

FAT SHEEP—There was a mixed entry. Good wethers for export sold well at from 18s to 22s 3d, but others were easier at from 16s to 17s 6d. Best ewes were in good demand, and sold at from 16s to 19s, while others were in excess of supply, and realised 13s to 15s. Merino wethers brought 12s to 17s 6d.

LAMBS—There was a keen demand for freezing sorts, and 4000 were taken for export at from 15s to 17s 10d; others, 13s 9d to 14s 6d.

STORE SHEEP—These were all keenly competed for. Wethers realised 16s, 17s 3d, 17s 8d, and 18s 10d; ewes, 15s to 18s 6d; ewes and lambs (all counted), 9s to 12s 5d; lambs, 10s 8d to 14s 4d.

PIGS—Fats were without alteration. Baconers brought 32s to 49s, or 3½d per lb; porkers, 21s to 31s 6d, or 3½d to 4d per lb, stores (improved demand), 11s 6d to 19s; and from 6s to 9s 6d for small sorts.

LEARN TO APPRECIATE.

FAULT finding is much easier than generous appreciation. To find fault you have only to stand off and point out wherein the person or action or thing fails to come up to your ideal, which, by the way, may not be a good one. To appreciate requires a degree of insight and sympathy, and a search for the point of view which discloses the best qualities. If we were required to name the one thing which most contributes to the happiness of household life we should unhesitatingly select the disposition on the part of the members of a family to appreciate instead of finding fault with each other; to draw attention to the excellencies of others instead of harping on their defects. Such a disposition is better than money or beauty. It is a perpetual joy to the possessor, and it brightens the soul of everyone who comes within its circles.

A PLEASANT WORD.

THROUGH life how selfish we are with our sunshine. Acts of kindness that would brighten the lives of others we never perform. Words that would cheer and encourage some despondent friend in some dark hour are never spoken. Never casting an inquiring glance to see where a cheery 'hello' might bring a pleasure, we silently go our ways unconscious that any but us live.

But ah, the change when that friend is no more! Then we weave chaplets of flowers for the grave—roses, pansies, and forget-me-nots woven and interwoven, that deck the coffin-lid, to brighten the end. We speak words of comfort, and console if we can by our tribute the broken hearts left behind. In the grave is buried every error, and by its dust every resentment is extinguished, and from its cold bosom comes only a flood of regrets and tender recollections. Eulogies are spoken, virtues dwelt upon, tears of sorrow course down the cheek, and he sleeps beneath a wilderness of flowers.

But pause for a moment and think how much happier, brighter and better perhaps that life might have been had these friends not waited until those lips were dumb, those eyes sightless, and those ears deaf, to have spoken kind words and covered the last resting place with nature's flowers. After one is dead eulogies and flowers reflect no brightness back over life's pathway.

WEDDING BELLS.

HERLIHY—STACKPOOLE.

A very interesting semi-private wedding and Nuptial Mass was celebrated in the Catholic Church, Waikaiti, on Wednesday, January 9, by the Rev. Father Keenan, when Mr. Patrick Jeremiah Herlihy, the well-known local constable, was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Mary Stackpoole, who is so favorably known in connection with the Commercial Hotel, Waikaiti. Miss Delargey was bridesmaid, and the duties of best man were performed by Mr. James Collins. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to Mr. Delargey's Commercial Hotel, where the wedding breakfast was laid in Mrs. Delargey's best style. After having partaken of the good things provided, the health of the newly-married couple was proposed by the Rev. Father Keenan. The presents were both valuable and numerous, and evidenced the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Herlihy are held by the people of Waikaiti.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. J. KEARNEY, a very old and respected resident of the district passed away (says the *Tuapeka Times* of January 9) on New Year's morning at Beaumont Road after an illness extending over many months. Mrs. Kearney, who was born in Tipperary, Ireland, left her home at a very young age for America, and after a residence of some 10 or 12 years in that country left for Victoria, where she arrived in company with some friends in 1859. She arrived in Dunedin in 1862 and soon after married Mr. Joseph Williams, who died about 23 years ago. Mrs. Kearney married a second time about 11 years since, but left no family. The funeral took place on Thursday and was largely attended, the remains being interred in the Lawrence cemetery, and the religious service at the grave was conducted by the Rev. Father Geary.

The drawing of the art union in aid of St. Patrick's Church, Waimate, will take place on St. Patrick's night. All who have books of tickets and have not yet returned the blocks are requested to do so before March 15, and at the same time to forward remittances.—*.*

A PRESS Association cable message says that there are 200,000 influenza patients in New York, 100,000 in Chicago, and 70,000 in Cleveland. The weather is mild. President McKinley is amongst the sufferers. New Zealanders had better get their quinine tablets ready, as the next mail from Frisco will probably land the epidemic in our midst.

SOME big shearing tallies have been recorded at Mangatoro (says the *Bush Advocate*). For three days in succession Mr. A. Frie's tally was over 200, the numbers being 230, 217, and 203. Mr. P. O'Grady, a well-known West Coast shearer, put up tallies of 223, 211, and 198, while Mr. G. Taylor's were still better—viz., 227, 212, and 203.

A VISITOR from the old country at present in Wellington states that in his opinion the mineral waters at Rotorua are much superior to the waters of Carlsbad. The great drawback he noticed at Rotorua was the want of scientific administration. A few particulars he gives about Carlsbad are interesting. Fully 42,000 people visit the place annually, and there are 101 resident medical men, whose consultation fees vary from 5s to 14s.

At a meeting of the City Council held on January 14 a letter was read from Dr. Mason, Government health officer, calling upon the Council to make suitable provision for the housing and care of the supposed leprosy patient. It was agreed to accept the responsibility of providing temporarily for the case, but the Council did so under the most emphatic protest, believing the Hospital Board the proper body to take charge of this and similar cases.

THE Hon. J. McKenzie (says the *Otago Daily Times*), is making satisfactory progress under the course of treatment he is undergoing in Dunedin, and hopes are entertained that ere long his health will be sufficiently restored to enable him to get about again. We are voicing the wishes of the many friends of the ex-Minister of Lands, when we express the hope that ere long he will be restored to health and his aforesaid vigor.

A RICH RETURN.

When a mixture attains so wonderful a success in so short a time as Tussicura has managed to do, it is difficult to speak of the matter in a way that does not appear like exaggeration. Let us look back at the career of this extraordinary medicine from the start. It is only a few months since the proprietor launched it upon the market, and, as it was produced in a comparatively obscure town in Central Otago, it will be seen that the inventor was considerably handicapped. There was no idea of putting forth a cheap mixture—for there are only too many of these before the public at the present time—but the object in view was to use the very best drugs procurable after a careful consideration as to the effect they would have on the systems of persons suffering from particular complaints. People are, not unnaturally, chary of trying a new remedy unless it comes to them heralded by all sorts of 'bold advertisements,' and the proprietor of Tussicura, although he might have expected to have an extremely hard fight in convincing the public of the excellence of his preparation, is naturally gratified at its immediate success. At the same time he recognises that, in order to recoup him for his large expense that he has been put to in preparing the mixture, he must seek a wider field, and the number of testimonials he has received amply justified him in anticipating a success.—*.*

MYERS AND CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street They guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous-oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read advertisement.—*.*

The enormous output of McCormick machines defies the mental grasp of man. If the machines they manufacture were to issue from the gate of their works (the largest in the world), the spectators would see throughout the working day a McCormick machine emerging at full gallop every thirty seconds.—*.*

Tussicura, the wonderful cough remedy—sold by all chemists and grocers.—*.*

At the Christchurch Exhibition the following awards were made to the apprentices of Mr. W. Sey, oil and color merchant, Colombo street, Christchurch, for graining, sign-writing, and decorating: Owen, three silver and one gold medal; Buten, one silver and one bronze medal, and a certificate; Bradwell, one gold and one silver medal; R. Petersen, one bronze medal.—*.*

A shipment of the beautiful Sterling Bicycles—chain, chainless, and free wheels—has just been received. They are more beautiful, if possible, than ever. Intending purchasers of bicycles should certainly see the Sterlings before deciding on any other. Morrow, Bassett and Co., Christchurch, Ashburton, and Dunedin, sole agents.—*.*

Wanted, everyone who has proved the worth of Tussicura to recommend it to their friend.—*.*

A little wonder is the Broadcast Patent Seed-sower sold by Morrow, Bassett, and Co. For sowing turnip, rape, grass and clover seed it has no equal, while for oats, wheat, and barley you have only to see it to know its value. A boy can work it. Sow four acres per hour, and any quantity up to six bushels per acre. Price only 20s.—*.*

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