

Another Romantic Suicide.

(Pais Phas Association.) AUCKLAND, This day. Mr Hooton, the chemist, remained on a charge of attempting to murder Miss Rayner at Devonport, was found dead in his cell at Mount Eden gaol at three o'clock this morning. An inquest will be held at 2 this afternoon. He is suspected of suicide by poison.

The German Government has devoted 100,000 marks to defray the expenses of exploring the wilds of Central Africa.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills are the best, the cheapest, and the most popular of remedies. The seasons change and circumstances vary, but these remedies can always be used with certainty and with safety.

Sales by Auction.

THURSDAY, 21st INST., at 11 o'clock. TO PARTIES IN SEARCH OF A COMFORTABLE HOME.

SPLENDIDLY SITUATED LEASE-HOLD PROPERTY.

R. R. MCGREGOR Will sell by Public Auction, at his Mart, on the above date.

Mr J. W. WALKER'S LEASEHOLD RESIDENCE, Mount Pleasant.

The House is replete with every convenience, is situated in a most healthy position, and commands a delightful view of town and river scenery.

Services

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

SERVICES TO-MORROW at 11, 3, AND 6.30. Morning: Rev. T. BUDDLE, of Auckland. Afternoon and Evening: Rev. C. E. BARLEY.

Annual TEA MONDAY, 18th inst., at 6.30. Tickets, 1s 6d each. Meeting after as usual.

ODDFELLOWS' HALL, SMOKELAND.

TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING. EDMOND H. TAYLOR

SUBJECT—"Preparation for death"—Is it the New Testament incentive to holiness and all Christian graces.

Kindly bring your Sankey's Hymn Book.

SEYMOUR GOLD MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

WANTED, a MINE MANAGER who has a knowledge of Winding Machinery. Applications, stating terms, to be sent to the undersigned not later than 4th January next.

WANTED, a YOUNG MAN, accustomed to drive a Horse and Cart. Apply to MEARS and Co., Pollen street, immediately.

YOU will find MEARS and CO. the best and Cheapest House on the Thames. GOLDMINE'S STORES, PROVISIONS, GRAIN, and PRODUCE of Every Description.

QUEEN OF BEAUTY EXTENDED GOLD MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

THE Ordinary General MEETING of the Company will be held on FRIDAY, the 22nd inst., at the hour of 3 p.m., in the Large Room of the New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland.

AUCKLAND, 15th December, 1882.

THANKS.

ON behalf of the Teachers of St. George's SUNDAY SCHOOL I beg to return my SINCERE THANKS to those Ladies and Gentlemen who so kindly gave their Services at the Concert on THURSDAY EVENING last, and to the Public for their attendance at same.

A. GERBERG, Superintendent.

Cheap CHRISTMAS HAMPERS for £1.

THE following GOODS, all warranted and Carefully Packed, will be delivered to any part of the Town FOR CASH—

100 lbs No. 1 Sugar, 1lb best mixed Tea, 100 best Coffee, 1lb Fry's or Taylor's Oatmeal, 1lb mixed Biscuits, 2lbs best Butter, 1lb white Rice, 1lb white Sago, 5lbs Woods' best Flour, 2lbs prime new Wines, Cheeses, 1lb Tapioca, 1lb Cornflour, 2lbs full weight Candies, 2lbs best Currants, 2lbs very best Raisins, 1lb Lemon Peel, 1 bottle essence Lemon, 1 packet Spice.

At W. WOOD'S CENTRAL CHEAP MART, POLLEN STREET.

FINE NEW FIGS, MUSCATELLE RAISINS, ELEME, SULTANAS, CURRANTS, PRUNES, JORDON ALMONDS, FOR 'XMAS, AT MEARS and CO.

Amusements

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. Dessee and Business Manager Mr H. Stanley Stage Manager Mr F. Darbyshire Leader of Orchestra Herr Julius Raben Schoolmaster Mr James Musical Director Miss Caroline Stanley Musical Director Signora Palomini

THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING. LAST NIGHT BUT ONE! LAST NIGHT BUT ONE!

MEARS STANLEY and DARBYSHIRE'S JUVENILE OPERA-BUFFET AND PANTOMIME COMPANY, IN PLANQUETTE'S COMIC OPERA OF LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE, OR CHIMES OF NORMANDY.

Scenery by HENRY HOLMES

LAST NIGHT BUT ONE! LAST NIGHT BUT ONE!

Remember the only successful Troupe in Melbourne, Sydney, and Adelaide.

Prices: Dress Circle, 3s; Stalls, 2s; Pit, 1s. Children half-price to Dress Circle and Stalls. Doors open at 7.30; Overture at 8.

WM. FARMER, Agent.

Public Notifications

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, RIGHTS, and PRIVILEGES held within the Hauraki Gold Mining District will be PROTECTED from SATURDAY, the 23rd day of December inst., to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of January, 1883, both days inclusive.

HARRY KENRICK, Warden.

NOTICE.

THE Resident Magistrate and Warden's Offices will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd, to TUESDAY, the 26th days of December, both days inclusive, and from SATURDAY, the 30th December inst., to TUESDAY, the 2nd day of January, 1883, both days inclusive, for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

HARRY KENRICK, Resident Magistrate and Warden.

NOTICE.

THE Hon. the Minister of Mines having notified this Council that Government are prepared to aid by contribution those taking advantage of the apparatus mentioned in the subjoined advertisement for the purpose of prospecting, on behalf of the said Council I hereby invite all Gold Mining Companies or private individuals desiring of testing by this method supposed auriferous ground, to send applications addressed to the undersigned on or before the 8th January, proximo.

ALEXANDER BRODIE, Chairman Thames County Council.

THE AUSTRALASIAN DIAMOND DRILL COMPANY.

CONTRACTS will be undertaken by the above Company to bore any sized holes up to 3 INCHES OR LARGER if required, to any depth, at a reduction of 25 PER CENT. BELOW ANY PREVIOUS CHARGE.

The Company in all cases will find their own fuel and water for drilling purposes, and will make no charge for loss of diamonds or wear and tear on plant, and will also provide workmen, engineers, &c.

The new duplex barrel introduced into the colony by Mr J. Coghlan will be used free of charge to persons searching for minerals.

Mr Coghlan has every confidence, from his practical knowledge of the Diamond Drill, that he will be able to give general satisfaction, as well as quick despatch to all orders addressed to him.

Temporary Offices, 283, George street, Sydney. JOHN COGHLAN, General Manager, pro tem.

Volunteer Notices

DISTRICT ORDERS.

Militia and Volunteer Office, Thames, 14th December, 1882.

THE Officer Commanding the District will make his usual MONTHLY INSPECTION of the several Volunteer and Cadet Corps, at their respective Drill Halls, on the undermentioned dates, viz.:

THAMES NAVAL VOLUNTEERS, on MONDAY, 18th instant, at 7.30 p.m.

THAMES RIFLE RANGERS and NATIVE CORPS, on THURSDAY, 21st instant, at 8.30 p.m.

THAMES NAVAL CADETS on FRIDAY, 22nd inst., at 7.30 p.m.

HAURAKI ENGINEERS, on FRIDAY, 22nd instant, at 8.30 p.m.

J. GRANT, Adjutant Thames District.

THAMES NAVAL BRIGADE.

THE Brigade and Band will Muster at the Hall on MONDAY 18th inst., at 7 p.m. sharp, for MONTHLY Inspection by Major MURRAY.

By order. WILLIAM H. POTTS, Lieut. and Paymaster.

FAMILIES will do well to send their 'Xmas Orders to MEARS and Co., where they can rely on obtaining Sterling Good Value for their money. No other House can

MEARS and CO.

At a very pleasant tea party, the conversation turned on transmigration. A lady of exquisite beauty who was sipping McGOWAN'S best, turned to Mr. — and asked what form he would prefer to inhabit? To be dissolved as tea madam.

Tenders

ROADS, NORTH ISLAND. CAMBRIDGE-ROTORUA ROAD BUSH CONTRACT No. 2. Public Works Office, Auckland, December 9th, 1882.

WRITTEN TENDERS will be received at this Office until noon of WEDNESDAY, January 10th, 1883, for the above named Contract. Plans, Specification, and Conditions of Contract can be seen at this Office, at the Warden's Office, Thames; and at the Constabulary Barracks, Cambridge. and at the Post Office, Tauranga. Tenders must be addressed to the Hon. the Minister for Public Works, Auckland, and marked outside "Tender for Bush Contract No. 2." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By command, W. H. HALLS, District Engineer.

Christmas Novelties

MEARS & CO. ARE NOW SELLING GOODS of the VERY BEST QUALITY at LOWEST PRICES. For CHEAPNESS and QUALITY none can surpass them.

Christmas Presents!

JAMES FINLAY

Is desirous of calling the special attention of the residents of this district to his very large and richly stocked JEWELLERY, which has been bought with a view to meeting the requirements of the present Holiday Season. It is a really magnificent assortment, and from it those desirous of selecting PRESENTS for their friends or members of their families should have no difficulty in making a selection. It comprises—

GOLD BROOCHES, EARRINGS, LOCKETS & CHAINS, GOLD ALBERTS—(Both Ladies and Gentlemen's)

PENDANTS—(Quartz and Greenstone), STUDS, AND RINGS, TRINKETS of Every Description.

The Stock of SILVER JEWELLERY is also very large, and the designs are all of the newest.

GOLD and SILVER WATCHES, both English and American

CLOCKS of all kinds from the Marble Time-Piece for the Drawing-room to the Lever Clock for the Kitchen.

The whole Stock is now being sold at very low Prices, comparison with which is invited.

JAMES FINLAY, BROWN STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN.

Christmas Presents.

Christmas Presents.

The Largest and Best Selection on the Thames.

THE Christmas Season having once more overtaken us, CHAS. MCLIVER would take the opportunity of returning his most hearty Thanks for the very liberal support accorded him by the Thames public since commencing business, and more especially during the past 12 months, and can assure them that no effort will be spared on his part to merit a continuance of it.

I HAVE NOW OPENED UP A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION of FANCY GOODS, TOYS, &c., suitable for CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS, and confidently solicit an inspection. It comprises WRITING DESKS, WORK BOXES, ALBUMS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, and TOYS of every description from the CHEAPEST to the most elaborate and expensive. It is impossible, in an announcement of this kind, to publish a list of the several articles for sale; suffice it to say that it is without doubt—

THE LARGEST AND BEST STOCK EVER OFFERED TO THE THAMES PUBLIC.

Well-wishers to the Thames should recollect that in spending their money at my Establishment they not only obtain the best value for their money, but help along one of themselves—a citizen of the Thames, thereby increasing the prosperity of the place.

Fresh Stock of TOBACCOS, CIGARS, CIGARETTES, PIPES, CIGARETTE-HOLDERS, and all Smoker's Requisites, suit received. Satisfaction guaranteed.

STATIONERY of all kinds. Books, Periodicals, and Newspapers—the Newest and Best.

REMEMBER THE THAMES MAN—

CHAS. MCLIVER, BROWN STREET.

CORDIALS and TABLE DELICACIES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION—

Now Opening Up At MEARS and CO.

THE Niagara falls is a sight never to be forgotten. There are many waterfalls but only one McGOWAN selling 3s Tea.

Racing

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB. TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY December 26th (Boxing Day), and 27th, 1882. FIRST DAY.

1.—TRIAL STAKES of 25 sovs. with a sweep of 2 sovs. each, to go to second horse.

2.—HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 40 sovs. 3.—THAMES PLATE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. 4.—STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 30 sovs. 5.—SELLING HACK RACE of 10 sovs.

SECOND DAY.

1.—FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 25 sovs. 2.—HANDICAP STEEPCHASE of 70 sovs. with a sweep of 2 sovs. each, to go to second horse.

3.—GOLDEN RINGS HANDICAP of 150 sovs. with a sweep of 5 sovs. to go to second horse, third horse to save his stakes.

4.—SELLING RACE of 30 sovs. 5.—CONSOLATION RACE of 20 sovs.

THE RULES of the THAMES JOCKEY CLUB will be STRICTLY adhered to.

W. W. GUNGEON, Secretary.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—BOXING DAY (TUESDAY), DECEMBER 26.

MAIDEN PLATE of 100sovs, 1 1/2 miles. FREE HANDICAP of 100sovs, 1 mile. HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs, 2 1/2 miles.

THE AUCKLAND CUP of 500sovs, 2 1/2 miles. RAILWAY PLATE of 100sovs, 3/4 mile.

SECOND DAY—NEW YEAR'S DAY (MONDAY), JAN 1, 1883.

DERBY STAKES of 100sovs, 1 1/2 miles. PUBLICAN'S PURSE of 100sovs, 1 mile. THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 300sovs, 1 1/2 miles.

SELLING RACE of 100sovs, 1 mile and a distance. MIDSUMMER STAKES of 200sovs, 6 furlongs.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP of 100sovs, 1 1/4 miles.

THIRD DAY—TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1883.

THE NURSERY HANDICAP of 100sovs, 6 furlongs.

AUCKLAND PLATE of 200sovs, 2 miles. HANDICAP STEEPCHASE of 200 sovs, 2 1/2 miles.

STEWARDS' HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 150sovs, 1 1/2 miles. CONSOLATION HANDICAP of 50sovs, 1 mile.

GENERAL ENTRY DAY—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1882.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

Notices

Important Notice.

I HAVE MADE A REDUCTION IN SEVERAL LINES OF GOODS.

FRESH SALMON, in 1lb tins, 10d.

CUPS and SAUCERS, HALF A DOZEN FOR 2s 6d.

Best New CURRANTS, only 7d

Colonial OVENS, from 15s.

Tinware, at very Low Prices.

Buckets, Tubs, &c.—Cheap.

Scrubbing Brushes, from 6d.

3s. TEA. UNEQUALLED IN THE COUNTRY.

FAMILY ORDERS DELIVERED AT THE SAME LOW RATES FOR PROMPT PAYMENT.

TRY MCGOWAN'S 3s. TEA.

Queen's Ferry Hotel, VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

VISITORS from the Thames will find every Accommodation at the above well known and centrally situated Hotel.

IMPROVEMENTS have recently been effected by which the comfort and convenience of Visitors has been greatly enhanced.

LIQUORS of the FINEST BRANDS.

MRS. SUTHERLAND (Late of the Thames), PROPRIETRESS.

I WISH it to be understood that my object in selling 3s Tea is the greatest good to the greatest number, and that the greatest number is number one, therefore try McGOWAN'S 3s Tea.

Notices

FAMILY ORDERS for 'XMAS AT LOWEST WHOLESALE PRICES, And Delivered to all parts of the Goldfield, By MEARS & CO. GOODSON'S LONDON ARCADE IS NOW REPLETE WITH THE MOST SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF USEFUL & ORNAMENTAL GOODS, SUITED FOR CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S, or BIRTHDAY PRESENTS.

Mr GOODSON having made personal selections of the Greatest Novelties during his English and Continental visit, Purchased for cash at an exceptionally favourable time, the Patrons of the Arcade will have the full benefit.

A GREAT VARIETY in CLOCKS, WATCHES, GOLD and SILVER JEWELLERY of all kinds. Just Received—A Consignment of WATERBURY WATCHES at 2s. As before advertised, cannot be procured at a lower price.

A speciality in SPANISH DIAMONDS set in GOLD and ENGLISH GARNET, being elegant and brilliant. ABYSSINIAN GOLD, equal in appearance to colonial gold; specially introduced at the London Arcade. (Beware of imitations.) GOLD-CASED JEWELLERY, by which process a surface of 15 CARAT GOLD is secured, and will wear well, ORIDE GOLD being a metal the color of fine gold.

EVERY ARTICLE IS GUARANTEED AS REPRESENTED. Supplied either from the Window or the Stalls at the prices marked in Plain Figures. ALIKE TO ALL.

Subject to a Liberal Discount to Wholesale Customers, Schools, and Bazaars. Electroplated Tea and Coffee Sets, Biscuit Boxes, Epergnes, Fish Knives and Forks, Carvers, Forks and Spoons, &c., &c.

Mexican Silverware, a perfect substitute for silver in Forks and Spoons; Photographic, Scrap, and Stamp Albums; Deaks, Work-Boxes, Victorias, Companions; Ladies' Bags in Seal, Plush, Velvet, and Leather; Dressing Cases, elegantly fitted; Baskets of all kinds; Kits, Maori and European; Gents' Travelling Bags and Dressing Cases; Pipes, Cigar Cases, &c.

Japanese Goods; Terra Cotta, Majolica, China, and Porcelain Ornaments. A specialty in elegant Moss Goods, Vases, Lustres; Tea, Desert, Afternoon Teas, Toilet, and Toilette Sets.

Flowers and Fruits under Glass Shades; Fans; Ladies' Glove Baskets; Gold Cased Thimbles; Dolls in quality and quantity unsurpassed, from 3d each; Accordion and Concertina, a large stock and low prices; Pictures, Scrap, Transfers, Medallions—in great variety.

Christmas, New Year, and Birthday Cards, more lovely than ever, and cheaper than before. Books at English prices; Family Bibles in elegant bindings, well suited for presents; Musical Boxes, playing 2 up to 10 tunes, from 20s each; Stationery at our usual low price; Toys which will delight the recipients, such as have not before been seen at the Thames.

The 2d, 3d, and 1s counters are laden with New Goods, whilst the better class Toys are marvellously attractive. The stock is so vast it must be seen to be believed and appreciated. Every resident of, and every visitor to, Thames, before making their purchases, should see the Arcade Stock, unequalled in value, extent, novelty, or cheapness. An inspection is cordially invited, irrespective of any purchase being made.

NOTE THE ADDRESS—GOODSON'S LONDON ARCADE, Thames. " " " Napier. " " " Gisborne. " " " Auckland. London Office, 58, St. Mary Axe.

BUY YOUR 'XMAS GOODS Where you have the Best Assorted and choicest Stock to select from. That you will find At MEARS & CO.

MR TYNDALL begs to inform the Public and his Patients at the Thames that for their greater convenience he has REMOVED his Consultation Rooms to R-HALL'S, Chemist, Owen street, where he will be happy to receive his Patients on the THIRD TUESDAY in every Month.

Fresh Butter ... 1s per lb. Wood's Flour ... 7s 6d Anderson's do, ... 7s Flour, 7lbs for 1s.

Coy's No. 1 Sugar 4 1/2 per lb (or 19s 6d per 56lb bag).

Currants, best ... 7d per lb Sardines ... 6d & 10d per tin Salmon ... 9d per tin Kerosene ... 8s 6d per tin

ALL OTHER GOODS EQUALLY CHEAP AT

William Deeble's ROLLSTON STREET. 617

ROLLERSON & SON HAVE RECEIVED, By Steamer Tairora—

60 Sacks Prime Table Potatoes. HAVE TO ARRIVE—

40 Tons of Thornton, Smith, and Firth's FLOUR.

10 Tons of Agricultural and Mercantile Company's FLOUR.

20 Sacks BARLEY.

HAVE RECEIVED—180 Sacks BRAN from Auckland.

80 East Coast MAIZE, Splendid Sample.

100 Sacks OATS, Fine feed.

40 Tons Thornton, Smith, and Firth's FLOUR.

HAVE ON HAND—Flour, Maize, Oats, Oatmeal, Bran, Sharps, and Good Potatoes, and General Groceries.

Try our BREAD and FLOUR, Quality Unsurpassed.

ROLLERSON & SON, BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS, GROCERS, AND PRODUCE DEALERS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, KARAKA ROAD.

THE best test of the interest of a book is its capability of being read a second time, ditto for 3s Tea.

Boots and Shoes

BOOTS. BOOTS. BOOTS. M. WHITEHEAD, BOOTMAKER, POLLEN STREET, HAS A NICE ASSORTMENT OF LADIES' GENTS', BOYS', GIRLS' AND CHILDRENS' Boots & Shoes of every description To Offer Very CHEAP during the Holiday Season. You can procure a Good Article CHEAP at M. WHITEHEAD'S. Make your purchases early, and you will be well served at M. WHITEHEAD'S.

Provisions

TO STOREKEEPERS AND OTHERS. JUST ARRIVED..... DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.

A Splendid Lot of New Fruits For the CHRISTMAS Trade.

Currants | Muscatelles | Eleme Raisins | Candied Lemon Peel | Sultana Raisins | Essence of Lemon | Nuts, &c., &c.

TO ARRIVE—10 Cases McConnell's Hams and Bacon 5 do English Hams

WAIROA CHEESE CANTERBURY CHEESE

SOAPS of all kinds to be had at Factory Price, for Cash, less 5 per cent. discount, AT

Thomas Veale's Stores, POLLEN STREET.

Notices

CHRISTMAS, 1882.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all, WITH ABUNDANCE OF CHRISTMAS FRUITS—Now Opening Up AT MEARS & CO.

IF YOU WANT A CUP OF GOOD TEA FOR 'XMAS, YOU CAN OBTAIN IT AT MEARS and CO. Sterling Quality and Delicious Flavor for 'Xmas.

MEARS & CO.] (MEARS & CO. NEW FRUITS AND FANCY GROCERIES FOR CHRISTMAS TRADE

NOW LANDING—PACKAGES NEW FRUITS AND FANCY GROCERIES, OILMEN'S STORES, TABLE DELICACIES, &c., &c., FOR CHRISTMAS TRADE.

503 MEARS & CO.

Our Rich Flavored TEAS, of Sterling Quality and Delicious Flavor cannot be surpassed, retailed at 2s, 2s 6d, and 3s PER LB, also at the Lowest Wholesale Prices, in Chests, Half-chests, and Boxes.

180 NOW LANDING—BAGS OATS.

150 NOW LANDING—BOXES CANDLES.

347 NOW LANDING—BAGS GOOD OATEN CHAFF.

10 NOW LANDING—CASES PRIME BACON AND HAMS.

TO ARRIVE—NEW CHEESES, WOOD'S FLOUR, &c., &c., &c.