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Commercial. EVENING STAR OFFICE. Monday, September 30, 1878. Amount of Revenue collected at the Port of Thames this day: £ 4 d 21 16 0

MONTHLY RETURNS. The following is a return of Customs Revenue collected at the Port of Thames for the month ending September 30th 1878, fractional parts omitted:—

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOW that the THAMES VALLEY RAILWAY is an acknowledged fact the Public may congratulate themselves on the future prosperity of the Thames District.

UNDERMENTIONED GOODS IN STOCK AND TO ARRIVE—Morton's Capers, Assorted Pickles. Vinegar (bottled). Castor and Solid Oils (half-pint).

McCONNELL'S BACON AND HAMS. POTATOES, FLOUR, OATS. MAIZE, CHAFF, BRAN.

THOMAS VEALE'S STORE. POLLEN STREET. 30 6

NOTICE. MEETING of Volunteer Officers to consider the Establishment of a National Rifle Association will take place at the Governor Bowen Hotel TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), at 7.30 p.m.

BIRTH. MOORE—On September 30th, 1878, at her residence, Ballis' street, Shortland, the wife of Mr. R. J. Moore, M.C.P., Head Master of Thames School, of twins (son and daughter).

MARRIAGE. MACKAY—WHEELER—On September 24, at St. George's Church, by the Rev. V. Lush, Charles Mackay, stationer, Auckland, to Martha Jane Wheeler, Mackay street, Thames.—Akorua Mail please copy.

THE Evening Star. PUBLISHED DAILY AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. Resurreei.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1878. A MEETING will be held at the Bowen Hotel to-morrow night to consider the proposal, emanating from Wellington, for the establishment of a National Rifle Association in New Zealand.

Quarterly Returns. The following is a return of Customs Revenue collected at the Port of Thames for the month ending September 30th 1878, fractional parts omitted:—

IMPORTS. United Kingdom ... £134 0 0. Victoria ... 1185 0 0. N. S. Wales ... 793 0 0. U. S. America ... 56 0 0.

TRUST OFFICE NOTICES. MALES G.S.—For Auckland, per s.s. Rotomahana to-morrow, at 8.30 a.m.; and per p.s. Enterprise at 12 noon.

This morning, under the supervision of the Borough Foreman of Works, ten of the unemployed started work for the Harbor Board. It having been decided to fill up under the Burke street wharf, from the sitting works inwards, this is the work that has been first started.

At the R.M. Court this morning the only business was the transfer of the Nil Desperandum Hotel from E. J. Angove to James George. Captain Fraser, R.M., occupied the Bench.

THERE was but a moderate attendance at the Academy of Music on Saturday evening, when the entertainment of the Royal Combination Troupe was repeated.

THE velvet smoking cap given as a prize for all-comers at the rifle gallery in Brown street was won late on Saturday night by Sapper Cartwright of the Haukaki Engineers with a score of 25 points.

YESTERDAY was Michaelmas Day, an important occasion to landlords and tenants at home, as being one of the quarter days for payment of rent by tenants, but which has no peculiar significance in the colonies, and is not unfrequently passed over without remembrance.

WE hear that Mr. A. D. Bennett, for several years clerk in the office of Messrs Macdonald and Miller, is about to leave the district. Mr Bennett is best known from his connection with the Naval Brigade, of which popular company he has been a deservedly popular officer for some six years.

THE first of two Grand Concerts by Miss Alice Charbonnet will be given in the Academy of Music to-morrow evening. The talented young lady will be assisted by Miss Florence Neville, the accomplished pianist from Melbourne.

MR ROBERT KELLY, proprietor of the Puriri Soda Water Springs, is going to give this mineral water a fair test. The analyses made of the water assign to it many of the most valuable properties of other famous springs, and are therefore sufficiently encouraging to warrant the proprietor in going to some expense to utilize the water and send it to market.

MR E. T. WILDMAN, who last year offered a valuable prize for competition in St. George's Sunday School, has this year repeated his gift in the shape of "The Prince of Wales' Tour in India," a very handsome and costly book. The subject of the examination, for which sixteen sat, was "The Miracles of Our Lord." The papers were separately examined by the Rev. V. Lush, Miss Haselden, Mr Puckey and Mr Phillips, and the result of their award was that Henry W. Guthrie's paper entitled his to the prize.

Through eating brawn purchased at a butcher's shop in town seventeen persons were yesterday taken ill. Although several of the sufferers were very bad, all are now recovering. An inquiry will be held.

THE river is overflowing, and gangs of men are working to prevent the water getting into the township, but the river is getting the mastery by flowing upon the silt.

MR BROWN, who resigned the office of Minister of Works, contends that he was dismissed. The Opposition announce their policy to be a three million loan, construction of railways and a property tax.

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material supporters to suppose that there was nothing for the Ministerial party to fight. The result was that raw and "odd" members gave their crude notions tongue, and for want of other foes attacked the Government measures.

IN the Legislative Council Colonel Brett has given notice that he will move to-morrow:—"That there be laid upon the table a return of the latest practicable date giving the following information:—The names and stations and strength of each Volunteer and Cadet company, troop, battery, or brigade, the number of officers in each on the date of the return; the number and description of the arms and accoutrements (blank and ball) each; the quantity and description of ordnance and ammunition in the reserve depots and also the number and description of ordnance and arms to make up any deficiencies existing now en route (or ordered) from England.

THE Auckland correspondent of the Otago Daily Times says that at Mass on a recent Sunday morning at St. Paul's Cathedral, the Rev. Father O'Dwyer took occasion to review Mr Sheehan's speech on education. That politician, he said, was neither a credit nor an ornament to the parish to which he belonged.

IN the year 1877 the Sydney Mint coined 1,590,000 sovereigns, and the Melbourne Mint 1,487,000 sovereigns and 80,000 half-sovereigns. Since the opening of these two branches of the Royal Mint, 1855 and 1872 respectively, there have been coined in them 47,620,500 sovereigns and 4,172,000 half-sovereigns.

IN a trial at Winchester, a witness, willing to make his version of a conversation intelligible by reason of his fondness for "says I" and "says he," was taken in and by Baron Martin, with the following result:—"My man, tell us now exactly what passed." "Yes, my Lord, I said I could not have the pig." "And what was his answer?" "He said he had been keeping it for me, and that he—" "No, no; he could not have said that; he spoke in the first person." "No, my Lord, I was the first person that spoke." "I mean, don't bring in the third person; use his exact words." "There was no third person, my Lord, only him and me." "My good fellow, he did not say he had been keeping the pig; he said 'I have been keeping it.'" "I assure you, my Lord, there was no mention of your Lordship at all. We are on different stories. There was no third person there, and if anything had been said about your Lordship I must have heard it." The Baron gave in.

THE rivers are still flooded here, and rain continues with no immediate prospect of cessation. A large number of Supreme Court suitors and witnesses are awaiting an opportunity to proceed down country, but little chance of travelling is possible before Monday or Tuesday at the earliest.

THE reading room at the Athenaeum was opened yesterday afternoon from two to five, and was well attended.

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up to the saddle flaps. The river is still rising. The weather is warm. All the inhabitants are cheerfully assisting each other.

A proposition has been made by the Mayor of Dunedin to suburban municipalities, which will probably settle the water supply dispute in a day or two.

THE Clyde bridge is not so much damaged as was feared. A few hundred pounds will suffice for its repair. On account of the Alexandra punt wires being broken and damage done to the bridge, there is no communication between the Clyde, Alexandra or Teviot.

THE floods in the streams are subsiding, but the Lake is very high, and rising slightly. The weather is still unsettled, with occasional showers. Immense landslips have occurred, and damage to the roads throughout the whole district, as many culverts have been carried away. The lower Shotover bridge is comparatively uninjured, and is again passable. No down country mails have arrived since Tuesday, via Dunedin or Kingston.

THE Molyneux is falling gradually. No further damage has been done to the Beaumont bridge, and it is safe for traffic.

IT is still raining heavily up country, and all round, and the rivers are again rising. Great fears are entertained for the safety of the new bridge over the Clutha, at Rocky Point. The wires of the punt at Alexandra are carried away and traffic is conducted by boats. Gangs of men are engaged between here and the Arrow, repairing the roads, which will occupy some days. The Clyde bridge is said to be safe, although it will cost a good deal to put it right again. The weather is miserable and threatening.

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A telegram from London states that about half the barley crop has been damaged by wet weather.

ADVISES have been received that Cook and Stanley, billiard players, will leave London for the colonies by the September mail.

A deputation from Albury waited on Mr Berry to duties. Mr Berry said his Government would not object to an arrangement to abolish not only the border duty on produce, but all border duties, provided the Sydney Government would meet them in a reasonable spirit.

THE weather is very warm. The appeal in the equity case, Wolfe v. Hart, was dismissed with costs, Judge Molesworth's decision, granting an injunction against Hart using Wolfe's labels for schnapps, being confirmed.

A successful trial has been made of Osborne's self-binding harvester. Governor Bowen has given £200 to the general Church Fund.

DISSOLUTION of marriage has been granted in the case Newal (wife) v. Newal, and White (wife) v. White.

THE Rev. Charles Clarke preached to a crowded audience in aid of the Children's Hospital.

JUDGE Stowe's funeral was largely attended. There are various rumors as to Judge Stowe's successor. Mr Boucaut is named, but probably the vacancy will not be filled up till the Parliamentary recess.

A man named Roberts attempted to blow himself up with dynamite at Port Adelaide.

THE Rev. Samuel Knight, on leaving for England, was presented by the Wesleyans with 300 sovs.

MICHAEL Burke, charged with the brutal murder of Mr Maunell in the far north, was acquitted, on the ground of insanity.

NO more bodies found from the wreck of the James Service, but 100 tons of castor oil salvaged.

CHIEF Justice Burt and Mrs Sandon are very ill.

THE adjourned meeting of the Licensing Court was held at the Court House at noon to-day. Present—Captain Fraser, R.M. (Chairman), Messrs Souter, Workman, and Brown, Licensing Commissioners.

MR Brassey appeared for applicant. Mr Bullen stated that the workmen were still employed at the house, but he believed the hotel would be a good one, and would not object to the granting of the license if the Bench saw fit to grant it.

THE Chairman said the Bench could not grant a license for an unfinished house, and after some discussion Mr Brassey withdrew his application.

THE members of the Naval Brigade, Engineers, Rangers, and Naval Cadet Companies mustered at their respective drill sheds yesterday morning for the purpose of attending church parade. The Navals turned out 145 strong, and really looked splendid. The Engineers, Rangers and Cadets also had good musters.

THE Navals and Cadets attended Divine Service at St. George's Church, and the other two companies marched to the Congregational Church, where the hon. chaplain to the Engineers preached an impressive sermon. This is one of the best attended church parades we have seen for some time, and so far as the Navals are concerned, we understand that their muster has never been equalled here.

THE No. 1 reef in the tunnel is now five feet thick, but as it is poor the manager hopes, however, that its displacement by a slide now coming will improve its quality. To-day the Point Russell rise was resumed, it having been suspended last week to enable the rise and level to be timbered up. Sub-joined is the mine manager's usual weekly report:—"The rise against Point Russell winze, and also the level, are being timbered up to secure the ground, and rising will be resumed on Monday. Tunnel Level.—In driving west No. 1 reef is five feet thick. There is now the appearance of a small slide crossing the lode, which will, I hope, change it for the better. The sinking of the engine shaft has been let by contract at £3 10s per foot, including the fixing of timber, guides, &c., and fair progress is being made. During the past fortnight 290 tons of quartz have been crushed, yielding 20800s retorted gold. The drive on No. 2 reef at 80 feet level west has been suspended for a short time in order to put up a rise over main slide to pick up the point of the reef. In the six new tributes recently let 24 men have set to work with vigor.—I remain, yours, &c., ROBT. COMBE."

THE No. 1 lode continues to look first rate. It is about three feet in thickness, and shows good colors of gold. When the lode is well opened the manager will be able to crush from it on a large scale.

ALBURNIA. The picked stuff in hand having been put through the single stamper battery, the final retorting for the month took place to-day for the yield of 26500s gold. The interim retorting which took place about a fortnight ago produced 33300s, so that the total monthly yield is 61800s retorted gold.

ONLY CHANCE. McCleathery and party have finished crushing for the yield of 602s 2dwts gold.

NEW NORTH CLUNES. Retorting for the mine was in progress at the Prince Alfred mill this afternoon. About 2000s of gold was expected from 38 loads crushed.

KURANUI HILL. Patterson and party have finished their crushing for the yield of 602s 18dwts gold. Catran had a final cleaning up for 802s 9dwts gold.

MONTHLY GOLD RETURNS. (From 1st to 20th September inclusive.)

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Includes Alburnia (618 0 0), Do. (McLean's tr.) (9 5 0), Do. (Moore's tr.) (89 2 0), Do. (Mears' tr.) (8 10 0), Do. (Gollip's tr.) (42 6 0), Crown Princess (Clarkson's tr.) (7 5 0), Do. (Wayte's tr.) (20 0 0), Do. (Morton's tr.) (10 15 0), Caledonian (12 0 0), Do. (Paltridge's tr.) (81 12 0), City of Manchester (28 12 0), Dantless (McGarvey's tr.) (13 5 0), Don Pedro (Robert's tr.) (115 7 0), Do. (Wood's tr.) (2 10 0), Golden Crown (Lamb's tr.) (13 2 0), Hopeful (9 17 0), Hape Creek (Tetley's tr.) (12 8 0), Do. (Owen's tr.) (41 10 0), Do. (Hearn's tr.) (63 18 12), Inverness (Bunny's tr.) (10 2 0), June (14 10 0), Do. (Smith's tr.) (15 0 0), Kurauui Hill (15 8 0), Do. (Ash's tr.) (20 6 0), Do. (Rowe's tr.) (3 5 0), Do. (Gordon's tr.) (26 0 0), Do. (Littlejohn's tr.) (4 0 0), Do. (Vercoe's tr.) (3 5 0), Do. (James' tr.) (21 7 0), Do. (Northey's tr.) (35 6 0), Do. (Jenkins' tr.) (10 5 0), Do. (Le Manquais' tr.) (93 6 0), Do. (McLeod's tr.) (17 5 0), Do. (Coty's tr.) (5 18 0), Do. (Christie's tr.) (3 6 0), Do. (Challis' tr.) (31 14 0), Do. (Peterson's tr.) (26 1 0), Do. (Castran's tr.) (47 4 0), Do. (Patterson's tr.) (6 18 0), Little Maggie (43 18 0), Luck's All (9 10 0), Last Chance (Habe's tr.) (43 4 0), Last Hope (4 9 0), Moanatairi (383 0 0), Do. (Thomas' tr.) (11 9 0), Do. (Hayes' tr.) (36 12 0), Do. (Kneebone's tr.) (63 12 0), Do. (Charnock's tr.) (15 16 0), Do. (Green's tr.) (20 3 0), Do. (Whisker's tr.) (13 8 0), Do. (Christie's tr.) (4 1 0), Do. (Robertson's tr.) (5 9 0), Do. (Moore's tr.) (43 6 0), Do. (Macdonald's tr.) (11 0 0), Do. (Sawyer's tr.) (1 0 0), Do. (Read's tr.) (31 14 0), Do. (Rea's tr.) (68 0 0), Do. (Boyle's tr.) (12 5 0), Morning Light (5 6 0), New North Devon (39 0 0), Old Golden Calf (17 0 0), Do. (Wilcox's tr.) (28 17 0), Only Chance (13 0 0), Prince Imperial (133 16 0), Pretty Jane (2 14 0), Primrose (8 15 0), Prospecting (Muir) (1 6 0), Piako (13 7 0), Do. (Fletcher's tr.) (9 6 0), Do. (Dunstan's tr.) (6 14 0), Do. (Kneebone's tr.) (31 14 0), Do. (Cairne's tr.) (11 17 0), Do. (Bie's tr.) (10 14 0), Do. (Wilson's tr.) (5 11 0), Do. (O'Sullivan's tr.) (9 6 0), Do. (Williams' tr.) (6 3 0), Queen of Beauty (455 0 0), Do. (Wilson's tr.) (66 0 0), Do. (O'Buglien's tr.) (31 3 0), Do. (Kelvie's tr.) (16 13 0), Radical (Owharow) (5 12 0), Ravensworth (Owharow) (12 9 0), Second Try (2 13 0), Smile of Fortune (Cameron's sub-tr.) (83 4 0), Do. (Hutchinson's tr.) (69 12 0), Do. (Shine's tr.) (24 7 0), Una Hill (7 4 0), Waitohi (163 0 0), Waitakauri (Moore's tr.) (237 10 0), West Coast (Weatherall's tr.) (33 0 0), Do. (Smith's tr.) (25 16 0), Do. (Howarth's tr.) (12 9 0), Welcome (Thorburn's tr.) (13 9 0), Young New Zealand (Hollis) (62 10 0), Total (4086 1 12)

FRANCE IMPERIAL G.M. Co. The annual meeting of the Prince Imperial Gold Mining Company, which was to have been held on Friday at Mr Garland's office, lapsed for want of attendance. The directors' report, which was prepared for presentation to the meeting, stated that the operations in the mine had not been successful during the year. 511 loads, or 766 tons, had been crushed, for a yield of 8800s of gold, but this return had not equalled the cost of procuring the quartz. Early in the year the directors purchased the Ural lease for £160 and 170 shares, but this ground had not proved so productive as the directors expected. The directors now considered it more prudent to test the ground by tribute system, instead of continuing to work wholly by wages men, and they had directed the mine manager to mark off several blocks for tribute, and retain a few men only on wages to prospect the lowest levels. A lengthy and exhaustive report from the mine manager, Mr A. Rowe, on the works carried out during the year, the prospects of the various lodes, and recommendations regarding future operations, was also received. The profit and loss account was as follows:—To balance, 2748s 11d. Mine expenditure: Wages, material, rent, license, &c., £3933 18s 3d; total, 11,422 3s 2d. Receipts: Gold, £2653 15s 6d; other items, £34 13s 11d; balance, £2883 13s 9d; total, £11,422 3s 2d.—Herald.

WATCHMAN. The tributers, George and party, have commenced crushing a parcel of 11 loads at the Prince Alfred mill, which they expect will average 1400s per ton. This parcel is chiefly obtained from a rise being put up to connect the two levels, and good prospects are met with. A little stuff is also being broken in the upper level where it has to be stacked, as