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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1877.

A notice appeared in a contemporary yesterday morning which we should imagine must have caused a considerable amount of surprise to all who read it. It was to the effect that martial law, not proclaimed by any recognised representative of Her Majesty, was in existence in some parts of Her Majesty's dominions in the North Island of New Zealand, and that " the roads in the vicinity of the fortifications will be closed to travellers between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. until further notice." The same notice, however, which intimates that this portion of martial law is to come into effect, is graciously pleased to intimate that it is not the intention of their lordships, or chieftainships, or whatever name they go by, to prevent steamers going up the river, as that is to be open day and night. Is not this kind? Half-a-dozen men take upon themselves to close certain river open, though they have as nauch right to close the one as the other, viz., none at all. Apart from the consummate impertinence of the advertisement, which can only be excused on the ground that those who sent it knew no better, it is a matter that ought to be taken notice of, and those men who seem to think that they have power in their own hands to and firmly made to understand that no such power exists, ere worse things hap pen from this piece of presumption being overlooked. The Maoris may quarrel a much as they please among themselves and if they choose to retire into some spot over which Her Majesty does no hold sway they are perfectly at liberty to settle their differences in their own way but as long as they are fellow subject with ourselves they must be taught, and

if necessary, made to obey the law which are made to guide and regulate their conduct as well as ours. The lav certainly would not allow any European, or any body of Europeans, to block a road made for the public convenience, simply because they happened to be at feud with their neighbors, and if such a thing were but even hinted at the authorities, we believe, would be very soon down on these martial lawyers. Why, then, should Maoris be allowed to transgress? It may be argued that the land is theirs and they can do what they like on it in the way of building fortifications or closing it up altogether. But this principle of allowing a man to do what he will with his own is now no longer lawful in the eye of the law, but in what a man does with his own he must consider not only how his actions will affect himself, but how they will affect his neighbors also. For instance, a man might have a piece of land in a town: it would be absurd to suppose he could go first time, and the manner in which and store gunpowder or other combustibles thereon, even though the land was his own. Neither would he be allowed to practice with a rifle in a field of some few acres in extent, especially if such field be near a road; while if a road passed through his land, he certainly would not be allowed to close it up, ever for ten minutes, if a right of way had been once established. Why then should Maoris be allowed to do these things because it is argued that they don't know any better; that they have been accustomed to do these sort of things, and therefore will keep on doing them? Consider what the principle once admittedthat they might place any portion of their own land under martial law—would lead to, or at any rate might lead to. If, for in- CERTIFICATES of the execution of Marstance, a man having important business, tin Curtin and William Henry Woodgate -it might be a constable in pursuit of an appear in the New Zealand Gazette, escaped murderer-should find himself signed by the medical officers who witbrought to a sudden stop on the road nessed the executions, and by other spec-because it was past nine o'clock. He tators. These certificates are published would have to wait patiently and allow the object of his pursuit to put eight hours' journey between them, or if he persisted in forcing his ay on might be being that a great deal of bad feeling would be engendered, with a considerable possibility of another man escaping, because these acts were not nipped in the bud. It does not seem a very bad thing to stop a road little used at night during | while taking a walk a day or two ago, met the hours of darkness, but that is not so much the point to be considered as is the question, to what will this lead? Casuists tartar, and was generally sat upon by say that a bad principle once admitted that lady. After some discussion about worse results are sure to follow; and church matters, the religious gentleman for the highest scorer, best bowler, and then Mr Emmet's "Waltz Caprice," and a work is 45 feet long, 18 feet high and 10

verbs warn us against the wedge's thin end. Perhaps when Stephen gave all his Barons leave to build castles he did not think that much harm was likely to ensue, until his successors found out that the erection of these fortressesfortifications the Maoris would call them -caused the Barons to laugh at the law, and take the matter into their own hands, and Henry III. lived to find out that one result of a foolish concession was, that he was a prisoner where he had been king. We hope the matter will not be allowed to remain unnoticed. Things of this discription are best put down with a strong hand, and the wiser plan is to refuse the gift of an inch if the taking of an ell is likely to follow.

THE Bank of New Zealand shipped for Auckland to-day one box containing 1371 ounces 14dwts 12 grains of gold.

THE Hon. Dr Pollen, Native Minister, was a passenger to Auckland by the steamer Rotomahana.

hearing at the Resident Magistrate's Court this morning. MRS MARY TAUTARI, of Kawa Kawa,

THERE were no cases brought on for

Bay of Islands, has been appointed an interpreter under the 12th section of the Native Land Act, 1873.

WE learn that Mr D. R. Gellion has been appointed agent for the steamer Rotomahana, the agency of which has been relinquished by Messrs W. Souter

THE petition of the ratepayers of the Parawai Highway District objecting to merge the district on the County has, we learn, been signed by 60 ratepayers representing £2500 in value.

To-morrow will be what is known as Hospital Sunday;" that is, there will be collections in all the churches in aid of the Thames Goldfields Hospital, and it is much to be hoped that as in former years the members and adherents of the several churches and denominations will display their accustomed liberality. The Hospital is not in a very flourishing condition as regards funds, owing to depressed circumstances in mining and other causes, and we hope that a handsome sum will be realised.

THE tower for the fire alarm bell, which is to be erected near the Karaka Bridge in Pollen street, is nearly finished. It is much more substantial piece of workmanship than the late one which stood near the same spot, and will stand about roads which they have no moral or legal | 26 feet from the ground. It has been right to close for a third of each day of | made to the order of the Borough Counfour and twenty hours and yet leave the cil by the Borough carpenter. The tower wirer open, though they have as a real will probably be erected on Monday, and on a spot on the Grahamstown side of the bridge instead of on the bridge itself.

MR H. VERNON, the recently appointed County Valuator, is rapidly getting the County Valuation List into a state approaching completion. He has completed the valuation of the Waiotahi, Kauseranga, Hastings and Parawai ridings and is about half through with the Ohinemuri riding. He expects to complete proclaim martial law be at once decidedly | the whole list by Monday or Tuesday

> WE observe the Naval Brigade will hold their usual church parade to morrow, being the last Sunday in the month. No 2 H.R.V. will also assemble with their new fife and drum band, which is the second band of the kind on the Thames, and we hope that the same success may attend the new band that has followed the Naval Brigade Band for the last five years. We see that the men present will probably receive notice as to Government prize firing. We presume the Carbine Match will commence next Monday morning, when no doubt there. will be some keen competition.

> been pleased by notification in the New Zealand Gazette to authorise Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of Police throughout the colony to frank and receive, free from the prepayment of postage, letters

THE monthly inspection of No. H.R.V. took place last night at their drill shed, Beach road, there being a good muster, consisting of 2 officers, 4 sergeants and fifty rank and file. Lieut. Small commenced the drill by putting the company through various evolutions, and on he arrival of Major Cooper, Capt. Paul took command and the company was inspected by the officer commanding the district, who expressed himself highly pleased with the manner in which the men took care of their arms and accoutrements. A march out was then ordered, and Drill Instructor Sergt-Major Grant put the company through bayonet exercise, which was gone through very creditably. The newly organised band appeared for the they performed several quicksteps reflected credit, not only on the individual members, but more especially on the band-master, Mr Kelsall. The uniforms made by Mr Turner, of Pollen street, (the pattern, &c., we have already noticed in our columns) were generally admired. The most prominent feature of the band was the big drum, but this instrument, unlike any other on the field, had been painted by Sergeant Barlow, secretary of the company, and as a work of art reflects the highest credit on his skill. The design on the drum consists of a shield with the Royal Arms surmounted by the Prince of Wales feathers, having a bugle and crossed rifles beneath the shield. The company and band, as will be seen by an advertisement in another column, attend Divine service to morrow. We trust that there will be a large muster, it

under the provisions of "The Execution of Criminals Act, 1858."

THE Hawera correspondent of the Patea Mail contributes the following :-"I will finish this letter by giving to you the following yarn, which I heard recently, and which I believe to be strictly -A gentleman, who is a member of one of the church as regu-township, who attended in every larly as clockwork, and who way what you would call a religious man, a friend and his wife. This said friend wife what people generally designate 'a only dissentient.

those who indulge in parables and pro- | gave vent to the following remarks:-'Sir, there is a terrible prevalence of irreligion in these days. Some men, good townsmen-upright, honest, capable-still deny the possibility of a hell! I hope you do not?' To which the sat upon gentleman replied: 'I? certainly not; allow me to introduce my wife!

WANTED Everybody to Know that all kinds of WATCHES and CLOCKS can be repaired at J. T. CLAEKE's, Pollen street corner of Mary street). N.B. Balauce Staffs, Cylinders, and Pinions worked in for the Trade. English Hunting Levers, £8 10s.-ADVT.

TELEGRAMS.

PER PRESS AGENCY.

WELLINGTON.

This day. A fatal accident occurred about one o'clock this morning, when the hulk Eli Whitney, with eight hundred tons of coal aboard, sunk in the harbor in deep water, about a hundred yards from the wharf. The man in charge, Davey, was aroused by his wife, a young woman only sixteen years old, hearing a rush of water in the hold. He got his wife and baby hurriedly on deck, but had no time to dress, and had just time to place them and himself on a large plank when the hulk disappeared. They drifted on the plank to the baths at the south end of the harbor, where the man, much exhausted, dragged himself to a neighboring house for assistance. His wife was found dead, but the baby is missing - no doubt drowned. A furious northerly gale was blowing at the time, and it was intensely dark. The bulk carried no light. A report is current that the steamer Taupo, which left for Picton a little after midnight, ran into the hulk. The steamer was very near it, and appeared to remain alongside for a few minutes, then steamed away. The hulk sunk about twenty minutes after the supposed collision. The hulk is not insured. She belongs to Captain Williams.

KUMARA.

Friday. His Excellency and suite, accompanied by the Hon. C. C. Bowen and Mr Mc-Arthur, Chairman of the Westland County Council, arrived at Kumara, and were met by the members of the Arahura Road Board, who presented an address of welcome to His Excellency. They went over a portion of the land, and washed out a prospect in one of the claims, and on returning, the Vice-Regal party was entertained at a public luncheon. The Governor said Kumara was the most wonderful goldfield he had seen, and he had visited a number in Queensland. He left for Greymouth at 2 p.m. On crossing the Taradale he was received by the rev County Chairman (Mr Guinness) ho welcomed him to the district, and resented him with an address.

HOKITIKA.

About five hundred persons were pre nt at the rifle firing yesterday during the visit of the Governor. In the eveng His Excellency and suite attended e citizens' banquet in the Town Hall te Mayor presiding. The Governor, in sponding to the toast of the evening, spressed his gratification with the signs progress presented in the district. Mr Button, in proposing the toast of "The Governor's Responsible Advisers," said he was satisfied there was no part of New Zealand in which the people were more generally satisfied with the Ministry of the day than the people of Westland. The Hon. C. C. Bowen, in responding, said no doubt on the question of Abolition great part of the country was at the back of the Ministry, and this part of the country especially. Afterwards, in proposing "Prosperity to Westland," he referred to the recent discoveries of tin. antimony, silver, and lithographic stones vorking order, so that he might have discussed with them at this meeting the uestion of the water race. After the canquet the Governor drove through the own, escorted by the Volunteer Band and Fire Brigade, in a torchlight procession. The day's proceedings ended with lluminations and a great display of fireworks. The Gevernor is now on his way o Greymouth, via Kumara, where the unch and presentation of addresses and

The firing was resumed after dinner rith the short ranges of the Fifth Carbine Match, the winners being :- McLean, 7; Hill, 66; Muir, 63; Sykes, 62. The present position of the probable vinners of the Carbine Belt are :- Mc-Lean, 210; Hill, 232; Sykes, 276 (F); Littlewood, 226; Cummins, 223; Sellars, 217. The Fifth Rifle Match at the 200 rards range is now being gone on with. The winners are :-Anderson, 69; Richardson, 68; Harding, 68; Hay, 66; Ure Whare, 64; Mellsop, 62; McLeod, 62; Chapman, 62. Ure Whare (Thames) made a fine score of 26 at the 500 yards range, and took the range prize. The weather looks very threatening, and rain is falling on the hills.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Friday. At a meeting of the Selwyn County Council to-day the question of bringing the permissive clauses of the Counties Act into force was discussed at great length. The motion not to bring them into force was supported by Messrs Rouston, Tancred, Fitzroy, McMillan Matthews, and Dr Turnbull. The motion was unfortunate in possessing in his was carried. The Hon. J. Hall was the

Several valuable trophies are offered

against the English. The very favourable weather is enabling farmers to get everything secured prior to the return of rain.

Transactions in the grain market are small. Wheat is offering at 2s 6d to 2s 7d; the latter price for extra superfine free run sprouted grain. Oats, 1s 10d to 2s; barley, 3s to 4s; flour (good quality), £15—forward sales of new have been made at very low rates. Butter, Is; cheese, 6d. Market very unsettled.

DUNEDIN.

The quotations in the share market remain unaltered

A meeting of the Executive Council re the Macandrew testimonial was held last night, and a resolution passed that a circular be sent to all Mayors and Chairmen of Road Boards and County Councils, trade societies, and School Committees throughout the province, suggesting that they should organise committees in their several districts for carrying out the object in view.

Mr H. Driver has sold the Raglan estate, near the Waikato, to Mr Studholme, of Christchurch, for £34,000.

The escort last month brought down 8,773ozs gold.

The Benevolent Institution have been discussing legislation with a view to check the evil arising from wife desertion and drunkenness, and also the increasing pauperism in the city, and the establishment of an orphanage.

PORT CHALMERS.

This day. Sailed: Company's ship Dunedin, with 40 passengers, 5721 bales of wool, and 150 casks of tallow; value £115,920.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.) COROMANDEL.

This day. Union Beach .- 694lbs of specimens reported this morning—more expected. Kapanga.-More gold getting from the

various parts of the mine. Coromandel versus Auckland.—Cricket Match .- Auckland, first innings, went out for forty-one runs. Lublin taking eight wickets for twelve runs. Coromandel went out first innings for seventy-five

There is to be a meeting at the upper township to-night to consider the advisability of merging the Road Board in the County, and working the latter.

Mercury Bay .- The Orpheus arrived the Ocean has sailed.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT,)

HOKITIKA. Colonial Prize Firing.

Six hundred and five hundred yards of the fifth match now going on; no one at the Thames is likely to get a prize except McLeod and Ura Whare. The latter took the range prize at five hundred. Forty-two shots to go yet for the belt. Richardson of Otago is likely to win. He has a strong lead, and is shooting steadily. McLeod is the only one of the Thames men likely to be in for an aggregate prize. He is now about second in North Island shooting. The whole of the shooting this year is much higher than ever before. The belt likely to be won by at least 30 points over centres.

What Everybody Saus.

"In multitude of counseilors there is safety."
—OLD PROYERS

Everybody knows that there are many things which when first spoken of are regarded as ridiculous and deserving of nought but laughter, but which when looked into and considered carefully are found to be capable of producing beneficial results. Now everybody laughed the other day at the idea of the Mayor. and the trading citizens of the Thames He said he should have liked much to forcing two such eminently respectable have seen the County Council in full men as Messrs DeLias and Emmet to rise from their repose and bear testimony to their excellence as serenaders, but though not much good might result from such a proceeding, yet the idea with a little alteration might with advantage be carried out. Everybody knows that the Hospital, like everybody else, wants money, and it asked to admit that it was a very excellent institution would probably exclaim, "that's so." For this Hospital benefits are often got up, the result being a net gain to the funds. The Mayor and Borough Council haracteristic miners' procession will take are noted for their desire to benefit de- are rather damaged where they hit the serving institutions. Why should they not give a benefit for the Hospital, not in serenading attire at least in that of the modern Christy Minstrel? They would have an excellent company of cised on the score of length. It is not ten, besides the Town Clerk to act as the clergy alone who are to blame for prompter, and as everybody would like to thus taxing people's patience, for the Rev. see them the result would be sure to be a Mr Jordan being absent from Tauranga pecuniary success, as no expense would be incurred save a small sum for gas, advertising, room, and burnt cork. The Mayor minutes. The discourse is said to have no doubt would make an excellent John- | been "sound," but nothing is said of the son, and the doctor with a large shirt slumbers of the hearers. collar would naturally operate on the bones, and Councillor Gibbons would have an opportunity of displaying his ability as Tambo. Regarding the other parts Cr. Rowe might want to play first fiddle, but on the whole it would be best perhaps to let him be content with blowing his own trumpet, and allow Cr Ehrenfried to take the first fiddle, with Cr Wilson, of course, to play the second. Cr Macnab would play the harp well, especially if he was obliged to keep to one string. Crs Renshaw and Read could take any instrument which did not involve much practice, and Cr Butt officiate in such capacity as would enable him to leave after the first ten minutes. This style of entertainment would go well. There would have to be a few stories, but these might be invented easily, and a few conundrums, but these need not be

body at the Thames would be sure to

the best fielder in the Canterbury team | the former could ask the latter a riddle, as thus:

Bones : Say, Tambo. Tambo: Well, Bones.

Bones: Can you answer dis riddle? Tambo : Let's hear it. Bones: If de gentleman who plays de

bone would he cut most often? Tambo of course would guess, and then gib it up," whereon Bones might respond, why the aitch-bone, of course Laughter.) Whereon Tambo might retort on Bones, by asking him why he was not likely to be elected to the dignity of the highest Municipal office for the next year? This being given up the reply might be made, "Because the ratepapers prefer a dark horse to a Grey mare." The band could then strike up a joyous strain, and Bones and Tambo favor the audience with a clog dance. The idea is worth a trial.

They appear to have queer ways of conducting parish meetings at Hamilton. Judging from the language used by the Waikato Times the occasions when churchwardens, vestrymen, &c., are elected are seasons of conviviality, as in recording what was done at the last parish meeting held there the Waikato Times adds, "votes of thanks all round added to the hilarity of the occasion, and the meeting terminated." It is to be hoped that the meeting was not uproarious as well as hilarious, because if so they must have been very tired before they had given the customary applause which follows a vote of thanks, as these votes, it is said, went all round, everybody proposing everybody else. Everybody has been talking about

Fritz," some exalting the principal actor to the skies, others professing that they could not see much in him. It would be strange indeed if everybody's opinion coincided, and it was probably with a view not to displease any one who might chance to differ from it that Thames Advertiser contented itself with republishing notices of the performance taken from printed extracts from the London papers, instead of writing a notice of its own. There was a good deal to surprise many in the performance of "Fritz," and with that thirst for knowledge which is characteristic of the human race many questions have been sent to the papers asking for information on certain points. The following are the answers sent to some of the inquisitive ones, each word at the head of each paragraph being, of course, the nom de plume of the writer. So many were sent, that somebody who said that everybody had "Fritz" on the brain, was asked the question "Is dat | party of tributers.

L'encre-You are right in imagining that a judge must be very stoney-hearted o throw ink in the face of his clerk, and no burgess at the Thames would tolerate such treatment. We do not know if the custom is prevalent in America. Cricketer-We were sitting too far from

the Captain of the Eleven to hear whether he actually used the words "How's that?" when Fritz caught his child from the mill-wheel in the last act. For the same reason we cannot say whether his friend in front of him said " Chuck it All we can record is that a Scot behind us said "It was verra wee done. Rope trick-You ask us how Katarina

became untied from the chair in which she was bound? We cannot tell. Perhaps she had learned the rope trick; at any rate this is more probable than your suggestion, that she had some Fay to assist her. Costumier-We imagine the dilapi-

dated dresses used by two characters in the last act of Fritz were purchased elsewhere. We know one can find Rags at Grahamstown and Tatters at Parawai, but have reason to believe that these are not for sale at Cantator-We do not think that Mr

Emmet was alluding to a local amateur singer of some celebrity when giving the song. "Oh! Shonnie was a nice young " although no doubt the phrase might be made to apply.

Fieldsman-We believe you are right If the twenty-two of Auckland had shown themselves as capable of judging a catch a did Fritz when he caught his child, England would not have beaten them n one innings.

Spectator-You are correct in thinking that the views of the sceneshifter's legs afforded in running on the back scenes were not necessary to the action of the piece, or an addition to the beauty of the scenery.

Parasite-When your friend remarked that the play went off without an 'itch, we do not fancy he was referring to an actor in Auckland being sent away with a flea in his ear on Friday night last

Morepork-We do not think the sausages brought on the stage last night were made by steam, but if your forebodings are true, and you find that those same sausages are, on the termination of the present season, exposed for sale you had better give information to the proper authorities. You can easily distinguish the string in question as the three last player of the bass viol on the nose.

It is not everybody who likes long sermons, and the clergymen are often critihis place was "worthily filled" by a Mr Quintal who preached for five and thirty

THEATRE ROYAL

Mr Emmet took a benefit at the Theatre Royal last night, and the attendance was excellent, all parts of the house being comfortably filled. The first act of a new drama called "Phil the Foundling" and the second act of "Fritz" constituted the entertainment. Of the former we can only say that it afforded another medium of showing Mr Emmet's versatility as an actor. The second act of "Fritz" introduced Mr Emmet in his principal character songs and dances, as well as the pathetic scene between him and his long lost sister, whose recollections of a high order of wit, for if they were he recalls by means of "The Brother's made personal and rude enough, every- Lullaby." This scene was admirably sustained last night, and the audience laugh at them. For instance, Johnson seemed to be delighted with the singing.

very pretty composition it is. No doubt it will soon become a favorite here. There were given away last night copies of the words of Mr Emmet's songs in "Fritz." To night the whole of "Phil the Foundling" will be played, and as it is the last night of Mr Emmet's engagement we trumpet were to turn butcher, what expect to see a crowded house.

Our Mining Beporter.

THE WEEK.

In taking a retrospective view of the

vents of the past week, it will be per-

ceived that the most important incident is

the stoppage of the Waitekauri battery.

For one whole day before the news was officially known rumours to the effect were flying about, and it must be said that this did not look very well as it gave room for the supposition that those in authority knew something that they for some reason wanted to be kept dark. Of course in writing the above nothing derogatory is insinuated, but still the fact remains, and in future it will be better for the welfare of the mine to let all news whether good or bad be made public as soon as possible. However, the reason given in the communication from our correspondent, which appears in today's issue, appears to be a good one, and if, as is stated, the battery works full time instead of only one shift as at present, after the stoppage, an advantage will be gained. The mine is reported to be looking well, though work is to be temporarily discontinued at the Queen end. During the week a report has been received from the manager of the Welcome, which speaks encourage ingly of the mine, and as soon as the tramway is completed this mine should be a payable property. Writing of the tramway it may be remarked that the survey has been completed. In the Owharoa district the aspect of affairs has altered considerably for the better during the last two or three weeks. The managers of the Annie and Nut mines are getting out parcels for the mill, and will be crushing shortly. The extraordinary meetings of the shareholders of the Morning Light and Smile of Fortune mines have not ended in winding up, &c., as was predicted by some, and in the case of the Morning Light mine it has even been resolved to resume operations if there is sufficient cash on hand to do so after the forfeited shares are sold. The much despised Karangahake mine is having another trial at the hands of a

Recent advices from Tairua state that little work is going on there, seven men being employed in the Ajax, and two in the Golden Arrow. An improvement has occurred in the stuff taken from the Ajax, and it is expected that the next trip of the Hero will bring the wire repe necessary for the conveyance of the stuff from the Golden Arrow to the battery, and when that arrives it is to be hoped that the mine will be fully re-manned.

Most of the mines in the Waio-Karaka district have resumed work, after the stoppage caused by the recent break down. of the Waio-Karaka Drainage Association's pumps. The Queen of the May, Queen of Beauty, and the Piako mines will probably start crushing next week. The pump has done its work splendidly, and now the water is so far down as to enable operations to be commenced in the lowest level of the Piako mine. The New Exchange mine has at last come to grief. A distress warrant was obtained against it. by the directors of the Drainage Asso, ciation for failing to pay the drainage contributions, and the engine and some other articles were sold to satisfy the

The Alburnia company should soon be itself again," that is with the fine yields already obtained since operations have been resumed on the company's behalf, and the prospect of others equally as rich, the incubus of debt which has been weighing on it for some time past should soon be removed, and the shareholders, who have seen the money derived from the immense quantities of gold lately taken from the ground, finding its way into other pockets than their own, have now perhaps a better chance than ever they had of obtaining some return for the money they have expended in calls or otherwise. A 250 ounce yield was obtained from a parcel of specimens in the beginning of the week, and a crushing of general stuff and specimens

The gold returns are not so large as they would have been if the Waio-Karaka mines were working, but still the total is a fair one. It will be noticed that a considerable quota is contributed by small claims and tributes, the larger mines contributing a comparatively small share.

will take place during next week.

GOLD RETURNS.

(Skeen's Trib.) ... 24 5 0

(Coad's Tribute) ... 61 13

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Canadian Gully	1 4
Caledonian (Balshaw's Tri.)	1 9
Golden Age (Landers' Trib.)	10 15
Inverness (Blake's Tribute)	2 1
Kuranui Hill United (Edge-	2.00
hill's Tribute)	21 2
Do. (McWilliams' Tri.)	7 11
Do. (Hutchinson's Tri.)	18 16
Little Lizzie	21 0
Monday Morning	25 10
Mary Ellen	38 13 1
Middle Star (Brown's Trib.)	4000
Moanatairi (Clarkson's Tr)	1.19
Do. (Rowe's Trib.)	1 14
Do. (Moyle's Trib.)	1 17
Do. (McBarry's Trib.)	76 5
Do. (McBarry's Trib.) Do. (Whiskers Trib.)	92 16
Messengers (Smith's Trib.)	1 18
North Devon	0 3
New Year	0 10 1
Only Chance	1 9
Palmerston (Coromandel)	13 10
Red Queen (Robinson's Tri.)	6 15
Do. (Nelson's Trib.)	4 3
The (Press's Trib.)	
Una (Ensor's Trib.)	6.8

PUMPING ASSOCIATION.

Total ...

0 13 0

8 6 0

560 14 20

The new balance-bob which is to be placed in the chamber at the 300 feet level of the shaft next week, now requires but a few finishing touches to be completed. Judging from the massive appearance of the bob, it will be a very strong work, the timbers and castings composing it being of a most substantial character. The length of the bob is 43 might begin in the usual manner by Between the two pieces the band played feet, and the chamber in which it will

Do. (McKenzie's Trib.)

Do. (Rvan's Tri.)

Watchman (Mears' Tribute)