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Funerals

FUNERAL NOTICE. THE Funeral of the infant child of Mr

WILLIAM KRISALL will leave the father's residence, Davy street, TO-MORROW (Thursday) at 239 p.m. for Shortland Cemetery. Friends please accept this invitation.

WILLIAM TWRKTYMAN, Undertaker.

The Evening Star.

PUBLISHED DAILY AT FOUR P.M.

Rosurrezi.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1888

THE manager of the Sexon mine telegraphed to day as follows :- " 20 bs picked stone from the leading stope on the main reef at No. 3 level. Quartz cut at No. 5 level .-- F. on the vexed question of the jurisdiction of JAMES."

THE ordinary meeting of the Thames Drainage Board was held yesterday in Auck. will make regular trips | ness was gone through, it was stated that all deeds, &c., were not finally drawn up. The Pump is to be the property of the contributing parties-the mining companies, Borough hold the same in trust for them. The resolution of which Mr Spratt bad given notice at the previous meeting was then discussed, v z., That in case the companies agree to the purchase of the Pump, the member for Thames be asked to get a short Bill passed at once diverting the gold duty to the refund of the several amounts paid by each company until the sum of £1,500 is refunded ; each company to be entitled to the duty on the gold obtained from its own ground till the sum advanced by it is paid off, after which the gold duty is to be applied towards payment of cost of drainage." Mr Brodie pointed out the absurdity of the Board carrying any such resolution, as they would have no power to do so, icasmuch as the gold duty was already part of the guarantee on which money had been raised for the cost of mains to bring the water for the substitution of motive power for the Pump, and other purposes. Mr McGowan also pointed out the unfair nature of Mr Spratt's resolution. If it were passed and put in force, the gold duty would not be in existence for six months, for a large number of gold producers at the Thames were opposed. to the duty as a tax on the mining industry, and the only reason why they agreed to it wes that the money raised thereby was used locally in making and keeping in repair the goldfield's roads. After some discussion, the resolution was carried. The only dissentients were Messra Brodie and McGowan, the former stating that it affected not only this goldfield but the whole of the goldfields in the colony, and was a question that must be dealt with only by the House. The Thames members of the Board were instructed to interview the County Council re the adjustment of water charges, and to report at the next meeting, which is to be held at the Thames.

> A FCOTBALL match will be played at Parawai on Saturday afternoon between the United and Wanderers' Clubs. The following will represent the United ;-Buchan (2), Daldy, (2), Allan, Tetley, Dennerly, Sullivan, Ladner, Douglas; emergencies: Cleaver, Mc Williams, Dryer, Carter. The ground committee have a ranged to keep the spectators clear of the goal lines, se in provinus matches the players have frequently been impeded by those pre sent encroachi g upon the field of play.

THE weekly meeting of the Thames Debating Society, which was to have been held last evening, did not take place, and has been adjourned until Tuesday pest.

AT the Police Court this morning, before

Dr. Kilgone and H. C. Liwlor, Esq., Js.P. William B. Baker was charged with having, on the 9th inst., left his stage coach unattended in Brown street He pleaded guilty, but explained that his son wes in charge of the coach, and had left it for a few minutes. The Bench said it appeared that the offence had been committed, but efendant had no control over the circumstances, and the case would therefore be dismissed -Samuel Moore was also charged with a breach of the Borough bye-laws by obstruct ing the pavement by leaving several boxes of goods thereon. Mr Stewart appeared for explained that the goods had only been left on scarcely be avoided, as a large stock had come | Rockhampton (Queousland) a separate to hand that day, The Bench remarked that | diocese. the offence was becoming a common one, and the explanation given did not exculpate the defendant. A fice of 5s and coats 7s would be imposed,-There was also a charge against James Musket of obstructing Queen street by leaving his horse and cart unattended, to which he pleaded guil'y. Sergt. Murphy, who appeared for the prosecution, stated that defendant had been in Lindeny's hotel for over two hours, and when Constable Hinton and himself went in to look for him, he went out into the back yard. He came in shortly afterwards, however, and was not then sober. The Bench imposed a fine of 10s and costs 9s

A MAN named Walter Emerson, while rturning to Paeron from Edwards' sale at Mackaytown yards on Saturday lost, was thrown from his borse, and somewhat severely injured. He was mounted on a rather restless pony, and was carrying a small boy in cream, with the best possible appliances, and front when he was thrown. The boy escaped the most perfect cleanliness. No wonder it is with a slight contusion, but Emerson's foot becoming so popular with all who appreciate caught in the stirrup, and he was dragged for the luxury of reully good butter, and who about a chain. He is now getting all right W | again,

This concluded the business.

call of one shilling per share was made on the capital of the Old Caledonian G.M.Co. to-day, payable on the 4th July.

An accident happened yesterday afternoon t Puriri to a youth named Fred. W. Bennett, about 16 years of age. He was playing with some others, when by some means he slipped, and his leg doubled up underneath him, the result being that his right thigh was broken. He was taken to the Hospital, where he was attended to by Dr Williams.

THE s.s. Rotomabana proceeded up the river last night for the purpose of towing out the barque Killsruey, which has finished loading 280,000ft of kauri at the Thames River sawmill. Owing to the insufficiency of water, however, the barque was unable to get away from the wharf, so that her departure for Melbourne has been delayed.

WE would remind those interested that the remainder of the bankrupt stock of drapery, clothing, &c., will be disposed of to-morrow by Mr R. R. McGregor. The sale commences at 11 a.m. in St. George's Hall, when some baresing should be obtainable as the balance of the stock is to be sold without reserve.

A GENERAL meeting of members of the Thomas Rifle Rangers is to be held on the 28th inst. to consider the matter of the disposal of the company's property. All accounts against the corps must be left with Lieut. Lucas or the Secretary before the 21st inst.

THE Danish Consul for Auckland Province aid of the Norsewood settlers, through Mr J. E. Hansen, Thames, viz: A. and G. Price £2 2s, P. C. Hansen £1 1s.

MR H. W. NORTHCROFT, R.M., will hold a Court on the 18th inst. for the purpose of revising the Ratepayers' Roll for the Ohinemuri County. The Court will sit at the Paeroa Public Hall.

A MEETING of the Thames Rugby Union wa, held last evening, when a letter was road from the Secretary of a newly-formed Kiri Kiri Club, expressing their willingness to join the Union, which was agreed to. A letter was also read from the Auckland Rugby Union, to the effect that they would arrange a match for the Thames representatives later on in the sesson, although the date could not yet be definitely decided. After some discussion it was resolved, "That any junior playing in two senior matches shall be recognised as a senior player." The remainder of the business was of an unimportant nature.

OUR Paeroa correspondent writes as follows our Harbor Board :- " The Piako and To Aroha people appear to object to doing anything at all in the matter of their rivers. Although they object to the Thames Harbor land, Mr J. M. Lennox in the chair, and the Board having any jurisdiction over their following members being present - Mesers | navigable waters, yet they do not appear to Frater, Morrin, Spratt, Comer, Turtle, Brodie, wish to supersede that body by the creation and McGowau. After the usual routine busi- of a River Board. It is quite likely that they will take no action in the matter. The Ohinemuri County Council, as the Biver Conserto Grahamstown and Short- companies had paid their respective vancy Board for the district of Chinemuri, land, leaving Auckland every assessments towards the purchase of the Big | will therefore simply carry on their functions Pump, which was now completed, though the | as a River Board, while it is possible that the dwellers in that district which lies between the northern or Thames boundary of the Ohinemuri County and the southern limit of the Thames Harbor Board, will petition and County Councils, the Drainage Board to the Governor to create a second River Board thereat, and then amalgamete. if such action is legal, with the Ohinemuri River Board. It would appear that Minister of Marine was not aware that the district as proposed by him to be created a River District (i.e., a portion of Thames County, Obinemuri County, Archa Town District, and Piako County) could not be so created until a petition to the Governor-in Council, signed by two-thirds of the ratepayer, within those limits, and to that effect, was granted. Although these actions are spoken of, bowever, it is still quite likely that nothing at all will be done, and that matters will be resolved into the ante bellum state. Meantime, the rivers certainly require looking to. The Ohinemuri Conservancy Board will not be held guiltless if a scow requiring a new bottom should happen to run upon a convenient snag. Still, as there are no funds, no available assets, nor distrainable chattels, it is to be hoped that "the sweet little cherub that sits up aloft " will keep an eye on the mariners who ply on the Ohine.

THE Sydney Paily Telegraph of June 2nd says-"It is no nows to say that during the month of May, which has just closed, the docline in silver shares has been very great. It will, however, be interesting to note its exact extent as regards the stocks which have engrossed most attention. It may be premised that in the middle of the month the fall was arrested to a considerable extent, but the rallying forces were broken down by the constant pressure to realise, and the market generally closes weaker than at any time during month. As compared with the first Friscrounts, and a reduction of the present water | day in May, proprietary show a great decline of £28 per 16,600th share, British of 34s per 20,000th, South of £4 per 100,000th, Block 14 of £3 5; per 100,000th, Junction of 36s per 100,000th, Cordillers of 34s per 100,000th. These sys the biggest figures, and if capitalized these alone show a shrinkage of £2,031,000 in capital value for the month, Of course Kitching, Pearce, Kenrick, Mangan, Steedman it the figures are gauged against the highest which have been obtained, the results are very much move sensational. Proprietary have touched £412; British, £8 13s; South £22; Block 14, £16; Junctions, £9; and Centret, £14. The difference between the values at which they were assessed then and the values placed upon them now, amounts to over seven millions, and this notwithstancing the fact that most of them look much more promising now than they did then."

CABLEGRAMS.

[PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

Received 12th, 10,56 p.m.

London, June 12. The proposal to introduce farthing bids at the wool sales has been withdrawn,

pending enquiries which are to be made of the colonial Chamber of Commerce on

has affirmed the necessity of creating Chinese.

M. Pasteur's Scheme.

A WARNING FROM THE LANCET. The Lancet urges that great caution should be used in introducing M. Pasteur's scheme for the extermination of rabbits. alleging that the soil and water would teem with microbes to such an extent that a plague, involving the destruction of human life, might possibly result.

Received 13th, 1.40 p.m.

LONDON, June 12. The hop market is firm, and prices have advanced a few shillings.

The Bishop of Limerick has directed the clergy of his diocese to strictly enforce the recent Papal rescript.

CRACOW, June 12. Russian Army Manouvres. Russian army manouvres are being diggings.

A TELEGRAM from Auckland states that a carried on on an extensive scale on the Polish frontier, and it is expected that a similar demonstration will shortly take place west on the Austrian frontier.

> CAPETOWN, June 11. The Ionic sailed on Saturday for New Zealand.

LONDON, June 12. Death of Sir Duncan Cameron Obituary: Sir Duncan Cameron, an

old New Zesland warrior.

SYDNEY, Yesterday.

AUSTRALIAN. Received 12th, 10.50 p.m.

A Colliery Strike. Some trouble is anticipated over the South Waratah colliery dispute, owing to the company employing foreigners in the place of the men who have gone out on strike. A general strike is now imminent.

MELBOURNE, Yesterday. A man named Ryan was charged at the Police Court to-day with attempting to shoot Constable Nicholson last week. He was discharged, and the constable will probably be brought before the Court on charge of perjury.

Sailed : Barque Grasmere, for Kaipara. BRISBANE, Yesterday.

Queensland Ministry Resign. Parliament opened to-day, when Mi Albert Norton was elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The Premier, Six Samuel Griffiths, announced to the House that in consequence of the result of the recent elections, he had placed the resig nation of the Ministry in the hands of His Excellency the Governor.

EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

His Death Reported.

[PRESS ASSOCIATION.] Received, 13th 12.30 a.m.

Berlin, June 12. The Emperor takes his food with relucance, and is very feverish.

LATER.-6 p.m. The worst is feared for the Emperor, and it is reported that he is dead.

The Chinese Question.

The Times' Opinion.

(PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

(Received 13th, 1.40 p.m.)

London, June 12. The Times this morning, in an article on the Chinese question, says that the recent enactment of the Legislature of New South Wales is absolutely incompatible with the treaties of Nankin and Pekin, but whilst this is so, England is prepared to aid the colonists to the last point, consistent with national honor and

Received 12th, 10.50 p.m.

SYDNEY, Yesterday. Desperate Effort of Chinese.

FRUSTRATED BY THE POLICE. The Chinese passengers detained on board the Changsha made a desperate attempt to obtain a landing this afternoon. After a short struggle, however, the police succeeded in quelling the disturbance.

Received 13th, 2.50 p.m.

SYDNEY, This day. More Chinese for New Zealand Sailed: The Waihora, for Wellington, with 12 Chinese.

Sent Home.

The s.s. Guthrie has sailed with 85 returned Chinese.

> \mathbf{THE} CONFERENCE

The Press Excluded.

[PRESS ASSOCIATION.] Received, 13th 1.40 a.m.

SYDNEY, Last night. The Chinese Conference opened to-day, but the Press was not admitted. Sir Henry Parkes was chosen President. Mr Piayford, the Premier of South Australia, gave notice of a series of resolutions, which he thought would comprehend all the business expected from the Conference. It will conclude its sittings on

The suggestions cabled some days since by Lord Kuntsford to the Premier of South Australia were read at the Chinese Conference to-day. They are generally disapproved of as not being worthy of consideration. The most material point is that the Colonics should make their legislation against the Chinese of a similar character to that which might be made to apply to subjects of Germany, France, or any other foreign nation visit-

ing the colonies. Mr Playford's resolutions, of which notice was given to day, indicate the necessity of a stringent but moderate The International Conference now sitting | measure to restrict the immigration of the

> It has been suggested by the South Australian delegates, as a basis for future discussion, that a poll-tax of £30 should be imposed, and that the tonnage allowance should be increased to one Chinese for every 200 tons.

Track From Puriri to Tairua.

BALANCE OF VOTE TO BE EXPENDED.

BY TELEGRAPH .- OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Wellington, This day. Mr Cadman has arranged with the Minister for Lands to continue the track from Puriri to Tairus, and he has given instructions to Mr Percy Smith, Assistant Surveyor-General, to expend the balance of the vote (£200) remaining from last year. It is considered that this will complete the track as far as the Tairua

Mr Cadman's Action Appreciated.

A LETTER OF THANKS.

PARROA, This day. At a public meeting held at Paeroa last night, it was unanimously resolved to send

a letter of thanks to Mr A. J. Cadman. M.H.R., for his action re the Thames Harbor Board and the upper country the boats. It is said the steamer struck the fluke

Parliamentary Gossip

(BY TRLEGRAPH-OWN CORRESPONDENT.) WELLINGTON, Last night.

Hospital and Charitable Aid A deputation waited on the Colonial Secretary this morning with reference to hospital and charitable aid matters. They pointed out that in some instances the present charges for hospital and charitable aid were larger than other expenses of local bodies, and that the opinion was generally held that sooner than continue the present system, it would be better for the Act to be repealed, and that the Counties should provide their own charitable aid, special provision being made for the towns. The Colonial Secretary promised to bring the matter before the Cabinet, and to return an answer to the

deputation on Thursday. The Premier's Resolve. The Premier says that since the Budget was brought down he has received telegrams from all parts of the colony, approving of the new duties, from Free Traders as well as Protectionists, both sides refor carrying on the affairs of the colony, but they will be happy to receive any be torn to pieces by either party.

Midland Railway.

The Midland Railway question was before both Houses to day. The Select than any report of Engineers outside the colonial service. The Committee of the House proposed that the provision drawn up by the Premier should be attached to the contract with the company. A long discussion took place, Sir G. Grey contending that the constitution of the Committee was illegal, and ultimately the report was ordered to lie on the table, no motion being made for its adoption.

The Waste Lands Committee find that John Madder, who prayed for a Crown grant of 40 scres of land selected by him in 1858 in the Maungakaramea district, has no claim upon the colony.

Adam Elliott and other agricultural leaseholders at Ohinemuri recently petitioned the House, complaining that their rents are disproportionately heavy, considering the poverty of the soil and its praying that they may be allowed to acquire the freehold of their sections. The Public Petitions Committee report it is desirable that such of the settlers as have paid rents amounting to 5s an acre and upwards, should be allowed to retain their leases at a nominal rent.

"Agin the Government"

The feature of last night's debate lay in the action of the Freetraders, two of whom-Messrs Brown and Beethammade slashing speeches. Mr Beetham, as the leader of the party, moved an amendment to the motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, viz: "That it is desirable that there should be no delay in the committal of the Customs Duties Bill, so as to enable the Government to have another opportunity of considering whether the necessity for a portion of the taxation could be obviated by further retrenchment." Mr Seddon tried hard to interpret this as a no-confidence motion, or one made with the object of the consolidation of Protectionists as members of the Government party, and stated that though he had supported the second reading, he must, if it came to a question of no-confidence, be like the Irishman at New York-"agin Government." The debate will be re-

Cricket Match

sumed this afternoon.

against the Australians.

AUSTRALIANS V. OXFORD. [PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

LONDON, June 12. The Oxford University past and present scored 248 runs in their first ionings

WRECK OF THE HAWEA

Further Details.

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, Last night. high water was quite upright, but the Small, and the Society have to be con-

water swept her decks. boats were got out and the passengers a gentleman possessed of a trained and landed on the wharf. There were six cultured tenor voice is a rara avis, more saloon passengers and five steerage especially in a small community like. Those for the express train were-Mrs ours at Thames, and the absence of Kennedy and Messrs Scarfe and Read, such has been one of the weak points The mails, passengers, and luggage were of the Society in the past. Mr landed. The engines were continuing to Small made his first appearance before pump, but the water gradually put out a Thames audience in the recitative, fires as she began to sink. The crew, followed by the gir "Now vanish before consisting of 9 deck bands and 1 boy. 3 the holy beams," and at once created a engineers and 9 firemen, steward and most favorable impression, which was stewardess, were sent on shore. Capt. heightened by each succeeding number Hansby and the chief officer (Mr. Waller) in which he appeared. His voice is a remained on board. The harbor tug gave | remarkably sweet one, of great compass, assistance in landing the erew.

Keith's mare Allegro, which won the were greatly and deservedly admired. In it he went to the house of a gentleman Steeplechase in Auckland on Monday, the recitative, "In splendour bright" who was a teetotaller, and got only water. and Mr George's Armourer. Allegro was especially, he showed that he entered fully he (the Professor) thought him neither a first slung into the water, and one of the into and with a thorough appreciation of gentleman nor a Christian. The host steamer's boats commenced to tow her to the sentiment and music of the great | was bound to respect his guest's capacity. shore, and got her midway between the composer, the tadagio and allegre pass as he (the Professor) respected his breakwater and the pumping house when sages being beautifully rendered. But in weakness.

the halter slipped, and she went out to | that magnificent sir. "In native worth," sea beyond the breakwater. Armourer was slung next, but somehow he slipped from the sling into the water. The horse majestic description of "A Man, the swam towards the cattle race and then turned toward the sea, but was caught by the barbor boat and brought safely to very effectively rendered, and his flexile (BY TELEGRAPH .-- OWN CORRESPONDENT.) shore. Allegro was pursued by the harbor boat and secured by a rope and

towed in, but was drowned. When the passengers were being landed, the chief officer was washed off the steamer, but was picked up by one of

of her own anchor, as no rocks are known to be where she seems to have struck

The preliminary enquiry into the wreck of the Hawes has been pestponed till to-

morrow at 10 a.m. This day. The Enquiry Proceeding.

THE CAPTAIN'S STATEMENT. The Hawea shows no sign of having moved; she is unright, and has not bumped in the least. Opinious are expressed that she can be easily floated, as

The enquiry commenced this morning.

Capt. Hansby states that he anchored off

she is in no way strained.

with a choppy sea. At 5.30 on Tuesday morning he prepared to go into the harbor, and hove in about fifteen fathoms of cable. The Gairloch was close by, and just before entering he stopped the vessel, and reversed her engines, so as to let the Gairloch go in first. He then came in with the leading lights a little open to the westward, when he saw breakers on the land off the end of the breakwater. He starboarded the helm, and when abreast cognising that there is no question of of the bank put the helm hard to port, either Free Trade or Protection in the to haul up to the wharf, and put the tariff. The Cabinet, he says, is composed engines at half speed, but saw that she of a majority of Free-traders who still was not answering her helm. On account stick to their colors. The Government of the fresh breeze on her broadside be will insist upon having sufficient revenue stopped the engines and let go the starboard anchor, and went ahead slowly, with the helm hard aport, thinking that the suggestions from either side of the House. | anchor would check her bow to windward. The burdens will be removed as far as | She came round a couple of points, when possible, but they are determined the he felt the vessel touch on her keel tariff shall be carried as a whole, and not lightly aft. He and the chief mate were the last to leave the vessel. She cost £35,000, and was built in 1875. She had been in the barbour before in the same state of the tide, which was two quarters flood. The boat's usual draught was from Committee of the Legislative Council 12ft 6ins to 13ft. There was 14ft under brought up a report recommending that | the bow when the cable parted. With the final decision, as far as it related to 18 fathoms of cable out the vessel drifted the construction of the alternative line, into 12 fathoms, where she now is subbe left to the Engineers of the Govera- | merged. He did not over run his anchor. ment, as the Committee believed that the | He went half speed, as he thought the suggestions made by the Colonial steamer touched the bank, and immedi- completely drowned, unless the accom-Engineers would prove more effectual ately afterwards felt her strike heavily, paniment is proportionately toned down. and then a second time, when he saw the her way had been stopped. He sounded the wells, and found she was not making water. About 8.30 the cable of the starboard anchor parted, and the vessel drifted to where she now is, and got aground at high water. The forehold

and crew ashore. The chief mate, William Waller, is now

giving evidence. The chief mate's evidence was similar

to that of the captain. The other witness examined were :-Bannatyne, Jas. McIvor, Wilkinson, and the Harbor Master. The preliminary

enquiry then closed. Some of the crew went off to the vessel this morning, but could get nothing beremoteness from a sufficient market, and longing to them. The cabins and enginerooms are full of water. It is thought by some that serious in-

jury has been done to the vessel's bottom by the way she has sunk since she stranded. The officers and crew will be paid off hore, and most of them will leave for the

South in the s.s. Wauaka on Saturday. CHORAL SOCIETY CON-

CERT. The Choral Society gave a very succesful performance of Hayda's Oratorio The Creation" last evening in the Pollen Street Lecture Hall, which was crowded on the occasion, every seat being occupied. This Oratorio, though it has not been performed at the Thames for several years is well known to most of our readers, some of the airs and choruses therein being very popular, and it would be needless for us therefore to give any detailed description of this grand work. Mrs Kilgour, as usual, bore the brunt of the work, and the strain on her vocal powers must have been very great, as, in addition to the different solos. she also of necessity had to take part in all the choruses. She was in splendid voice throughout the evening. Her first solo "The marvellous work behold amazed," was very well rendered, as was also the air " With verdure clad." Her greatest triumph, however, was in the air "On mighty pens uplifted soars," It is the desire and ambition of all the Samous Oratorio vocalists at Home to be able to render this wonderful composition, so highly is it held in their estimation, and Mrs Kilgour must indeed be congratulated for having sung it with such great success. In the various duets and trios in which she took part during the evening she was also very successful. The part allotted to Miss Belcher was not a very prominent one, but whatever this lady takes in hand is always done in a thoroughly correct and painstaking manon hand .- F. JAMES." ner. In the duet with Mr Coney, " Of stars the fairest," a most difficult morocau, her singing was very effective, the runs After sticking fast, the vessel tilted being taken in excellent time. Among over to port considerably, but as the the gentlemen singers, the chief honors rising tide came up she righted, and at of the evening fell to the lot of Mr H. H. gratulated on this latest accession to their When she first began to fill, the ship's number. It is a well known fact that

and the tasteful mapper, as well as the

Woman, fair and graceful spouse," was voice was shown to advantage as it at one time was powerful, when singing of the man, and then soft and sweet, when referring to Eve's " Softly smiling, virgin looks." At the close of the air Mr Small was applauded, and this, we may here remark, was the only item during the evening which did receive any applause. The whole of the bass solos and music devolved on Mr Coney, who had to take the character of the angel Raphael and also Adam, which must have been very heavy work, and almost too much. He was in excellent voice, however, and acquitted himself on the whole exceedingly well. His most successful piece was in our opinion "Straight opening her fertile womb," and in its rendition he displayed an intelligent and correct appreciation of the musicas well as the words. The chorusesia "The Creation" do not occupy a prominent position. All were very fairly rendered, with the exception of the final one, Sing the Lord, ye voices all," which was wretchedly given, betokening an evident great want of rehearsal. The wellthe breakwater about 11 o'clock on known ones, "The Marvellous Work," Monday night. The weather was squally, and also "The heavens are telling," were given with great effect. In this Oratorio the part allotted to the orchestra is a very important one, all the airs and accompaniments being as descriptive as music can make it of the scenes which the composer was treating, and intended to convey to the car the sentiments with which his artistic mind was at the time occupied. As an instance of this we may just refer to one, the air to which we have already referred-" On mighty pens upuplifted soars." In this the music is descriptive of the flight of the eagle, the singing of the merry lark, the cooing of the dove to her gentle mate, and the nightingale's delightful notes, and the manner in which it was rendered by the orchestra showed that they fully understood and appreciated the composer's ideas. We think that the orchestra last evening deserved much praise for the manner in which they performed their part, and in this respect they showed an improvement on the former occasion, in that they were not so obtrusive. There is no doubt a great proneness on the part of a number of instrumentalists, who may be more accustomed to play dance or other music, to bring their own particular instruments to the front, but this was not nearly so apparent last night, though this failing did show itself in a slight degree occasionally. They should remember that a single voice, especially in piano passages, is almost the introduction to the recitative, ... it Rosy Mantle," descriptive of morning, was exquisitively rendered, the French horn proving a very effective feature. The usual meed of praise is due to Mrs Kirkpatrick for the finished manuer in which she played the accompaniments filled with water. He got the passengers | during the evening; also to Mr Grigg. who is to be congratulated on the success of the performance.

AT THE RINK

Mr Salmon did not come down from Auckland last evening, but is expected

Mr L. Dixon, the amsteur fast skater of New Zealand, arrived last night, and will give an exhibition this evening. He

the Columbia punctually at 9 o'clock.

The teams are in good form, and a capital

dees the mile in 4.20. The polo match takes place to-night in

game may be expected.

OUR MINES.

SAXON.

A body of quartz was cut in the crosscut at No. 5 level to-day, which will in all probability prove to be the main reef, as it should be intersected about this distance-some 54ft-from the shaft. The manager reports for the past week as follows :-" The leading stope on the hanging wall reef is within 2 or 3ft of the boundary; the reef is 15 inches thick and shows colors of gold. The second and third stopes have each been advanced. 8 or 9ft, the reef being 15 inches thick, and showing gold every breaking down. The fourth stope is 87ft, the fifth 77ft, and the sixth 30ft in from the junction. In each of these stopes the reef is 15 inches wide, and good colors of gold are occasionally seen in the quartz. On the footwall reef the eighth stope is 120ft in from the rise, and produced during the week about 30lbs of picked stone. The ninth stope is 90ft in from the rise. and shows a little gold. On No. 1 footwall leader two stopes are in hand, and the leader is 7 inches thick, showing good colors of gold. The leader going off into the wall from the fourth stope on the hangingwall reef, has been driven on 7 or Sit, but no gold was seen last breaking down. A crosseut has been started from No. 3 level to intersect the No. 1 footwall cader, as it can now be better worked from this level. Above No. 3 level three stopes are being worked, and the reef is 18 inches thick and continues to show colors of gold. The contractors at No. 5 level are 52ft from the shaft, and the country is all that could be desired. Plate. amalgam was cleaned up yesterday for 228ozs, making a total of 1040ozs 10dwts

Brevities.

R.M.S. Mararoa arrived in Auckland

to-day from Sydney. The Victorian Government give a grant of £300 per sanum in aid of the Salvation Army work. In addition a free pass over New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australian lines is ogiven to Major

Barker. The expenses of the English football team are about £400 a week.

A shipment for London was lately made of 20,900 bars, or 1,050 tons of Broken Hill Silver-lead, worth £50 a

Professor Blackie has been giving his opinion of tectotallers and tectotalism. He had, he said, the highest respect for Two racehorses were on board-Mr distinct enunciation with which he sings, temperance and for total abstinence; but