

The Wellington Murder.

THE INQUEST.

(Per Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, August 31. The inquest on Farquhar was resumed this afternoon.

John Brown, a next door neighbour of the Arwins, gave an account of the struggle he saw between two men in Arwin's yard on Saturday night. It was too dark to distinguish either of the men. One was a big burly man and the other a smaller man, with a voice of Scotch accent. He thought at the time the large man was Arwin. The quarrel was resumed inside the house, and witness heard three or four heavy thuds as if a man was trying to wrench a door open, and throwing himself against it. Subsequently he heard Mrs Arwin call out, "You murderer; you cold-blooded murderer; you kicked and knocked that man about." Cross-examined by Mr Jellicoe; witness said he thought the two men were intoxicated. When they got up off the yard they agreed to part friends. He had heard Mrs Arwin use the word "murderer" before when quarrelling was going on next door. He concluded it was only a drunken row.

Mr Sharkey, another boarder, said that when he went home Arwin told him that Farquhar was drunk, and had fallen down.

Two other neighbors deposed as to having heard the row in Arwin's house on Saturday night, and when it ceased groans were heard.

The evidence of the police showed that the Arwins made somewhat contradictory statements about the affair when charged with murder.

Arwin said he did not know anything about it at all.

Mrs Arwin declared she knew nothing about the cause of Farquhar's death, as she was absent from the house for a considerable time.

Auckland News.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, August 31. John Chambers and Son obtained judgment against the Hauraki South Company for £26 12s 2d and costs.

The Auckland Representative Football team left Wellington this evening for Christchurch and are due in Dunedin on Thursday night. All the members of the team are well.

On their arrival here on Saturday the Thames Naval Volunteers will be entertained by the Pomorie Naval at a social gathering in the drill shed, and the two companies will attend church parade on Sunday. The visit is in return for the trip made by the Pomorie Naval to the Thames some time ago.

Arthur Allen was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for smashing windows, and George Darlington to nine months' for theft.

Serious Accident at Te Aroha.

TRAP OAPSIZES INTO THE OREEK.

TE AROHA, August 31. What might have proved a fatal accident took place in Te Aroha about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, when Mr Glover, of this district, and who during the past few months has been engaged by Mr Southey, had a marvellous escape, as did also a lad who accompanied him. Briefly put, the circumstances are: Mr Glover was driving a trap across the bridge at the back of Mr McKee's residence, and just as he got across the horse became restive and began backing towards the creek; in spite of the efforts made to prevent an accident the trap and its occupants were hurled over the embankment, a distance of some 10ft. The mishap was observed by several persons, who quickly ran to render any assistance necessary. The lad escaped uninjured, but Mr Glover was not so fortunate. The vehicle falling on top of him, and the brake handle was driven right through his thigh, pinning him to the ground. He was carried to the residence of Mr Jno. McKee, and Dr. Smith was at once sent for, who was promptly in attendance, and did all in his power to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate man. Later on he was carried home on a stretcher, and to-day he was taken to the Hamilton Hospital by rail.

Charge of Horse Stealing.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

PARROA, August 31. At the Police Court to-day before Messrs Colclough and Nathan, J.P., the native Kingi Haora, was charged on remand with the theft of a horse valued at £3 10s, the property of Chas. Alley, of Hikutaia.

Mr Porritt prosecuted, and Mr Clendon defended.

The defence was that the horse was not stolen, but was given to the native as security.

After hearing the evidence the case was dismissed.

The "Ethel" Case.

WELLINGTON, August 31. On the Supreme Court resuming this morning the jury in the Ethel ringing-in case returned a verdict of not guilty as to Donald, but as to Henry and Coogan they had not been able to agree. Donald was accordingly discharged. A new trial of Coogan and Henry is fixed for Tuesday. The accused were allowed bail.

Cycling and Touring Club

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Thames Cycling and Touring Club was held in the Pacific Hotel last evening, when the following members of the Committee were present: Messrs E. Nordon (Chairman), W. Stearny, J. B. O'Sullivan, W. J. Irwin, W. Woodward, and W. Greenlands, together with a good number of club and intending members.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Report.—The Secretary presented the annual report and balance sheet, the latter showing the small credit balance of £1 14s 2d. On the motion of Mr W. Greenlands, seconded by Mr O'Sullivan, they were adopted.

New Members.—Over a dozen new members were proposed and elected.

Officers.—The following officers were then elected: Patron, Mr H. J. Greenlands; President, Mr A. J. Meyers; Vice-President, Messrs W. Greenlands, D. Stewart, M. O'Keefe, G. Leppin, J. Inglis, R. Rogers, J. B. West, J. Twonhill, H. Keefe, G. Richardson, O. Short, L. Bond, W. Scott, Nixon, and J. Adams; Captain, J. B. O'Sullivan; Vice-Captain, W. Stearny; Secretary and Treasurer, W. Irwin; Committee, W. Woodward, W. Greenlands, E. Nordon, H. Kearnsley, and S. McMillan.

Delegates.—Mr Nordon was appointed the Club's delegate at the Auckland Board of the N.Z. League of Wheelmen.

Judges.—Messrs H. J. Greenlands, W. Stearny, and J. Jordan were appointed judges for the day of the sports.

Programme.—A sports programme, consisting of both track and amateur events, was drawn up and adopted. A substantial sum is to be given away in prize money.

Cycle Race.—It was decided to hold an opening club run early in October, and to present prizes for the most handsome and comic costumes, and for the best decorated lady's bicycle. It was resolved to ask the Mayor and Mayoress to act as judges of that day. Mr Woodward promised to present two prizes and Messrs Lloyd and O'Sullivan a trophy.

A large amount of business of a routine nature was transacted, and after the usual compliments had been rendered to the Chairman and to Mr Woodward for the use of his room, the meeting terminated.

Miners' Rights Fees.

WELLINGTON, August 30. In the House of Representatives Mr McKenzie moved the committal of the Miners' Rights Fees Reduction Bill, which was agreed to.

The Bill proposes to reduce the fee to 5s.

Mr O'Regan supported the Bill.

Mr Tanner was afraid that the revenue of local bodies would suffer, and he wanted to know how the loss of revenue was to be made up.

Mr Fraser said the Bill would benefit only the individual miner, and that as the miners came gradually under the Act of 1898 there would be fewer rights taken out. He did not think the Bill would affect the finance of local bodies to any great extent.

Mr J. Allen contended that the Bill must affect local bodies' finance.

Mr Oadman was in favor of the miners' right fee being done away with altogether.

Messrs Bligo and McGowan supported the Bill.

Messrs Fisher, Moore, and Meredith opposed.

Mr Dutrie did not think it right in view of the large colonial expenditure on roads and bridges on the goldfields that the local revenue derived from miners' rights should be abolished.

Mr Monk said there appeared to be a Universal Old Age Pension Bill on the West Coast, and in consequence he thought it was not right that local taxation should be reduced.

Mr Wason saw no reason for the introduction of the Bill.

Mr Mills appealed to the House to pass the Bill without further waste of time, so that two important measures lower down on the Order Paper might be considered.

Mr Lathbridge opposed the Bill.

Mr Carnross said there had been no petition presented in favor of the Bill, while he held in his possession a large number of telegrams from County Councils opposing the reduction.

Captain Russell said there was another aspect besides the goldfields one from which the question should be viewed, and that was the colonial one, as the colony would be responsible for the heavy expenditure on goldfields.

The motion that the fee be reduced to 1s was negatived on the voices.

On a motion that the fee be 5s, a division was called for, which resulted in the motion being carried by 20 votes to 16.

Mr Watson moved to report progress, which was lost by 19 votes to 17.

The Bill was then reported, with amendments.

The Trinidad Volunteer Artillery has been disbanded owing to mutiny amongst the members of the force.

The strike of dockers at Hartlepool for an increase of wages has stopped twenty steamers.

The supposed outbreak of the plague at Astrakhan proves to be acute pneumonia.

MINING NEWS

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, August 31.

MARIPOSA.

During the past month the Mariposa returned 140 tons of ore for a return of bullion valued at £215 2s 3d.

KURANUI.

The annual meeting of Kuranui shareholders was held to-day. The report and balance sheet were adopted. Mr H. Barling was re-elected director.

IMPERIAL.

The half-yearly meeting of the Imperial shareholders lapsed. The annual report referred to the encouraging prospects of the new reef in the United section of the company's property, also to the negotiations still proceeding for its flotation. The accounts showed receipts to be £961 9s 8d, of which £833 6s 8d was from calls. The expenditure left a credit balance on 15th August of £175 7s 4d.

HAURAKI NO. 2.

The half-yearly meeting of the Hauraki No. 2 Company lapsed.

AUCKLAND SHAREMARKET.

AUCKLAND, August 31.

The following quotations were issued by the Auckland Stock Exchange at 4 p.m.:

TALES.—Talisman—13s; My Queen Hauraki—6s; Waiti—27 1/2s; Tauri Coal—21s 8d; N.Z. Insurance—5s.

OUTRAGE.—May Queen Hauraki—5s 11d; Alpha—2s; Co. n.—11s 9d; Grace Darling—1s 9d; Tu Isman—12s. 9d; O. Inemuri—21d; Waiti—27 1/2s; Waiti Extended—7d; Waiti South—5d; Waitakauri—4s; Bunker's Hill—11d; Barrier—1s; Four-in-Hand—2s 6d.

Marriage Stopped.

EXCITING SCENE IN A CHURCH

Particulars have just transpired of a startling and unusual scene which occurred at St. John's Church, Glen-thorne road, Hammersmith, George Lambert, 48, and Charlotte Burford, 20, attended at the church for the purpose of getting married. They were accompanied by several friends. The service commenced, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. H. W. G. Kenrick, M.A., one of the curates of the church.

The rev. gentleman had not proceeded far with the service, when there was a great stir in the body of the church, occasioned by a woman named Emma Cookside rising and loudly protesting against the continuance of the marriage service, stating as the ground of her objection that the man had already a wife living. For some time a scene of great excitement prevailed. The Rev. Kenrick, on becoming aware of the objection, immediately stopped the service, and asked the couple, together with the objector, into the vestry. The rev. gentleman was then informed by the objector that she had lived with Lambert for a period of 19 years, during which time Lambert had frequently told her that his wife was alive. To this Lambert replied that he was informed 5 or 6 weeks ago that his wife had died at Southampton.

In the course of conversation the rev. gentleman pointed out to Lambert that in the announcement of the banns he had described himself as a bachelor and further added that the service could not be proceeded with until he produced the certificate of his wife's death. It was stated that the objector was the mother of 3 or 4 children by Lambert. The rev. gentleman told an interviewer that Emma Cookside claimed that, having lived with Lambert for so long a period she had the greatest right to be his wife if Mrs Lambert were not alive. He pointed out to her that she had no legal claim upon the man in respect. The Rev. Kenrick then accompanied the representative to St. John's Church for the purpose of examining the marriage registrar, from which it was discovered that the man had entered himself as Geo. Lambert, aged 48, bachelor, carman, of 48 Brackenbury road, Hammersmith. The rev. gentleman further pointed out that Lambert had previously given his address as 63 Brackenbury road, Hammersmith. Both of these addresses the rev. gentleman had reason to believe to be false.

Lambert was found to be living at Ship lane, Hammersmith, a short distance from Hammersmith Broadway. In the course of a conversation, Lambert admitted having lived with Emma Cookside for nineteen years. She, however, had left him two or three times during that period. He lived with his wife at Southampton until about the year 1874, when he went to Berkshire work. On his return to Southampton he learned that his wife had been unfaithful, and she eventually left him. He had not heard or seen anything of her since then. About six weeks ago he met in London some friends from Southampton, who informed him that his wife was dead. He therefore had the banns of marriage between himself and Burford published in St. John's Church.

Lambert admitted that he did not reside at Brackenbury road, explaining that he gave that address so that Cookside should not become aware of his marriage to Burford, as he feared she would raise an objection. Since Sunday he had written to some relatives at Southampton in order to ascertain whether his wife was alive or dead.

Police Court.

(Before Messrs. McDonnell and Wood, J.P.)

At the Police Court yesterday Messrs. McDonnell and Wood, J.P., presided, having been called upon to adjudicate on an application that a prohibition order should be issued against Maggie McAllister. The information against the defendant was sworn by Mary Worthington, and stated that the defendant, "by excessive drinking of liquor, misspends, wastes and lessens her estate."

After the charge had been read to defendant she replied, "I don't know; they ought to have been here, oughtn't they?"

Mr. McDonnell: Who laid the information?

Sergeant Clarke: Mary Worthington, but there is no appearance of the informant.

Mr. McDonnell (to defendant): Do you desire that an order should be granted against you?

Defendant: No, sir; because I don't drink that much. This information has only been laid out of spite. She should be here to appear against me. Nobody has ever seen me drunk in the street.

Sergeant Clark: The person laying the information should have come here to substantiate her charge.

Mr. McDonnell: I suppose we shall have to strike the case out; that is, unless Mrs. McAllister wishes to have an order made against her.

Defendant: I don't drink enough for that. I don't want the order.

Mr. McDonnell: The case is struck out. That will do, Mrs. McAllister.

Defendant then left the witness-box, after thanking the Bench. The court then adjourned.

General News.

A remarkable incident took place at the railway station, Colac, Victoria on the evening of the 11th inst. The engine of the 6.50 p.m. Melbourne train had, with a truck attached, been used for shunting. The operation over, truck and engine were backed on to the prepared carriages at the platform, and preparations were made for a start. The guard gave the signal, and the engine moved off. The porter however, had omitted to couple the carriages to the engine. In vain the guard brandished his red lamp, as the engine gained in speed. The driver had his eye ahead, and the signal was unnoticed. Well on to time, and with an excellent dash, he ran into Irewarra station, three miles away. There he discovered that he had forgotten his train, and promptly made his way back to Colac to repair the important omission.

During the hearing of a charge of larceny at Wellington Magistrate's Court, it appeared (says the New Zealand Times) that before the accused was arrested a constable visited him and asked him some particulars as to the facts, and at first the answers said to be given by the accused appeared to tell against him, but on cross-examination an explanation was given which removed this impression.

Mr Haselden, S.M., said that the police must be particularly careful as to conversations with suspected or accused persons; the principles upon which they should proceed were laid down in text books, and to some extent in the "New Zealand Justice of the Peace," to which the police had access. As there were a number of probationers present in court, he would say that a general guiding principle might be this: That the police can ask any questions from any person when they want information as to facts, but they were not to ask questions merely for the purpose of making evidence of the answers. Sub-inspector Macdonell said that often the police were forced, in the absence of other testimony, to rely on such evidence; but the Magistrate replied that, in his opinion, that was no reason for adopting the procedure objected to. An objectionable procedure did not become proper because there was no other method of obtaining the end in view.

A precedent of a kind for the Dreyfus case has been discovered in English criminal annals by a London contemporary. Few people, it remarks, will remember the shocking experience of a Mr Barber, an English solicitor of the highest respectability, who was found guilty of forgery, and sentenced to a long period of penal servitude in Van Dieman's Land. He was put to the most degrading labour, under a discipline of exceptional severity. Years rolled by, but at length a day arrived when he was summoned before the Governor, to be informed that a man had confessed on his death-bed that he was guilty of the crime for which Barber was condemned, and that the Governor was directed to inform Barber that he was a free man. The case was brought before the House of Commons, which was so greatly moved that the unfortunate solicitor was granted a large sum of money.

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