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EVENING STAR OFFICE,

Friday, January 31, 1879. Amount of Revenue collected at the Port of Thames this day :-

Port Charges ... ... 0 5 0

POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS CLOSE-

For Auckland, per s.s. Rotomahans, tomorrow, at 12 noon; and per p.s. Enterprise at 5 p.m. For Coromandel, Russell and Northern Ports,

via Auckland, to-morrow, at 5 p.m. For Tauranga, Gisborne, Napier, Southern Ports and Australian Colonies (for transmission per s.s. Hawea) to morrow, at 5

For Sandwich Islands, North and South America, British and Foreign West Indies, Continent of Europe, and United Kingd u, via San Francisco, on Monday next. Money Orders, and Registered Letters omorrow, at 5 p.m. For Wangarei, via Auckland, on Money

J. E. CONBY. Chief Postmaster

Chief Post Office, Thames, January 31, 1879.

TIDE TABLE.

Morn. Even. Rises JAN.-FEB. 27-Mouday ... | 9.57 | 10. 4 | 5.14 | 7 11 ... 10.30 10,46 5.1629-Wednesday ... 11. 5 30-Thursday ... 11.47 ! 0.15 | 0.42 | 5.19 | 7 8 1-Saturday 1.44 | 5.20 | 7 2-Sunday 2.17 | 2.57 | 5.21 | 7 | 6

Moon's First Quarter-30th, 11.24 p.m. "ME GOLDIE, the naturalist, who passed the last 18 months in New Guirea, has," the Brisbane Courier states, " ollected an immense number of animals, birds, and insects, besides valuable bottoical specimens, and believes that a large number of these are entirely unknown. He claims to have found an entirely tow species of kangaroo. He has brought good-looking lad of indistinct Malay origin, whose long frizzly hair, tied round up. The natives of the inland tribes Mr of ferocity lately detailed by us on he authority of the residents at a beche lemer station. Mr Goldie was of the party about twenty flooded rivers, and losing horses and baggage, and states tribe with whom Mr Goldie's party came in contact suggested to them the probable origin of the rumors that have been always current of a race of tailed men in admission of the soft impeachment on the some remote corner of the globe. The se side of the band. ning construction as to entirely mislead a | THE Rotomakana arrived at Auckland casual observer. They are entirely naked, except for the caudal ornament, which is a plait of grass fastened round their loins by a fine string, and depending behind to about half-way down their legs. Possibly the missing link that has so baffled Darwin has only lately become extinct in New Guinea, and these descendants, ashamed of their degeneracy, keep up

Says the New Orleans Picayune :- It sets of canvas covering.

the tradition of a noble ancestry by simu-

lating their distinguishing characteris-

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PUBLISHED DAILY AT FOUR O'CLOCK F.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1879.

WE have received a letter from Another of the Band," in extenuation of the Thames Scottish Band's attempted extortion for services rendered on the occasion of the banquet to the Hon. James Macandrew, and the subsequent demonstration at the turning of the first sod of the railway. With characteristic impertinence the writer challenges us to " prove the charges" made against the Band. We made no charges against them. The charges were all on the side of the Band, and the difficulty has arisen because the several local committees concerned in recent festivities decline to be imposed upon. If the writer insinuates that we have made any assertion regarding claims made by or on account of the Scottish Band, we shall be glad to correct the same when pointed The banquet and reception out.

committees will probably publish their accounts some day, when the public will have an opportunity of judging of the modesty of the Band in their demands for remuneration, and their capacity for refreshments. Their tastes in this direction must be rather fastidious, both in the with him a native from the coast tribe . a drinking and smoking line. This correspondent, "Another of the Band," is impudent enough to say that we knew with a string, is worn standing straight the terms on which the Scottish Band offered to play on Boxing Day. We Goldie states to be entirely different from those on the coast in both appearance oustoms, but all, he says, are friendly and good-natured, and not given to the decided by the coast in both appearance and that the Demonstration Committee invited all the bands to give their assistance to help the hospital; that the Navals and Hauraki Engineers responded by their presence and assistance; and that the absence of the Thames Scotthat made its way to the coast, cross ng tish Band was remarked and commented upon in terms not flattering to the Scottish Band by scores of people. although they crossed some high ranges "Another of the Band." further goes on they never reached the divid og to justify the conduct of the Band in range, on the other side of which be their demands, but we decline to give general belief amongst the party was that | publicity to the letter, which is unaupayable gold would be found. The nati es thenticated by the name of the writer. in the interior are, it appears, so awed at | The best thing the band can do for their the sight of a white man as to obviate any own credit is to let the matter drop, for risk of molestation. The custom of a the more it is canvassed the more it shows

> at nine o'clock last night, we are informed, after a protracted passage of nine hours, and not twelve, as stated in the Advertiser. She made the passage down this morning in five hours.

SIR Henry Parkes, in replying to a deputation of stockowners, in reference to the cattle sale yards, said it was not | arrived; his departure to New Zealand the business of the Government to undertake the construction of such works, and nothing will justify them in asking Parliamentary sanction to any such scheme, except the utter inability of is the experience of circus proprietors that private enterprise to cope with the one stock of clown jokes will outlast seven matter. He would, however, consult his colleagues on the subject.

George-Vidal was charged with permitting a horse to wander at large. Mr J Skene, J.P., was on the Bench, and said as it required two justices to deal with this case, he would have to adjourn it till to morrow. This was all the business.

THE match Borough v. County will be resumed to morrow by the Thames is signalled. The new Governor will be Cricket Club. So far the match is not in sworn in with the usual ceremony. favor of either side, and from what we can learn it is likely to be a very hotly contested finish. The following are the names of those who are to take part in it, and expected to be on the ground at two o'clock sharp:-Borough-Lawless, Whitford, Steedman, Smeaton, Hargreaves, Gray, MacLean, Baxter, Tregonning, Waddington, Paul, and Buttle. County -West, Burgess, Spencer, Gudgeon, Carrick, Potts, Murphy, Lough, Munro, Hudson, Bull, Cameron, Wardell, and

SYMPATHY with the Kellys, the Benalla Standard remarks, finds various forms of expression. We have heard of a pious lady " who wonders whether Christians ever pray for those poor Kellys," and she has sent a parcel of books and tracts through the post, addressed "Edward Kelly, Bushranger," but, as even the police do not know his present address, the parcel has not yet reached the out-

## TELEGRAMS.

PER PRESS AGENCY.

AUCKLAND.

This day. Judge Fenton leaves for Wellington

The Stella leaves here for Wellington with Mr Sheehan to-morrow.

The four-oar gig race, first prize thirty pounds, was rowed this morning and won by the Mercury Bay crew. One boat was swamped.

GORE.

This day, 10 a.m. Mr Convers is about the same as yesterday. Owing to the slow progress, the doctors say it will be some days before they can speak definitely.

> WELLINGTON. Thursday.

The steamer Wellington left Wellington wharf for Otaki at 10 p.m. Wednesday for the purpose of towing into Wellington the ship Hyderabad. During the night from W.N.W., with thick weather and high sea; at 6.30 a.m. a very heavy gale, with high confused sea, the ship rolling very heavily; at 6.45 she was abreast the stranded ship City of Auckland; at 8.50 she signalled the Hyderabad, who answered her to return. She stood off and on until 9.40, when signals were repeated for the third time "Return to port," as a surf was apparently breaking heavily round the ship, and finding it quite impossible to render assistance or further communicate, she then shaped her course for Wellington at 2.44 p.m.

The case of Miss Jones v. Kenneth

Wilson, Principal the Wellington College, occupied the R.M. Court nearly the whole of the day. The first charge was that Mr Wilson had unlawfully etained plaintiff's private letters, and ther of her property, for which she laimed £50 damages. It was decided n plaintiff's favor for the full amount simed, subject to a reduction to £10 if he letters and other property were reurned to Miss Jones within seven days. n the second case between the same arties Miss Jones sought to recover £50 or wrongful dismissal from her office as natron of the college. In her evidence Miss Jones accused Mr Wilson of making ndecent overtures to ber; Mr Wilson, n the other hand, suspected plaintiff of anacy, and had a medical examinaion, but Drs Diver and Newnan refused to certify that she was sane. Mr Wilson then had her renanded to lodgings by the persuasion of he wife of the Rev. Mr Coffey. Mr Vilson paid into Court the sum of £6 ue to plaintiff for wages, but the R.M. ave judgment for an additional month's rages as due in lieu of notice. Miss ones came out from England with Mr Vilson, and has been about five years in heir service. For the past three years er salary was £20 per annum, and was ubsequently increased to £30. Miss ones is about 25 years of age, ladylike, nd prepossessing in appearance. She peaks two or three languages. The ourt was crowded. The Colonial Secretary has made arangements with Superintendent James

or the distribution of charitable aid as ormerly, under the control of Inspector

NELSON.

Thursday. cton Adams was proposed by Mr Jas. clanders, of Scianders and Co., and Mr | resolved to comply with the request. Pitt by Mr Richmond, M.H.R. The hows of bands favored Mr Adams. The roceedings were lively, and lasted over bree hours. The poll will take place on

## LOGRAMS

REUTER'S SPECIAL TO PRESS AGENCY.)

AUSTRALIAN.

SYDNEY, January 30. The Council inserted a clause in the Parliamentary Bill defining contempt as acts or words in writing in or within the precincts of Parliament Houses. The Governor's commission has not

is indefinite. Seventy-three Chinamen arrived at Port Darwin yesterday from Hongkong.

MELBOURNE, January 30. The Hon. J. T. Smith, ex-Mayor, died to-day.

AT the R.M. Court this morning urging the Government to legislate to prevent the influx of Chinese.

MELEOUENE, Thursday. Preparations are being made for the reception of Lord Normanby. Sir Bryan O'Loghlen will meet His Excellency at Port Phillip Heads when the Riugarooma

Stoppage of the Big Pump.

PRESENTATION TO MR G. BLACK.

This day, the last of the month, has seen the Big Pump and works in connection therewith stopped. The pump indeed stopped working yesterday, and during the day and up till noon of this day all the workmen have been busily employed making things snug. The steam capstan was rigged and the buckets were lifted; and the engines have been cleaned and put in order for a long spell of idleness. The engineers, drivers, bracemen, &c., were paid off this morning, and about noon all the workmen assembled at the office for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr George Black, the manager.

Mr Heighway was chosen spokesman, and he commenced proceedings by reading the following address :-

"To George Black, Esq., Manager United Pumping Association, Grahams town.—Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned, employees of the United Pumping Association, who have been under your charge for several years past, in severing our. connection with you and the Association on this the occasion of stopping of the works, take this opportunity of expressing to you our appreciation of your skill and ability in the management of this important undertaking, and of your consideration for the workmen on all occasions. We feel that we cannot let this occasion pass without giving you some mark of our esteem for you personally, as well as a tribute to your careful supervision of the Works, and we have great pleasure in asking your acceptance of this address and the accompanying diamond ring as mementos of your connection with this work. We also take this opportunity to wish you and Mrs Black all health and prosperity in your future sphere of life.—
We are, &c., A. Bruce, John F. Heighway, John S. Hope, David Reid, John Dennerly, A. Wood, C. B. O'Reilly, R. Wishart, George Kerr, Andrew Jamieson, John Mace, J. Downes, G. Constable, Wm. Constable, James Russell, John McRae, R. Morrison."

Mr Heighway then handed to Mr Black the address and a valuable diamond she experienced a fresh northwest gale, ring-a plain hoop of gold, devoid of of dealing with gold duty, and that the set deep in the ring. The ring bore on the inside this inscription : - " From U.P.A. workmen to G. Black, Esq., Jan. 1879." Mr Heighway accompanied the presentation with a few brief remarks.

Mr G. Black, in returning thanks for the presentation, said he must say it was a thing he had never looked for or expected, but he was pleased to find the workmen had so good an opinion of him after so many years' trial. He was glad because it showed there was no ill-feeling amongst them. They had been working together for some years for the good of the ship, and there might have been rows at times, but they were soon forgotten, and as far as he was concerned he had no feeling of animosity against anyone. He could say of the workmen that they had acted fairly, and had always done a good day's work for a day's pay. There, had been some talk of mismanagement outside, but that didn't apply to the workmen. His (Mr Black's) opinion was that the plant had been as well manned and as well worked as it could be, or would be under any future management. He might say the workmen had taken him by surprise by the presentation. If they had given him some intimation of their intentions he might have prepared a written reply to their address. However, he thanked them beartily for their handsome present and their good wishes.

At the invitation of the workmen Mr Black and all hands then adjourned to the All Nations Hotel, when "The Health of Mr and Mrs Black " was drunk in bumpers of champagne, to which Mr Black returned thanks. "The Health of Mr McRae " was also honored and responded to, Mr McRae having been carpenter at the Association's works, we are informed, ever since they were commenced. Some further convivialities were also indulged in, and good wishes for the future exchanged before the workmen separated, many of them having been associated in the employ of the U.P.A. for years past.

## Thames Borough Council.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chambers last evening. Present-Crs Ehrenfried (in the chair), Speight, Hansen, Price. McGowan and Mennie.

MINUTES. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE. A precis of the outward correspondence sent since last meeting was read. REMISSION OF RATES.

A letter was read from the Secretary to the Thames Mechanics' Institute asking At the city nomination to day, Mr | for the refund of last year's rates, as previously ordered by the Council. It was NON-CONDUCTING COMPOSITION.

> A letter was read from Mr E. Hadrill. of Auckland, submitting that if the domes and steampipes at the U.P. As sociation's works were coated with his non-conducting composition, a saving of 15 per cent. in fuel would be effected. The letter was accompanied by several testimonials bearing witness to the efficary of the composition. Received. KURANUI HILL.

> A letter was read from John Thomas and several ratepayers of Kuranui Hill drawing attention to the want of a culvert from Hutchinson's residence to Brady's residence. Referred to Works Committee.

INABILITY TO PAY RATES.

A letter was read from Mrs Bridges stating that owing to the death of her husband and the fact that she had 8 children depending upon her she was unable to pay her rates. Referred to Charitable Aid Committee with power to

APPLICATION FOR WATER TABLE, &c. A public meeting passed a resolution Brown street to Beach road; also that the 924ozs from the Moanatairi mill in this country the consumption of all side of the claim.

mises, Williamson street, to Brown street, This yield is considerably larger than which request would involve the removal last month's, though the amount of stuff of Sebastopol House, which he hoped put through is less. On being melted at public thoroughfare to the depreciation of | was reduced to 4542ozs gold.

other property. The Town Clerk said the R.M. would not order the removal of Sebastopol House unless some one would depose on

oath that it was dangerous. The letter was referred to the Works

Committee.

The Secretary to the U.P.A. sent the December statement of expenses, which showed that £225 11s 7d was required for the payment of the account. The total drainage receipts had been £232

The Town Clerk said that the present balance of Borough gold duty in the the stone had apparently depreciated Bank was £2 10s 6d. He had not seen in value. To day, however, there is a the agreement made with reference to the decided improvement, and the stone handing over of the Borough gold duty closely resembles that from the winze, for the Pump, but he thought at the date | while tests have produced satisfactory of the expiry of the agreement only the money on hand was to be paid by the Borough.

It was decided to pay the amount of gold duty on hand to the U.P.A. THE SOUTH DRIVE.

The following memorial, signed by directors, shareholders and representa-

tives of the Prince Imperial, Crown Princess, Red Queen, Cure, Kuranui Hill, Waiotahi, Queen of Beauty, and Thames Goldmining Companies, was read :- "To the Mayor and Borough Council of Thames.-Being of opinion that it is absolutely necessary for the well-being of the present and of the future of the Thames Goldfields that the existing low level from the United Pumping Association shaft should be extended to the Piako or Queen of Beauty shafts, gold. the undersigned directors, shareholders, or representatives of the following companies humbly suggest that the Borough of Thames would undertake the prosecution and completion of this very desirable work. It is thought if your Council made a formal application to Government for assistance in the shape of a subsidy or supplementary grant towards the above named object, it would be favorably

Cr Speight moved "That the members of this Council agree with the applicants as to the importance of the proposed south drive, and are willing to aid such proposal to the full extent of their power, but suggest to the applicants that the companies justerested; should associate themselves for the purpose of accom-

plishing the work."

Or McGowan moved that the Mayor,

Crs Ehrenfried, Speight and the mover be a committee to consider the best means with heavy sea; at daylight had a gale | chacing or engraving, with a single stone | writers of the memorial be informed that the matter is under consideration.

The amendment was put and lost, and the resolution was carried by 3 to 2. WAIOTAHI CULVEBT.

A letter was read from Mr Smith, ma- Moanatairi pager of the Wajotahi G.M.Co., stating that the new road up the Wajotahi Creek threw all the traffic on and over the Waiotahi culvert for a great length, therefore the company could not be responsible for keeping it in repair. Referred to Works Committee.

ARAGE MOSTATISTICS. TA GALGITO A letter was read from the Registrar-General asking for statistics concerning the number of inhabited houses in the Borough for the purpose of making up the vital statistics. It was resolved that DOUT, FACEINGES, Kaenob, ed sidt AMY STREET.

A letter was read from L. Melhose and others, drawing attention to the bad state of the approaches to Amy street, from the beach. Referred to Works Com-

STONE FOR KERBING A letter was read from Hart and Horn offering to supply the Council with stone for kerbing at the same price as they supplied it to Auckland. Referred to Works Committee. THE CHOLEBA SCARE.

The Health Officer, in accordance with instructions from the Medical Officer, reported that he had visited all the premises between . Ehrenfried's brewery to the lower end of Scaley street, and found that there were only three cases of sickness, none of them cholera. Dr Payne had instructed the Health Officer to make this visit, as he had been informed that in every house from Ehrenfried's brewery to the beach there was English cholera; Cr Ehrenfried said that he could only say that a person who could make a statement like that made to Dr Payne deserved

to be strongly censured. Cr Price moved that Dr Payne be requested to give the name of the person who had given him the information." After some discussion this was with-

RELIEVING OFFICER'S REPORT. The report of this officer was read. It showed during past month there had been 49 names on ration list. The report was received and adopted.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT, The report of this officer showed that 13 deaths had occurred in the Borough during last month, and 21 including the suburbs. The deaths were chiefly of infants caused by diarrhea.

FINANCE. The accounts were passed for payment. THE SMELLS.

Cr Ehrenfried said at last meeting if was agreed that the drain in Scaley street be made, and he had offered to contribute £10 towards its cost. The complaints concerning the drain had been much incressed since that time, and he had determined to lay a tile drain at his own expense, from the brewery to the Karaka creek. It would cost him about £100: Cr Ehrenfried's offer was accepted.

OUR MINES.

This was all the business.

ALBURNIA. Dixon's lode has split into three sec-

level the manager will shortly commence stoping at bottom level both to east and west of No. 3 winze. The lode shows Retorting took place at the Herald mill

last night for the very fair return of 370 ozs gold. This is the product of

would be done, as it encreached on the the Bank of New Zealand to-day the gold NEW NORTH DEVON.

Carnie and party, the tributers, have finished crushing for the yield of 40zs

7dwts of gold. KURANUI HILL.

The manager informs me that he will not retort till the beginning of next week. In the upper levels there is no change worth mentioning. In the low level there is a considerable improvement noticeable in the lode. When the reef was first cut it gave satisfactory tests, but within the last day or two results. The stone is strongly impregnated with iron, the oxidations of that metal completely discoloring the stone in places.

MOANATAIRI. Tierney and party have finished crushing for the yield of 27ozs 18dwts gold: Whisker and party have crushed 23 tons at the company's mill for the yield of 4ozs 12dwts gold.

A crushing from the above claim has: produced 4ozs 9dwts gold.

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT IT. The crushing for the above claim was finished to day, the yield being 4 ozs

MONTHLY GOLD RETURNS. (From 1st to 31st January inclusive.) (McLean's tr.) Scott's tr.) (Ord tr.) ... 280 7 6 10 (Foster's tr.) (Foster's tr.) ... (Nicholas' tr.) Collarbone .... 0 17 0 Caledonian (Kane's tr.) ... 7 15 0 Caledonian (Kane's tr.) ... 7 15 0
Crown Princess (Graham's tribute) ... 11 0 0
Do. (Robinson's tr.) ... 3 0 0
Do. (Robinson's tr.) ... 3 0 0
Do. (Hale's tr.) ... 5 17 0
Duke ... 14 16 0
Difficult ... ... 15 15 0
Fly ... 4 9 0
Far Away ... 12 19 10
Hape Creek (Tetley's tr.) ... 5 12 0
Kuranui Hill (Gordon's tr.) 23 0 0
Kuranui Hill (Gordon's tr.) 23 0 0
Do. (McDonald's tr.) ... 2 11 0
Do. (Murphy's tr.) ... 15 0
Little Sissy ... 52 5 0
Little Sissy ... 52 5

Little Sissy .... Little Lizzie ... Do. (Tierney's tr.) (Tutton's tr.) Charnock's tr.) (Moyle's tr.), (Robertson s) (Moore's.tr.) (Connell's tr.) 36 14 0 by the Northampton, but failed, the (Gavin's tr.) (Thomas' tr.) 40, 14 (Whisker's tr.) 412

Major Nonpareil (Bagnall's tr.) New North Devon (Mallett's 

Only Chance... 2 16 0 Piako (Noonan's tr.) 16 17 16 10 1 7 10 0 Pretty Jane Spur Prince Imperial Do. (Luckie's tr.) ... Do. Kendall's tr.) 10 10 0 ere dittribettengiger Queen of Beauty .... Do. (Tredinnick's tr.)

Do. Wilson's tri) Do A. (Wingate's (tr.) ... Robin Hood ... Radical (Owharoa) ... Star of Te Papa Second Try ... Smile of Fortune (Richardson's tr.) Do. (Short's tr.)

(Liddle's tr.) Tookey Tribute Watchman (Hunter's tr.) Do. (Buckley's tr.) William Who'd have thought it

OWN CORRESPONDENT OF PRESS AGENCY.)

YOKOMAHANA, November 30. The question of an entire change in the present form of government, and insite place the establishment of popular representation, is assuming very great impor-tance, but there is considerable divergence of opinion as to what should be the nature of the elective qualification. Some of the returned students from America and Europe are in favor of pretty nearly pure manhood suffrage, but the more Conservative Japanese are advocates of a high

educational and property test. The proposed reforms do not find favor with the leading members of the Mikado's Government. Some are in favor of ab-

solute rejection of any scheme of reform. The Mikado has just returned to Tokio, after a prolonged tour in the provinces, where he was well received, and His Majesty may be congratulated on the genuine loyalty displayed at his return in safety. It was hoped that on his return many important changes in the personnel of his Ministers would have been made, but as yet there has been no announce-

The epidemic of cholera which raged in parts of Japan last year has forced upon the Government the necessity of establishing quarantine or some system of preventing the introduction of disease from foreign countries. In the meantime Government have opened an institution tions-each carrying gold-and in stoping | near Yokohama, where suspected vessels upon the same a parcel of specimens has will be subjected to examination, and if lately been accumulated. In the Whan necessary disinfection.

The Japanese Government have authorised the issue by a Japanese publisher | with our defences. He visits Brisbane of an edition of the Book of Genesis in towards the end of the month death gold freely. At the 70 feet level the lode Chinese, prepared for the Japanese, by is two feet thick and looks well. the American Bible Society. This is the first authorised portion of the Scriptures published in Japan. At Tokio a new association has been

asphalt be laid down in front of his pre | makes the total month's return 463 tozs. | foreign products, whatever be their quality and however good the market from which they may be procured. All the members have pledged their honor in solemn manner, not to make use of these productions under any pretext, and to use their utmost influence with the authorities to prevent their introduction into the

country. The right of resorting to torture to compelled accused persons to confess their crimes, or to accellerate the evidence of refractory witnesses, is still recognised by the "Codes," and while Government recognise the wisdom of abolishing practices which have failed elsewhere still it seems they are under the impression that the official declaration of watch receive would be inexpedient under the conditions now ruling in Japan.

The danger of hostilities between Japan and Korea is becoming imminent In 1876 the two mations concluded a treaty of amity and commerce, and soon after a trading station was established at Fusca. During the latter part of 1817 Koream authorities; evading the stipula-tions of the treaty of 1876, levied taxes to the amount of 20 per cent, on all goods passing into the interior from Japanese produce sold to Japanese. The settlers thus finding their business interrupted nive mide demonstrations, and appealed to the Japanese Government for protection, and in consequence the Hiyer Kau, an ironaled corvette, sailed for Korea a few days up, with the secretary of the Foreign Department. The result of his mission will be ilwatched with much

AUSTRALIAN NEWS SYDNEY, Wednesday. At a meeting of the International Bx.

nibition Commission yesterday, the expension tive commissioners brought up a progress, report, in which it was mentioned that a telegram had been received, dated January

6. from Sir Daniel Cooper, stating that

850 British applications for space had

been made, requiring 44,000ft; 366 apfrom France, requiring 42,000ft of while a other countries had made similar applica-7 15 0 tions. The total space appled for twist about 250,000ft. By cabled an it was a last notified that the loan of 100 British

8 17 0 Private information in reference to the

> 29 18::00 reef to the main, land. The steamer so 11:18 0 bostom was torn out, and one settled down in two minutes. All the cargo, excepting. 17 12. 0 15 tons of rice was destroyed, but the 13 9 0 engines con be saved T Bulli Company
> 25 4 0 The manager of the Bulli Company
> o 16 0 tried to engage miners recently arrived

40.14 0 arrivals being informed of the state of affairs. During a N.E. squall this afternoon a boat-containing three men was swamp and capsized at Balmain and William

Bell, son of Pilot Bell, was drowned. The City of Sydney Coal mining Company, after some delay owing to the caving in of earth, thereby choking the rods, have resumed boring operations, and are BU B SCRIBED ANDROOM! I dwob won

SYDNEY, Thursday.

A notice was posted at The Bulli Colliery to-day to the effect that no person directly or indirectly connected with the Newcastle or any other union would be employed by the company. I The wille of the men remain firm to the union and have adopted the rules of the Newcastle 2 4 10 Miners Association. If was resolved to send delegates to Sydney in order to explain to the trade societies the particulars of the lock-out and to ask assistance. The Mount Reira and Mount Pleasant H men have joined the union. The Mount Pleasant mine will probably close abordy. To A largely attended meeting of coal-whippers was field to night at white coolresolution was unanimously carried to 5 16 0 form a union. A committee was apr

pointed to take the necessary steps.

The Exhibition site has been pegged out, and the work of clearing the space. and erecting temporary offices was commenced this morning. A daring case of horse stealing occurred

at : Walgett on Tuesday, Sub Inspector Wright, after a plucky chase of 100 miles across trying country, apprehended the offender. A quantity of stolen property was found on his person.

In replying to a deputation, Sis. Heary Parkes, said, that the Governor, of the colony ought to be asked to unveil Captain Cook's statue, and that a fitting

ceremonial should be arranged.

Nearly all the returns for the Lach

are now in, giving Mr Watson, Treasurer, a good majority, although Mr M Lean polled well. The contract for the erection of the exhibition building has been given to Mr John Young. The assistation and co-operation of Mesers Hudson Bros, has been obtained, who will undertake to put

on their wood working machinery on the

ground, in order to ensure the speedy erection of the building. Nearly 100 men are now at work. Information reached Wagga to night that a shepherd has been found near Ganmain station, between Wagga and Narandera, with his blead bettered in and his pockets cut away. Foul play is suspected.

Private letters received in Sydney state that the Duke of Buckingham is desirous of obtaining the governorship of New South Wates. Sir James Fergusson and Sir Henry Ord are also spoken of Con Tag The Government has received a cattley

gram from the Agent General that after cations for space at the Internation Exhibition are very pressing. Applications from the continent and the United King. dom are numerous and increasing. Colonel Scratchley has returned to Sydney, to transact business in connection.

STAWELL (Victoria). At midnight on Tuesday, stone was struck in the drive from the Criental into the Pleasant Creek Cross Reef Company's Mine. About a foot of it was bared, and about 320 tors of general dirt, and one formed under the patronage of some leads a piece which was broken put showed. A letter was read from Mr S. Stephen- and a half hundred weight of picked ing men. It is called the Patriotic Pro- splendid gold. This, the manager says,

son applying for a water table from stone. This return on being added to hibitive Society, and its object is to arrest in the richest stone he has seen on that