of the Waircans at Easter. A meeting of

the Rifle Rangers is to be held in the Volun-

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Chief Post Office, Grahamstown,

March 22, 1888. Nors.—The following holiday arrangements will be observed in the Post and Telegraph Department here on Good Friday and Easter Monday, the 30th instant, and 2nd proximo respectively :--

POSTAL BRANCH .- On Good Friday (30th inst.) the Post Office will be closed all day, but on Easter Monday it will open as usual. Mails usually closed on Friday will be made up the previous evening at 7 p m.

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JOHN LAMB. May 19, 1887.

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Funerals

### FUNERAL NOTICE.

TIME Funeral of BRIEN O'LOUGHLIS will leave his late residence, Moanatairi Oreek, TO-MORROW (Fridey), 23rd instant, at 2,30 p.m.

Friends please accept this invitation. WILLIAM TWENTYMAN,

DEATH. O'Loughlin.-On March 23nd, at his resi dence, Mosmatairi Creek, Brien O'Lough-

# lin, aged 55 years.

The Evening Star.

PUBLISHED DAILT AT FOUR P.M. Resurrezi.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1888 invested in bogus mining companies, which were being formed daily, and that the specimens of ores on the strength of which these companies were being foisted on a too confiding public were now pronounced rank frauds. On looking tover late Sydney papers, we see that the subject of these " wild cat" mining enterprises is calling forth considerable attention, and various schemes are proposed, in the interests of legitimate mining, to put s check on such, and so control mining prospects as to give investors some better guarantee than that offered to them by promoters. Many companies have been Soated merely on a bag of specimens, or majestic. the report of some mining expert, who is deputed to visit the mine for the purpose of giving a report, but who allows his report to speculate too much on the prob able future prospects of the mine, perhaps it may be in the interests of the promoters. It has been recommended by some belence of £795 in band.

should be appointed, with experts of the highest repute, to examine into the statements made in each prospectus, have samples taken from the mine and tested by their own officers, and in this way give a kind of guarantee as to the bona fides of the enterprise before it is placed on the market. Another has hit on the luminous idea of making a law compelling mining companies to submit periodical statements of assets and liabilities, as if the assets of a mine were a thing that any mortel man could swear to. Not that there might not be found men who would do so. and the advocates of this proposal would advise people to invest on such caths. The fallacy of baving mines reported on by Government experts is at once apparent when it is borne in mind that the the visitors, who will probably arrive on the present moment were at one time condemned by experis. We refer notably to Broken Hill, the greatest silver district in the word. There was a time, not very long ago, when Government experts pronounced Broken Hill to be only a horn blend formation, in which no silver of any consequence could ever be found; and when this was proved to be wrong, it was ascertained by an unfailing scientific treat- sgain declared by other experts that the ment, and the knowledge of each tes and its | lode would give out when the sulphide lead was reached-another eggregious fallacy, as has been demonstrated by the wonderful results of mining operations. In a letter to a Sydney paper signed Bunyip," the writer says on this subect : " Metal is where you find it, irrespective of all science theories. Up to the present day geologists are not agreed as to the causes of mineral occurrence in lodes, and there are four or five different theories, all boasting more or less learned support. It is not so long ago that the Victorian Government gave a prize to Mr Henry Rosales for an essay on the formafor export. Tea samples tested and valued in | tion of gold bearing reefs, in which he maintains that the quartz was introduced between the walls of the lode in a state of fusion, due to thermal action from below. a theory which one technological expert, Mr Cox, a man of marked ability and patient research, writes a book to upset. Where theories differ, therefore, the pick must decide. Wherever payable stuff is struck, that is the place to peg out, and as the general bearing of our mineral lodes is porth and south, all experience proves that the next best place to peg out is along this line on each side of the discovery." The same writer is of opinion that any of the schemes that are proposed protect the public from mining swindles would only prove illusory, and would but intensify the danger by giving the public a fancied security. The publie should be taught to rely upon their tion is the opening up of infant schools in own good judgment, and to exercise in mining the same precautions that they would in anything else. In every business there is considerable risk, and there is not one in which speculators do not occasion-

ally come to grief. Sound common

sense is as necessary in mining as in any

other business, and without it, no rafe-

guards that can be devised by Govern-

ment or anyone else will protect specu-

lators.

persons that a Government Mining Board

THAT we are not altogether crushed by the opinion expressed by our critical contemporary to the effect that our " want of musical knowledge is truly appalling" may be ascribed, no doubt, to our peculiar idiosynoracy and non-susceptibility to all the fiver and more asthetic feelings of one who, like the critic of the Advertiser, is a passed professor in the art which is said to have the magic power of "soothing the savage breast." Our case may be considered, in this respect, as one beyond all hope, and no amount of Parson-power could ever now save us. It is our " appalling want of musical knowledge" that makes it difficult for us to follow our contemporary through his verbuse essay on the various musical composers, but if what he says means anything, it means that "culture" and "depth" such as we find in the works of Beethoven, for example, are incompatible with "lightness" and rythmical beauties "-ergo, in the works of Beethoven we cannot expect to find either "lightness" or "rythmical beauties," as these two qualities betray a want of " culture " and " depth." think our contemporary, in trying to prove his argument, has proved a little too much, and has got himself on the horns of a dilemma. Beethoven himself was in the habit of designating some of his symphonics as "little," others as "great," to distinguish those of more serious type from others of a lighter character, and it is a singular coincidence that these two different types alternated, each "great" symphony being succeeded by a "little," or "lighter" one. Thus the magnificent "Eroica," in which Beethoven for the first time put forth his full strength as a symphonic writer, was followed by the cheerful and almost playful Symphony in B flat; the dramatic and highly characteristic Fifth Symphony by the pastoral Sixth; and the grandly romantic Seventh by the Eighth, which has been called by Wagner, one of the most ardent and reverential admirers of the great coinposer, the "incomparably bright symphony." Take, for example, this 8th Sym phony. Though a " little " symphony a compared with those which precede and follow it, it is assuredly as worthy of the greatest of all composers as any o his works, and it is pleasing to think that Beethoven, embittered by his deaf A CABLEGRAM from Adelaide, which we ness, could yet have sufficiently buoyant published last evening, stated that mil- spirits and overflowing humor to pen this few local amateurs will appear in the same lions of money had been, and were being. delightful work, which has been called by programme as that which was so successfully some a "Comedy-symphony." and by others the "Ballet-symphony." It is one of the most popular of Beethoven's com positions, with its startling transition; from grave to gay, and the contrasts be tween passages of sweetest melody, bur lesque bits for the bassoon, " the clown o the orchestra," and the finer and more graceful themes for other instruments From this it will be evident that, ou

> with " lightness" or "rythmical beauties, and that he did not consider it was in any occasionally vary his style, not always adhering to the severely classical and THE manager of the Cambria mine tele.

learned contemporary notwithstanding

Beethoven himself did not think the

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graphed this morning as follows :-- " 351be picked stone from the tenth stope on No. 6 eader.-H. W. MOORE." SEARCEDERS in the Cambria mine will be interested to learn that there is now a cush

No charelist was issued to day. WE understand that there is every likelibood of the Wairoa Rifles visiting the Thames at Easter, for the purpose of firing their return match with the Rifle Rangers. The rifls contests between these two corps, which have been carried out for some years past have always evoked considerable interest, especially amongst our volunteers, while they have been characterised with the utmost good feeling since the time of their inauguration. On the occasion of their visit to Wairon at 'Xmas, the Rangers were right loyally entertained, and exprequently they have decided to THE editor of a contemporary has evileave no stone unturned in the entertainment

necessary arrangements for the reception of best properties in New South Wales at | Sunday, the 1st prox, and fire the match at roses. The editorial crown has a goodly gar-Parawai on Easter Monday. THE annual meeting of the Thames Foot" ball Club was held at Mr Keven's rooms last evening, there being a good attendance of members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season :- President, Mr L. Ehrenfried (re-elected); vice-Presidents, Mesers McGowan, Brodie, Northeroft, and Murray ; captain, Mr T. Cantley ; vice-captain, Mr A. Rae ; secretary and treasurer, Mr T. Aitken ; committee, Messrs W. Tregonning. H. Fletcher, T. Johnson, and J. Christic. number of new members were enrolled, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to

THE dance held in the Volunteer Hall last evening in sit of the funds of the Rifls Rangere' band was well attended, between 40 and 45 couples being present, all of whom appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The onerous duties of M.C. were efficiently perormed by L'out. Lucas.

A PUBLIC meeting is to be held this evening in the Congregational Church, Mary street under the auspices of the N:w Zealand Alliance, for the suppression of the liquor traffic, when an address will be given by Mr T. W. Glover, the organising agent of the Alliance. The meeting will commence at 7.30 o'clock, and at the close any who may desire to enroll themselves as members will have an opportunity of doing so.

THE Secretary of the Thames Hospital desires us to thank Mr R. R. McGregor for a present of one dozen Japonese face for the use | recently ordered boring apparatus from the

WE have received a copy of the eleventh Annual Report of the Auckland Scripture Gift Association, ending Vebruary 27th, 1888, which shows that during the past year the work done by the Association has been on the whole very satisfactory, and has met with encouraging results. The circulation of wholesome and beneficial literature has, as usual, been extensive in the city and country districts One of the special sims of the Associain addition to ordinary secular education, and already twelve such schools are now in active operation, with a gross attendance of 360 young children. An effort is being made to increase the number of these jufant schools. and for this purpose a special fund is being raised, towards which contributions are now

WE would sgain remind those interested that the sale of the Tararu Gardens will take place to-morrow (Friday) at Mr McGregor's mart, Albert street, at 11 o'clock. As freehold land is now very difficult to obtain on the Thames within easy reach of the town, we expect the competition will be very keen.

WE understand that operations in the New Fearmought G.M.Co.'s mine, situated in the Waiotahi creek, will be resumed at an

THE friends of Mr J. B. Morpeth, of Anakland, will be pleased to learn that he has taken a turn for the better, and hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

A NEW advertisement from the proprietor of the Tea Pot store, Owen street, in which that establishment is claimed to be "the only genuine ready-money shop on the Thames,' appears in another column. A great reduction is announced in the price of all kinds of groceries, and a few quotations given in substantistion thereof. We would direct attention to the advertisement.

WE understand that a bona fide offer was resterday made to Mesers Firth and Clark, the owners of the New Find mine at Te Arobe, for the purchase of their property, including the battery at Waiorongomai, for the sum of £25,000 cash, and one-fifth of paid up shares in any company formed to carry on operations. The offer was made by Mr Wilson, one of the directors of the Broken Hill Proprietory Company, who is now in Auckland, having just returned from the Hot Lakes. Mr Wilson some time since personally uspected the mine and battery, and is evidently well and favorably impressed with all that he saw. The owners, however, very promptly declined the offer, as they have expended a large amount of capital upon the enterprise, and are convinced that they possess most valuable mine, which only requires a little more development and a proper treatment of the rich ores discovered in the mine

to bring splendid returns. Ws are informed that Mr Coutts, manager of the Trenton G.M. Co.'s mine, received instructions from the directors this afternoon to continue operations on the reef in the stopes from the Saxon mine on condition that the vield of gold will pay all mine and 8- xon charges-if rot, to abandon work through the Saxon at once ; also to get up steam with the late Mosnatairi Extended engine, and to pump out the Mosnatairi Extended shaft, to enable the pipes to be withdrawn. When this work is accomplished the winding engine will be erected uear the Tranton shaft, and the present plant rewoved, after which the

WE would draw special attention to the dramatic performance to be given this evening in the Academy of Music, under the patronege of His Worship the Mayor and Borough Councillors, the Ohinemuri C unty Chairman, and the Thames Fire Brigade Mr Neville Thornton, assisted by his two daughters --Misses May and Daisy, - Miss Masters, and rendered on Saturday evening last, with the exception of a new burlesque, entitled " Belle of the Village," being substituted for " Aladdin." The beautiful beleany scene from "Romeo and Juliet," and the street and cave scene from "Aleddin" will be given, and in themselves form attractions which should draw a large attendance on this occasion. The Thames Naval Band have kindly volunteered to assist, and with the distinguished patronage which Mr Thornton has obtained, we hope that we shall see a growded house. At the close of the performance a quadrille assembly will be held,

THE Melbourne sporting public, in view of way detracting from his reputation to able persons who have been figuring at Flem ington lately, here taken legal opinion as to the power of stewards to order such off a racecourse. A leading Me bourne barrister has given it as his opinion il at stemards have the legal power to eject object enable persous. and quotee as an authority the case of Ward v. Leadbitter, which was decided in England The law may be looked upon as somewhat erbitrary and harsh, but the power is one that ought in the rublic interest to exist, and hublique toton is on excellent enleguard against is being barehir exercised.

ME THOMAS KEVEN, who we mentioned | a few days ago had decided to open a skyling rink at the Thomes, bas now completed arrangements for St. George's Hall, in which it is intended to hold the gatherings four evenings a week. Mr Keven bes, we understand, also purchased a large number of skates from Anckland, which are expected to arrive in the course of a few days, so that the rink will be opened at an early date. This pastime is greatly in favor amongst the public of Auckland at the present time, and judging by the immense success now being achieved by the Columbia Rink in that city, Mr Keven should be well rewarded for his en erprise in once more reviving rinking! at the Thames.

dently been having a mauvais exart d'keure with some irate contributor whose letter he had declined to publish, or peradventure some unfortunate musician whom he had been criticising rather unfavorably, for in a recent issue we find him giving vent to his feelings thusly :- " The editorial bed is not one all of nishing of thorns within its velvet-lined gold. The editorial pen may be a sceptreall the same it is a serpent, stinging the hand which holds it quite as much as the head of him sgubist which it is flung. Were he not to be pinched here and there, and made to remember that he is but a mere man after all, an editor might be tempted to lose himself in those sublimities of self-assertion where great creatures believe themselves to be more than mortal, and superior to all the restrictions obligatory on the meaner multitude. Certain couls have to be kept low, and the editorial is one of them. Does anyone wish to drink of the cup of affliction and ear of the bread of humiliation? Let him turn editor, and he will have enough of both cup and bread to satisfy the most greedy of

YESTERDAY'S To Aroha News says :- "The report that has got into circulation that the Christchurch syndicate, who purchase ! Mr J. B. Smith's Waiton property, had suspended operations, and given the place 'best,' is at variance with the real facts. True, the test plant has ceased working, at least for a time, but extensive boring operations kave been carried on, and a number of holes have been put down to a depth of 40 feet, the full length the boring rods available would permit, and so far, we believe, but little encouragement has been met with. But having taken the matter of testing the deposit in hand, the syndicate, it would appear, are determined to carry it through in a thorough manner, and South, capable of testing the ground to a depth of 200 feet. These rods arrived last week, and the work of boring will be recommenced as soon as instructions to that fect come to hand, and it is to be hoped will. be attended with more satisfactory results this

An application was made in the Warden's Court this afternoon by Mr Wm. Murdoch for a special claim for the area known as Block 27. In the course of his evidence in of the leading gentlemen in Auckland with a view to introducing English espital to develope the property, and it was intended to make every endeavor to float the ground on the London market. He owned the freehold of the land with the exception of a few allotments upon which dwellings were situated. The report of Mr Bayldon, together with a large amount of correspondence that had taken place regarding the matter, were banded in, and the application was adjourned by Mr Northeroft until 2 o'clock to morrow afternoon, so as to allow him an opportunity of perusing the letters and the report.

WE are informed upon excellent authority that, at the instance of the shareholders of the Whan licensed bolding, situated in the Moanatairi Creek, the New Alburnia G.M.Co. has been served with a lawyer's letter claiming £500 for baving, it is sileged, encroached upon the Whan ground. It is stated that a considerable quantity of quartz has been broken out by a party of tributers in the New Alburnia from a reef which runs through that company's ground into the Whau bolding, and that the latter had been encrosched upon for some distance.

A STRIKING (xample of the sailors' superstition in regard to a Friday, has been exemplified in the case of the ill-fated ship Pleione. She commenced taking in cargo on | dispute. a Friday, sailed from London o a Friday, fell in with a gale of wind in the Bay of Biscay, and lost a man overboard on a Friday, and was ultimately wrecked on the New Zealand cosst on a Friday. ME G. FRASER, who has just returned to

Auckland from a trip to Australia, states that he saw in Sydney Mr W. A. Hunt, of the famous Shotover claim, Thames. He was having trials made there of some suriferous ore. Bill. Mr Hunt is interested in a gold mine in New South Wales, and has a fair show of doing well, although it is scarcely to be expected that the same man will have a chance of a Shotover mine twice. A SITTING of the Warden's Court was held

at 2 o'olock this afternoon before Mr H. W. Northeroft, Warden, when the following applications were granted :- T. A. Dunlop, Queen of Beauty special claim; S. Turtle, Brogan licensed holding, in two licenses at Whangamata; H. W. Moore, Observer, do.; A. S. Wilson, Just-in-Time, do.; G. Fraser, Speculation, do.; J. E Banke, do., Waiomo; C. Alexander, Goldwater do., Whangamata; W. P. Davey, residence site, Tsraru; E Whitley, protection for two months; W. Green, do.; R Clements, do for Imperial licensed holding, Karangehake; J. Bice. do., for claim in Upper Tararu. The following applications were adjourned .-L. Melhose, J. E. Banke. C. McWilliams, H. M. Smith, E. R. Edwards (Queen of the May), F. Creighton (Sylvia special claim), D. Henderson, J. McCombie, and J. Fitzgibbons.

HANDLY soy article of food is more tempting in appearance than really good butter. ake care then that y ur tea-table is furnished ith a half pound pat of the Freezing Co.'s

### THLEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

AUCKLAND .- This day. Another Election Upset.

Intelligence has come to hand that the Waipu licensing election has been upset | navigable. nd declared void. The brewers' party ppealed against the return of the probiitionists on technical grounds. It is lleged that the case is another bungle by Returning Officer, the requisite number f days not intervening between the ominations and the date of polling.

Price of Sugar Reduced It has been announced that the direcors of the Colonial Sugar Co. have reolved to reduce the price of Nos. 1 and sugar by £1 per ton.

PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.] AUCKLAND .- This day.

Accidentally Shot Himself. George Haines, a storekeeper at Pahi, accidentally shot himself dead while out pig kunting in company with a man named Swallow. The letter had no gun, while Haines carried a double-barrelled breeck-loader. It is supposed that in using it to club a wounded pig it went off, particular severity in Delaware, Mary. left hand. There was no knife in the killing him instantly.

The s.s. Wainui has arrived from Fiji Among the passengers is Hedley, who mysteriously disappeared from Auckland two months ago.

Hon. H. Auson is a passenger for Lyttelton, and Hon. J. Murray for

A Temperance Victory. The Mt. Albert licensing election yeserday resulted in the return of the temperance candidates by a large majority.

here is no public house in the district. WELLINGTON -Last night. Auckland Police Changes. Inspector Shearman, of Auckland, will

etire from the police service, and his position in Auckland will be filled by Inspector Broham, of Timaru.

Mysterious Ministerial Movements.

The Minister of Lands leaves on a visit to Invercargill shortly. All the Ministers at present in Wellington paid a visit to Mount Cook Central Prison yesterday, and made a minute inspection. The actual object of their visit was not allowed

#### to transpire. Now Zealand Rabbit Commissioner.

The Government have requested a wellknown scientific gentleman in the colony to represent New Zealand on the Rabbit Commission to be held in Sydney shortly. The name will not be made known until it is definitely known whether he will accept the position.

This day.

## The Redoliffe Asylum.

REPORT OF ROYAL COMMIS-SIONERS.

The report of the Royal Commissioners on the Redcliffe Asylum has been presented to the Governor. The Commissioners state that the building is in a very unsatisfactory condition, partly through neglect to drain the site, and partly through defects in its construction. They consider the architect blamable for not insisting on the drainage if he really deemed it essential, and blame the Public Works Department for paying no strention to the architect's application, or Sir Jas. Hector's warning on this point. The building is not in an absolutely dangerous state, but a close watch on the progress of the settlement of the building (which is still going on) will be imperative. The Commissioners consider that the excessive settling is due to a lack of good drainage and a weak method of construction. The foundations are inadequate, a serious departure having been made from the contract plan. This departure was an support of his application, he stated that error of judgment on the part of the tration of the funds by responsible and negotiations had been entered into with some architect and Inspector, the architect representative men. being the person responsible. The Commissioners advise the site to be thoroughly drained, and the faulty parts of the building pulled down and rebuilt.

#### CALOGRAMS

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

London, March 20. Reform in the House of Lords.

In the House of Lords Lord Rosebery, in speaking to his motion for the appointment of a committee to report on the reform of the House of Lords, advocated that only Royal peers be entitled to a bereditary seat in that Chamber, and that the English, Scottish, and Irish poers should collectively delegate a certain number; that the minority principle should be recognised; and that the remainder be elected. The Agents-General of the larger colonies should have a seat if it was desired, and that the Lords and Commons should sit together in cases of

Local Government Bill. Mr Gladstone in referring to the Local Government Bill admitted that it was large and bold measure. The motion for the first reading was carried amid hearty cheers from both sides of the House The Press speaks in favorable terms of the

Received March 21st, 1.50 p.m.

CALCUTTA, March 19. Another Loyal Maharajah. Holkar, Maharajah of Indore, has

offered the resources of that State to the 3lbs; Antelope, 7st; Tamora, 6st 7lbs; Indian Government for the defence of the

Received 22nd, 10.50 a.m.

London, March 21. Emigration of Pensioners.

In the House of Lords, Lord Harris suggested that a committee consisting of representatives of the Treasury, Colonial, and War Offices should be appointed to consider the question of emigration of pensioners to New Zealand.

### LONDON, March 19. A Sensational Despatch.

 A PLOT FRUSTBATED. A despatch has been received here from

Berlin of a sensational nature. It states that Dr Sir Morell McKenzie frustrated a plot to prevent the Emperor Frederick III. from succession to the throne. The other medical men intended to excise his larynx, and thus render the Prince ineligible to assume the monarchy.

NEW YORK, March 19. The Panama Canal. Intelligence received from Panama

states that fifteen miles of the canal is

Paris, March 20. The Committee of the Chamber of Deputies have agreed to the Panama to day. McRory, who is charged with

#### Lottery Loan Bill. NEW YORK, March 19. Fearful Snow Storm.

PERSONS FROZEN TO DEATH IN STREETS.

Thousands of navview are employed removing the snow from the streets in Charles Edwards, laborer, who was different towns visited by the recent with Council, stated that the two of

found in a standing posture frozen to the same time as the snowstorm was raging on land, and over two hundred wreeks are strewn about the coast from

loss of life is incalculable. The effects of the gala were felt with land, and New York States.

Chesapeake Bay to New York, and the

Parts. March 20.

War Office Scandal Madame Limousin has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment in connection with the traffic in decorations.

London, March 19. The 'Varsity Boat Race The latest betting on the University

boat race is two to one on Cambridge, wanted. Paris, March 21.

General Boulanger.

The Chamber of Deputies is showing a very hostile feeling towards Boulanger. A military Court is now enquiring into the alleged breaches of discipline in the

### AUSTRALIAN.

General's case.

Received 21st, 1.50 p.m. SYDNEY, Yesterday.

Divorce Extension Bill. In the House of Assembly last night reference was made in strong terms to the action of the Imperial Government regarding the Divorce Extension Bill. J. C. Neild, member for Paddington, announced his intention of re-introducing the Bill, pointing out that it already been affirmed

by two Parliaments The Eight Hours' Bill was thrown out n Committee.

#### AN APPEAL

### Morsewood Fire Sufferers

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.) WELLINGTON, This day. At Waipawa a meeting was held last

night at which it was decided to form a Central Committee comprising the Chairmen and Mayors of the various County Councils and Boroughs in Hawke's Bay, to relieve the sufferers by the Norsewood fire. It was resolved to appeal to the people of the colony for subscriptions, and satisfaction was expressed at the steps already taken in Wellington, Christchurch, and Auck. land, and it was earnestly hoped that all other centres would assist. A large sum would be required to alleviate the distress. and to put the people back in homes of even the humblest description. The Committee also hope that the papers in the colony will give the fullest publicity to all telegrams on the subject, and by this means the colony be stirred up to sympathy. Delay will mean an increase of misery, as owing to the altitude of the settlement the winter comes on early, and is always rigorous. Subscribers may rely on a judicious adminis-

### The Rowdy Parliament.

(PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

Received 22md, 1.15 p.m.

ANOTHER DISGRACEFUL ROW.

STORET, This day. Mr Haynes, member for Hume, in the course of a speech last night in the House. denounced Protectionists and Catholics. This raised the ire of Mr Fletcher. member for Newcastie, and he walked over to Mr Haynes, seized him by the throat, threw him on the seat, and held him there. Several members, only with the greatest difficulty, succeeded in dragging Fletcher off amid much excitement. Fletcher was then arrested by the sergeent at arms, and after apologising freely, was suspended for the remainder of

### SPORTING.

Taranaki J.C. Antumn Meeting.

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION)

NEW PLYMOUTH, Last night. The following weights were declared this afternoon for the Taranski Jockey

Club's races :-HURDLES .- Orient and Mangahone 11st lolbs; Allegro, 10st 7lbs; Armourer, 10st 5lbs; Bluebell, 9st 11lbs; Shillalah, 9st. JOCKET CLUB HANDICAP .- Silence, 9st 10lbs; Beresford, 8st 10lbs; Tetford, Lady Norsh, and Crutchfield, Set; Dudy. 7st 12lbs; Clogs, 7st 10lbs; Tongariro, 7st 7lbs; Rivulet, 7st 6lbs; Victoria, 7st

Hiko, 6st 4lbs ; Lioness, Katipo, and Maritus, 6st. FLYING HANDICAP.-Cinderelle. 9st 9lbs ; Tongariro, 8st 10lbs; Antelope, 8st 5lbs ; Formo, 7st 10lbs ; Golden Crest, 78t 8lbs; Tamora, 7st 5lbs; Escapade, 7st 4lbs; Catesby, 7st 4lbs; Green Mount, 7st 2lbs : Okato, Lioness, Ruspehu, and Recluse, 7st; Partner, Hiko, and Artist, 6st 9lbs; Lifebuoy, Landseer, Hagar, and

Katipo, 6st 7lbs; Maribyrnoug, Winda, Rufus, and Peter. 6st.

[PRESS ASSOCIATION.] Received, 21st, 1.50 p.m.

SYDNEY, Yesterday. Sydney Cup Scratchings. Cardigan, Cairo, and Moorbonse have een scratched for the Sydney Gold Cup, and Enfilade for all engagements.

Stabbed to Death

THE INQUEST.

(PER PRES AS COULTION.)

DUNEDIN, Last night.

The inquest regarding the death of Alexander Council, at Tuspeks Mouth, on Sunday let, was commenced at Lawrence murder, was present, and appeared to be very dejected. From the evidence of one witness it appears it was the custom there to tie up men when they are drunk, and there had been a talk of tring up McRory if he was drunk that night. The post mortem disclosed the fact that Connell received two wounds. At the inquest, them, when going up the road, saw In many of the streets bodies have been some one, and Connell went to see who it was. He saw Council make a blow at McRory, but sould not say A tremendous gale occurred at sea at whether he hit him or not, as it was dark at the time. They took hold of each other, and fell down on the ground. Connell then sang out to witness, " Come and take hold of McRory, Charlie, he is wing a knife." Witness went to Connell'e assistance, taking holding of MeRery by the

hand that witness took hold of ; the other