

BOER WAR.

NEW ZEALANDERS AT THE FRONT.

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WELLINGTON, May 23. The general commanding the South African forces, cables to the Premier that the Fourth and Fifth New Zealand Contingents are not likely to leave for the Colony until June 8th.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

LEVEE AT BRISBANE.

LEAVE FOR SYDNEY TO-DAY.

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BRISBANE, May 23. A largely attended levee was held by the Duke at Parliament House, and there was a reception at Government House during the afternoon.

YORKS IN NEW ZEALAND.

MESSAGE TO THE PREMIER.

(Per Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, May 23. The Premier has received advice from the Governor, who is now at Sydney, stating that a decision has been arrived at that His Highness will return from Dunedin to Lyttelton, and will leave Lyttelton for Hobart.

THE MAORI RECEPTION.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

WELLINGTON, May 23. Regarding the decision of the Government to refrain from any official recognition of the proposed Maori demonstration at Auckland by Mahuta and his followers, the Premier explains that the proposal was submitted to the Duke of Cornwall through Lord Ranfurly, with the result that it was determined to confine the native demonstration to Roturua as originally intended, Mahuta's proposal coming too late.

THE PROPOSED NIGHT ATTACK.

It will interest local volunteers to learn that the proposed night attack is to be made. Captain Archer has outlined the merits of the proposal, and said he had it from a military authority that such an attack would afford the garrison at the forts a splendid opportunity of working their guns under war conditions. It was decided to add the night attack to the committee's programme.

Miners' Dispute.

By Telegraph Special Correspondent.

PAEROA, May 23. In the mining dispute after the lunch adjournment, Mr. Kitching, clerk of the Talisman Mining Co., sworn, deposed that 132 men were employed contracting, averaging 3s 4d per day. The same men who worked for wages did twice as much work when contracting.

Scolding Our Trade.

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LONDON, May 23. At the Hon. Mr. Reeves' instance three large Liverpool meat dealers were each fined £10 with seven guineas costs for selling meat from other countries as New Zealand.

An Unpleasant Experience.

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SYDNEY, May 23. A trader named McDonald, who was blown away from the island while journeying to Vila in the New Hebrides, reached Santos, 400 miles away, after 19 days buffeting in a whale boat.

HOW TO TREAT A TROUBLESOME CORN.

To remove a troublesome corn or bunion; First soak the corn or bunion in warm water to soften it, then pare it down as closely as possible without drawing blood and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily; rubbing vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn for a few days, to protect the shoe. As a general remedy for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain Balm is unequalled. For sale by Hansen Bros. and Co.

Federal Politics.

WESTRALIAN RAILWAYS.

THREAT BY SIR J. FORREST.

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MELBOURNE, May 23. The debate on the Address-in-Reply is proceeding. Various speakers criticised the proposed Western Australian railway, which caused Sir John Forrest to threaten what would happen if his State did not get the railway. Two notices of motion were given, asking the Premier whether his attention had been drawn to the threat that his colleague would break up the Union if the railway was not constructed.

Auckland Permanent Force.

SUCCESSOR TO CAPTAIN MACKENZIE.

(Per Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, May 23. The Agent-General advises the Government that the Commander-in-Chief has selected Captain Moore, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, in succession to Captain Mackenzie, of the Auckland garrison.

Mr. Hudson's Promotion.

(Per Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, May 23. Mr. Hudson, whom a cable message to-day announces has been appointed general manager of the Tasmanian Railways, was originally in the service of the Great Western Company, in which beginning on the lowest rung of the ladder he steadily worked his way up to the position of stationmaster. Coming to this colony Mr. Hudson entered the railway service as relieving officer at Wanganui, and he was afterwards associated with Mr. Maxwell in the work of re-organising. In 1884 he was appointed traffic manager on the Auckland section, from whence he graduated to his present position of assistant general manager. Mr. Hudson recently made an extended tour of Tasmania, and acquired a thorough insight into the railway system of that colony.

SPORTING.

WANGANUI RACES.

(Per Press Association.)

WANGANUI, May 23. For the Wanganui Jockey Club's Winter Meeting, first day, there was fine weather and a large attendance. The additional results are as follows: Grandstand Steeplechase.—Moifaa 1, Claymore 2, Kauri Gum 3. Won by the full length of the straight. Eight started, and five fell. Time, 5min 4sec. Dividend, £2 6s.

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The Hospital Question.

PAEROA V. WAHAI.

PRASE FOR THAMES HOSPITAL.

Judging by recent developments the question of the establishment of a hospital in some portion of the Ohine-muri district will resolve itself into a duel between Paeroa and Waihi. Paeroa objects strongly to the proposal to establish the hospital at Waihi and states that it will not allow its funds to be commandeered for the establishment of an institution absolutely useless to the majority of the contributors. The Ohinemuri Gazette thus expresses Paeroa's version of the case: "A hospital at Waihi would be a simple absurdity on any suggestion that it would be of any use for the Paeroa or Karangahake folks. It would be impossible to find five times the money available in the first place, that an adequate institution such as that splendid one at the Thames could be constituted and properly equipped. In the second place Paeroa people would far rather and much more easily go to the Thames than to Waihi. Almost the same remarks apply to Waihi. What the Paeroa and Karangahake people want (and between them they have subscribed between £700 and £800) is a hospital in a central position to suit them. Let Waihi have its hospital by all means, but we cannot afford to give it to who are not who are so rich and who are not so, according to their own showing. Paeroa is the centre of a different district to what it was years ago. It is the hub of Karangahake, Northern, Maroto, Waitekauri North, Hikutaia, and with the opening up of the Finko Swamp, now being purchased by the Government, that immense district, beside with the new roads being made, Turua and Waitoa. Paeroa combines the mining, agricultural and bush industries. The roads, railways, and rivers lead into and from it, and we say that it is in Paeroa the hospital should be built.

Local and General.

The King's Champion.

When the coronation of King Edward takes place (says the "Free Press") it will bring into prominence a picturesque function, who occupies just the public eye but once during every reign. This is the King's champion, the head of the ancient family of Dymoke (pronounced "Dimmock"). When the Dymoke who threw down the glove at Queen Victoria's coronation died some years ago he was supposed to be the last of his race, and his hereditary office was believed to have died with him.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY IN CHICAGO.

Dr. P. A. Phillips, first Mayor of Auckland, and for many years Town Clerk, is now permanently settled in Sydney, enjoying a well earned rest.

Health Assured.

THE Suffering and Ailing from nervous affections, bladder and kidney troubles, depression, exhaustion, bad memory, irritable temper, irritability, sleeplessness, weak back, pains and aches in the head, sleeplessness, can rely on obtaining relief by consulting (personally or by post) Prof. Notmann.

TESTIMONIAL.

PROFESSOR NOTMANN.—Dear Sir—I am pleased to be able to tell you I am feeling well and am improving every day. I have not altogether that miserable feeling I used to have and am quite fresh when I get up in the morning. I can rest and sleep well now. I have gained considerably in weight and look well, the haggard look has left me, and my friends congratulate me on my improved appearance, and I am sure you do not know how grateful I am to you for your kindness and attention, as my life was a burden before I wrote to you. Yours ever gratefully, ALEXANDER PATTERSON.

ENLARGEMENTS.

J.M.F. WISEKES the Public to know that he gives special attention to the PHOTOGRAPHY OF CHILDREN (especially babies) and looks upon them as the easiest of subjects.

NOTICE.

MRS WILSON, midwife Davy Street, Grahamstown, begs to inform Ladies of the Thames that services for Sick or Monthly Nurses can be obtained at above address English and Australian Experience. Ladies' dresses and various houses or otherwise by practice. Use.

Geo. Cullen and Co's great sale now on.

W.A.D.E.'S WORM FIGS are most effective and not unpleasant to children survive after taking them. Price 1s.

Naval Band's Concert.

A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

That the Thames Naval Band is one of our most popular institutions was amply evidenced last night when on the occasion of an enjoyable concert and dance the Miners' Union Hall was well filled. The entertainment was under the patronage of the Thames No. 1 Rifles, the Hauraki Rifles and Band, the latter under Conductor Williams playing a splendid programme outside the hall. To some the number of instrumental selections on the programme might have been too large, but a decisive experiment is the safest way to gauge public opinion, and the band will profit thereby. The selections of the Naval Band consisted of Bellini's "Puritani," which was played at the Wanganui contests of this year—the Wanganui Garrison Band being considered the best interpreters of the music. The piece was many points to commend it to the musical loving public, and it is no empty compliment to say that the Band did the piece full justice. There was a slight hesitancy in attack, but this disappeared as the selection continued, and a decidedly intelligent and enjoyable interpretation of the selection full justice. In Verdi's "Il Trovatore" (one of the contest pieces at the Palmerston North competition of 1899, and won by the Wellington Garrison Band) the Naval Band acquitted itself creditably, and in this satisfactory exposition of a difficult piece high praise must be awarded Conductor Lawn, under whose able tuition the Band has made marked progress. Other instrumental selections comprised the trombone duet, "Larboard Watch," by Bandmen Robinson and Henderson; euphonium solo, "Send for the Call," by Band soloist, "My a broom," by Bandman Cowley, who is to be complimented upon his skillful interpretation of the selection; several quartets by Bandmen; the duet (cornet) by Bandmaster Lawn and Bandman W. Robinson; and the cornet solo, "Fantasia on Grandfather's Clock," arranged, composed, and played by Bandmaster Lawn. This was undoubtedly the instrumental item of the evening, and the loud applause of the audience, the bandmaster's efforts showed that the audience recognised the difficult nature of the selection, and the high quality of the player's performance. Miss Gibson, who met with a good reception, sang "Soldiers in the Park," and was loudly encouraged, the audience insisting on the re-appearance of the singer. With her sister the duet, "Distant Chimes," was also given, and again the audience expressed its approval with loud and long sustained applause. Mr. Johnson was encored for his vocal item "The song that reached my heart," and responded with that stirring solo, "Let me like a soldier fall. Miss Ashby's song was "Two Nightingales," Bandmen Cowley and Hardman did justice to the duet "Albion, our fertile plains"; and Bandman R. Hastings met with the inevitable encore for his comic song "Money" and "There all fine girls." The accompaniments of Misses Twohill and Downes left nothing to be desired. An enjoyable dance followed, Bandmaster Hardman making an efficient Master of Ceremonies.

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