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MAIL NOTICE.
TO-NIGHT.
8.—Opera House, Hawtrey Comedy Company, "Tom, Dick, and Harry."
TO-MORROW.
12.30.—Nolan, Yonks, and Co., stock sale at Manaia.
Newton King, stock sale at Stratford.
1.—Mitchell and Gordon, stock sale at Patea.
8.—Opera House, Hawtrey Comedy Company, "A Message from Mars."

DEATH.
MORRISON.—At Waihi, on Saturday, October 31st, 1903, at the residence of his son, Donald Morrison, aged 86 years.

FUNERAL NOTICE.
The funeral will move from the residence of Mr Joseph Morrison, Waihi, TOMORROW (Tuesday), November 3rd, 1903, at 9 a.m.
The body will be conveyed by mail train for interment in Wanganui Cemetery, at 1.30 p.m.
Friends will please accept intimation.
A. H. ARTHUR,
Undertaker.

The Star.
DAILY EDITION.—Leaving Hawera for Manaia, Normanby, Otaki, Otaihe, Kakaramea, Turuturu, Okaiawa, Okoia, Okehu, Kauwhata, Alton, Hurleyville, Patea, and Waverley.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

FINANCIAL ANALOGY.
At a time when so much is heard about the financial outlook in New Zealand perhaps something may be learned from the political or financial analogy circumstances of New South Wales, and anyone conversant with the political or financial affairs of this colony may by a perusal of the following ascertain in what respects they differ. The correspondent of the Canterbury Times sends conclusions with respect to the financial outlook in the State Parliament of New South Wales:—"The loan market is closed, and a financial crisis has fallen to a point which makes it impossible to borrow on reasonable terms. The loan has been so gorged with successive issues of scrip that ten years' rest will probably be required before it can be in a position to call and the market once more assumes its normal condition. Mr Reid's abstention from borrowing proffs a favorable opportunity for his successors. But they used it so recklessly that their way is now completely blocked. They have worn out their welcome, and are being crushed up bill and down bill by the speculative underwriters who made themselves responsible for the money. New South Wales will have to live within her means for some time to come. Thirdly, the revenue is diminishing. The refund from the Federal Treasurer threatens to be less by half a million than the amount received last year. Therefore, unless serious embarrassment is to ensue, expenditure must be reduced in a very drastic and stringent manner. Fortunately, one cause of the reduction is the fact that there is come rains, the State will no longer have to import breadstuffs and fodder. The drought, though it has been terrible to stalking horse for the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, has really revelled the revenue to an enormous extent by the contributions thus extortionately wrung from the necessities of the people. In the time there will be a recovery, but the interval will be long and dull. Thirdly, the Treasury is bare. With many millions of liabilities at call, the Government, at the commencement of the present month, had not a penny to bless itself with, but was entirely dependent on the Bank of Australasia for the means of paying current demands. The trust funds, which ought to be in unquestionable hands, to the amount of about two millions, were drawn against almost to the last penny. On Saturday so there was a credit balance of £139,000. But on the following day that was all absorbed by the payment of interest due in London. This brings us to the fifth fact. If the Government is dependent on the banks, certain well-understood results will follow. It has less money to place at the disposal of its other customers. Overdrafts are curtailed, interest and discount rates are raised, and the industrial community has to carry a further heavy handicap. In the shape of interest money. Something of this kind is now inevitable, whatever may be done. But the sooner there is a return to economy and prudence, the lighter will be the infliction. Already the banks have raised their rates for fixed deposits by ½ per cent. They are now paying 3½ instead of 3 per cent for new money. * This is only a precursor of another rise to follow, for it is plainly useless for the banks to offer 3½ per cent when the Government is paying 4 per cent. . . . At one time, there was the hope from the Labor Party, for in New Zealand it has recognised the essential importance of economy. Here, however, it has flinched from its duties, and has thus courted the discredit which must follow the inevitable collapse." It will at once strike the reader that the one immense fact which distinguishes this colony from New South Wales is, that instead of a diminishing revenue, we have a revenue which yearly progresses by leaps and bounds, independently of political conditions, and this year promises a record of surplusage. But in many directions there are indications that the Labor Party, which has been given so much credit, will be offered a unique opportunity to firmly establish the character given it.

THE ELECTRIC COMPANY.
In a letter printed in another column, Mr Hunt, one of the directors of the Hawera Electrical Company, writes strongly endorsing the injustice proposed to be done by the Act now before the House. That the public of Hawera will be aware, vests in the Government water power in all falls, rivers, and streams, and it is complained that unless an exception is made in its case the Hawera Electric Company will be seriously embarrassed in its finance. That seems to be the subject of contention in the debate now proceeding, but the issue, to which Mr Hunt refers. And assuming that the contentions of its representatives are correct, we think that the Company has every reason to complain of being unjustly dealt with. We say "assuming" because we see there is in the bill a general clause saving "any rights now held," and we do not quite know why a special clause is needed. Subject to that reservation we again say it is unpatriotic of the Company to be unjustly treated. The private Act passed in the interest of the company last night not to have found its way on to the Statute Book is its present form. It was thought to say that it was passed "secretly and silently." It was discussed and condemned in the Legislative Council, and at the House there were long debates, upon it. But the House in its wisdom decided to amend the bill, and in common honesty should not go back upon its own work. We say "amend" advisedly, for it was passed after the warnings given it should abide by the consequences of its own error. Parliament is always very far too little regard to private rights, and if it does not mend its ways people will soon be afraid to put their money in any undertaking for fear of Parliamentary or Government interference.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The School Committee will meet tonight (Monday), at 7 o'clock, at the Secretary's (Mr E. Dixon) office.

Advice has been received to the effect that an arrangement has been made between the Christchurch Company and Northern Company whereby passengers between Christchurch and New Plymouth by the Company's boats can return by the other Company's boats if they so desire.

In the case of the alleged principals in the "loro up" school, recently called in Wellington, bail was allowed in the first and one surety, and the other accused in £25. The hearing of the case was to have been resumed at 2.15 o'clock this afternoon.

"An unblushing piece of political theft" was the expression applied by Mr Taylor on Thursday to the action of the Premier in regard to the reform of the Legislative Council.

At showing the effect that the present favorable season has had on the butter industry, the Eltham Dairy Company are now making 1 ton of butter per day. In 21 tons, daily, against 67 boxes at the same time last year. The output for the month of October was 2232 boxes, of the estimated value of £5155; for the corresponding month of last year 1565 boxes, valued at £3768. The milk supply is daily increasing, and past records will be easily beaten.

There were no fewer than 14,005 new accounts opened at the Post Office Savings Bank during the September quarter, which is the largest on record. The number of deposits was 116,690, representing £1,403,—793, and of withdrawals 78,544, amounting to £1,336,057. Thus the excess of deposits over withdrawals was £68,740, which, however, is £11,000 less than the £51,000 as compared with the corresponding period last year. The total amount in excess of deposits was £23307, but New Plymouth is conspicuous by having allowed its withdrawals to exceed deposits by £10,590.

The Southern Cross Club held a meeting at their grounds, Mount Eden, on Saturday, October 17. There were 19 entries, the handicap being for 1 mile, and competitors firing from the 15 yards rise. 30 shots were fired, the following scoring with his "Webley" gun and Colonial Ammunition Co's "Favorite" ammunition, in the ten score of 56, including bye-kicks points, breaking 28 out of 30 birds fired at. Sweetzlike scores were first, Mr Alf. Secombe winning the first with 27 points, second, Mr Ward, 26, the 25 score came second with a score of 11. Both Messrs Alf. and Frank Secombe were second with 25, Alfredson leaded with "Nobel's" Empire powder and patent cartridges used by the United States of America and spoke very highly of its shooting qualities.

When Sir Thomas Lipton first crossed from England to the United States he was a penniless boy in the steerage of a crawling emigrant ship. He went ashore with a capital of 4s 6d, and by politics, or business, he has accumulated a fortune of £500,000 sterling. He is to-day an honorary member of nearly a hundred clubs in America, was accorded the compliment of leading in his yacht the procession of vessels at the Columbian Exhibition, and has received a national presentation from America in the form of a loving-cup.

The following is the list of deceased persons' estates running to four figures which were probated during the months of October:—Wellington district: Hogemann Hoff, £2,000; Ellen Hunter £3227, Emma Hayhittle £3987, Robert P. Johnston £1230, George Clark £3327, James Scott £2,000. Auckland: Aitchison Oliver £2717, Robert H. Priestly £3,000, John Edwards £1465, Thomas Sheppard £1076, Walter Kelsall £1370, John Stewart £1416, Christopher Jones £1,400, Ann Hurwitt £19,963, Albert D. Austin £11,335, Ellen Jane Smith £3715, Ann Johnston £4782, William Arnold £1904 David Boyce £2000, Thomas Sumnyson £1,000, Emma Jane Hunter £2,000, Fisch £13,176, Sarah Jane Simeon £1612, Dunstin Thomas Halpin £3917, Ernest Ellis Steytoward £1076, Ernest Ellingham £1185, Aurelius Mcdonald £1,000. Napier: Mary Ann Dobel £21,673, William Beagly £2809, Gisborne: Alexander McLeod £1411, Thomas Cassidy £1,000, Ann Cassidy £1,000, Mary Ann Muir £1322, Nelson: Mary Ann Burnett £3351, Blenheim: Alexander McCaughie £6372, Ann C. Trevor £1926, Invercargill: Thomas Hallingham £2706, Ann Hallingham £3163, William Cumming £3745. Napier: Mary W. D. Wilson £1823.

Messrs Donald Reid and Son's cattle fair at Feilding are advertised.

TENNIS!! TENNIS!!
F. J. Wrigley has now opened his new season's stock of tennis goods. Splendid assortment of Lawn Tennis requisites, including E.G.M., Special Demon, Renshaw, etc. Sharsnger's 1903 Tennis Balls, Tennis Shoes, Large stock of lady makers (ball barring and tan) and all sizes. Tennis Bags and tennis requisites. Inspection invited.—F. J. Wrigley, Tennis Agent.

FISHING! FISHING!
F. J. Wrigley has now landed the new season's stock of fishing gear. A very fine assortment of Bartlett's high-class gear, combined several novelties. A great variety of wooden and steel rods, split cane, green heart, lancewood, and hickory rods from 6s to £4 10s. Bartlett telescopic rods in three kinds, further improvements this year; Bartlett invisible gut, Bartlett's celebrated new minnows, everything new, no old stock. Bartlett's celebrated fly flies, minnows, and fishing sundries that all fishermen should inspect. Reel repairs of all description by competent hands. Orders by post promptly attended to. Licenses issued. Bartlett's celebrated guide as to how and where to fish. F. J. Wrigley, Tawera.—Adv.

THANK YOU FOR RHEUMO.
Rheumatism is no respecter of persons. It appears and disappears as it pleases, and will sweep aside alike its victims, Wellington's well-known chimney-sweep, Mr C. Dowsett, and the principal of the Wellington Conservatory of Music in simply, but convincingly, the following letter. He writes:—"I thank you very much for the one of your bottles of Rheumo. I have tried everything under the sun for my rheumatics, but found no relief until I took your Rheumo. After nineteen years' suffering it is quite comfort to be free of pain." Rheumo conquers Rheumatism. Rheumo. "Dear Sir, Rheumo. Charming and strong, at 2s 6d and 4s 6d per bottle.

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The rainfall in Hawera during October was 2.97in.

The steamer Kapiti went ashore entering Patea Harbour on Saturday, but, we learn from our agents, floated off again at the next tide, having sustained no damage.

The death is announced of Mr Donald Morrison, father of Mr Joseph Morrison, of Waihi, and also of Mrs Duncan Robertson, late of Dunedin, formerly of Waverley, at the ripe age of 86 years. Deceased was for a number of years a resident of Wanganui, where he was highly respected by all. He had been very feeble of late, and his death was not unexpected.

For the "At Home" given by members of Parliament to Lady Ranfurly on Saturday, Parliamentary Buildings were very elaborately decorated, the front being alive with flags. The volunteers of the Wellington Garrison and members of the Veterans' Association formed a guard of honor. There were about 600 guests.

Change advertisements continue to reind the public of exceptional value got for their money by buyers of Nelson, Moate and Co's well-known tea. The leaf sold by this Company is in every case graded by highly qualified experts, the result being that a large of superior quality is retained. Nelson, Moate and Co's teas are strength, quality, purity, and value.

During the month of October rain fell at Onawe on nine days, total 3.06 inches. The corresponding month last year rain fell on 12 days, and the previous year 1.55 inches on seven days.

At the inquest into the circumstances of the accidental death of the little daughter of Mr W. Ferguson, of Hunterville, which occurred on Thursday last, the jury found: "That the deceased was her death by accidental discharge of a Lee-Metford rifle while the working of the lock was being manipulated by her, no blame attachable to anyone."

In Egmont Farmers' Union advertise particulars of their stock sale on Friday next.

A general blacksmith is wanted; also a good milker.

A good bull calf is advertised as running on Mr E. Oliver's farm, Otakeho.

In a series of change advertisements in this issue Messrs Cole and Donnelly, again place the superior qualities of the Massey-Harris bicycle before the public.

Insurance companies claim that cycling is more dangerous than travelling either by tramway or by ship.

"The Catacombs in Rome are said to contain the remains of over two hundred horses in the world is owned by a farmer in Kansas. The combined age of the two is seventy years, one being twenty years of age, the other thirty-three years of age. The horses were raised on the farm where they still live. Notwithstanding their extreme age they are still doing farm work."

Freeman R. Jackson and Co. will hold a clearing sale of stock, furniture, etc., on Mr J. Freeman's farm, Maxwelltown, on Thursday next.

N.Z. FARMERS' UNION.

HAWERA BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Hawera Branch of the New Zealand Farmers' Union was held on Saturday evening. There were present: Messrs Davidson (President, in the chair), Gilcarey, Sprats, Wills, Sellers, Buchanan, and Cole.

A telegram from the Premier with reference to the Land Settlement Bill, assuring the branch that the measure would not be proceeded with by the Government, was read.—Mr Davidson remarked that this was one of the things that was wrong in Parliament. The bill was one that one that might easily have been thrown aside at the request or request members of the Union the Government would have acceded to. It was resolved to acknowledge the telegram with thanks.

Copies of a number of bills, received from Mr Major, M.H.R., were placed before the meeting. Mr Buchanan said the Major had thanked for having forwarded the papers.

A letter was read from the Taranaki Executive to the effect that the matter of the Union's proposed new constitution for the veterinary surgeon's salary would come up for the next Parliament. The Chairman stated that a number of members of the Union had signed the signed the guarantee, and three members, who had not previously done so, then signed their signatures.

A copy of a letter from the President of the New Zealand Society of Teachers for Education on the subject of technical education was read. In this connection a communication was also received from Mr C. A. Strack, headmaster of the Hawera High School, in reference to a branch of the fact that the writer was calling a meeting of representatives on Tuesday evening next, to meet the Minister of Wanganui district (Mr H. Gray, M.A.) and hear his views on the question of technical education. The meeting was arranged by the Vice-President of the branch to attend that meeting, and Mr Davidson signified his intention of being present.

The Chairman referred to the opposition that was being got up to the new railway time-table. He thought they should fight it. He had written to the Minister of Commerce on the matter, and support that body had also deemed advisable.

Mr Davidson referred to the address that had been given early in the month by Mr Buckerfield, on the subject of co-operation. After having accepted the offer of the Union to supply him free of cost of a membership of 50, were present, it was thought regarded that as scant courtesy to Mr Buckerfield, after all the trouble that gentleman had gone to in preparing an address that was productive of a much larger audience. In his opinion there was room for co-operation amongst farmers was manifest, and, though they could not hope to make any material advancement, they could do much amongst amongst buyers that should be broken down, and the price of the goods by unity and saying, "Unless you give us fair prices we want, a fair price, we will send our produce to the Old Country and stand or fall by its sale there."—Mr Sellers said he was sorry for some cases when they would be bound to have freezing works of their own. It was resolved to convey the thanks of the meeting to Mr Buckerfield for having delivered the address, and to the Union generally, for have the address published in pamphlet form, and distributed amongst farmers throughout the colony.

The Counties Act Amendment Act was referred to, and it was decided to ask the executive to endeavour to have the interests of farmers safeguarded.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HAWERA COUNTY ELECTRIC CO. AND THE "WATER POWER BILL."

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—The report in your columns on Friday of the proceedings in the House of Representatives on the above matter, I think, have come as a surprise to the public as well as the shareholders of the Company. It may be that the Council have overlooked the rights in making the suggestion that the Company be exempted (had the conditions been different, the relief is instantaneous. In late Parliament was complied with because, in the Bill as introduced into the House, and then, not silently or secretly, the measure, in the full light of the House, was passed, and, it is thought, on the Statute Book of the colony. Whatever may be the reason, it appears to me as regards success, no one can deny that the Company has done, in the time, advance the district. Of what use are any of the water powers of the colony if capital is not forthcoming to utilise them. I will say that private effort in New Zealand generally, and in New Zealand than Mr Seddon or his Cabinet have or ever will be, is further, that the millions the Governments have borrowed by virtue of their position had been wasted, and, for want of capital and enterprise, the colony would have got better value for the money.

With reference to the statement of the Hon. Hall-Jones, what he has stated is a mere technicality, and, if it is true, the relief is instantaneous. In the Company Mr Barton did not ask or suggest that the Company at the present opening performance on Wednesday evening, presented a "Message from Mars," which will form the opening bill, is an original dramatization by Miss Winifred Austin, of Mrs Burnett's famous work "The Desmeter," and is described by the Australasian press as being one of the most charming sketches of the annals of the Sydney Bulletin, which has been at present on Thursday evening "The Christian," Hall Caine's masterpiece, which contains a story of sustained interest from beginning to end. The Auckland Star, commenting on the performance, says: Mr Alfred Woods' magnificent impersonation of John Storm and the delightful rendering of Miss Maud Williamson of Glory Quayle will long remain fresh to the huge and highly critical audience.

SPORTING.

A.R.C. ACCEPTANCES.

In the A.R.C. acceptances, Flying Handicap, six furlongs, the names of Paratom 7.13, Glasgow 7.10, Delania 7.6, Polyphemus 7.5, Camille 7.0, Silvia 6.7, Agrapus 6.7, and Mary Seaton 6.7, are added.

V.R.C. MEETING.

MELBOURNE, October 31.

There was very small attendance for the opening of the spring meeting. The Governor-General and all the Government accept the Victoria and Queensland, were present. Results:—

Maiden Plate.—Pliable 1, Jacobite 2, Reinche 3. Betting: 5 to 1 Pliable. Won by a length.

Maribyrnong Plate.—Bee Bee 1, Sylvanite 2, Demon 3. Also ran: Bindabi, Ganymede, Hillingate, Scoopan. Betting: 6 to 4 Sylvanite, 4 to 1 Bee Bee. Won by a head. Won by a neck. Time, 1min 28sec.

Holden Handicap.—Martyr 1, McDonovan 2, Muntchaka 3. Ten others ran. Betting: 3 to 1 Seaport, 20 to 1 Martyr. Won easily by two and a half lengths. Time, 2min 37sec.

Derby.—F.J.A. 1, Sweet Nell 2, Bellah 3. Also ran: Corroboree and Emir. Betting: 4 to 1 Fishery, 6 to 1 Corroboree, 7 to 1 F.J.A. Won by two and a half lengths. Time, 2min 30½sec. A horse-

Hunter Handicap.—Martyr 1, McDonovan 2, Muntchaka 3. Ten others ran. Betting: 3 to 1 Seaport, 20 to 1 Martyr. Won easily by two and a half lengths. Time, 2min 37sec.

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Encouragement Stakes.—Wilson 1, Dangal 2, Red Streak 3. Eight others ran. Betting: 8 to 1 Red Streak, 6 to 1 Satin. Won all the way.

November 1.

At Flemington to-day Hauterier ran 12 furlongs in 2min 44¾sec, the last four in 53sec. It was a very gallant effort, and, and walked off lame.

Received 5 p.m.

MELBOURNE, November 1.

Hauterier was badly broken down in the last furlong, and, it is certain to be scratched for all engagements.

WEIGHTS FOR WAITARA RACES.

Hurdles.—Motorua 10.5, Liable 10.2, Morell 9.9, Phara 9.7, Toledo 9.5, Cavalier 9.5, Bubbly 9.5, Bobbing 9.2, Pashti 9.2, Pharos 9.9, Bawn Boy, Star. Flat, Imagination, Novil, Ngatimoa 8.7, Flying—Motorua 9.12, Novil 9.12, Silver Star 7.11, Commonwealth 7.10, Alla Rose 7.9, Alla 7.9, Ngatimoa 7.5, Bellona 7.0, Crimson Thread 6.9.

TARATAHI-CARTERTON WEIGHTS.

MASTERTON, October 30.

The following handicaps have been declared for the Taratahi-Carterton Racing Club's meeting:—

Hack Flying.—Good Spec 8.13, Prisoner 8.8, Mayfly 8.7, Lord Linton 8.5, Capriole 7.13, Hailey 7.12, Bounce 7.11, Royal 7.9, Wairiri 7.9, Sunny Jim 7.9, Weka 7.9, Lissa 7.9, Indian Shot 6.9, Opaea 6.9.

Hurdles.—Mosterotpuka 11.6, Dauber and Romany Lad 11.2, Dr Bill 10.5, Hardcastle 10.4, Bonnie Bird 10.3, Bonnie 9.11, Te Kohan 9.7, Halcyon 9.5, Manu 9.3, Kiwi 9.3, Kowaki, Avenger, Kaimoe and Manumate 9.0.

Wairarapa County Cup.—Convoy 9.5, Pistea 8.10, Gaiety 8.9, Gaiety 8.9, Gold Dust 8.2, Hinekoa, Bowman, and Volley 7.13, Bangkok 7.8, Ascot and Betsy 7.7, Pure Silver 7.5, Benefactor and Hydrant 7.2, Cannuba 7.0, Sholebed 6.10, Good Intent, Smilin and Wanderer 6.7.

Long Edward Handicap.—Stepson 9.9, The Gneeser 8.9, Prisoner 8.6, Meroo 8.5, Hackness 8.4, Ben Bow 8.2, Waitoti 7.7, Le Torpedo 7.2, Rebounding Lock 6.10, Matauma, Silverline and Lady Field 6.7.

Birthday Handicap.—Stepson 11.5, Good Boy 10.8, The Gneeser 10.3, Hinekoa 10.2, Appreticee, Hailey and Wet Red 9.3, Mosterotpuka 9.5, Waitoti 9.5, Valkyrie 9.3, Kataraina 9.1, Black Squall 8.11, Hackness 8.10, Effusa 8.7, Rebounding Lock and The Rongo 8.10, Artisan, Silvery, Victoria Park, Dr Bill, and Coromeo 8.7.

In the Waverley acceptances Little Turk's weight appeared as 7.10. It should be 7.0.

CRICKET.

A scratch game was got up on Saturday afternoon, between teams of boys, having raised by the two local clubs. Hawera made 51, of which Bailey contributed 24. Sargeant 11, Liddle 8, Norton 4, Butts 8, Yorkbury 8, C. Sargent 9. There were no ones. R. Elliott took 5 wickets for 22 runs. The Stars made 75—McCarthy 17, Hobson 15, Elliott (not out) 24, Brown 4, A. Court 0, Halloran 1, F. Sargeant 11, Bell 0, Wilson 0, Wall 0. and it is worthy of remark that every batsman was caught out. Nicholson, with 4 wickets for 10 runs, was the most successful bowler.

The following team will play a match with the Hawera Cricket Club on Boyd Park to-morrow (Tuesday): Page, Liddle, O'Callaghan, Elliott, F. Sargeant, Butts, Whittaker, Nicholson, J. Campbell, F. Sargeant, and G. T. Bayly. Play will start at 2 o'clock.

SHIPPING.

PORT OF PATEA.

WELLINGTON, October 31.

The Mana will sail for Patea to-night.

HAWTREY COMEDY COMPANY.

To-night the above popular company will appear for the second time in this town, on the Opera House stage, when Pacheco's famous production, "Tom, Dick, and Harry" will be presented. This play, as its name suggests, is a comedy-farce, and has obtained great notoriety as a laughing compelling play. Nothing should be more welcome than an opportunity to laughter, as it is both mentally and physically beneficial. In "Tom, Dick, and Harry" the audience will be promised an evening which can be given up to unrestrained merriment, far from it concerts the mind from one of the most annoying ever staged in this country. The complications arise through perhaps the similarity of two brothers and an entertaining individual who has made himself up to represent one of them, throw the audience into convulsions of laughter, which is continued throughout the progress of the piece. Mr Hawtrey will be known in his very best as Dudley Delaney, and in this part he has most of the work in hand, and, judging from the Sydney Bulletin, he is a comedian of the highest order. Mr Hawtrey, in also much in evidence, and Misses Winifred Austin, Mary Dunbar, Ethel Gordon, Florence Bponton, and Meggs O'Callaghan, Indigenous, Olive Darling, Ida Wilson, A charming one-act comedietta, "A Highland Legacy," is certain to be appreciated at this opening performance. Mr Hawtrey's reputation is sufficient to make a great hit in Melbourne, Sydney, and other large centres. To-morrow night the public will have another opportunity of seeing that beautiful production "A Message From Mars," which has been delighting New Zealand for so long, and it is an opportunity which should not be allowed to be neglected.

THE WOODS-WILLIAMSON DRAMATIC COMPANY.

The Woods-Williamson Dramatic Co.—The box plan for the forthcoming season of the Woods-Williamson Company was opened at Cole and Donnelly's on Saturday morning. It is eminently fitting that the interest there is being taken, playgoers indeed extending a hearty welcome to the company at the opening performance on Wednesday evening, and, from the "Message of Mars," which will form the opening bill, is an original dramatization by Miss Winifred Williamson, of Mrs Burnett's famous work "The Desmeter," and is described by the Australasian press as being one of the most charming sketches of the annals of the Sydney Bulletin, which has been at present on Thursday evening "The Christian," Hall Caine's masterpiece, which contains a story of sustained interest from beginning to end. The Auckland Star, commenting on the performance, says: Mr Alfred Woods' magnificent impersonation of John Storm and the delightful rendering of Miss Maud Williamson of Glory Quayle will long remain fresh to the huge and highly critical audience.

TELEGRAMS.

Per Press Association.
AUCKLAND, November 1.
A mass meeting of men in connection with the Diocesan Synod session was held in the Choral Hall on Saturday night, and was addressed by the Rev. T. Beaven, the Swartbrick, and Bishop Neligan. The Mayor presided. The Rev. Mr Beaven referred to the necessity of family life and its important bearing on the life of the nation. He deprecated what they had wanted to-day was a "man-religion," and not that the Church had provided; pointing him to a higher life, because it was the only life worth living. Bishop again on the responsibility, and especially the spirit which prompted the gift. Will Bishop Neligan also spoke of the importance of advancing Christianity on Imperial lines. There was a large attendance.

GISBORNE, November 1.
The question of incorporating the over-river suburbs with the borough has been discussed for years, and a committee has sat for some days taking evidence. The Road Boards decided to take personal polls. The Kaiti district, supposed to be the strongest in support, yesterday decisively overwhelmed the idea by 6.

The lease of an Auckland Education Board reserve in the main part of the town was disposed of yesterday at £625 per annum, a substantial increase on previous value.

WELLINGTON, November 1.
A girl, 18 years of age, named Winifred M. Griffiths, employed as a domestic servant in Newtown, committed suicide last night by taking poison, which had been left in a depressed state of mind for the past week. Her parents live in Auckland.

August Amis, employed at a flax mill at Petone, was struck on the back of the head by the pulley of the main shaft, which fractured his skull. His condition is critical, but there are hopes of his recovery.

STRATFORD, November 2.
The Stratford Post and Settler have been sold to a Company, who have amalgamated the papers, and issues the first to-night under the editorship of Cecil Thornton, late of Dunedin. The retiring proprietor of the Post, has purchased the Daily News, and, next month, and taken Cupuda to agree by next. Reginald Alexander, late editor of the Daily News, has resigned to the newspaper's Day.

FEILDING, November 2.
The new Presbyterian Church, seating 500, was opened yesterday. There were crowded congregations morning and evening, when sermons were delivered by Dr Erwin, of Christchurch. The collections amounted to over £40.

LICENSING BILL.

RESOLUTIONS BY CHURCHES.

Per Press Association.
WANGANUI, November 2.
The following resolution was unanimously passed by the congregations of the Wesleyan, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Primitive Methodist Churches at the close of the usual services last evening: "That this congregation resolves that a strong protest be entered in the Rights Bill of the Premier and the members for the Wanganui District and Rangitikei, against the introduction of such drastic alterations in incorporated and requests Mr Willis, M.P., to do his utmost to prevent the provisions of the bill become law, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier and the members for the Wanganui District and Rangitikei." Resolutions were also passed by the Presbyterian Churches in Carterton and Gladstone.

A large number of Churches throughout the country have forwarded to the Premier resolutions condemning the Licensing Bill, and calling upon members to throw it out.

Following was the division list on this bill:—

For the bill: Messrs E. Allen, Bamne, Bennett, Carroll, Colvin, Duncan, Graham, Hall, Hogg, Hornsby, Hutchinson, Jennings, Kaihan, Kidd, Lewis, Major, McGowan, McLachlan, McNab, McNeil, O'Meara, Parata, Rhodes, Rutherford, Scott, Seddon, Stewart, Stone, Ward, Wilford, Witheford, Witty, and Wood.

For the amendment: Messrs Allen, Barclay, Barnicoat, Beehen, Bedford, Bakes, Ell, Fowlds, Hanan, Harding, Laurenson, Lang, Lethbridge, Lewis, Lyons, Mahy, Massey, McLachlan, McNeil, Nash, Reid, Sidey, Tanner, Taylor, Thomson, Ballard, and Lawry.

Pairs for bill: Messrs Willis, Pere, Fraser, W. Lethbridge, Russell, Field, Ngata, Hogan, Hall, Jennings, Hutchinson, Bollard, and Lawry.

Pairs against bill: Thomson, Flatman, Allen, J. Remington, Duthie, Davey, Moss, Kirkbride, Hardy, Herdman, Buchanan, and Mr Hemmie.

INCIDENT IN THE HOUSE.

Referring to the "incident" in the House, during the debate on the Licensing Bill, the correspondent of the Auckland Star says:—There were some sharp passages between Messrs McLachlan and Rodk. McKenzie, who rapped some nasty personalities across the table at the other, the genesis being the contradiction by McKenzie of a statement made by Mr McLachlan.

Mr McKenzie rose to make strong personal remarks about Mr McLachlan, pointing particularly to his nose, which is prominent enough.

Mr McLachlan angrily retorted "I have come into the Chamber with a dirty black eye."

Matters thereafter became very warm. Mr McLachlan rebuked the Speaker not to make personal remarks about each other, and he (McLachlan) would be in references when Mr McLachlan shouted "Shut up." Mr McLachlan rebuked the Speaker for saying "Shut up." Mr McLachlan repeated the remark, and again asked to withdraw flatly refused.

The Speaker ruled the expression unparliamentary, and asked Mr McLachlan for disobeying the ruling of the chair. He said he was sorry if he had offended the House as to whether anything more should be said.

The Premier regretted having to move: "That the member had been guilty of disorderly conduct."

The Speaker gave the member time to reconsider, but he refused, saying he was the custodian of his own honour. When asked to withdraw the expression, Mr McLachlan began repeating the remark, and, on being asked to withdraw, emphatically refused, and says he will take the penalty, retired from the Chamber.

The Premier then proposed the motion of suspension, and, on being asked to make a motion of regret, giving the member time to reconsider.

After a few minutes had passed Mr McLachlan returned to the Chamber, expressed deep regret at having disobeyed the ruling of the chair, and, having walked out, he thought it only fair to be reservedly withdrew and apologized. The incident then closed.

A recent invention is a cradle which rocks by clock-work, and at the same time plays amusing tunes.

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Miss Beck, the Wetherin expert in fancy work, will give lessons this week at Dixon and Bailey's, free, to those who have Wetherin machines and intending purchasers. Call early! One week only.

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THE OVALAU.

FIRED BY AN EXPLOSION.

THE VESSEL SANK.

ALL HANDS SAVED.

Received 2, 11.57 a.m.

SYDNEY, November 2.

News has been received that an explosion occurred on the s.s. Ovalau which fired the vessel.

The steamer sank at Lord Howe Island

All hands were saved, but three firemen were injured.

THE MISSING OVALAU.

PASSENGERS AND CREW SAFE.

Received 2, 1.17 a.m.

SYDNEY, November 2.

Messrs Burns, Philp, and Co, have received, the following message from Noumea:—"Captain Kalabi, of the Ovalau, arrived, and reports that the passengers and crew of the s.s. Ovalau are safe at Lord Howe Island, where they arrived on the 19th with the foremost fire. The Ovalau was on fire when the explosion occurred. The Ovalau sank early on the morning of the 20th."

Received 2, 1.58 p.m.

SYDNEY, November 2.

The Ovalau sank at her anchorage, and was completely submerged. It is believed the passengers are coming to Sydney by the Pacifique.

[Lord Howe Island is one of the Society Group.—A telegram on Saturday last announced that the New South Wales Government had arranged to dispatch the steamer Corinna to Lord Howe Island, and the naval authorities ordered the Mildura to proceed to the same destination by a different route.]

The Ovalau's dimensions were—Length, 207ft; breadth, 34ft; depth, 15ft. 1526 gross tonnage, 1325 tonnage under deck; 767 nom. tons. Her engines were of the quadruple expansion type, with cylinders of 14, 21, 28, and 41 inches. The vessel had a working pressure of 360lb to the square inch. The horse-power by the ship's register was 75.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE QUESTION.

OPPOSITION BY MR RITCHIE.

"JOHN BULL AND SONS, LIMITED."

LONDON, October 31.

Mr Ritchie, late Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his rectorial address at Aberdeen University, urged his hearers to let the memories of the Jubilee and the Tory corn laws, which brought relief to the agricultural interest, and iron against proposals to tax food.

The Daily Express states that a number of city men, acting on the hint of Mr Chamberlain's Newcastle speech, have formed a "John Bull and Sons, Limited" Syndicate, limited to deal exclusively in the Empire products, and, if it is found, intended to form subsidiary limited liability companies in all the colonies.

The Standard, in its revised Glasgow speech, omits the suggestion that the Government should arrange for the Army not to establish industries in competition with those already existing in the Motherland.

THE PROPOSALS "CRUDE, WILD, AND INHUMAN."

Received 2, 0.27 a.m.

LONDON, November 1.

Mr Chamberlain's Newcastle Methodist Church last night resolutions were passed condemning the Government for pandering to the liquor dealer contained the proposals, which are "crude, wild, and inhu