

**WEDDING-BELLS**

**O'CONNOR-O'NEILL**

A pretty and interesting wedding was solemnised on Wednesday, April 30, at St. Patrick's Church, Fairlie, when Mr. John J. O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Connor, of Hazelburn, and Miss Julia O'Neill, daughter of Mr. J. O'Neill, of Cricklewood, were united in the bonds of holy Matrimony. The ceremony was conducted by Father Le Petit, S.M., who also celebrated a Nuptial Mass. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion by the bride's many friends. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful dress of white satin de chine, with pearl trimmings. She also wore the customary wreath and veil, and carried a nicely arranged bouquet of cream roses, carnations, and maidenhair-fern. The bridesmaid (Miss N. O'Neill) wore a smart cream costume and black and vieux rose hat, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The bridegroom was attended by his brother (Mr. William O'Connor) as best man. After the wedding ceremony a large number of guests were entertained to a wedding breakfast at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Connor, "Trentham," during which the usual toasts were honored. The newly-wedded couple left by motor for the north during the afternoon, the bride's travelling costume being of fawn gabardine, with violet and fawn hat; she also wore black fox furs, the gift of the bridegroom.

**PRESENTATION OF A SCHOOL BANNER**

Quite a pleasant little function took place at the Marist Brothers' School, Greymouth, on Wednesday morning, June 18 (says the *Greymouth Argus*). The boys, assembled in the class-room, were taken by surprise, when they learned that they were to be the happy recipients of a school banner.

Very Rev. Father P. Aubry (pastor of the district), who was the generous donor of the banner, said that it gave him great pleasure in presenting the banner to the boys. He eulogised the work the devoted Brothers were doing, and was impressed by the soldierly manner in which the boys marched. He also besought the boys to be loyal to their school, and put in practice the principles the Brothers were striving to inculcate.

Father Eccleton, in a homely little speech said that the boys had every reason to be proud of the banner, which was an emblem of Faith and Fatherland. One of their first duties was to be loyal to their school and teachers. Loyalty meant respect for their teachers, diligence in work, and clean living. In concluding he strove to impress on his youthful hearers the love they should have for Ireland, and he expressed the wish that ere long the new school would be built and that the banner would adorn its walls.

On behalf of the Brothers and boys, Rev. Brother Herbert thanked Father Aubry for his mark of appreciation of the labors of the teachers and pupils, and he felt sure the handsome gift would be an incentive for the boys to do what is noble and good. Appropriate songs were rendered, and in conclusion three cheers were given for Father Aubry.

The banner, which is a very beautiful one, was designed, and artistically worked, by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Mount Magdala, Christchurch.

Miss M. U. Loftus, of Wellington, was among the successful students of Victoria College at the recent examination for the B.A. degree. It is interesting to note that Miss Loftus received her earlier scholastic training at the Sacred Heart Convent, Wanganui, and obtained the first section of the degree while attending that excellent institution. Her Wanganui friends will be pleased to hear of her success.

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**Ormondville**

Father McLaughlin, who has been in charge of the Takapau parish for the past 12 months, has, during that period, accomplished much good work in the interests of the parishioners (writes a correspondent). To further the spiritual welfare of the people under his pastoral care he invited Father Mangan, C.S.S.R., to give a mission in the parish. This well-known missioner therefore commenced in Ormondville on June 12, and concluded on June 16, a most successful mission. Throughout the period, the Catholics of this scattered district attended in large numbers, there being record attendances both at the Mass and evening devotions, which goes to show that the seeds of the true faith have secured a strong hold in this locality. Father Mangan was greatly impressed with the sacrifice some of the Catholics had to make to attend the mission, and he congratulated them on the enthusiastic spirit shown throughout. Practically the whole of the congregation approached the Holy Table during the three last days of the mission, and the impressive exhortations given by Father Mangan will be long remembered by those who heard them. During his stay in Ormondville Father Mangan was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fitzgerald. Prior to coming to Ormondville Father Mangan conducted successful missions in Onga and Takapau.

**YELLOW BIGOTS RUN AMOK.**

Thus the *Maoriland Worker* of June 4:—

Democracy has much to answer for. Under this system, as it exists, every fool can write to the papers, or start a political party. Such freedom is not an un-mixed blessing, but as it is all done in the name of democracy it is not safe to be too critical about it. Freedom is a glorious thing, but much depends on the kind of freedom, of course. The Protestant Political Ass. is one of the biggest asses the asinine democracy of New Zealand has produced. Of course, it is an Orange body, and Orangemen suffer from a plentiful lack of humor. They cannot see themselves as others see them, and it is very certain they will never get people to see them as they see themselves. At the last meeting of this body of cranks, the chairman (a man who should have more sense) opened the meeting by "ridiculing the idea that the association was purely out to destroy the Catholic Church." At least, that is how he is reported in the choice journalese of the local *Times*. What "purely out" means may be guessed: it is not a classical English idiom by any means, and probably means that the P.P.A. is not in the political game for the purpose of demolishing Rome. Well, Rome was not built in a day, and it is pretty certain it will not be destroyed in a day. So far as the Catholics have been responsible for the creation of a body of ridiculous fools like the members of the P.P.A., they have done ill for their country. Mr. Howard Elliott complains that the Government has treated the yellow bigots as dirt. Can this be because they deserve it? Mr. Elliott declares that "Rome and Bolshevism" (strange bedfellows!) would dominate the country unless the people gave ear to the counsels of the P.P.A. All this is too silly for serious comment. If the P.P.A. raises sectarian issues at the next general election, it will find that the people cannot be warmed up to take any interest in a "sane Protestantism" that lacks dignity, common sense, and even common decency in its propaganda. If Protestants really believe that Catholic influence is improperly used, or have a genuine grievance in connection with the *Ne Temere* Decree, then their fellow-citizens can be relied upon to see that justice is done. There is no need to raise the sectarian devil and to prove that they have no more religion in them than the brute beasts, by embittering the personal relations of Catholic and non-Catholic, or raising issues that are purely imaginary and have as much bearing on the state of Maoriland to-day as the Battle of the Boyne.

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