

Public Auction Sales.

THIS DAY. At 11 o'clock.

PIGS, HORSE, TARANAKI SALT BUTTER, POTATOES, SUGAR, FLOUR, GROCERIES, &c., &c., &c. W. DOWDEN Will sell, at his Mart, Albert-street, at 11 o'clock This Morning.

Also, at 11 o'clock, 4 Berkshire Pigs, A Saddle Horse.

THIS DAY. At 11 o'clock.

MESSRS. GUDGEON & CO. Will sell at their Rooms, A VARIETY OF FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, Clothing, Poultry, &c., &c.

THIS DAY. At 11 o'clock.

FOUR-ROOMED COTTAGE, Near Mennie and Day's Bakery.

MONDAY, APRIL 20. At 11 o'clock.

VALUABLE LIBRARY FOR SALE FURNITURE, ETC.

MONDAY, APRIL 20. At 11 o'clock.

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE. BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

A CULTIVATED FARM, Containing 461 Acres, with Farm House, Water Mill, and other Out-buildings thereon, situated at Waitari, Bay of Islands.

MESSRS. GUDGEON & CO. Have been favoured with instructions from the Mortgagee to sell, at their Rooms, on Monday next, at 11 o'clock, A VALUABLE FREEHOLD FARM, consisting of 451 acres, 80 acres of which are fenced and in cultivation.

SALE OF UNREDEEMED PLEDGES, by Messrs Gungeon & Co., at their Mart, on Tuesday, the 21st April, at 11 o'clock.

Business Notices. SKITTLES SKITTLES! SKITTLES! W. J. CONSTANT HAS much pleasure to announce to the lovers of the above Sport that he has RE-OPENED his SKITTLE ALLEY, and with confidence recommends it as one of the best in the province.

STILWELL & CO., NURSERY AND SEEDSMEN, PARAWAY NURSERY, ARE prepared to PLANT Gardens, Pleasure Grounds and Orchards, by Contract. Seeds direct from the Grower, and Guaranteed.

Clothing, &c.

IMPORTANT TO THE THAMES PUBLICATION WILL Commence on SATURDAY, 11th April, to Sell the whole of the large Stock of MEN'S, BOYS', AND YOUTHS' CLOTHING & MERCERY, IN HIS ALBERT-STREET BRANCH.

SAMUEL COOMBS

THE depressed state of the Thames, has determined him to GIVE UP BUSINESS in these premises. The Goods will be Sold UNDER COST PRICE, so as to clear the whole as early a date as possible.

THIS WILL BE FOUND TO BE A GENUINE SALE, S. C. NOT BEING IN THE HABIT OF ADVERTISING SHAMS AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.

SATURDAY, 11th APRIL.

SAMUEL COOMBS, ALBERT-STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN.

GAZETTE IN BANKRUPTCY.

IN BANKRUPTCY. NOTICE is hereby given that by an order of the District Court of Auckland, holden at Grahamstown, made this seventeenth day of April, 1874, JOSEPH REID, of Shortland, in the District of Hauraki, in the Province of Auckland and Colony of New Zealand, Store-keeper, was ADJUDGED a BANKRUPT, under the Bankruptcy Act, 1867, the Bankruptcy Act Amendment Act, 1868, and the Bankruptcy Act Amendment Act, 1870, and the FIRST MEETING of the CREDITORS of the said Bankrupt was ordered to be held in the Office, at Shortland, of the Clerk of the said Court, on TUESDAY, the twenty-sixth day of April instant, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

EDWARD KING TYLER, Solicitor for the said Bankrupt.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MARY STREET. SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

ON SUNDAY, the Rev. B. C. BUTLAND will preach in the Morning, and the Rev. T. SHARP in the Evening.

THE SOIREE will be held on TUESDAY NEXT (21st). Captain DALRYMPLE is expected to preside.

BAPTIST CHURCH. THE REV. WILLIAM JONES (who is about leaving for Australia) will preach his FAREWELL SERMONS To-morrow—Morning at 11, Evening at half-past 6.

DESIGNS for the COMMON SEAL of the Borough will be received by the Council up to 4 o'clock p.m. on THURSDAY, April 20, 1874.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to Messrs J. COSGRAVE & Co., will be received at my office, up to April 24th, 1874, for all Mr. J. Cosgrave's Right, Title and Interest in those Premises known as the CASH PALACE, BROWN-STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN.

TENDERS will be received until MONDAY, the 20th instant, for BUILDING a HOTEL up the Moanataiaki Creek. Plans, &c., at my office.

TO CARPENTERS & BUILDERS. TENDERS will be received until MONDAY, the 20th instant, for BUILDING a HOTEL up the Moanataiaki Creek. Plans, &c., at my office.

NOTICE. IN consequence of a Siding being constructed at the Elmer Station, which will enable intending Contractors for the ELMER STATION HOTEL to forward material by rail, the TIME for RECEIVING TENDERS is EXTENDED to the 27th instant.

WINDSOR CASTLE Gold Mining Company. WANTED, Tender for DRIVING Fifty Feet in continuation of above Company's low-level.

TOOKEY QUARTZ Mining Company (Limited). TENDERS will be received up to noon on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, for DRIVING a LEVEL through the Company's Ground 300 Feet. For particulars apply at the office on the works.

TO MINERS. TENDERS will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, for SINKING the Main Shaft 100 Feet, more or less. For specifications and further information apply at the office on the works.

TO SINKERS. TENDERS will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, for SINKING the Main Shaft 100 Feet, more or less. For specifications and further information apply at the office on the works.

Insurance. NATIONAL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Medical. I AM obliged to visit England, and have arranged with my friend and relative Dr. PAYNE to occupy my house in Pollen-street, Shortland, and attend to my Practice.

NOTICE. EDWIN BRAY, hereby give notice that I will NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by my WIFE, FANNY BRAY, after this date.

Orders for MARSHALL & COPELAND'S DUNEDIN BEER received by JOHN RIDD, 28, Lower Queen-street, Auckland, Sole Agent for this Province.

Volunteer Notices.

No. 1 ROYALS. IN consequence of the unfavorable report as to the efficiency of the Company by Major Gordon, the Members of the No. 1 Royal H.R.V. are requested to Return the Uniform, Arms, and accoutrements of the Company to me, on or before THURSDAY, the 23rd April instant, preparatory to the Resignation of the whole Company.

THE ANNUAL INSPECTION of the Brigade by Major Gordon having been called for this Evening, the 18th instant, at the Naval Hall, every Member is particularly requested to attend at 6.30 sharp. Annual Church Parade will be held on SUNDAY.

THAMES SCOTTISH VOLUNTEERS. ANNUAL INSPECTION by Major Gordon This Day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. Every Member of the Company and Band expected to be present. Uniform, Arms, and accoutrements. CHURCH PARADE To-morrow (Sunday), at 10.15 a.m.

THAMES SCOTTISH CADETS. ANNUAL INSPECTION by Major Gordon This Day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. sharp. Members to attend in Uniform, with Arms. All expected to attend.

MEMBERS are requested to attend CHURCH PARADE at 10.15 a.m., To-morrow (Sunday). Muster opposite Academy of Music. Side arms.

MEMBERS of the above Company are requested to ASSEMBLE for Church Parade To-morrow, at 10.15 a.m., opposite the Academy of Music.

MEMBERS are requested to attend CHURCH PARADE at 10.15 a.m., To-morrow (Sunday). Muster opposite Academy of Music. Side arms.

THAMES RIFLE BANGERS. MEMBERS are requested to attend CHURCH PARADE at 10.15 a.m., To-morrow (Sunday). Muster opposite Academy of Music. Side arms.

FOOTBALL CLUB. A MEETING of the Football Club will take place at WALTERS THIS (Saturday) EVENING, at 7 o'clock.

THAMES CHORAL SOCIETY. THE First CONCERT of the above Society will be given at the Academy of Music on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING. OF THE CROWN PRINCE Gold Mining Company (Registered) will be held at the Company's Registered Office, Wyndham-street, Auckland, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of May next, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

CALL (the tenth) of One Shilling per Share has this day been made, payable at the Company's Office, Williamson-street, Grahamstown, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th of May, 1874.

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Drapery and Clothing, &c.

RETIRING FROM THE RETAIL. ARE giving up their RETAIL BUSINESS in OWEN-STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN.

A SALE of the GOODS, will be continued until the entire Stock is disposed of.

They are now landing £30,000 WORTH OF DRAPERY and MEN'S CLOTHING, purchased by Mr. COSGRAVE from the English and French Manufacturers, which will be sold at prices unprecedentedly low.

NO CREDIT will be given during the Sale.

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Miscellaneous.

FOR Public Works, Oamaru, LEAVES THIS DAY, per 'Golden Crown.' Tickets at my office.

HEREBY Notify that it is my intention to apply at the Resident Magistrate's Court, Shortland, on Monday, the 27th April, for a TRANSFER of LICENSE now held by me for the sale of Alcoholic Liquors in the Cornwall Arms Hotel, Grahamstown, to JANE FITZ.

FUNERAL NOTICE. THE Friends of Mr PATRICK WATER are invited to MEET at his Residence, at 2 o'clock THIS DAY, to follow the remains of his Child to Tararu, en route for interment in Auckland.

FOR IMMEDIATE SALE. THE FRESHHOLD of all the following Blocks of LAND, situate at PARAWAY, Thames:—1. The Tororo B, containing about 6 acres.

FOR SALE, THAMES TEST and SPECIAL MORTGAGE, Harten-street, Tokopu's Flat, with Lease of Allotment and four-roomed House erected thereon.

WANTED, a good GENERAL SERVANT. References required.—Apply Mrs. W. C. WRIGHT, Mary-street.

WANTED, Good STONEBREAKERS.—Apply to HUGH DAVIES, Amy-street.

WANTED, a WAITER.—Apply Pacific Hotel.

WANTED, a Good SHOP HAND.—J. Moses, Thames Cloth Hall.

CAUTION. OLSON'S TOMATO SAUCE. CONNOISSEURS pronounce this Sauce to be the BEST for general use in households, and, in consequence of its high reputation, some unprincipled persons have been induced to COLLECT EMPTY BOTTLES bearing the manufacturer's name stamped thereon, and pass the same off as 'Olson's Universal Tomato Sauce.'

SHIPPING. PORT OF THAMES.—APRIL 17. ENTERED INWARDS.

CLEARED OUTWARDS. Golden Crown, p.s., 209 tons, Fairquhar, for Auckland, with passengers and cargo; Fawn 33 tons, Benn, for Russell, in ballast.

COMMERCIAL. THAMES STOCK AND SHARE MARKET. FRIDAY, 7.15 p.m.

SALES.—Caledonian, £9, £9 2; Old Whau, £6 7s 6d; £6 10s, £6 12s 6d, £6 10s; Watchman, 10s; Coliban, 11s, 11s 6d, 12s, 12s 6d; Sons of Freedom, £4 17s 6d; Lincoln Castle (1s call paid), 6s; Cure, 6s; Bright Smile, £4 12s 6d, £4 15s; City of London, 24s; Bird-in-Hand, 16s; Queen of the May, 12s; Crown Prince (paid-up), 16s; Exchange, 9s 6d; City of York, 1s 9d.

BUYERS.—Caledonian, £9; Albion (second issue), 32s 6d; Ruby, 5s; Lincoln Castle (1s call paid), 6s; Cure, 5s; Omega, 10s; Bright Smile, £4 12s 6d; Bird-in-Hand, 16s; Crown Prince (contributing), 16s; Exchange, 9s; South British Insurance, 5s.

CUSTOMS DUTIES. Customs duties for the 17th of April, 1874:—Duties £11 7 0.

THAMES PROVISION MARKET.—APRIL 17. WHOLESALE PRICES.—Fresh butter, 1s 6d; salt do., 1s 2d to 1s 3d; eggs, 1s 6d to 1s 10d; bacon (Canterbury), 11s; hams (do.), 1s 1d to 1s 2d; cheese (do.), 9s; cheese (provincial), 7d to 8d.

BREKFAST PRICES.—Fresh butter, 1s 9d; salt do., 1s 4d to 1s 6d; eggs, 1s 9d to 2s; cheese (Canterbury), 1s; bacon (do.), 1s 2d; hams (do.), 1s 4d; cheese (provincial), 9d to 10d.

WIND AND WEATHER.—APRIL 17. Places. Wind. Bar. Ther. in shade. Weather.

Auckland .. S.W. 10 30.15 50 Blue sky

Thames .. Calm 30.15 50 Cloudy

Waitako .. S. light 30.12 64 Blue sky

Tauranga .. S.W. 14 30.20 63 Rain

Timaru .. S.W. 14 30.20 63 Passing showers

Port Chalmers .. N.W. 12 30.17 57 Blue sky

MAILS. For Auckland, per p.s. 'Golden Crown,' this day, at 2.30 p.m.; and per p.s. 'Enterprise,' at 5 p.m. For Southern Provinces (for transmission per a.s. 'Phoebe') on Tuesday next.

NOTICE. SUBSCRIBERS are reminded that the present Quarter terminated on Tuesday, the 31st ultimo.

THE Thames Advertiser. SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1874.

SINCE the return of the Superintendent from Wellington, there has been no public intimation made of the results of his conferences with the Ministry.

A few days ago we published the agreement between the Superintendent and the Pumping Association respecting the Government aid in deepening the shaft.

While on the subject as it relates to the Pumping Association, we may state that Messrs F. Whitaker and W. Weston, two of the directors, arrived from Auckland yesterday for the purpose of transacting business connected with the proposed work, of which not the least important to the mines generally is the drainage question.

It is proposed to levy drainage rates on all those mines which are being benefited by the company's operations. This step is one which has been generally expected.

The company has already expended a very large sum of money primarily of course for their own immediate requirements, but by the works they have carried out and the machinery they have erected they have directly benefited a large number of mines by draining their ground and enabling them to work at deep levels.

The benefits of the past must go for nothing; it is for future benefits that these companies will be required to pay drainage contributions, and if there are disputes raised they can only be adjusted by appeal to the Warden's Court for enforcement of the terms of the Drainage Act.

But the visit of these directors is for another purpose, of course in conjunction with the former. A plan of operations has to be arranged, the first step of which is the sinking of the 'Tookay shaft' a further depth of 100 feet to reach the same depth as the 400-foot level of the Pumping Association shaft.