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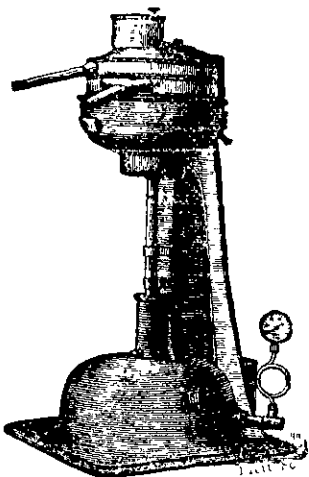
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prove beneficial to him in more senses than one. He was a good kind hearted man, benevolent and obliging. Many of his friends met him last week at the Egmont Hotel, and gave him a hearty and well-merited "send off."

Many of the Catholics of this district wish there was another priest in the parish to assist Rev Father Mulvihil. His announcement on Sunday, that there would be neither Mass nor Vespers at Hawera on the 29th inst. (he being at Opunake) forcibly reminds me of the remarks I heard made long ago. "Father Mulvihil wants assistance. He cannot possibly attend to the material wants of the district and to the spiritual necessities of the people. He does his best, to be sure, but is unable to meet all requirements." The Catholics are very scattered in Taranaki as in other parts of New Zealand.

Rev Father McKenna lately held a grand social in aid of the building fund of his new church at Stratford. The social proved a most enjoyable affair, and, all things considered, a great success. Unfortunately, from a financial point of view, there was a damper thrown on it. Captain Edwin was most unpropitious.

Mr George Brown, of the Upper Hut, has lately promised an acre, as a church site at Eltham. The Catholics of that part of the parish are extremely grateful to Mr Brown for his generous offering, and pray that he may be amply rewarded here and hereafter. They hope to be soon able to use it.

HEROIC PRECOCITY.

THE heroism of an American child has recently received recognition from the French Government. The incident which attracted the attention of President Carnot occurred a year ago in the heat of the World's Fair season. A ten-year-old Western girl was strolling along a railway track one afternoon when she noticed that the trestlework spanning a deep ravine had caught fire. Jennie Oreck, of Milford, had keen perceptions and presence of mind beyond her years. She knew that an express train was due, and that she was the only one who could warn it in time to prevent a terrible accident. She whipped off a red flannel petticoat which she was wearing and ran up the track as fast as her little legs would carry her. When the train came in sight she waved the danger signal frantically. The engineer responded quickly, and stopped the train before it reached the ravine. There were several French passengers on the train, and they carried the story home with them. President Carnot, after correspondence with Governor McKinley, has sent to the little heroine a medal of the Legion of Honour.

Another story equally heroic, is well told in "The Youth's Companion." A schoolboy was on an accommodation train studying his morning lesson, when a collision occurred with an express train. He escaped, bruised and bleeding, from the wreckage, and pulled three or four men from the burning train before the bystanders could collect their wits. Beneath the wrecked engine, enveloped in escaping steam, there was a man crushed and apparently dying. The engine was tilted one side and threatening to topple over every instant. The conductor called for a volunteer to go to the rescue. Strong men held back in horror, but the schoolboy quickly flung himself under the engine and was hidden from sight by the steam and smoke. In an instant he reappeared dragging after him the man for whom he had risked his life. That was the boy's fifth rescue on that scene of wreckage and slaughter, and it was made when he was blackened with soot and blood-stained from his own wounds.

Stories like these are constantly told in American newspapers, and they illustrate the quickness of mind with which children accept responsibility and devise practical measures of deliverance in sudden

emergencies. They may not be more courageous or more heroic than French or English children would be in similar circumstances, but there is something in the blood and in the conditions of American life that develops in them maturity of judgment and precocity of invention. The French passengers on the Exhibition train were not impressed so much with Jennie Oreck's intrepidity and resolution as with her thoughtfulness and inventive faculty. They were probably right in assuming that only an American child would have had the quickness of perception and originality of mind required for improvising the danger signal. Yankee skill in invention has acquired a worldwide celebrity. It is a practical talent that is in the strain of the blood, and it is accompanied with keenness of perception and alertness of mind. American children come naturally by their precocity and coolness in moments of extreme danger. They have their wits about them, think quickly and act decisively in emergencies.

There was a nine-year-old boy in New England who rescued a younger brother from drowning in a pond by swimming out to him, holding him up, and carrying him ashore. This was not remarkable. Any boy who knew how to swim and how to support a drowning child could have done as much. Any intelligent Newfoundland dog could have rescued the child. But this nine-year-old boy completed the rescue by resuscitating the limp, motionless, and breathless child when they reached the shore. Instead of leaving his burden and running for help, he worked over him most intelligently, turning him on his side and on his back until he had restored respiration artificially, and then wrapping his jacket closely about him, taking him on his back, and carrying him home to be put to bed. That was a notable instance of that precocity of judgment of which we have been speaking, and it was characteristic of American childhood.—*New York Tribune.*

Ayer's sarsaparilla continues to be highly recommended to patients suffering from biliousness or liver complaint.

Mr Clifford Toon's cough syrup is highly recommended for all disorders of the chest.

Messrs A. and T. Inglis George street, Dunedin, open their fifth annual colossal sale on Tuesday next, the 7th inst. This sale is now anxiously looked forward to, and the numbers who avail themselves of it show a large yearly increase, owing to the genuineness of the bargains obtained and the satisfaction of those who have taken advantage of it. A catalogue of the goods offered for sale may be had on application.

Those who are in search of boots and shoes of the best qualities at popular prices will do well to consult the price-list of the City Boot Palace, which will be found on our 6th page. If they cannot find their requirements there, they must indeed be unreasonable.

We beg to notify the public that Bock and Co., manufacturing chemists, have opened a depot at 82 Tory street, Wellington. The following are a few lines tested with most satisfactory results:— Fire-proof cement, 1s, for mending china, glass, metal, etc. Water-proof cement, large bottles, 1s, to cement leather, delf, glass, wood, etc, will resist hot or cold water. Non-mercurial plating fluid, 1s 6d unequalled for cleansing gold, silver, or replating brass and copper. Camphylene Balls in air-tight jars, 1s, to keep moths out of clothes. Herb extract, 1s, an infallible cure for toothache, guaranteed harmless to the teeth. German cure, 1s, for burns, warts, and chilblains. We are sole agents for A. Hoolureck's Mortein insect powder and spreaders, 1s each, this will kill all the flies and mosquitoes in any room within five minutes and destroy all vermin, but is quite harmless to animal life. All these things will be sent post free to any part of New Zealand on receipt of postal notes and 1d or 2d stamps. A trial solicited. Please address: Paul Bock, 82 Tory street, Wellington, N.Z.—[ADVT.]

The Hon Spencer Walpole, Secretary to the General Post Office, London, visited Queenstown lately to see for himself the time occupied in handling the American mails. He came down from Liverpool in the *Canarder*, Lucania, and witnessed the embarkation of the mails, consisting of 803 sacks, which were transferred to the deep water quay in nineteen minutes.