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Waimarie...Wednesday 20th 1.30 afternoon
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DAYLIGHT PARADE.

THE NO 1 THAMES and HAURAKI RIFLES will parade at their respective drill halls, to-morrow afternoon at 3 p m, for the purpose of a daylight parade.
Uniform: Khaki.
By order of Officer Commanding District.
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DISTRICT ORDERS.

BY LIEUT.-COL. R. H. DAVIES, C.B, COMMANDING DISTRICT.

Brigade Office,
Auckland, November, 1901.
The Thames Corps of the Auckland District will parade for Inspection as specified below:—
No. 1 THAMES RIFLE VOLUNTEERS—19th November, 7.30 p.m.
HAURAKI RIFLE VOLUNTEERS 20th November, 7.30 p.m.
JAMES REID.
Captain and Adjt. Auckland District.

The Thames Star.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1901.

RATING ON THE UNIMPROVED VALUES.

On many occasions we have written on the question of rating on the unimproved values of land, and urged the adoption of the system in the Borough. A telegram from Wellington in another column calls attention to the subject, for in that most conservative of cities the adoption of the system has been carried at a poll of the ratepayers by a very large majority. It is only a matter of time when the system will be universal, and the time will be determined by the more general knowledge of the subjct, and the breaking down of prejudice. In the Wellington papers many letters and articles have appeared dealing with both sides of the question, but evidently the balance of public opinion has leaned towards the reformers. The words of the late Sir John McKenzie were recently quoted when the effect on the city of Wellington, if the system were adopted was at one time discussed in Parliament. Said the old land reformer: "We have the old stock argument trotted out with regard to the vacant sections in the city of Wellington. Who own the vacant sections? I do not think the poor people own them; but I venture to say that some of those sections are held by speculators, until such time as the industrious colonists in the city shall make them valuable by improving their own sections. Then, up to the time the speculator sells, he escapes taxation, simply because he fails to improve; but his neighbour, who makes improvements, and expends money and finds employment for the people in building houses, et cetera, has to pay on those alongside him, who owns the vacant blocks, has to pay nothing." In the city of Wellington tables have been prepared which go to show that under the new system the rates leviable on small sections will be less than under the present system. The following figures in regard to cottage properties are extracted from one of the tables:—

	Present Rates. £	s.	d.	New System £	s.	d.
Broadway terrace	3	14	4	1	13	4
Mein street	3	4	7	1	1	10
Owen street	3	9	7	1	10	9
Cardall street	3	1	11	1	9	6
Hopper street	2	9	7	1	14	7
Marion street	5	11	6	3	16	11

It is claimed that any rates taken off big buildings in the central portions of the city will be more than made up by the rates on the enormous land values of those properties; and the following examples are given:

	Present Rates. £	s.	d.	New System. £	s.	d.
Offices	22	18	7	53	3	0
Bank	80	11	5	226	8	10
Shops	38	8	6	115	2	2
Bank	247	18	4	288	1	8
Shops	112	3	7	152	9	7
Offices, shops	68	3	6	99	5	4

The Acting-Town Clerk of Wellington (Mr R. Tait) says: "In reply to a letter, I beg to inform you that the valuation for the current year is £458,238, and that the rates leviable thereon, excluding the water rates, are 2s 5¾d in the £, producing £56,959 17s 6d. The unimproved value of the city, as supplied by the Government Valuation Department, is £4,438,600. On this value a rate of 3 5-64d would produce £56,928 2s 6d." The position as affectinfig a small ratepayer has been put in this way: "Supposing the annual value (which is the value on which you pay rates under the present system) of your property to be £25, your rates at 2s 5¾d in the £ would amount to £3 1s 11¾d, and the ratable value of your section of land to be £150, your rates at 3 5-64d in the £, under the new system, would amount to £1 18s 5d, instead of £3 1s 11¾d." We give the above details the better to impress the minds of the ratepayers of the Thames, and we suggest His Worship the Mayor should call a public meeting to discuss the question, the better to enlighten the ratepayers on the subject.

The Northern Steamship Company have decided to order a new steamer for the Whangarei trade.

The annual show of the Auckland Agricultural Association is taking place to-day at Alexandra Park.

The Auckland City Council has put an end to the controversy as to the best material for paving Queen street by accepting a tender for asphalt by the Newchatel Asphalt Co. at £27,499.

W. Scott wishes to inform the ladies of Thames and Country districts that he has just unpacked a quarter of a ton of Peek, Frean and Co's world renowned biscuits.—Advt.

The old age pension scheme has created a new profession in New South Wales—to wit, the corroborator, who, for a small consideration, swears as to the length of residence in the country of any applicant desiring his services.

A man named Walsh was reported missing from Waihi. He was found very comfortably housed at nurse Gilinour's. He had not said where he was going when he left his lodgings. Walsh evidently thought nurse Gilmour's must be a nice place to rusticate.

The compromise suggested by the Borough Council re the charge imposed by the Thames Gas Company for the borough lamps, that is, payment at the rate of £4 10s per lamp per year, lamps to be out by half-past 12, has been agreed to by the company.

Our Auckland correspondent states that the question of securing a site for city abattoirs has been deferred for a month and that the proposal to prevent bands rendering musical programmes in Albert Park on Sundays was defeated.

The adoption of asphalt for the paving of Queen street, Auckland, will mean about £600 per year in maintenance, one third of which is payable by the Tramway Company. The present cost to the Council of maintaining Queen street according to an estimate made by the city engineer is £800 a year, so that the Council would save in maintenance upon asphalt £400 a year.

Our Te Aroha correspondent writes that news has been received that Mrs. J. Gribble had died somewhat suddenly in Auckland. The deceased lady was well-known and highly spoken of by all who knew her. She was the mother of Mrs. S. L. Hirst, of Te Aroha.

A shooting match has been arranged between teams representing the Hauraki Rifles and Paeroa Volunteers and the match will take place at an early date. It was to have eventuated to-morrow, but the daylight parade called rendered this impossible.

New designs in China ex Indraghiri at Scott's.—Advt.

The officer commanding the district has authorised a daylight parade to count for capitation and this will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3. Major Porritt in a memo. states that Lieut. Colonel Davies has sanctioned the parade and that he has arranged to send a drill instructor from Auckland. It is requested that both companies muster in strength as the parade will count towards capitation.

This week's issue of the Auckland Weekly News is a splendid number, the illustrations being quite a feature of the publication. There are several photo illustrations of scenes in connection with General Sir Hector Macdonald's visit to Auckland showing "Fighting Mac" at the races, in the Domain with the cadets, and with the Waipu settlers. There is also a splendid series of illustrations dealing with Gisborne and its industries, the return of Captain Seddon and others from the front, and several other illustrations of interest.

It may interest some of our musical friends to know that the selection "Gems from Sullivan's Operas," which will be played by the Naval Band, has a special interest, seeing that the different movements were especially selected from his operas by the late Sir Arthur Sullivan himself. It was arranged by Mr. J. Ord Hume, and was the test piece in 1900 for the 1000 guinea trophy at the Crystal Palace, London. It was also the test piece at the late Wanganui contest. It contains movements from "Pinafore," "Princess Ida," "Iolanthe," "Beauty Stone," "Yeomen of the Guard," and concludes with the cachuca from the "Gondoliers."

At a meeting of the Thames Gun Club (Mr R. McGregor presiding) it was decided to appoint Mr Dobson secretary and Mr James Kerniok treasurer. A challenge from the Auckland Club for a match was accepted and this will probably be fired at Auckland to-day. The team chosen consisted of Dobson (2), Hawkins, McCollum, P. Smith, R. McGregor and Dunlop. Unfortunately Messrs Smith and McGregor could not get away, but the others have proceeded to Auckland and may be expected to worthily uphold the credit of the club and district.

The editor of the London Graphic has sent us advance sheets of the illustrations of the Christmas number. The illustrations are in colors, and contain a choice selection of stories by H. G. Wells, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Marriott-Watson, W. E. Norris and Amelia Pain, with a touching poem from the pen of Thomas Hardy. The stories are illustrated by such well-known artists as Seymour Lucas, R.A., G. P. Jacomb-Hood, R.I., and Frank Craig, while humorous pages are provided by H. M. Brock and C. E. Brock, Tom Browne, R.I., Reginald Cleaver, Claude A. Shepperson, John Hassall and A. Guillaume. Two beautifully colored plates are given away with the number: "The Hearth Witch," by Marie Seymour Lucas, and "In the Sunny South," by Paul Ribera.

The Thames Naval Band will play a programme of popular operatic music on Saturday evening at the corner of Mary and Pollen streets, when the following musical selections will be performed:—March, "With Sword and Lance"; selection "Lurline"; waltz, "Wind and Wave"; selection, "Gems of Sullivan's Operas"; selection, "Gems of Operatic Melody"; march, "The Storm King." A collection will be taken up by the non-coms. of the Thames No. 1 Rifles on behalf of the family of the late Mr. Charles Kerby.

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In to-morrow's cricket match Tararu team against the County I. will be: McGregor (3), Newton, Baker, Lang, Egginton, Pratt, Dare, McIntyre, Wiggins, Emergencies, Clarken and Ferguson.

We learn that the timber mills in the Kopu and Turua districts are very busy and that the orders now being received show that they will be very active for some time to come.

The best value in lace curtains, linoleums, sheetings, and towels is to be had at Wylie's.—Advt.

The genial Tom Hamer, Mr Seddon's chief under-secretary, has been granted a well earned holiday of six months. Mr and Mrs Hamer visit the Continent of Europe, via the Suez route.

In connection with the Jubilee celebration of Lodge Corinthian held at the Oddfellows' Hall last night, it has been decided that a children's social will be held to-night when the little ones will be entertained at tea. The children will be admitted free of charge.

Mrs. C. J. Wood has commenced Tea Rooms in Pollen street, opposite Loughlin, Grocer.—Advt.

The decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of the New Zealand Flour-millers' Co-operative Association, Limited, though not final, will go some distance (says the Oamaru Mail) towards breaking down the control of the flour trade, which constitutes the aim and object of the Association.

Since the extension of the dairy industry in this district and the erection of creameries, we understand that much more attention has been paid to the farming and grazing land and that several exchanges have been made at advanced prices.

An endeavour is being made to raise money for the prospecting and development of one or two mining properties at Tapu, which yielded good returns in the early days. It is stated that the indications are that there is more gold there and that it would not require a large sum to prove the properties.

If nothing satisfactory is decided upon shortly re the development of the Thames deep levels and the extension of the Moanataiari tunnel, we understand it is the intention of some of those interested to lay the whole facts of the case, and details of the position, before the Government and request the Mines Department to assist what must under the circumstances be considered more than a local work.

It is understood that it is the intention of Mr Chris Harris to make a strong endeavour to raise £150,000 additional capital for the further development of the deep levels of the Thames. He anticipates being able to obtain assistance from the Government even if the first amount (£75,000) spoken of is not obtained, and thinks that if a satisfactory agreement is entered into by the companies jointly interested, the remainder of the money will be raised at Home. He says there are several investors at Home who have considerable faith in the future of the Thames and are anxious to see the deep levels prospected and developed.

Wanted this and next week 1000 buyers for 20 crates and hogsheads of china, glass and stone china ware, including dinner, tea, and bedroom ware in large and varied assortments just landed direct from English makers, well and cheaply bought before the late heavy Home advances, will be sold cheap. See new advertisement in another column. Also large line Yates' celebrated vegetable, floral, and agricultural seeds. Seed potatoes, bonedust, and manures. Another shipment kerosene still at reduced rates. Cheap groceries, brushware, etc., at W. Wood's Central Cheap Stores, Nos. 80, 82, 84, Pollen street. Discount stamps given.—Advt.

After the native dances to which Sir Hector Macdonald was treated to in Rotorua, Te Tupara, on behalf of the Ngatiwhakaue tribe, welcomed him to Rotorua. He said the Maoris were a warlike people themselves, and bravery in war was always the open road to distinction and public admiration. But their visitor of to-day was not only a General famed for his bravery and knowledge of war, but was also the representative of England, the fountain of strength, power, knowledge, and influence throughout the world, and therefore their welcome this day was of more than an ordinary nature. He also reminded the General of the Maoris' offer of military assistance to England in Egypt and also in Africa, but their offers were still waiting for an opportunity of showing their warlike bravery and skill, and would be ready to go whenever they might be called upon. He wound up by requesting the General to represent to the British Parliament that New Zealand would be the place to send a thousand or two of the Boer prisoners, and that Ngatiwhakaue alone would be glad to take and provide land for a hundred or two of them, and they would see that they would work and not be allowed to starve.—Bay of Plenty Times.

CRICKET.

MACLAREN FEELS IT SORELY.

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SYDNEY, November 15.
Mr A. C. Maclaren referring to the Adelaide defeat said the Englishmen made a very poor beginning. He felt it very much. There would be a big chuckle in England, but he still felt sure that his was a good batting team.

SPORTING.

TIMARU RACES.

Per Press Association.

TIMARU, November 15.
The weather is fine and the attendance good. Results:
Gladstone Handicap.—Single Event 1, Cannonite 2. Dividend, £1 19s.

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Received November 15, 9.32 a.m.

MELBOURNE, November 15.
A destructive cyclone swept over the city and portion of the suburbs last night, doing an immense amount of damage.
During less than half an hour for which it lasted the wind reached a velocity of 76 miles per hour, but soon calmed.
Then a terrific fall of hail occurred, some of the hailstones measuring an inch and a half in diameter, while some were much larger.
Over a thousand windows in the exposed positions and skylights were smashed. The telephone wires were broken, the trees were stripped of the leaves while the gutters were blocked.
The water flooded many premises. At Maple Coy's furniture factory the wind unroofed one of the new buildings and the water caused damage to the extent of £2000. The Royal Arcade was a scene of complete desolation. The skylights were riddled while the rain reached into the interior of many shops.
The photographic studios are heavy sufferers. At Talma's studio damage to the extent of £500 was done, while at Cole's book arcade the estimated loss of the ruin to books is over thousands of pounds. Much damage was also done to Neville Mullens, booksellers and the public library.
The total losses in the city are estimated at £20,000.

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SYDNEY, November 15.
Reports from the Riverina show that the storm which swept Victoria was widely experienced there. The Berrigan School of Arts, the immense railway grain sheds were wrecked, while two hotels and numbers of houses were either wrecked or severely damaged.
The roofs were carried bodily long distances.
From Deniliquin and many other places similar reports have been received of devastation.
Heavy rains accompanied the awful storm, and the result was great losses of crops and property.

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MELBOURNE, November 15.
At Bacchus Marsh during the heavy thunderstorm hailstones fell as large as hen's eggs, and 86 points of rain fell in fifteen minutes.
Windows and skylights were broken and the wind blew with terrific force.
A man named Erson was blown from a shed over a fence and killed, while his house was wrecked. His wife was severely injured.
The windows and doors of other houses were forced in, and machinery, drays, and stacks blown a considerable distance. Similar storms are reported from various parts of the country.
At Ballarat besides great devastation to windows and skylights, a number of houses were wrecked, crops were destroyed and stock killed.
All the houses were flooded at Sulky Gully and two hotels and several houses destroyed.
At Castlemaine the hailstones weighed up to seven ounces and smashed most of the windows of the town.
The storm unroofed many houses, while the streets were strewn with debris. Several persons were seriously injured.
At Forest Creek the dredge office was blown down and a barge destroyed. Four employees were seriously injured.
At Newton, the house of Mr Lamb, ex-Mayor, collapsed, and Lamb's body was afterwards found in the debris.
Great damage was done to the mining plants and for miles around the country is devastated.
Many families have come to Castlemaine for shelter. Thousands of sheep and cattle have been killed, while at Wesley Hill nearly every house was destroyed or unroofed, including the churches.
At Malvern, a suburb of Melbourne, a man named Morgan went on the roof to clean away the hail and was subsequently found dead. It is presumed that he was rendered unconscious by a gigantic hailstone hitting him on the head, and that he was beaten to death.

THE BOER WAR.

THE PRESENT POSITION.

IMPORTANT SPEECH BY MR BRODRICK.

THE BOERS MURDERING KAFFIRS.

FRESH REINFORCEMENTS.

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LONDON, November 14.
Mr Brodrick, Secretary for War, speaking at the City Carlton Club, said the Boers frequently murdered Kaffirs in order to conceal their tracks from a pursuing column. Lord Kitchener had just cabled that cold blooded murders by Boers were frequent of late, and gave several shocking instances. If such conduct became general the perpetrators must be treated as bandits and desperados.
The blockhouses built had excluded the Boers from 14,700 square miles of country in the Tranvall and 17,000 in the Orange Colony. 42,000 adult male Boers had been captured, 11,000 killed and wounded and left the country. He believed there were 10,000 still in the field.
The Government were sending two regiments of cavalry, 2000 other mounted troops, two regular line battalions, some militia regiments to South Africa, and India would supply battalions of two cavalry regiments. A colony not South African had offered fresh contingents.
It is announced that Major-General Sir Archibald Hunter will command the 4th army corps, and that Sir Evelyn Wood, and the Duke of Connaught commanding the second and third army corps respectively, would both command in the field in the event of their corps being ordered on active service.

OUR BOYS AT THE FRONT.

MEMO TO THE PREMIER.

Per Press Association.
WELLINGTON, November 15.
The Premier has received advice from Major Pilcher, of Capetown, stating that Capt. Russell's son is well and that Lieut. Whiteley is with his regiment.
Trooper Scherer, of the railway pioneers, sailed in the Antillon for England on 4th October and No. 4423 Mitchell is progressing well, though not yet out of danger.

MINING NEWS.

NEW GLOUCESTER.

The manager of the New Gloucester mine, Thames, reports, that stoping has been continued on No. 2 leader, which has now come together again and made up into a nice compact lead averaging about four inches in size. There is now about 12 feet of quartz stripped, and it is intended to break down early next week.

CABLEGRAMS.

THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS.

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LONDON, November 14.
It is reported that Wilhelmina, Queen of the Netherlands, has been prematurely confined and her condition is satisfactory.

ANOTHER TRUST.

£40,000,000 CAPITAL.
NEW YORK, November 14.
Pierpont Morgan and other financiers have formed a trust with four hundred million dollars to consolidate the western railroads including the Northern Pacific.

"FIGHTING MAC'S" VISIT.
SYDNEY, November 15.
Great preparations are being made to welcome Sir Hector Macdonald.

Telegraphic News.

ASPHALT STREETS FOR AUCKLAND.

Per Press Association.

AUCKLAND, November 15.
The City Council decided to pave Queen street with asphalt. The engineer after visiting Napier and Wellington reported in favor and he was supported by Prof. Warren, of Sydney, and by Mr Fergusson, the engineer of the Wellington Harbour Board.
The supporters of the wood blocking strongly opposed, but the contract was let for £27,492.

RECORD SHOOTING BY PETONE NAVALS.
WELLINGTON, November 15.
The Petone Navals in their work at the 60 pounders at the annual camp competing with other artillery corps for first class prize and badge have done some excellent shooting. One detachment attained figure of merit of 1.023 (16 hits) and the other made 18 hits with 18 rounds with figure of merit 1.175. This constitutes a record for the colony. The first prize last year won with the figure merit of 0.85.

A BICYCLE THIEF.
WELLINGTON, Novemebr 15.
Justice Edwards sentenced Leonard Nation to 2½ years' hard labour for bicycle stealing.

NATIONAL INSURANCE CO.
DUNEDIN, November 15.
The National Insurance Company has declared a dividend of 1s 3d per share and carried £10,000 to the reserve fund. The chairman said they had been lucky not to suffer so severely as the other offices and the board deemed in prudent not to distribute more profit.