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The Sharemarket.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, Sept. 25.

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FRIDAY, 28TH INST., AT 11 O'CLOCK.
BUILDINGS FOR REMOVAL.
R. R. McGREGOR will Sell by Public Auction at the Hospital site Several Large Buildings for removal.
Terms Cash.—Particulars at sale.

Sale by Auction.
WEDNESDAY, 26th Inst., at 11 o'Clock, at Sample Room, Karaka Bridge.
R. R. McGREGOR will Sell by Public Auction Lot Personal Effects in the estate of the late Mr Dowey. Also—1 Chaff Cutter, Wire Netting, Mangle, Go Cart Lots Furniture on account of Mrs Coombes and Mr Ball; large quantity of sundries, Mining Tools and Lot Traveller's Samples.—Terms cash.

The Thames Star.
Resurrexi.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1900.

FAIR RENT.

THE Fair Rent Bill, which has been introduced into the House by the Hon the Minister for Lands (Mr Duncan), and has been read a first time, aims at lessening the rent of agricultural, town and suburban properties It is well known that many poor men cannot pay the high rents demanded by landlords without making a considerable sacrifice either on the part of themselves or of their families. A workman earning £2 8s per week has not sufficient left out of his wages to provide the necessaries of life for his family, after paying 8s or 10s per week in rent. If he manages to keep out of debt he will be a very fortunate individual—even though the strictest economy is observed. With agricultural lands we are not so much concerned as with town and suburban properties. Residents in the Thames Borough and in the Parawai, Waiotahi and Kauaeranga Ridings of the County are interested in the interpretation clause defining fair rent. "In the case of town, suburban or village land 'fair rent' shall mean, 'such a rent as a tenant can fairly be expected to pay, having regard to its site, buildings and business advantages if let for business purposes for which it is best adapted, and its site, building and residential advantages if let for purposes of residence' 'Land' means land of every description by whomsoever owned, or in whomsoever vested, and includes Crown lands, public reserves and native lands. For the purposes of the Act the Governor, by Order-in-Council may divide the colony into districts, and for each disirict a Fair Rent Board is constituted, to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council, and with a Stipendiary Magistrate as chairman. The Board will have power to deal with any land which is situate in the district. After hearing evidence the Board shall determine what is the fair rent of the land, and the date on which it shall commence, and make an order accordingly. In fixing the fair rent the Board is to be guided by—(1) The quality and situation of the land: (2) its access to markets; (3) the present and probable future cost of production and price of produce; (4) the state of trade and price of commodities; (5) generally all such other considerations as the Board deems equitable After the filing of an application to fix the fair rent, proceedings for the ejectment of the tenant may be stayed, and the landlord's right of distress is limited to the fair rent fixed by the Board. The decision of the Board is to be final."

Mr. T. A. Dunlop received a wire from Lord Albert Osborne stating he would arrive at the Thames by the afternoon train from Morrinsville. Lord Osborne will be shown over the Thames-Hauraki pumping plant and other important places of interest.

Another misfortune has befallen the Cardiff coal mine (says the Westport Times). A big slip has come down, blocking the main entrance to the mine, and endangering the bridge.

Direct shipments of new goods for spring and summer ex steamers Pakeha and Gothic have now been opened by W. S. Wylie. Extensive ranges in dress materials, great variety and extraordinary good value.—Advt.

We are pleased to be able to report that Mr Jas. Mackay, of Paeroa, is making favorable progress towards recovery.

The Oamaru Mail states that a serious assault was committed on Mr. Kelly, proprietor of the Globe Hotel, Oamaru, that gentleman having been rendered unconscious. Informations have been laid against two men in connection with the affair.

Try W. Wood's for cheap fresh eggs, rice 2½d lb, fresh butter from 9d, sago, sugar, tapioca 5lbs, new raisin flour, 10lb 4s 2d. Drink real good coffee at 1s 5d. 2s packet tea 1s 4d, 2lbs billy tea 2s 9d. Light up with best kerosene at 7s 9d per case, Sperm candles 5d. Plant Yates' Reliable Seeds, vegetable, floral, and agricultural.—W. Wood, agent. Catalogues free. Trading Stamps given.—Advt.

Justice Edwards gave judgment at Wellington this morning on motions in re Pilcher versus the proprietor of the Napier Daily Telegraph. His Honor refused Mr. Gully's motion for non-suit, and a motion for judgment for defendant, but ordered a new trial on the grounds that the evidence tendered by defendant of subsequent publication by the newspaper in mitigation of damages was improperly rejected at the trial. He also ordered the costs of the trial and the proceedings at Wellington to be reserved pending the result of a new trial. The date of the new trial is not yet fixed.

A defendant who appeared in a school case at Christchurch last week gave as a reason why her boy, eight years of age, had not attended school on certain days, that he had gone to the races with some other boys. The magistrate remarked that the racecourse was not a fit place for a child of that age, and fined the defendant 2s.

At Hansen's, seed potatoes, kidneys and Breeze's prolific, 4s 6d by the sack; champion flour 50, 4s 3d; rice, 6lbs and 5lbs, 1s; sugar, 5lbs 1s; cornflour, 3d; extract coffee, from 6d; candles, from 5d; vestas, 4d dozen; salt, 28lbs 1s; tobacco (Derby), 9d; currants, 7d; kerosene, 7s 9d per case; Manning's tomato sauce, 6d; Worcester sauce, from 4d, sardines, from 3d; mullet, 6d; fresh herrings, 7d; tomat sauce, 6d do. kippered, 9d. CASH only.—Advt.

WAR IN CHINA

Li Hung Chang's Views.

PEACE UNLIKELY

China Will Face the World.

The Empress Defiant.

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Peace Negotiations.

LI HUNG SPEAKS HOPELESSLY.

WILL NOT SURRENDER TUAN AND CO.

ANTI-BOXER EDICTS.

TROOPS ORDERED TO KILL REBELS

LONDON, September 24

Li Hung Chang has telegraphed to Shanghai admitting that the surrender of Prince Tuan, Kang Yi, and others is out of the question. Peace was impossible, and China was compelled to fight the world.

HONGKONG, September 24.

A proclamation has been issued by Li Hung Chang throughout Paoting Fu and elsewhere in which orders are given to the Chinese Imperial soldiers to fight against and exterminate the Boxers at Paoting Fu.

There has also been circulated a magisterial notification that all houses occupied by suspected Boxers be confiscated if found deserted, and be occupied at the end of a fortnight's time.

WASHINGTON, September 24.

The Government, replying to Germany's note with reference to the Chinese question, states that China should have an opportunity of spontaneously degrading and punishing the instigators of the rebellion.

HONGKONG, September 24.

Tung-Fuh-Siang has been appointed Generalissimo of the Chinese army.

He declares that he will oppose Waldersee tooth and nail.

Battle of Pietang.

ALLIES LOSE THIRTY.

HONGKONG, September 24.

At the battle of Pietang the allies lost 30 killed.

The Russians seized Chinawantae.

It is reported that Petachin, which the Germans invested, has been captured.

It was until recently the headquarters of the Boxers.

America and the Emperor.

EMPRESS BEARDS THE POWERS.

AND HONORS THE CHIEF CULPRIT.

WASHINGTON, September 24.

Mr Conger has been authorised to confer with Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, representing to the Emperor the hope of facilitating his restoration to authority pending final negotiations.

The Dowager Empress has promoted Prince Tuan to the Grand Council.

Chang, an anti-foreigner, has been appointed the new Taotai of Shanghai.

LONDON, September 24

A Reuter's despatch from Washington states that America is reducing her contingent at Pekin to a strong legation guard but Admiral Remey will have command of five armoured vessels, two protected cruisers, and a number of gunboats of various classes.

Auckland News.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, September 25.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT.

Miss Margaret McDonald, who took the white veil at St. Mary's, Auckland, will be known in religion as Sister Mary Benedicta.

The golden jubilee of the arrival of the order in Auckland was made the occasion of a presentation of a beautifully illuminated address to the Sisters of Mercy by expupils and also a purse of eighty-one sovereigns at St. Mary's Convent yesterday afternoon.

In thanking the donors on behalf of the Sisters, Bishop Lenihan said the latter were anxious that a hospital should be erected at Mount Eden in connection with the Convent, and the money would form the nucleus of a fund for that purpose.

DISMISSED.

The charges of rape preferred against Constables Mitchell and Williams by two women in connection with a recent sly grog case were dismissed. No complaint was made for a week after the grog case. The evidence of the women was held to be unreliable.

Corrick Family

We give our readers final notice of the popular entertainment by the Corrick Family this evening. Every member of this talented company is a born musician, and can play any instrument from a Jew's harp to a double bass The singing of Miss Alice Corrick is a revelation, and musical critics throughout the colony rightly term her the New Zealand nightingale. All lovers of good music should not fail to attend the Miners' Union Hall this evening.

SPORTING.

N.Z. CUP SCRATCHINGS.

CHRISTCHURCH, Sept. 25.

Major George's Seahorse and Laborer have been scratched for the N Z. Cup.

New Zealand scenery all admit
Is unsurpassed in any land;
One gazes till he's loth to quit
Views so splendid and so grand.
But winter brings its squalls and storms
When everybody should inure
His system with the stuff that warms—
W. E. Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

The Plague

MEFBOURNE, Sept. 25.

Glasgow has been declared an infected port.

Convicted of Murder.

MELBOURNE, Sept. 24.

John Bridmore has been sentenced to death for wife murder.

Arrival of the 'Frisco Mail.

AUCKLAND, September 25.

Arrived: Mariposa, from San Francisco. The Health Officer is on board. She will be berthed about 1.30.

The Stoke Industrial School.

(Per Press Association).

NELSON, September 25.

Brother Wybertus was admitted to bail totalling £400, in addition to his own recognisances. He is held in £500 besides his own bond, having been committed for trial on four other charges of common assault.

The five charges against Brother Killian, of common assault, were heard together, and evidence was given of his beating boys with a supplejack over the head, body and hands. Also of his punching and kicking boys. His formal committal takes place this morning.

Thames Navals at Coromandel.

A PLEASANT TRIP.

The p.s. Terranora, which ran an excursion to Coromandel on Saturday under the auspices of the Thames Navals, took away in all about 150. Captain McLeod had the Terranora at her best, and a smart trip was made.

On arrival at Coromandel the first thing taken in hand was the shooting match with the Coromandel Rifles, in which the conditions—eight men aside, seven shots each, and two ranges (500yds and 600yds)—were somewhat new to the Navals, who, after a close contest, won by only 6 points.

After dinner, the centre of interest was the Kathleen paddock, where the Navals' and Rifles' football teams met. The match ended in a draw, there being no score, although Coromandel had the best of the game, and had hard luck in not getting over.

About a hundred persons attended the dinner, when Captain Kenrick presided, with Captain Woodward on his right. The toast of "The Queen" was proposed by the Chairman, and was heartily drunk. Song, Sergeant Horne; "The Visitors," Captain Kenrick, responded to by Captain Woodward and Adjutant Sommerville; song, Drummer Fieney; song, Sergeant Barry; finger solo, Bandsman Scott; song, P.O. Pearce; "The Army and Navy," Mr. M. King, responded to by Captains Kenrick and Woodward; song, Private Kennerley; "The Ladies," Mr. Johnston, responded to by C.P.O. McLachlan; songs, Bandsmen Robinson, Rowe and Hardman, and Mr. Hooper; "The Thames Naval Band," Captain Kenrick, responded to by Bandmaster Smith.

On Saturday night the band gave an open air concert, and seldom has a band played to a more appreciative audience, applause greeting every selection. The Thames Naval Band has certainly left a good impression in Coromandel, where the absence of a regular town band is much felt, and where the visitors' music was somewhat of a novelty as well as a delight.

On Sunday afternoon the band paraded to the Wesleyan Church, which was crowded on the occasion of an impressive memorial service to "The Dead who Died for Empire"—British heroes fallen in South Africa. The Rev. J. Mitchell preached a most eloquent sermon, and read a list of New Zealanders who have laid down their lives in the new colonies. The Naval Band, under Bandmaster Smith, gave an excellent rendition of "The Dead March in Saul" and "The Final Halt." The choir was heard to advantage in the anthems "The Home Land" and "Vital Spark."

Straight from the Church the Navals marched to the wharf, which was almost in a state of siege, and after a right royal send-off, with much hand-shaking and delay, the visitors boarded the Terranora, which arrived home early on Sunday evening.

SHOOTING MATCH.

Thames.			
Grundy	29	30	59
Crosby	31	24	55
Rowe	28	25	53
Spraggon	26	28	54
Newman	28	19	47
McCollum	32	17	49
Dobson	28	18	46
Lukey	27	23	50
	229	184	413
Coromandel.			
Morrison	24	17	41
Suiter	25	23	48
Kenrick	33	27	60
Strongman	33	23	56
Senior	28	24	52
McCarthy	31	25	56
Gatland	30	27	57
McHale	24	13	37
	228	179	407

The Navals have now beaten the shooting team of every corps in the No. 2 Battalion save the Onehunga Rifles, and purpose paying Onehunga a visit to try conclusions there.

At Court's great winter sale special bargains in millinary, mantles, mackintoshes, furs and a miscellaneous lot of fancy articles suitable for bazaars, fancy fairs or useful presents.—Advt.

Rich new milk—Plentiful supply daily at W. Wood's.—Advt.

FOOTBALL.

THAMES V. WAIHI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WAIHI, September 24.

The above match was played on the Recreation Reserve last Saturday. There were fully 1500 people present, and the weather was all that could be desired. The Waihi Brass Band was in attendance, and played several selections during the afternoon. A half-holiday was observed by all the business people. Mr. A. Campbell, of Auckland, was referee, and gave general satisfaction. The following are the teams which did battle:

Thames (blue and black)—Full, Newdick; three-quarters, Buckland, McPike, Johnston, five-eighths, R. McGregor (captain); half, Coote; wings, S. McGregor and E. Billing; forwards, Cantley, Twohill, Cunningham, McDuff, Smith, McKeown, Renshaw.

Waihi (maroon)—Full, J. McLean; three-quarters, Thom, Flett, Landy; five-eighths, Garvey (captain); wings, Lundy and Mathias; forwards, McMillan, Arns, Bennett, Brown, Clarkin, Pascoe, Ascott.

FIRST SPELL.

Thames won the toss and chose the near goal, having the sun behind them. Buckland returned the kick-off to centre, where forward play ensued for some time. Mathias broke out of the pack with the ball at his toe, but the Thames backs came into possession, and turned the tide towards the home goal. McCall stemmed the rush by finding the touch line at the 25 mark. From the line out the blues got on another rush, but the oval became the possession of the Maroons. Landy picked up and made a short run, punting back to centre, where by smart following up Flett prevented long return. Garvey marked here, and play swept into the visitors' 25. From a line out Buckland picked up and ran to centre, the oval eventually going out. After the throw in the home forwards worked into neutral territory, where an exchange of kicks followed from the back division. Close pack work followed, Brown breaking out with the leather at his toe, but the blues came with a sweeping rush, and hostilities were soon raging close to the Waihi goal line. From a scrum here the Thames backs passed along their line, and would have scored but for the quick dashes of Thom, who prevented the pass to wing. Touch in goal followed. Landy punted to centre, McGregor returning. The maroon forwards worked up along the line, but were met with strong opposition by the opposing forwards. Arns, McCall and Landy instituted a passing rush here, the latter being compelled to kick up the field. Coote marked, the oval being returned by Landy. A scrum followed at centre, the play crossing the field, where Thom made a splendid dash to the blues' 25. Loose play followed, Garvey punting to the goal line. The oval was, however, returned smartly, and play ensued in neutral territory. After some give and take play Mathias and Flett dribbled up the field to the blues' 25, where Waihi obtained a free kick, the oval going out, and a throw in follow. A forward rush then took place by the Thames forwards. Mathias, however, neatly stopped. The play up to this point was certainly in favor of one as the other, both forward teams showing good form. From a line out at centre, Ascott, Mathias and McMillan rushed play into their opponents' 25, but the ovel came back to Waihi territory, owing to defective passing by the local backs. Play followed on the boundary, Thames gradually working towards the maroons' 25. A close rush followed down the line, which swept the leather over the Waihi boundary, Renshaw darted out and fell on the ball, scoring first blood for Thames. The major points were not added. Play followed from the kick off in Thames' 25. Johnston retired hurt at this juncture, and Laing came on in his place. Centre play followed. From a throw in at Waihi's 25 Landy picked up and made a splendid run to Thames' corner flag, where he was forced out. Play in neutral territory ensued for a line out. The visiting forwards rallied here, and carried the oval into Waihi's 25, where a dribbling rush ensued, two of the forwards following the ball over the Waihi goal line, but by a very quick dash Thom just saved a score by falling on the ball.

SECOND SPELL.

In this spell the Thames backs showed up to great advantage, and the advent of Laing certainly made a decided difference. His openings were particularly good. From an excange of kicks at centre McPike essayed a run, but was neatly collared by Mathias. The oval was carried into the blues' 25, Flett making a short useful run. Well contested play followed, but the visitors soon had the advantage by smart back play, while the home team were getting if anything weaker in their back division. From a rush in the home 25 Coote picked up and passed to Buckland, who transferred to Laing, the latter making a short run and gaining a good opening for McPike, to whom he transferred, a try resulting. Newdick made a good shot at goal, but the oval struck the post—Thames 6, Waihi nil. From this point the superior play of the visitors in their back division nonplussed the Waihi team considerably. Smart play ensued in Waihi territory, R. McGregor scoring another try, Newdick converting—Thames 11, Waihi nil. Play continued in Waihi territory for some time, but eventually drifted to the visitors' 25, where the blues rallied, and play reverted once more to the home 25. Here McPike picked up and potted a splendid goal from the field, bringing the score to 15—nil. Waihi made a good rally, and transferred hostilities to their opponents' 25, where Landy made a smart run along the line and scored first try for Waihi. The major points were not added, and the game ended without any further score—Thames 15, Waihi 3.

Of the local men Mathias, Thom, Landy, McMillan and Arns played the best game. Mathias in particular (on the wing) proved a better man altogether than McGregor. Laing and R. McGregor did the best work for the visitors, McPike and Buckland also working well. The forwards all worked well. The weakness of the local team lay in its back division, but the forwards did excellent work, and the superiority of the visitors' backs told very much on the Waihi men in general. The match, however, was by no means a one-sided affair, and was well worth looking at.

THAMES V. OHINEMURI JUNIOR REPS.

The Thames junior rep. team played the Ohinemuri junior reps. at Mackaytown. In the first spell Carpenter kicked a fine penalty goal from near the touch line about quarter way. It was not till the second spell was well under weigh that Ohinemuri scored, Capill securing a try. Middleton also scored after a good run, but neither try was converted, the game ending—Ohinemuri 6, Thames 3. Shaw (Ohinemuri) had his ankle sprained, and Taylor (Thames) was temporarily disabled. Ohinemuri was bigger and had superior combination, and the better team won.

Rev. John Mackenzie's Farewell Sermon.

At St. James' Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening the Rev. J. Mackenzie, M.A., preached from the First Epistle of the Apostle Paul to Timothy, chap. 1, verse 15: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

YOUTH AND ETERNITY.

The preacher said that Paul when he wrote these words was surveying the whole of his life, and his thoughts were carried back to his early life. To old age, two things stood out conspicuously real—the past and the future, youth and eternity. So it was with the Apostle Paul when he wrote that Epistle to Timothy. The Apostle was standing on the edge of the grave; soon the arm of persecution was to fall upon him, opening to him the path of Heaven and the crown of his righteousness; but his gaze was also back upon the past, back to his early days. At the extreme limit of life it was but a single step to the past; the past when Saul found himself on the way to Damascus to persecute the faithful.

SIN AND REMEMBRANCE.

It was not with light heart that the Apostle remembered these things The first lesson to be drawn was of the combined power of sin, which could not be effaced from the mind. After 25 years, the Apostle, forgiven, was yet writing the words of the text—"sinners, of whom I am chief" The sinner never forgives nor forgets his sin; but God forgives. Though the grace of God had intervened, memory awoke, the old sin came back. Particularly to youth should the lesson of the Apostle's life commend itself. Though he sinned, as he himself said, in ignorance, the memory returned, like the ceaseless moaning of the restless sea across the green pastures of his Christian life. God might forgive you your sin but there would remain the drop of bitterness in the full cup of your joy. Ask the old Christian or the diligent approved worker: he would confess to you that his only sorrow, his only cloud in the blue, was the memory of the past.

SOWING AND REAPING.

As we sow, so must we reap. He would appeal to the young men to keep their record clean "Sinners may entice thee, but consent thou not." Let them remember the day of reckoning, when their sin would meet them face to face, and humble them to the dust. It was not given them to be as Samuel and David to whom the grace of God came in childhood. Young people who had been at the forbidden fruit, could never be as Samuel and David; yet they were not forced to sink further in the mire. "Thy sins are forgiven; go and sin no more."

REALISATION OF SINFULNESS.

Paul called himself plainly "chief of sinners." Wherever a man tried to justify himself he really had failed to grasp the evil that was in him. Sin was not an outward act but an inward state. When the light shone to the soul, the sinner saw himself not by other men's standards, but in direct relation with God. The publican who beat his breast and cried "God be merciful to me, miserable sinner," was not far from the kingdom of God, but the Pharisee who thanked God that he was not as other men, was in danger of sudden death The question to put was: "Is your heart right, not with other men, but with God? Are you striving to bear your cross and to make restitution, or are you resisting the will of God?" All were guilty in the sight of God; all must return in the guise of the true penitent, not in the filthy rags of their own righteousness.

Just as I am, without one plea,
Save that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

The preacher told a story of Whitfield's brother, who was depressed with sin, and declared that there was no mercy for him, that he was "entirely and inevitably lost." A friend expressed gladness on hearing the words, for, he said, "The Son of God came to save that which was lost."

REPENTANCE AND SALVATION.

The world was equally with a hope when Christ came. Christ would not draw to Him any man against his will But when the sinner said, "I will arise and go to my Father"—it mattered not then the waste of substance or the sin-stains; his Father would receive him In the dungeons of Doubting Castle, in the grasp of Giant Despair, in all the world the Gospel was the sweetest sound. It was we who put bounds to the mercy of God. His grace was all-sufficient; for Paul was "the chief of sinners." It had been said "If a sinner, be a great sinner"; which meant: the greater the sin the greater the need, bringing the sinner whole to Christ. There was more joy in the kingdom of Heaven over the one sinner who repented than over the ninety-and-nine just persons. Christ came to save sin.

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN.

There was only one sin that Christ could not forgive—that was persistent, wilful unbelief. He died that we should be saved. None could deny the cross. It stood still where it stood 2000 years ago—to save sinners. Why not accept? Were they afraid or ashamed to call Christ their Master?

HIS LOCAL MINISTRY.

The present occasion, continued Mr Mackenzie, was the last on which he would speak in the Church prior to his departure. In a little while they would hear another messenger and another voice. He would not speak of his feelings—not of