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 SHORTLAND TO TE AROHA (calling at Curtis' Wharf).
 Saturday, 26th, at 7 morning
MEMSAHIB.
 Tuesday, 28th, at 9 morning
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 Te AROHA TO THAMES (calling at Junction).
 Monday, 28th, at 6 morning
 Wednesday, 30th, at 6 morning
 Friday, June 1, at 7 morning

P.S. TE AROHA, CAPT. H. DALTON.
 SHORTLAND TO PAREOA (calling at Curtis' Wharf).
 Monday, 28th, at 8.30 morning
 Wednesday, 30th, at 10.30 morning
 Friday, June 1st, at 12.30 afternoon
 Monday, 4th, at 6 morning
 PAREOA TO THAMES.
 Saturday, 26th, at 8.30 morning
 Tuesday, 28th, at 8 morning
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 Tuesday, 5th, at 9 morning

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 Single ... 7s 6d 12s 0d
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Commercial.
EVENING STAR OFFICE.
 Friday, May 25, 1888.
 Amount of Revenue collected at this Port of Thames this day—
 Duty ... 7 7 0
 Shipping & Seamen's Act Fees ... 1 0 0
 Total ... 8 7 0

THAMES STOCK EXCHANGE.
 The following are the latest quotations of the Thames Stock Exchange this day:
SALTS THIS DAY.
 Deep Level Cross—5s 3d
 New Prince Imperial—5s to 5s 6d
 Queen of Beauty—paid up—10s
COALING PRICES.
 Deep Level Cross—Sellers, 5s 6d; Buyers, 5s 3d
 New Prince Imperial—Sellers, 5s 6d; Buyers, 5s 3d
 JOHN FRATER, LOUIS MALLON, D. R. GILLON, SAMUEL TUNZEL, M. HENSHILL.

TIDE TABLE.
 TIDE. SUN.
 MAY 25. MAY 26.
 55-Sunday ... 9.55 10.54 7.1 4.49
 27-Sunday ... 10.15 10.33 7.4 4.49
 Full Moon—28th; 2.50 p.m.

Shipping.
INWARDS.
 Rotomahana, s.s., 139 ton, Farquhar, with passengers and cargo, including 1 case for Garrett, transhipped under bond.
 Stag, cutter, from the Tamar, with 500 bags chaff, R. R. McGreggor.
OUTWARDS.
 Several cutters are now ready to sail, but are waiting for a more favorable wind.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.
MAILS CLOSE.
 For Auckland, to-morrow at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 For Paeroa, Te Aroha, &c., to-morrow at 8.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 For Mackaytown, Owharoa, Waikato, Waitakari, Waterford and Aongatete, to-morrow at 5 p.m.
 For Tauranga and Bay of Plenty to-morrow at 5 p.m.
 For Taranaki, Nelson, Picton, Wellington, and Southern Ports, to-morrow at 8 a.m.
 For Sydney, on Monday.
 For Leruka and Suva, on Tuesday next.
 J. E. CONNEX, Chief Postmaster
 Chief Post Office Grahamstown, May 25, 1888.

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GOOD QUALITY.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.
"LIONESS AND PIE"—Your letter is not calculated to be of any public benefit.

The Evening Star.
 PUBLISHED DAILY AT FOUR P.M.
 Reprints.
 FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1888.

In the Warden's Court to-day, in the case of McGuire v. Riley, the plaintiff applied to be put in possession of the Waverly claim, Karangahake, now registered in the name of the defendant, on the ground of non-working. The Warden would not make the order, as the plaintiff could not give sufficient evidence that work had not been done. An adjournment for 14 days was granted to enable the applicant to produce such evidence.

We are pleased to learn that some of the produce of the Upper Country appears to be finding a ready market here. We may instance the arrival of the steamer Riro Riro yesterday, from Matamoras, bringing in tow one of Mr. Firth's barges laden with 200 bales of pressed clover hay, consigned to Messrs M. Browne and Co. This, we understand, is the first instalment of 1000 bales to arrive, and which it is reckoned this market will easily absorb.

A MEETING of the Hauraki Rifles is to be held this evening at their drill hall. Those who have intimated their intention of joining are requested to attend.

It was heard in the R.M. Court this morning. The first day-drill of the re-organised Volunteer forces at Christchurch took place at New Brighton yesterday. 310 were present. Creditable efficiency was exhibited.

Some Onehunga iron has been made into horseshoe nails, by Mr. Hall of Sydenham, Christchurch. The nails are stiff and have a fine point that will stand any amount of driving. One, when cold was curled up from point to head, without showing a sign of breaking. Another, slightly hardened by being plunged into cold water, broke off with a fracture clean and bright as steel.

A FIRE occurred last evening at the private residence, in Harford street, Christchurch, of Mr. Fleming, hairdresser. The family were out for the holiday at the time. Considerable damage was done, but as the family were absent, the insurance (if any) could not be ascertained.

A YOUNG man named James Hogan is believed to have been lost in the bush near the Upper Hutt. While out shooting he wandered away from a companion on Tuesday, and has not since been heard of.

At a meeting in Riverton of Harrington's supporters, it transpired that there is every probability of the sculling match with Hearn coming off shortly. Definite information will be forthcoming in a day or two.

Mr. HENRY ROBERTS, who was in business in the Waikato, took it into his head to try a Southern trip, and by some means it was arranged that his niece, a Miss Buchanan, was a companion for the journey. On the steamer by which he travelled—as he says, to Dunedin, to find a person he knew to join him in business,—"it appears that 'some people' know the worthy couple as Mr. and Mrs. Hart. Now this must have been very distressing to the worthy Henry, and how 'Hart-rendering' it must have been when he had to leave his niece in Dunedin, as he says he did, in a 'situation.' The unopprobrious man is now trying to get 'through the Court,' but his £1200 worth of Auckland creditors don't like it.

EDWARD HUGHES, alias Edwards, arrested at Wellington on Wednesday on a charge of passing a diamond ring, believed to have been stolen in Christchurch some three years ago, was brought up at the R.M. Court yesterday morning. He was not called upon to plead, the case being an indictable one, but he expressed his opinion that he had been hardly dealt with, he having already suffered imprisonment for stealing the jewellery of which it was alleged the ring had formed a portion. A remand for eight days was granted.

CHRISTOPHER "Society" escaped prosecution by a humble apology to Rev. Mr. Cren.

TAWHIAO, who was expected to pay a visit to Te Aroha this week passed through Waikato, on route for Tauranga on Wednesday, there being no natives at Te Aroha to welcome him.

THE Rev. Mr. Walsh, speaking at Temuka recently, said:—"The question was frequently asked, Can we do without clergymen? He would be very glad, if they could be done without, to see them abolished. He would like to see parsons and doctors, and lawyers—especially lawyers—done away with if they could be done without.

THE much talked of transit of Venus is a mere trifle in comparison with the transformation that has just taken place at CHARLES McLEVER'S. Call in and see the grand display of Christmas Cards, Toys, and General Fancy Goods. (ADV.)

TELEGRAMS.
 (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)
AUCKLAND.
 This day.
 500 people were present at the Governor's ball last night. It was the most brilliant affair ever held here.
 Adams, arrested yesterday for larceny, escaped from the gaol this morning.
 [PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

AUCKLAND.
 Yesterday.
 Owing to the incessant rain during the previous 24 hours, the Volunteer review, under Col. Lyon, did not take place, though the force paraded at the Drill Shed. Col. Lyon presented the prizes to the Auckland winners as follows:—Beck's Cup: Sergt. Taylor, the Cup and 30s; Gill, £3; Weir, £2 10s; Floyd, £2; Adams, £1 5s—Evening Star Cup: Hoeking, the Cup and £3; Woolley, £2 10s; Sergt. Taylor, £2; Hanley, £1 10s; Parslow, £1 5s; Tregaskis, £1—Citizen's Trophy Match: White, the trophy, valued at £12 10s, and £3 cash; Weir, £2 10s; Taylor, £2; Moore, £1 10s; Cooper, £1 5s; Woolley, £1—After the Artillery salute the rain came down in torrents, and a thunder storm passed over the town. Notwithstanding this, the Governor's levee was largely attended, and also the Governor's ball to-night.

THIS DAY.
 Great dissatisfaction is expressed at the character of some of the Westmeath immigrants. Single women have been seen lounging about publichouses drinking.
 Two thousand people were present at a temperance meeting last night. It was the largest ever held in Auckland.

GISBORNE.
 This day.
 Great preparations are being made for the reception of the Governor.
 The volunteers' ball last night was a great success.
South Pacific Petroleum Co.
 The latest reports received from the scene of operations continue encouraging. Nothing authentic has been heard as to the depth the bore has proceeded since Tuesday, when it was down 210 feet, and all was going well. It is the belief of several interested that the fountain will be tapped in a very short time, and the public are very sanguine as to the future. The Poverty Bay Herald protests against the directors in Christchurch prohibiting the local manager of the company furnishing reliable information of the company's operations to the local press, for the information of the Poverty Bay shareholders. The latest reports from energetic visitors to the works state that an energetic effort is being made by Mr. Stubbs to ascertain the depth and extent of the paraffin deposit; this is very commendable, as no systematic effort in this direction has yet been made. It is thought though that it would be more beneficial in the interests of the company, to authorise the general manager to give a short report of progress when practicable, rather than the public having to rely on chance reports not authenticated.

WELLINGTON.
 This day.
 The Government printing office was successfully lighted with the electric light last night.
 A few days back Mr. A. H. Malcolm, merchant, of Wellington, was arrested on a warrant issued at Palmerston North, charging him with larceny as a bailie. The information was dismissed, and now Mr. Malcolm, it is understood, has served a notice on Charles Tricklebank, settler, of Palmerston North, who laid the information, demanding that a public apology be inserted twice in all the newspapers between Taranaki and Wellington; failing compliance with these demands, Mr. Malcolm says he will apply for a warrant to arrest Mr. Tricklebank on a charge of perjury, and civil proceedings have been

commenced for the recovery of damages to the amount of £2000.
 The sentence of death passed on Phoebe Veitch for child murder at Wanganui, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

YESTERDAY.
 A drizzling rain has fallen all day, and set in heavily in the evening. The outdoor enjoyments of the day were, therefore, spoiled. The volunteers paraded to the strength of 340, and fired the usual salute, afterwards executing some battalion movements. Colonel Pearce subsequently entertained the officers at a lunch at the Club.

CHRISTCHURCH.
 Yesterday.
 At the Heathcote races to-day, Luna won the Cup, Fair Nell being second, and Souther third. Souther was the favourite. Larry won the Steeplechase.

DUNEDIN.
 Yesterday.
 The Land Board yesterday decided to hold an inquiry on June 7th regarding the purchases of deferred payment sections at Strath Taieri, and to summon as witnesses the purchasers or those who acted for them.

THIS DAY.
 A meeting of Messrs Thompson, Strang and Co.'s creditors was held this morning. The liabilities are stated at £12,161, of which £1601 are due to Home firms. The assets are put down at £14,703. They agree to assign the estate to Messrs Young, of Sargood's, and Statham, of Butterworth Bros.

At the football dinner last night, it was stated that if the Northern players declined to co-operate, Otago and Canterbury would themselves send a team to Sydney next season.

At a meeting of McLeander Hepburn's creditors, a deed of arrangement was unanimously agreed to. The trustees reported a deficiency of £3903, attributed to heavy losses in connection with the Kaikoura Woollen Factory.

WESTPORT.
 This day.
 The Union S. S. Co.'s steamer Omarepe has been got off; she is, apparently, juniajared.

BLUFF.
 Wednesday.
 Early this morning signals were made from Dog Island Lighthouse that medical assistance was required, and that the principal lighthouse-keeper was dying. A pilot's crew, with Dr. Glass, Sergt. Meikle, and the Customs officer went across, and found Clark dead. It appears that the principal lighthouse-keeper at Dog Island, went up the tower at four this morning to relieve William Collie, who went home. Mrs. Collie went out at half past seven and noticed the light still burning, although it was day. Not seeing her husband she went up the tower and could not find Clark. On coming down she called Collie. He, accompanied by Frost, the assistant-keeper, searched outside the tower without success, and on opening the door inside the tower at the basement they discovered the body of Clark in the recess, where the lamp weights are suspended, quite dead. The last entry on the slate in the tower shows 6.20, and it is supposed deceased had overbalanced himself whilst adjusting the lampweights, and fallen down the centre of the tower, about 70 feet.

CALOGRAMS.
REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.
 LONDON, May 23.
 The Derby resulted to-day as follows:—Saint Blaise, 1; Highland Chief, 2; Gilard, 3.
 May 22.
 It is reported that shortly before the Czar's departure from Gatchina a serious explosion took place in his dressing-room, but as he was at dinner at the time he escaped injury.

MAY 23.
 The homeward mails via Suez and Brindisi, from Melbourne, April 12, were delivered here to-day.
 Five men, who have been arrested at Liverpool with dynamite in their possession, were brought up at the Police Court to-day, and committed for trial.
 [SPECIALS TO THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

LONDON, May 22.
 The Imperial procession in Moscow, from the Petrofsky Palace to the Kremlin, occupied five hours, and the whole line of the route was most gorgeously decorated, and lined by an immense crowd of people, who displayed the most intense enthusiasm. The whole spectacle was a wondrously brilliant one, but the weather was uncertain. The Czar is now residing in the Alexandrovsky Palace.

Business on the stock exchange is recovering from the effects of the panic caused by the recent late failure.
 Signor Depretis will probably undertake the reform of the Italian Cabinet.

AUSTRALIAN.
ADELAIDE. Yesterday.
 The races, which were to have taken place to-day (second day of the Adelaide Racing Club's Meeting), were postponed on account of the heavy rain which has been falling since an early hour.

Joe Thompson, the well-known book-maker, who was expelled from the enclosure on Saturday, has issued a writ against the Adelaide Racing Club for £5000 damages.

MELBOURNE. Yesterday.
 At the Volunteer review held here to-day two thousand men were under arms. The weather was rainy.

SYDNEY. Yesterday.
 The Sydney Turf Club meeting to-day was well attended, and the weather was fine. The Birthday Cup was won by Sardonys, after a brilliant race; with Molneth second, and Normanby third. Time, 2mins 40secs.
 Sailed, this morning: The Union steamship Waihora, for Auckland.

SPORTING.
POVERTY BAY RACE MEETING.
 (PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.)
GISBORNE. This day.
 The course was in a wretched state from the recent rains; and great disappointment was felt on its being announced that Wild Dayrell, Parthenopous, Mor-

ing Star, Innovator, and Gundagai, were scratched for all engagements, owing to the bad state of the course. The Handicap Hurdle Race, of 30 sovs., was a walk over for M. H. Smith's Luck's All.
MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, 15 sovs.—Seagull, 1; Sailor, 2.
BIRTHDAY HANDICAP, 30 sovs.—Forest King, 1; Orphan, 2.
FLYING STAKES HANDICAP, 15 sovs.—Forest King, 1; Orphan, 2.
HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE, 10 sovs.—Maccaroni, 1; Flatcatcher, 2; Lady Lovis, 3; Six started.
DISTRICT HANDICAP, 15 sovs.—Barb, 1; Eriethoneous, 2.

AUCKLAND. This day.
TE AWAMUTU RACES.
 At the above races Rewi won both, the To Awamutu Cup and the Waikato Stakes at Rakau the Hurdles.
 A sale of racing stock took place to-day. Billingsgate was sold for 130 guineas, Katipo for 45 guineas, Ellerslie for 27 guineas, Lady (by Malta the Auk) 40 guineas, Xastippe, with foal by Capapio, £27 10s.

TAKAPUNA RACES.
 Yesterday's meeting was anything but a success, as far as weather and attendance were concerned.
THE WINTER OATS HANDICAP, 30 sovs. was won by Kalo, Paramata, 2, Merlin 3. Katipo, Nigger, and Cadet also ran.
BIRTHDAY CUP, 25 sovs., one mile and a-half—Kalo 1, Yuba Bill 2, Gilderoy 3. The other starters were Maori, Katipo, and Lonehand. Kalo carried 11lbs overweight, and won by two lengths.

SELLING RACE, £20 sovs.—Paramata, 1; Yuba Bill, 2; Cadet, 3. Rawenata and Twilight also ran. The winner was entered to be sold for £30. Mr. Brown became the purchaser at £34.

HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE, 50 sovs. three miles—Chandler, 1; Hawthorne, 2; Timpan, 3. There was a very heavy course. Timpan had a strong lead until reaching the second fence, from home, when he came down, throwing the jockey. The Consolation Race was won by Yuba Bill.

WANGANUI STEEPLCHASE MEETING.
 The weather was splendid and the attendance very good.
WANGANUI HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE, 225 sovs., 3 miles. Munn's Ruahine (owner) and Connolly's Dhudeen (Edwards) ran a dead heat; Stevens' Diomedes (A. Campion), 3, Reform, Lady Bab, Parnell, Woodpecker, Pastime, and Caradon's Nukunui, Keith's Bugler and Lady Bab, McElwain's Calamity, Fraser's Woodpecker, and Douglas A.G. also ran. Ruahine, Dhudeen, Diomedes, and Parnell were scratched. Reliance led the way with Ngata and Calamity close up. It was soon seen that Ngata had the race in a canter if Trewn could keep him on his feet. Reliance was three lengths behind. Time 6mins 8.4.5ths secs. The totalisator, inside, had 44, four on the winner: the outside, 162, 15 on the winner.

GRANDSTAND STEEPLCHASE, 75 sovs., distance 3 miles: Enderby's Mount (Hope), 1; Douglas Pastime (Lyford), 2; Stevens' Diomedes (Campion), 3. Keith's Bugler and Reform also ran. Ruahine and Reliance were scratched. Mount, Diomedes, and Reform were the first to show prominently, Mount pulling double at the end of two miles; Reform came a cropper over the timber jump, and left Mount sailing along in front of every thing with plenty in hand. Pastime though well ridden by Lyford and running gamely, could not get on terms with the leader, and Diomedes just managed to secure third place. Time, 7mins. 4.5ths secs; very fast. Totalisator—inside 15, of which 54 were on the winner.

CONSOLATION, 40 sovs., 1½ miles: Lady Bab, 1. Calamity, Reliance, and Woodpecker also ran. Time, 3mins 40 secs. Totalisator, 119, 30 on the winner.

FOOTBALL.
AUCKLAND V. THAMES.
 After our last report closed, the game was carried on with much spirit notwithstanding the fearful state of the ground. It simply meant wading with the ball when a run was attempted, and drop kicking with accuracy was a matter of extreme difficulty. The Auckland team showed their knowledge of the game, and the lessons they gave the local men in "passing back" should not be forgotten. The "forwards" of the Thames deserve the highest praise, their play was all that could be desired—their compactness in the scrimmages, "lining up" and being well on the ball throughout, was sufficient to send a thrill of pleasure through every footballer who witnessed the game. There was a slight weakness shown in the back-play of the Thames, and that was where the visiting team were strongest. Owing to the deferred play of each team, when on the defensive, no points were scored at the score, after our yesterday's report closed; thus Auckland was victorious by two touch-downs to one, scored by the Thames. The two teams met at dinner in the evening at the Oddfellows Hall, and had a much milder battle to fight: The captain of the local team (Mr. Steward) occupied the chair, supported by the captain of the visiting team on his right and the deputy captain of the Thames Club (Mr. Christie) on his left. Mr. Baume occupied the Vice-chair. The following toasts were duly honored:—"Her Majesty the Queen;" "The Auckland team," proposed by the Chairman and responded to by Mr. Whiteside; "The Thames team," proposed by Mr. Whiteside and responded to by its captain; "The umpire," proposed by Mr. Baume and responded to by

Messrs Cossin and Lowe; "The Secretaries of the Clubs," proposed by Mr. Hall and acknowledged by Messrs Ryan and Brabant; "The Press," eulogised by Mr. Christie and answered by Messrs Hickey (Star) and Keary (Advertiser); "The Ladies," dilated upon by the Chairman, and replied to by the sylvan-like Mr. Baume; and the deputy-captain, Mr. Christie, which was received with enthusiasm. The meeting testified their appreciation of the excellent manner in which Mr. Forgie had prepared the report, to which they did full justice, and shortly before nine o'clock the assembly dispersed. The reunion was a very pleasant one.

OUR MINES.
NEW PRINCE IMPERIAL.
 The manager telegraphed this morning:—"10lb. picked stone from stringers in crosscut, No. 3 level; 20lbs. specimens from drive No. 2 section west, No. 5 level; and 50lbs. do. from stopes—G. S. CLARK." The 10lbs. of picked stone obtained at No. 3 level came from some quartz veins about an inch wide at a distance of 80 feet from the shaft. These have now been left behind the face. The country has changed for the better in the last few feet, and were the reef lately cut driven on eastward it would soon enter the good country. There is yet 20 feet more to drive before the No. 1 reef may be expected to come to hand. The reef in the western drive at level is 18 inches wide, and well defined.

QUEEN OF BEAUTY.
 The manager reports:—"Since I took charge the contractors on No. 10 level have holed through to the winze, a distance of 121 feet from the shaft. The reef in the face of the drive is about 10 feet in thickness, with a large quantity of bright mineral through the stopes. The contractors for this drive have now timbered up, and have completed it to the winze. I have started them on wages to continue this drive, and have also started the men that were sinking the winze to put in a crosscut on this level, ten feet back from the winze, to cut two drops that were got in sinking the winze. One is about eight inches in thickness, 10 feet from the top of the winze, and the other is about 20 feet above No. 10 level. It is twelve inches thick, showing good bright mineral. The last mentioned should be cut in about ten feet, and the top one in 25 feet driving. They are both likely to be looking for carrying gold. I have started the crosscut going east near the shaft on this level for the present, until the crosscut near the winze has cut the leader. No. 9 level: There are six men underground stopping for the junction of the Queen of May reef to the winze, a distance of 15 feet in length, and seven feet in depth. The reef is about five feet thick. There has been very little of it broken since I started. The men have been taking up the drive. The last crushing the tributors got was from the stopes where the reef is one foot thick, of good-looking stone. They are now employed pushing the drive ahead to cut the leader. The returns have been improving the last day or two at the battery, and I have enclosed the return of amalgam from each level. I would strongly recommend the continuation of the drive No. 8 towards the Bird-in-hand and Vanguard reefs, which was started by Mr. Black.

CALEDONIAN.
 The western drive in the Red Queen mine broke into an old drive from the Red Queen shaft, and a good current of air is now playing through the workings opened up by Mr. Hicks on the cross leader. He will now be able to examine the old workings, and see definitely what leaders have been wrought out, as soon as the drive has been cleared of mullock. The current of air now coming in the crosscut will be turned into the eastern drive, and made to pass right along the stopes, which will shortly be more fully mined than has been practically hitherto. The drives eastward on the cross leader and branches will also be pushed on, though it is the manager's intention to first repair the chamber at No. 1 level.

NEW MANUKAU.
 The crosscut for the winze at the 360 ft. level struck quartz yesterday morning and it was at first thought that another reef had been cut, but so far only a mass of stringers and mullock has been passed through.

MAHINER AND LONDON.
 In the former mine the only work in progress is driving east and west on the No. 2 reef at No. 5 level. Three shafts are employed in each place advancing dig on the footwall of the reef, which will not, however, be shot down till about 10 feet of it has been stripped. The count is tight. In the London also three shafts are at work putting in a dig east and west alongside No. 1 reef at No. 3 level. The pass to No. 2 level has been cleaned out, and good ventilation is thus secured.

THAMES WINDING ASSOCIATION.
 The tenders received for the erection of a tramway across Pollen street have been sent to Auckland for the decision of the directors. In the meantime the mullock is being tipped into the hoppers and carted away.

GOLD RETURNS.
DART.—Papa and party have crushed 2 loads of quartz for 20zs. 10dwt gold.
MOANATAHI.—Sariah and party have obtained the good return of 500zs gold from 6 loads of dirt.
WAITAKAHI No. 3.—Heitman and party and Graydon and party, tributaries, have banked the respective returns of 360zs 17dwt and 300zs 5dwt molified gold.

KARANGAHAKE.
 A contract has been let for putting in a drive along the course of the reef in the Noble G.M. Co., and before long it will be underneath the point at which gold was got on the surface. The proprietors of the Retreat claim are breaking out a crushing, and if the Hauraki battery is not ready to crush shortly, the parcel will be forwarded to the Thames for treatment.

MINING in the Upper Country.
KARANGAHAKE.
 (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
PAEROA. This day.
 Splendid stone coming to hand from the leading stopes in the low level—150 feet below surface—in the Hauraki mine Karangahake.

TE AROHA.
 This day.
 The Inverness claim, adjoining the Welcome, found good gold last night. The Welcome is going to send three tons down to the Thames for crushing.

Correspondence.
 The columns are open to all correspondents of public interest, but we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of writers. Correspondence must be in all cases by subscription, and the real name and address of the writer—not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

ASCENT OF TONGARIRO AND RUAPAHU.
 (To the Editor of the Evening Star.)
 Sir,—In your issue of the 19th inst. a reference is made to my recent explorations in the unknown portions of the island, a brief outline of which was published in the form of a telegram in the New Zealand Herald of Saturday. As the paragraph referred to is calculated to mislead your readers, allow me to point out its errors. 1. I did not travel, as stated, with a Herald correspondent. The journey was accomplished solely by myself and Mr. J. Turner, native interpreter. 2. I do not believe that a goldfield exists at the Wanganui River, as asserted by your correspondent, but in the Kaimanawa Ranges, in an opposite direction from it. 3. The Wanganui river does not run in ice cones but in ice caves. The insertion of this will oblige yours, &c.,—
 J. H. NICHOLLS.

THE VOLUNTEER REGIME.
 (To the Editor of the Evening Star.)
 Sir,—There can be no disguising the fact that Volunteering is at a very low ebb in this district. Why is there such a difference in the