived in Brisbane from London, reports that on the 11th inst. she came into collision with the barque Farningham, 281 tons, bound from Port Chalmers to Adelaide, while off Tasmania. The Farningham suffered severely, and sank in five minutes. All on board were saved except three seamen, who were below, and could not be rescued by the Vanguard. The latter vessel is somewhat damaged, but reached this port in safety.

A disastrous railway accident has occurred in Ohio. The train left the rails and fell over an embankment into the river. Twelve persons were drowned, and 25 others severely injured.

Parleying regarding the French claim for indemnity on account of the Lang-son affair is still proceeding. It is considered that the prospects of an agreement being arrived at are improving.

WEDNESDAY.

The general elections took place yesterday with the following results, so far as they are known. The proceedings were much more lively than usual, and in Dunedin South, particularly, the scene was very stirring. Dunedin East—Stout: votes, 755; majority, 240. Dunedin West—Stewart: votes, 508; majority, 27. Dunedin Central—Bradshaw: votes, 499; majority, 3. Dunedin South—Gore: votes, 457; majority, 16. Roslyn—Ross: votes, 483; majority, 77. South Dunedin—Larnach: votes, 658; majority, 306. Awarua—Joyce: votes, 394 (returns not all in). Bruce—Gillies: votes, 454 (returns not all in). Hokonui—Cowan: 234; majority, 84. Invercargill—Hatch: votes, 502; majority, 67. Mataura—Richardson: votes, 448 (returns not all in). Moeraki—M'Kenzie: votes, 388; majority, 115. Mount Ida—MacKenzie: votes, 363 (returns not all in). Oamaru—Shrimski: votes, 483; majority, 92. Wallace—Hirst: votes, 405 (returns not all in). Waikouaiti—Buckland: votes, 283; majority, 61. Tuapeka—Brown: votes, 461 (returns not all in). Waitaki—Duncan: votes, 363 (returns not all in). Wakatipu—Fergus: votes, 414 (returns not all in). Christchurch North—Sir Julius Vogel: votes, 930; majority, 707. Akaroa—Montgomery: votes, 435. Avon—Harper: votes, 403. Ashburton—Walker: votes, 296. Coleridge—M'Millan: votes, 310. Geraldine—Rolleston: votes, 473. Wakanui—Grigg: votes, 454. Ashley—Pearson: votes, 415. Gladstone—Sutter: votes, 282. Waimate—Stewart: votes, 506. Lincoln—O'Callaghan: votes, 266. Cheviot—Lance: Heathcote—Coster: votes, 445. St. Albans—Garrick: votes, 396. Christchurch South—J. Holmes: votes, 642. Lyttelton—Allwright: votes, 338. Timaru—Turnbull: votes, 490. Sydenham—White: votes, 776. Stanmore—Reese: votes 524. Greymouth—Guinness:

votes, 686. Kumara—Seddon: votes, 669. Hokitika—Fitzgerald: Waimea—Shepherd: votes, 358. Nelson—Levestam: votes, 579. Inangahua—Monteath. Motueka—Hursthouse: votes, 367 Buller—O'Connor: votes, 584. Wairau—Dodson: votes, 586. Pictou—E. T. Connolly: votes, 339. Te Aro—C. J. Johnston: votes, 343. Wellington South—Fisher: votes, 717. Hunt—Fitzberbert: votes, 550. Foxton—Wilson: votes, 605. Manawatu—M'Arthur: votes, 1058. Wanganni—J. Ballance: votes, 541. Wairarapa South—Buchanan: votes, 565. Wairarapa North—Bestham: votes, 482. Rangitikei—Bruce: votes, 596. Egmont—Atkinson: votes, 374. Taranaki—Trimble: votes, 371. New Plymouth—Samuel: votes, 243. Hawke's Bay—Russell: votes, 505. Waipawa—Smith: votes, 768. Napier—Ormond: votes, 597. Eden—Tole: votes, 628. Auckland North—Thomas Thomson: votes, 746. Tauranga—Morris: votes, 472. Coromandel—Cadman: votes, 461. Manukan—O'Rorke: votes, 540. Thames—Fraser: votes, 476. Waitotara—Bryce: votes, 440. Auckland West—Dargaville: votes, 446. Newton—Peacock: votes, 932. Waipa—Lake: votes, 559. East Coast—Locke: votes, 603. Rodney—Most: votes, 387. Waitemata—Hurst: votes, 620. Bay of Islands—Hobbs: votes, 342. Franklin North—Buckland: votes, 484. Parnell—Moss: votes, 522. The *Otago Daily Times* calculates that of the members returned 32 are Ministerialists, 27 Vogelites, and 8 Greyites, and the rest either in the Opposition—that is opposed to the Government, but declared for no particular leader—or Independent.

A popular demonstration in support of the franchise reform movement was held in Hyde Park, London, on Monday, and attended by enormous crowds of people, the number being estimated at 100,000. The approaches of the park were blocked, and the streets in the West-End impassable for hours, but no difficulty was experienced in the maintenance of order.

The Warsaw plot against the Czar was of the greatest extent of any yet discovered, and was directed from Moscow. Numerous prominent arrests in connection with it have been made.

A Gazette notice has been published in Melbourne, declaring French and Egyptian ports to be infected in consequence of the outbreak of cholera. All vessels therefrom will be quarantined on arrival.

Eight deaths from cholera have occurred in Paris. The spread of the disease is causing considerable alarm.

THURSDAY.

Mr. Barton Ireland, a member of the firm of Ireland Bros., tanners, at Auckland, was seized with a fit of coughing at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, broke a bloodvessel, and died an hour later. It is stated that Dr. Philson, coroner, intends to hold a *post mortem* examination of the body to ascertain the cause of death. It is believed that death was caused by over-excitement and over-exertion in respect of the elections.

When the Poll was declared at Wanganni the hustings broke down. Mr. Ballance was just about to speak, when all on the hustings were precipitated a distance of 10ft. This only person hurt was a boy, who had his arm broken.

The European Conference on Egyptian affairs resumed its sittings on Tuesday, and now stands adjourned indefinitely. No information has yet transpired as to the decisions arrived at prior to the adjournment.

Dr. Moran, the new Archbishop of Sydney, will interview Lord Derby on matters in connection with Australia.

At an interview with Lord Derby, Tawhiao presented the Colonial Secretary with a petition for the restoration of the rights of the Maoris.

The Nihilists have destroyed a gunpowder mill at Warsaw.

Further cases of a doubtful disease are now prevalent in Melbourne and continue to be reported from different points. One death occurred from smallpox at Fitzroy, in the north-east suburbs of the city.

OTAGO LAND BOARD.—At Wednesday's sitting capitalisation was authorised, subject to payment of rent in arrear, in the case of William John, section 15, block IV., Gimmerburn. The following applications were approved: that for a road-line, block IX., Waitahuna West, on which deferred-payment moneys will be expended; that of Thomas Gillilan to capitalise section 5, block III., Catlin's; that for deferred-payment transfer, section 10, block IX., Waitahuna West, from F. S. to John Webster. John Clarke's application that section 10, block VI., Kuriwao, be put up for sale at 20s. per acre, was referred to the Clutha County Council. Licenses of deferred-payment lands were cancelled for non-payment of rent as follows:—P. Cahill, section 5, block XIII., Tuapeka East; M. Stewart, section 65, block IV., Table Hill; A. Thomson, section 1, block XIII., Greenvale; W. G. D. Bohning, section 58, block V., Bastings; H. A. Simenson, section 7, block X., Poolburn; S. Downes, section 4, block IX., Tarras; C. Dalton, section 20, block V., Lower Hawea; G. T. Valentine, section 11, block II., Slopdown; T. Fraser, section 16, block VIII., Waihemo; J. M'Brice, section 11, block VIII., Waihemo; F. Eagar, section 28, block VII., Rock and Pillar; Gabriel Hodges, section 7, block II., Kurow; John Stewart, section 17, block V., Dunback; J. Thomson, section 7, block XII., Rock and Pillar. Consideration of the cases of W. Cunningham, section 15, block V., Dunback, and R. Barron, section 8, block VI., Mount Hyde, was deferred. Applications for gold mining leases were approved of as follows, subject to certain water rights:—Duncan M'Lellan, section 10, block VI., Kyebruna; Enterprise Water-race Company, section 1, block II., Naseby.

Intelligence received at Cape Town states that the British flag has been hoisted in the chief town of the Dutch Colony of Stellaland, with the consent of the Volksraad, and amidst public rejoicings.

A novelty in lynchings was the presence, at a recent affair of the kind, of a minister, Rev. Mr. Stump, of St. Albans, W. Va., who questioned the criminals as to their guilt, and offered up prayer before the wretches were swung up.—*Pilot*.