

# News of the Week.

FRIDAY.

JAMES CAREY and the other informers against the Phoenix Park murderers have left Dublin and are quitting Ireland, but their destination has not yet transpired.

The suspension-bridge between New York and Brooklyn, which was recently opened, was crowded with people, when cries arose that it was unsafe, and a stampede occurred. Many persons were trampled underfoot, and several were killed.

The frozen meat received in London by the British King is found to be a good deal spoiled and unfit for use.

Sir George Grey will visit the King country, on the invitation of certain chiefs, in order to hear the representations they intend to make to Parliament on the subject of reform of the law affecting Native lands.

A six-roomed unoccupied house, belonging to George Moran, at Kaikorai, near Dunedin, was burnt down this morning.—Insurances, £360.

An inquiry into the management of the Lyttelton Gaol is being conducted by the visiting justices.

Walsh, the trainer, while exercising the colt Musketeer on the Remuera road this morning, was thrown, and had his left eye knocked out against a fence. Intramuscular action sent the eye back into its socket, and the doctors say its sight is in no danger.

A man named Michael Donovan, who had been drinking hard, was found in the Wairau Valley with his throat cut, and so jagged as to lead to a belief that he had, while suffering from *delirium tremens*, cut it on a barbed wire fence. It is thought he will recover.

Thirty navvies were engaged yesterday at Christchurch for two years' work in Queensland, at nine shillings a day and passage free to Brisbane.

Sir George Grey has presented three valuable pictures to the citizens of Auckland.

A telegram from Macetown to Mr. J. F. Watson reports that from 89 loads of stone, 656 ounces of amalgam have been obtained.

A deputation of subscribers to the Wellington Telephone Exchange will wait on Government on Monday with a view to have a reduction made in the subscription to telephones.

Major Atkinson sends the following from Stratford to the Government:—"A man named Tocker has reported to me that Titokowaru had broken some of his ribs; that he (Tocker) had done what he could by bandages, but that surgical aid was required."

Mr. McCoan, M.P., having reproved Mr. O'Kelly, M.P., for commonness, for rudeness to the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, has received a challenge from Mr. O'Kelly, who has been ordered to appear at the bar of the House to explain his conduct.

The Queenstown correspondent of the *Cromwell Argus* reports the results of the Invisible Quartz Mining Company's washing up to be moderate—that is, 290 ozs. for 1000 tons. Five penny-weights to the ton, however, will pay fairly, and the Company have an unlimited quantity of stone.

SATURDAY.

The receipts from the railways for the financial year ending March 31st were £957,347, and the expenditure £592,821. The increase of traffic over that of last year being from 30 to 40 per cent.

Diplomatic relations between Prussia and the Vatican, which for some time past have been somewhat strained, have now assumed a more serious nature, and both courts maintain an unyielding attitude.

Mr. J. G. Wilson, M.H.R., speaking at Karori last night, gave it as his opinion that if the £180,000 voted for the extension of the Middle Island Trunk railway was diverted to the construction of a line from Canterbury to the West Coast, another amount would have to be passed for the construction of the Trunk line.

The bridge to be erected over the new Railway station, near Jetty street, Dunedin, will be constructed of materials manufactured in the Colony. It will be 650 feet long, with twelve spans—crossing over the whole station—and about 540 tons of iron will be used in its construction.

Two cottages in Adelaide Road, Wellington, were burnt down this morning, that in which the fire broke out being unoccupied, and but for the brick partition wall, the tenants of the other—a Mrs. Skoons and her family—would probably have been burned to death. Insurances, £50.

The Hawera Licensing Bench would only grant ten o'clock licenses to-day. Hitherto twelve has been the closing hour.

A fight took place at the door of the Auckland Opera House last night between a special constable and two leading solicitors—Messrs. Browning and Earl. Browning received a black eye, and Earl and the constable were also injured. It is probable that the matter will come before the Police Court.

Mr. O'Kelly appeared at the Bar of the House of Commons yesterday, and disclaimed any intention of further action in connection with his challenge to Mr. McCoan. His explanation was accepted by the House.

The events at the Waimate Steeplechase meeting yesterday, were won as follows:—Handicap of 100sovs, Barbary; Maiden Plate, Melbourne; Waimate Cup, Wildboy; Consolation, Batman.

Lord Derby, in replying to the deputation from the Council of the Colonial Institute, who urged the annexation of New Guinea, stated that until the receipt of Sir Arthur Kennedy's despatches on the subject, no decision would be come to. The Government were anxiously awaiting the despatches, and would weigh well the wishes of Australia. He understood that the colonists would be content if foreign Powers were prevented from settling on the coasts nearest to Australia.

The body of a man, whose name is supposed to have been Young, has been found with the throat cut, near Mossburn, on the Road from Riverton to the Lakes.

Mr Reade, in applying, at Invercargill, for a final discharge for W. Alexander, stated that the bankrupt had paid 20s. in the pound. —At which Judge Harvey expressed surprise.

The Licensing Committees of Christchurch North and West have come to the conclusion that 11 o'clock licenses are most suitable for all parties.

The panic which occurred on the suspension-bridge between New York and Brooklyn resulted in the death of 12 persons. Thirty-five were injured, and it is expected that a number of these injuries will prove fatal. The scene that followed the cry that the bridge was unsafe is said to have been a terrible spectacle.

MONDAY.

In the Victorian agricultural statistics for the past season, oats show an increase of 829,000 bushels, and barley a decrease of 170,000 bushels.

Thomas Caffrey, one of the Phoenix Park murderers, was hanged at Dublin on Saturday. He confessed his guilt.

Harrington, of Riverton, not having replied to Hearn's previous terms, Hearn now offers to row him three and a half miles in Wellington harbour for £100 a side, and to allow £25 for expenses.

A good many names of present justices are omitted in the new commission of the peace. The Government have determined that no holder of a publican's license shall in future be a J.P.

A four-roomed cottage in St. Alban's Lane, Papanui, was burned down on Saturday night. It was insured for £100 in the London, Liverpool and Globe, and the furniture for £50 in the same office.

Another refrigerating company, to be called the "Interprovincial Freezing and Storage Company of New Zealand (Limited)," is to be established at Christchurch.

Mr. Dennehy, of Timaru gaol, has been appointed gaoler at Lawrence, Mr. McKinstry being transferred to Wellington.

A committee of seven settlers has been formed to assist the rabbit inspector at Evans' Flat, where, according to the *Tuapeka Times*, phosphorised grain has proved very efficacious.

Steps are about to be taken, on the advice of Professor Hutton, to introduce into the Canterbury rivers a Tasmanian crayfish sometimes attaining a weight of 7lb or 8lb.

A contract of sewer works at Sydney, amounting to £187,000, has been entrusted to the Messrs. Proudfoot, of Dunedin.

Increased animation is apparent in the London wool sales, and good staple samples are keenly competed for. Short and faulty sorts continue still depressed.

The *North Otago Times* thinks Government may probably be taken in by the purchase of the Duntroon and Hakateramea line of Railway. It says:—"Under the circumstances the only apparent conclusion is, that the lines, having served the personal purposes of their promoters, are of no further use to them, or that, being unpayable, their owners wish to get rid of them."

The President of the Christchurch Chamber of Commerce favours Mr. Twopenny's project for an exhibition in London two years hence. Speaking on Wednesday last he said that, knowing, as he did, what an excellent show New Zealand had made at the Sydney Exhibition, he had no doubt that she would make as good a one, and even better, at that to be held in London.

According to a correspondent of the *Cromwell Argus*, the perpetual leasing system is condemned at Hawera.

The *Hawkes Bay Herald* says that the wife of a Napier resident went to England some months ago to receive a legacy to which she was entitled. Her husband "nominated" her, and she returned to the Colony in the *Rangitikei* as an assisted immigrant.

A popular fête in Moscow to celebrate the coronation was attended by 1,000,000 of the peasantry. Everything passed off in an orderly manner. The czar intimated that it was intended to modify the present tenure of agrarian property.

George Moran was brought up at the Dunedin Police Court to-day and remanded on a charge of setting fire to his house, burnt at Anderston, last Friday.

A shop and seven-roomed house at the Ocean Beach terminus of the tramway, occupied by Mr. Williams, who keeps the terminus refreshment rooms, were burnt down on Sunday morning—Mr. Williams with his wife and child barely escaping. The fire is supposed to have been caused by some clothes being left to dry. Insurances: building, £200; furniture, £100.

William Dawson, a carrier, was thrown out of his cart on Saturday, at Timaru, and the wheels passed over his neck, breaking it. At the inquest to-day a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

TUESDAY.

Telegrams are to hand from Madagascar reporting that the Hovas have made overtures of peace to the French commander, and that the French Government will exact a war indemnity from the Malagases. The statements have not yet been officially confirmed.

The *Lyttelton Times*, congratulating Dr. Von Haast upon his admission to the Order of St. Michael and St. George, says:—"His scientific work, his splendid success in the Museum—though in a remote corner of the earth, is placed by high authorities, amongst others by Professor Ward of New York, and the celebrated musicologist Doctor Finsch, amongst the first 15 of the world—and his adventurous career of hardship and toil long ago won for him the Austrian honour he enjoys, and the honorary distinction accorded to men of distinguished achievement by many learned societies. It is satisfactory that the honour which every man is sure to appreciate in the country of his adoption has at last been added."

The Italian Government have voted one million francs towards the erection of a monument in memory of Garibaldi.

With a view to effecting a compromise with the Vatican, Prince Bismarck has agreed to a modification of the Falk laws.

The Right Hon. C. B. Barry, of the Queen's Bench, Ireland, has been appointed Lord Justice of Appeal in Ireland, in place of the late Right Hon. Richard Deasy.