CRICKET

THE match between the two rival teams

was played out on Saturday at Parawai

Gardens. Some little time was lost

The return match, Coromandel Cricket Club v. Thames Cricket Club, will be played in the Parawai Gardens to day fortnight (St. Patrick's Day),

"Talent" should address his inquiry to the paper in which it was stated that "we have an assurance from one lady amateur that she will give her assistance." No doubt it would be v luable, but we agree with your adaptation of the old adage that "one swallow doesn't make a summer," nor one vocalist, however talented, a concert,

Mr H. H. Adams, the contractor for the bridge over the Ohinemuri river, proceeded to Paeroa to commence work on Saturday morning. The site chosen is opposite Robson's store and the Criterion Hotel, and between the latter and Mr Phillips's handsome shop and dwelling, now receiving its finishing touches at the hands of the painter, Mr Fricker, The bridge will do away with the broken ground, or rather great gulf, which was an eye-sore to the neighbourhood, and a trap for the unwary. The apot is marked by a bend in the river, and was for a long time advocated as the best selection for a wharf for the Paeroa. The land on the opposite bank has been secured, a claimant who turned up as late as Saturday morning promising Mr A. Aitken, the County Surveyor, to whom he was introduced as an opponent of the site, that he would not object to the taking of the land for that purpose, although he could not give his formal assent, as the block near was disputed by a number of claimants, and would be referred to the Court for arbitration. We congratulate the residents of Paeroa on the early commencement of the work of filling in, which will be somewhat considerable, and shall doubtless hear more when the first pile is driven, or the work carried to a successful issue.

Professor and Mdme Alexander, Indian actors, &c , appeared for the first time at the Theatre Royal on Saturday, evening to a good house. The entertainment was of a novel character, embracing sleight of hand tricks, Indian warhoops, songs, and dances, "Prince," a very mail service, pending clever pig, also peformed, playing euchre like a advices from England. human being. The performance was very fair, and at the conclusion a number of useful gifts were distributed. The entertainment will be repeated to night.

A sailing match will take place this morning between the fishing yachts 'Whisper' and 'Hit or Miss.' both owned by Thames residents. The former was built by Mr Valentine Savage. of Shortland, and the latter by Carr and Son, of Auckland, and the race is exciting some in terest, as it will be a test of the superiority of the build of the yachts. The stakes are ten pound a side, and the course is from the Goods Wharf to the Sandspit lighthouse and back to the wharf.

We may remind owners of dogs that now is the time to register and secure collars for their animals. Saturday was the first day of the new dog year. Collars are obtainable from the Police Stations in Shortland and Grahamstown.

"Paul Pry" is surely unnecessarily alarmed for the honour of the Thames, when he assures us that a "political loafer" is organising a body of men to proceed to Auckland in opposition to the duly qualified electors of City West. This political "Paul Pry" has been intruding, and should be more choice in the selection of his epithets before he again desires to give publicity to his fears. He adds :- " I would caution thi latter party to examine themselves and see that they are fit before they go thither, as their names will be known in Auckland before their arrival " "Bonest Tom" must be twin brother to "Paul Pry," with this exception, that the former declarcs himself to be an elector of City West who does not like to see men get into trouble for personation. Is "Honest Tom" going to try it on ? We do not think it is at all necessary. The secularists seem determined to make an example of City West over this election, and "Honest Tom" need not alarm him self about any "gentleman who got up a bogus football match here years ago" taking people away to vote;

E, T. Lewis, confidential secretary to the Native Minister, has been appointed Under-Secretary for Native Affairs in the room of Henry T. Clarke, resigned.

The tollowing appointments are gazetted :-T. L. Shepherd to be Clerk of District and R.M. Courts at Naseby and Receiver of Gold Revenue ; J. C. Brewer to be Deputy-Registrar to Supreme Court at Duncdin : D. M. Luckie to be Government Insurance Commissioner as from 27th Feb.

A coroner's inquest was held at Poverty Bay, over the remains of James Baker (formerly of the Thames), who committed suicide there. Dr Henry Pollen deposed : I was called yesterday, about 7 a.m. to see a man at Ormond, who had

CABLE MESSAGES. (REUTER'S SPECIAL.)

AUSTRALIAN. MELEOURNE, Saturday.

For the races the weather was splendid. The Governor was present. Hurdle Race-Dutchman, 1; Forester, 2; Fritz, 3. A good race; ten

horses started. Ascot Vale Plate -- Petrea, 1; The probable dates of the special shows Chesterfield, 2; Caractacus, 3. Won in connection with the Exhibition will be: easily.

Brunswick Stakes-Dariwell, 1; fom Kirk, 2; Nina, 3. Nineteen started ; won by a length.

St. Leger-Bosworth, 1; Wellington, 2; Lordship, 3. Seven started. Time, 3mins. 19secs.

The s.s. 'Assam' arrived at the Heads this afternoon, where the Suez mails were transhipped to the 'Arawata,' which has sailed for New Zealand.

The Cabinet have decided to postpone the issue of the Victorian Government Loan in London rather than accept low terms.

The Australian Colonies border duty question is now in a fair way of settlement.

Nothing has yet been settled regarding the Peninsula and Oriental Company's tender for the Victoria Suez mail service, pending the receipt of A grand military and naval review is to be held in Melbourne at Easter.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT). CITY WEST NOMINATION : A SCENE : HOT

CONTEST EXPECTED:

AUCHLAND, Saturday. At the City West nomination to-day, Pcter Dignan was proposed by Mr Dunningham, and seconded by Mr Leahy. Mr Goldie was proposed by Mr J C. Firth, who made a most able speech against denominational education, reviewing the long struggle in Auckland for the present system. Mr Dignan and Mr Goldie addressed the electors, and the show of hands resulted : For Mr Goldie, 200; for Mr Dignan, 40. Mr Leahy demanded a poll for Mr Dignan, but no person seconded it : and after the vote of thanks had been given to the Returning Officer, Mr Swanson demanded a poll for Mr Dignan, but was told it was informal, the collection of exhibits for the Great and should have been asked for by two. Mr Firth said our Catbolie friends have been guilty of an informality, but we will not take advantage of it, but will give them a good beating. On the term Catholic friends being used it elicited protests from a number present, and some of the audience crowded round the platform gesticulating. Mr P. Darby and others addressed the meeting;

and ultimately, when all was quiet, a poll was fixed for Tuesday. Both parties talk of bringing electors from the Thames, and the seat will be hotly contested. The German man-of-war left under

steam to day for Samoa. The new iron steamer 'Rose Casey proceeded on her first trip to the Hot Springs and Mahurangi this morning. The little steam launch ' Ida,' formerly

the 'Transit,' left for Russell last night, and arrived there this morning. She runs as a ferry steamer between Russell and Kawakawa and Patu.

The steamer 'City of Cork' takes

AUSTRALIAN NEWS PER S.S. 'HERO, The International Exhibition is pro-

gressing rapidly. 620 men are employed. the Commission received through Reuter's Agency a cable message respecting the intention of the Admirality to send some valuable scientific instruments for exhibition, and the space which the French Government have notified as being assumed the defence of the wickets required by France. The Sheepbreeders' Association of Victoria intimated their desire to take part in the sheep show. | give some work to the field, and after For sheep, somewhere about the latter end of September; for flour and vegotables, October; for poultry and birds, November; for cattle and fat stock, December; for horses, January. The only date definitely fixed is that for the

special show of wool, which is to take place in December. The actual recommendations of the London Commission are that 110,000 square feet of space should be reserved for Great Britain alone, 64,000 square feet for France, and 100,000 square feet for other European countries-in all, 274,000, or 94,000 feet in excess of the approximate area origin. ally allotted to British and foreign exhibitors.

At a recent meeting of the Commission it was decided that the Exhibition should be open during the hours of daylight only.

Mr H. W. Kenny, director of the Australasian and American Home News, in a letter, says it is the desire of a large class of American producers and manufacturers to take part in the Exhibition, and efforts are being made in Congress to have a commissioner from the United States sent

to Sydney. The Mayor's fancy ball was one of the most gorgeous displays ever made in Sydney. It took place in the Rxhibition building on the night of the 19th. Nearly 2000 persons responded to the invitations. The building was well filled, and a more resplendent scene could not be secured. Nearly all the costumes were new, and very few theatrical dresses were notice.

able. His Worship was present in his robes of office. He was accompanied by Mrs Roberts in fancy dress, Miss Roberts as Little Red Riding Hood, and Miss Alice Roberts as a flower-girl. The aldermen were in official garb, and many members of the Legislature were observ. able in the dress specially got up for the occasion. The Ministry assembled in Mills, b Burgess force. About 10 o'clock the Governor, Hunter, b Burges with the Hon, Lady Robinson, Capt. St. John, Mrs St. John, Miss Bobinson, and the Hon. H. S. Littleton appeared. The Governor appeared as Captain Cook, a character that becomes him to perfection. One of the most impressive costumes in

the assemblage was that worn by the Hon. Lady Robinson-Britannia. The sub-committee of the National Association are pushing on their work in

International Exhibition at Sydney. The space asked for is 150 feet by 60 feet. Some 2000 circular letters have been sent out from the committee to producers and manufacturers throughout the colony, and the issue is still going on. The idea of collecting all the exhibits in Bowen Park, for a brief exhibition, before sending them to Sydney, is meeting with much favour. The Commissioner of Police received a

telegram on the 18th instant, from Cooktown, stating that a man named Peter Doolan, a labourer, was found murdered on the night of the 15th. Strong suspicion is attached to a woman named Arnold and a man named Maloney. The woman was arrested, and there were marks of blood upon her. The man was also caught. The report of the surgeon-superintendent of the 'Devon,' immigrant ship, states that many passengers came out with a view of getting relief from some discase,-several were hospital patients

up to the time of embarkation.

COUNTY CONTRACTS.

THE County Council met at the offices on Saturday at noon, for the purpose of opening and accepting tenders for works

owing to the want of punctuality on the and supplies of material. part of one or two members of the T.C.C.

With reference to the contract for forming Rewai's hill, near the booms, the but ultimately a start was made, and the Chairman stated that the plans and two " not outs " of the previous Saturday specifications having been amended, the time for receiving tenders had been exagainst the bowling of Lawless and Burgess. The batters seemed determined to tended to Saturday next. The following tenders for constructing seventeen chains some good hits Lawless took the first of close-paling fencing round the Waiowicket, and as only two more players had Karaka reservoir, were then opened :- P. Fergusson. £41s 11d per chain ; A. Boyer, to bat, the Union's first innings closed for 82. Not having scored sufficient runs £3 17s; W. Adamson, £5 14s 81d; G. to have the choice, they were sent in Dodd, £76 2s 6d (lump sum); J. J. O'Brien, £76 2s (lump sum) ; Mattheson, again, and their second innings was even worse than their first, as Hoskins and £85 (lump sum); Hopkins, £4 0: 6d George, with 19 each, were the highest Connell, £4 11s 6d; J. Macandrew, £3 scorers, and in fact the only players that seemed to make a stand, and their innings 12s; P. Clarking, £4 13s 6d; Dennerly and Challis, £67 17s 6d (lump sum); W. Dodd, £4 5s 3d. Mr Macandrew's closed for 68. The club will have to do a great deal of practice before they can tender was accepted.

No. 2 Section, Katikati and Obinemuri again presume to play the rival club. The members are mostly young men, who Road :- Tuttersall, £2 17s per chain ; with practice will eventually make good Cornes, £4 10s; J. McGuire, £4 10s. Tattersall's tender was accepted. No. 1 section : -W. McCormick, £150 players. The want of a practice ground

is very much felt by both clubs, as the (lump sum); W. Logan, £6 per chain; R. distance to the gardens is too great, and unless a man can afford to pay cab hire in Noble, £5 7s 6d per chain ; Halley, £85 (lump sum). The latter's tender was and out, he is too tired after arriving there, and besides many men cannot accepted.

Supplying 2,500ft twenty-inch iron leave their places of occupation until 4 pipes :- T. and S. Morrin, 15s per lineal foot; Judd and Co., 20s 3d; McCaul, 12s 93d; Fraser and Tinne, £2000 (lump sum). It appeared that all the tenders were slightly informal, and the matter was left in the hands of a committee consisting of Councillors Greenville, Thorburn, and the Engineer, who will meet for the purpose this morning.

HAURAKI ENGINEERS.

MILITARY ENGINEERING.

THE sixteenth lecture, given by the officers of the above corps to the non-commissioned officers and sappers, was delivered by Sub-Lieutenant George Denby on the evening of Friday last, the subject on this occasion being the Construction of Revotments. The lecturer explained in a clear in their construction, the various kinds vention and cure of disease, and I cannot gabions, available. He showed how the various revetments were constructed, illustrating blackboard, and by some excellent diagrams drawn to scale (which have recently arrived from a Royal Engineer officer

in England). After the lecture an examination was made of the members touch-Union's innings, sides being picked by Bull and Gellion. Bull's side went in to ing their knowledge on various matters relating to their duties as engineers. bat, and Whitford's first ball disposed of The answers to many of the questions put Lawless. Spencer then joined Bull, and were promptly and correctly given, showsome leather hunting commenced. Spencer ing a practical acquaintance with the hitting right and left, and making some subjects recapitulated. Mr Denby, morepretty drives for 3, 4, and 5 runs, and over, informed the men that the Govern. before being disposed of by one of R. D. ment had promised to supply the corps Gellion's famous slows, he had put to shortly with the means to procure the gether 50 runs. He contributed the lion's necessary tools, and that as soon as they share of the 92 runs made by Bull's side. could be obtained, the lectures, which Gellion's slows were very effective; he had been given from time to time by his took six wickets in a very short time. brother officers and himself, would then Whitford and Gellion went to the wickets, be put into practice by out door field inuntil 6 pm. The former made 13; the latter 11. The fielding was very good during the evening, and as our Coromanstruction.

A short drill of the company took place in the Drill Hall previous to the adjournment to the lecture room. Captain Small, Sergeant G. Clark, and Sapper T. Kellar, are at the Nelson Rifle Meeting, where we have no doubt they will do their level best, with other Thames men, to maintain the preslige of the district.

W. H. Hazard, Esq., of Auckland nally also - from the

CORRESPONDENCE,

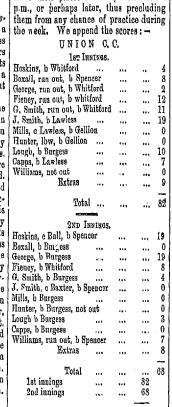
THE ZULU CAMPAIGN.

INFANT SICKNESS AND MOR-

TALICY. (To the Editor of the THAMES ADVERTISER.) Sin,-In the interest of the poor little

sufferers, and others of bigger stature, allow me to say a little upon the cause of so much sicknessand death lately throughout New Zealand. Undoubtedly it is drought we have had this summer, or between the twenty seventh and twenty. to the great heat, and because many are longitude, and may be roughly estimated not in that vigorous state of health that at thirty thousand square miles. It is would resist atmospheric influence. The condition of the atmosphere this summer has been such as to decrease the vitality of the system, and to render it less able to cast out its impurities by the ordinary channels; these impurities, as a consequence, collect in the system and clog it to such an extent that nature rebels and makes extraordinary efforts to rid itself of English. They muster perhaps ten thouthe foul matter obstructions by means of sand warriors, and are divided from their the body's main sewer, the bowels; then the person is said to be sick, and is sick, very sick sometimes. Now all that is required is to assist nature by imparting vigor to the system, and so help her to carry off the offensive matter. The purging if it is violent may be checked, but can never be wholly stopped without great dauger. Now, I know from experience and observation, of not a very short life, some 25 years' of which I have spent in hot climates, that there is nothing as an external means of curing bowel complaints and in a great measure proventing their return, like cold water, by dashing it over the patient frequently it braces up and imparts a vigour to the system which of itself will very soon effect a cure. I was therefore very much pleased to find by an article in your Thursday's issue that here and there we yet have men of common sense among the medical profession, and who fear not to exercise it in their practise. I make bold to say that if the system adopted by Dr MacKenna of Victoria had been adopted by the medical men of New Zealand during the prevalence of diarrhœa this season scarcely any of the infants would have died. The doctor himself pays no very high compliment to the medical profession generally. I neither. I have long viewed them for and interesting manner the uses made of the most part as charlatans far more intent revetments, the different materials used on making money and getting rich than on using their common sense for the preusually applied in field revetments, as help saying that this has been notably the fascines, hurdles, sand bags, case with some who have practised on the sods, planks, and other temporary expe- Thames. There appears to be very little dients, when none of the first-named were more known now regarding diseases and their cure by allopathists generally than was known in the days of Hippocrates the subject by full-size drawings on the himself, and this is the testimony of some of themselves. It is mostly guess work with them. Now, in order to be able to resist sickness and disease it is necessary to have a hardy, vigorous body, and the doctor above referred to has been especially happy in his reference to Indian mothers breaking the ice in order to give their just born infants a cold bath. These mothers know what will contribute to give their progeny a hardy, robust, vigorous constitution, and fear not to use the means. What a contrast to many of the mothers of civilisation, who would not touch the infant with cold water for fear they should kill it. We happened to have one gentleman, a Dr Stewart, at the Cape (when I resided there), a man of common sense, great skill, and (what was desirable also) a man of very moderate charges, who approved of the Indian treatment of newborn infants, and who plunged my own daughter into a bath of cold spring water the moment after she was born. There is nothing like cold water, internally and

As the Zulu Campaign seems quite likely to attract more attention than any of the aggressive expeditions recently undertaken by the British, it may not be amiss to detail in a series of leaders some interesting information, derived from personal knowledge, with reference to the origin of the war and the country in which it will take place. The Zulu land caused by the extraordinary heat and is situated on the east coast of Africa, rather from the large amount of negative ninth parallell of south latitude, and electricity in the atmosphere, attributable the thirtieth and thirty third of east separated on the south from the colony of Natal by the river Tugela, a Ear, clear, rapid stream, more than a mile in width at its month. On the north shore dwell the Amasmazis, an amiable, though warlike, tribe, speaking the same language as the Zulus, but hating and droading them, and extremely friendly to the foes by the Pongola river, another fine stream, which joins the Usutu, running from the north-west, and together they enter the south end of Dolagon Bay. To the west lie the Transvaal territories, now British possessions, which are separated from the Zulu land by the head waters of the Pongola, by a portion of the great Drakensberg range, which extends from Abyssinia to Cape Town, and by the Blood river, a stream that flows into the Buffalo river, which in its turn joins the Tugola. The whole of the country is exceedingly broken and hilly, the altitudes increasing as the sea is receded from, initil on the western boundary a general elevation of between three thousand and four thousand feet is attainable. Though so broken, locomotion is not difficult, the grades being in few places abrupt, while a great deal of the surface is open grass, and the bush lands scattered about are not, as in New Zealand, impenetrable, but allow waggons to pick their way through. Moreover, none of the numerous streams which intersect it are of any size, all being easily crossed at numerous points of their short course. The coast lands are tropical in their climate, and are mostly covered with bush, in which the mimosa and emphorbia families take a conspicuous place. Numerous lagoons are scattered about, swarming with hip-popotami and alligators. Until quite recently these lands were alive with elephasts and other large game, but the hunters have played sad havoc with them, and very few of the former now remain. The coast lands are well adapted for sugar, coffee, tobacco, arrowroot, and other tropical produce. Further inland is open grass, varied with expanses of mimosa bush, and here tobacco, cotton and maize flourish in a surprising manner, and cattle and goats find congenial homes, while many large varieties of bucks roam about unfrequented districts. Still further in the surface is broken into a succession of rounded lines, all covered with the sweetest and most luxurious of grasses. The round beehive huts of the natives swarm under every hill side, and along every stream, and immense herds of cattle, numbering thousands to the herd, meet the eye of the traveller wherever he goes. In the ravines and "kloofs" of these upland clumps, patches of sombre looking bush take the place of the grasses, and will be found to contain immense timber trees, chiefly of the yellow wood tree, and of the iron wood, a hard-wooded tree of the teak family, together with other large forest trees. The climate of Zulu land is, in the interior, extremely pleasant and salubrious, illness being little known save on the coast, where the lagoons and rank vegeexternally, as a preventative of sickness, tation arising from them render it in summer extremely unhealthy. In addition to and for the cure of bowel disorders. Let the wealth of the natives in cattle-and the infant have it continually, externally, if you would have it grow up with a in that respect they are the richest of all African tribes-and the value of the counhardy, vigorous constitution,-and intertry for the growth of tropical produce, its time it leaves its natural resources are otherwise very great. mother's arms, and if to the water you The writer has found gold in Ťhe places, and coal, iron, and copper abound. water for drinking should be got from the spring if possible; and if not, it but only of the iron do the natives make any use, and that simply to make their Тея and coffee little children should assegais or spears. The Zulus have been estimated at various numbers, from one never drink, and it would be better to five millions, four millions being profor adults if they took less of these bably somewhere near the mark, and can beverages and more of cold spring water. put into the field certainly as many as a Now, as regards the internal remedies for hundred thousand fine young warriors, the cure of diarrhosa, &c., I prefer olive who are all drilled soldiers, divided into oil. Very few know the wonderful regiments of about five thousand each, properties of that oil. and its benefit to and officered by chiefs of different grades the human system whether in health or in European style. A large proportion of disease, but especially in bowel complaints. these warriors have guns, the use of which These disorders were very prevalent at they fully understand. being born sportsthe Cape, far more so than in New Zeamen, with a natural instinct for destrucland, and very frequently running into tion. Of ammunition they have large dysentery. The universal remedy for stores, and, given the material, many are them-even in the worst of cases-was able to manufacture powder, the art having olive oil. For an infant a teaspoonfull been taught them by renegade Europeans. two or three times a day, and for an adult The writer, however, is not aware of the a tablespoonfull more frequently, and it existence of any sulphur in the country, was but seldom a death occurred from these nor of lead, though it is common in one diseases when this was the treatment. district of the adjoining Transvaal. Those I recommend the frequent use of olive oil as a sedative and a preservative of not having guns carry a number of assegais, beautifully made of native iron, health, and I recommend the frequent with taper handles of iron wood. These By they throw with marvellons precision up these means any person may be fortified to seventy yards. Differing from all other against summer disorders, and will find A frican tribes, they also carry short handed heir general health to be much improved. long bladed assegais, for hand-to hand fighting, the blades of which are more But there is one other thing that will contribute above all other to good health and than two feet long, by about three inches cheerfulness, it is this: that whatever may befall mankind in the approaching in width at the widest part, and are double edged, truly desperate looking weapons. In addition to these, they all carry a knobkerrie, or short stick of hard heavy wood, having a knob, the size of a very large orange, at the end; these they either use as clubs or throw as tomahawks, and do so with dexterity enough to bring down a partridge on the wing. They also carry large light shields of buffalo or bullock hide, sufficient in size to cover the whole person. In person they are tall, and magnificently made, with physique unexcelled by any people in the world. They are also handsome in countenance-some exceedingly so, though, in common with all negro tribes, they have rather thick lips. Their activity and powers of endurance are simply marvel. lous, and they will carry on their heads weights up to eighty pounds all day, and day after day. They are not, however, fond of work, leaving all the field labour to the women, nor can they stand cold. In intelligence they take a very high place among races who have not as yet been "improved" by the operations of civilization; in fact, it would not be too much to say the highest. 'i hey are all born orators, and besides being actors and mimics can sustain a speech of the most flowery and postical language for hours together.-B.P. Times.



Total 2 innings 150 Thames C.C. ... 177 runs 1st innings, A scratch match was played after the

del friends are about to visit us on the

17th of March to play the annual match

with the Themes Club. it behoves our

Thames cricketers to look well to their

laurels, as the Coromandel men are prac-

tising every day, and after polishing them

off in December last and again beating a

foroury Bay club, they

well.

Bull. b Whitford

Extras

Japps, c Hunter, b Whitford

Lumsden, st Hunter, b Gellion

George, Ibw Hunter, b Gellion ...

Lough, st Hunter, b Gellion ...

...

Total

cut his throat. When I reached Ormond J found it was James Baker. He was dead when I saw him, and the body cold. He had a wound on the left side of the throat, just above the wind-pipe, on the corner of the jaw. It was an incised wound, and had severed the ex ternal jugular vein and several branches of the carotid artery. I considered the wound a fatal one. The belly was greatly swollon-this being a sympton of the prevailing fever. The body was lying on its back, with a great deal of blood about it. The fever now prevalent generally induces lowness of spirits and despondency, the nervous system being nearly always affected, Cons. Villers said he asked deceased how he came to do it. He replied that he did not do I asked who did it; he said he did not know. He appeared to be delirious while say. ing this. I believe deceased's parents live at Tararu, at the Thames. I found the letters and photo's produced on deceased. He has no money nor property. I could not find any telegram amongst his clothes. The razor was open when I found it. The jury returned the following verdict :- That the deceased, while of unsound mind, and distracted through illness, ommitted suicide.

If anything were wanting to show the urgent necessity of completing the road between the Thames and Tauranga, the late disasters in the loss of the steamers 'Taranaki' and 'Taupo' show that the overland line between the Thames and the East Corst ought to be pushed on without loss of time. Unless something is done soon the hope expressed by Sir George Grey that a coach would be running between the Thames and Tauranga in a short time, is not likely to be realized, as the Government, so far as we can learn, have placed very little funds at the disposal of either the Tauranga or Thames County Councils for the work, which is without doubt one of the most needful in the colony, and one that has been promised by the late as well as the present Ministry. It is true the late Ministry put some of the armed constabulary to work on the road, and what they did has been found of great benefit to the travelling public. The Thames County Council have also spent a considerable amount of money on their portion of the road, and the Taurange Council are doing all they can to make their end of the road passable before the winter sets in, but the money at the disposal of these bodies is totally inadequate to complete the work. In reality they ought not to be called upon to do it, as it is one of the main trunk roads in which the colony is interested, and as the dangers to life and property in travelling by sea along the Rast | Shipping Company, Coast have been proved by the maritime disasters to which we have referred. The journey from Auckland to Tauranga via the Thames becomes of greater necessity, for it could be done in nearly the same time and as cheaply as by the sea route if this road was only made passable for wheeled vehicles. When the railway is completed, this road will become one of the principal feeders to the line, whilst persons travelling from Waikato would be saved a long journey by taking this route. We trust the Government will see it is to the interest of the colony that this work should be gone on with without delay, as it will to a very large extent increase the traffic receipts on the railway, and prove a boon to the settlers of Katikati and Tauranga, as well as the intermediate townships. Mr A. Brodie, the County Chairman, and Cr. Brown, have been on a visit to Katikati with a view of urging upon the local body at that place the necessity for noited action in the matter, so as to secure the pushing on of the road.

The following is the state of the Thames Hospital for the week ending March 1, 1879: --Rsmained, 15; admitted, 3; discharged 4; died, 0; remaining, 14. The diseases are as follows :- Zymotic diseases, 4 ; constitutional, 1; local, 4; developmental, 2; violent, 3. Out patients, 44.

excursionists to the Orakei native meeting to-morrow. John Warnock, sailor on a steamer on the

Waikato river, had his foot crushed in the paddle wheel, and had to be sent on to Auckland in great agony.

The Bishop has accepted the resignation of the Rev. Mr Hassard, incumbent of St. Matthew's, now in England. His congregation are almost unanimously in favour of the appointment of the Rev. Mr Hill, now officiating. Ihomas Pelican, a stableman at Mr F.

Quick's, fell from the hay loft and broke his collar bone and sustained other severe injuries, so that he is not expected to recover.

An influential committee has been appointed to collect for the Kaitangata relief fund.

At the Kaipari the brigantine 'Augusta' is loading timber for William Smith, contractor for the Hokitika harbour works. The timber is heart of kauri, a good deal being 50 and 60 feet piles. The 'Darcy Pratt' cleared the

heads yesterday, consigned to Mr Smith, of Hokitika. She takes 104,000 feet.

SOUTHERN TELEGRAMS.

(PEB PRESS AGENCY.)

ARREST OF AN ENGLISH FORGER ON THE SHIP 'LORRAINE.'

WELLINGTON, Saturday. Arrived : The New Zealand Co.'s ship Lorraine,' from London, 101 days out. She experienced fine weather on the passage. She brings 28 passengers and a full cargo, consigned to the N.Z.S. Co. Henry Stebbing, one of the passengers charged with forgery, in Lincoln, England, was arrested on arrival by Detective Hocking, who was sent out by steamer from England in pursuit. The 'Loch Fergus' also arrived from

London, 96. days' from the Start Point, She had fine weather during the passage. She brings a full cargo, but no passengers, and is consigned to the New Zealand

DUNEDIN, Saturday. Hurdle Race, 80 sovs .- Eversley, 1; Kildare, 2; Loyalty, 3. A protest was entered against Eversley for foul riding. Forbury Handicap .- Foul Play, 1; Templeton, 2; Sinking Fund, 3.

Mr C. N. Roberts, whose mysterious disap-

pearance is causing so much anxiety in Auck-land, was manager of the Bank of New Zealand at Tauranga from October, 1873, to March, 1877. During that time he made many friends, and sincere regret will be felt if any misfortune has befallen him,

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mistoriume has befallen him, Holloway's Ointment and Pills.-Sudden change of temperature sovely try all persons subject to rheumatism, sciatica, tic doloreux, and many maladies sourcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the itst attack of stiffness or suffring in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomentations of the seat of the disease with hot brine, and be anbsequently rubbing in this remarkable Oint ment, the uncesiness of the part will be assumed, nflammation subdued, and swelling reduced. The rills simultaneously taken, rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No reme-dies herctofree discorred have proved so affective as the fullment and Pills for remore ing gouty her matic, and serolitons attacks, which afficier'a "Arges, an. 'are', or mouly hereditary.

CHINA, (PER PBESS AGENCY.) January 13

A PROJECT to place China and the United States in telegraphic communication by means of the trans-Pacific cable is being placed before the Pekin Government by Lawless, c Whitford b Whitford an agent of the projectors from America. It is said that the Japanese Government Smith, b Whitford ... have promised to render assistance, if the Spencer, b Gellion project is adopted at Pekin.

The Chinese government is about to Murphy, st Hunter, b Gellion ... start a woollen manufactory at Sau Chow Fu, the capital of Bausuh. Two German gentlemen have been engaged to conduct Baxter, st Hunter, b Gellion the enterprise; the requisite machinery Hoskins, not out has been shipped from Europe, and the building will shortly be commenced. The first foreign vessel, sailing ship that has arrived at Wenchow since the opening of the port, arrived there on the Gellion, not out 5th ult.- a German barque of 320 tons. Whitford, not out

The vessel secured a charter, and there is some probability of the development of the trade in foreign vessels. The On Tai (Native) Insurance Company has issued a statement of its business

for the year ending 1st May, 1878, from which it appears that a dividend of 35 per cent. was to be paid to contributors, and 11 per cent to shareholders.

The China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company has transferred its tug and lightering equipments at Tientsin to a tug company, the reason, it is stated, being that the C.S.M.N. Company cannot make them pay. The dock and foundry at Shanghai are advertised for sale or to be et, and speculation is rife as to the futur<mark>e</mark> of the company.

The British barque 'Ada' went ashore on the 12th ult, when about 10 miles from Chefoo, and became a total wreck; all on board were saved. At a Court of Inquiry held to investigate the circumstances, the captain's certificate was suspended for nine months News has been received of the loss of the Portuguese barque 'Venus' while on her way from Macas to Kincor with a body of troops, to assist in quelling an in-

surrection in the latter colony. The vessel was wrecked on the coast of Annam, but the crew and passengers were all saved, and taken to Quinhoa. The steamer 'Pernambuco' was engaged at Salfoo to call for them and bring them

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woman away into Chinese territory. If the present charge is proved it will fugill, TSV Wilson, TRR ... amount to an armed attack by Chinese Cloutt, HE Lawlor, No 2, TSV Heron, TSV soldiers on a house in a village on British

The German steamer 'Madagascar,' leynolds, TNB Captain Timm, left Bangkok on the 13th Vebster, TNB November for Hongkong, and has not Lucas, TSV Grey, No. 2 TSV seen since heard of. ameron, TNB

Dare, HR ... Stone, TNB ... The London correspondent of the Liverpool Post says he has obtained information ' from a quarter worthy of high consideration, that Her Majesty the Queen has decided to relinquish Lukey, TNB the reins of power in favour of the Prince of Honni Nahe, TNV Wales as Prince Regent. Kendall, TSV

(formerly resident on the Thames, and make a hard struggle to achieve another victory. If our T.C.C. could make it captain of the Hauraki Engineers), has again presented his old corps with a convenient to muster twice weekly for valuable double barrelled gun as a shooting practice, it would be something, for withprize, the conditions of firing to be out practice it is almost impossible to play settled by the officers. The Haurakis BULL'S SIDE.

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are indebted to that gentleman for many and repeated gifts. The open-handed generosity of such donors as Mr Hazard goes far to encourage emulation and a proper spirit of rivalry in the Volunteer 50 force. 3

MINING MATTERS.

0 ALBURNIA .- There is a great improve-1 ment in the nature of the ground in the 70. feet level, which admits of much speedier progress in driving on the lode. When 92 the manager first re-commenced pushing on this drive the ground was very tight and but slow progress was made, but within 13 the last week the country in the foot-wall has changed into a kind of soft mullock and sandstone. The lode continues of about the same size, with colours of gold to be seen in the quartz, which is good crushing dirt. The winze being sunk THE fifteenth quarterly competition for on the lode from the level above is the district belt took place on Saturday, down a depth of over 30 feet, with the reef showing gold. The winze on Dixon's and the result was surprising to a good lode is being put down through favourmany. The weather was favourable for able country, the lode being about 3 feet thick and showing good colours of gold. shooting, and some good scores were made. The number of competitors was Retorting for the month took place on ot so large as on previous occasions. Saturday morning at the Herald battery hich may be accounted for from the fact for the excellent return of 615ozs 15dwts bat a number of riflemen are away at the retorted gold. About 320 tons and 50wt lelson meeting. As will be seen from the picked stone were crushed for this amount. appended scores, Seaman Hori Matene, The tributers, Bond and party, crushed 3 of the Naval Brigade, was successful in tons of general dirt for the return of carrying off the coveted trophy, which 41ozs gold. nakes the third consecutive time that the

MOANATAIABI.-The winze which this Vavals have won it, and proves to some company has been sinking on No. 9 reef extent the superiority of their weapons (steel barrels) over those with which the from the bottom of the 150 feet level, has holed through to the new level below, ther companies are provided. Seaman Matene wins, in addition to the belt, the sum of £1 0s 3d; Seaman Johns, who The lode has not yet been met with in the level, the last few feet of the winze having been sunk through the slide. was second, gets $105 \ 10\frac{1}{2}$ d; Bandsman Hirst (T.N.B), third, 13s 6d; Volunteer Price, T.S.V. fourth, $10s \ 1\frac{1}{2}$ d; and During the past fortnight 266 tons of general stuff have been treated for the payable yield of 222ozs retorted gold.

CURE .- The manager is still pushing the drive on No. 6 lode ahead, but there seems to be a change in its appearance. No gold has yet been seen in the stone, although there are good mineral indications. A trial parcel has been brought to the surface, which will shortly be forwarded to the battery for treatment. The manager has now started to sink a winze on Gilmour's leader below Davis's tribute block. The leader is about six inches thick, and shows a little gold.

İ1—5 CALEDONIAN. - The drive on the 10-5 western lode in the Otago section is still being continued, the reef being about 21 11 feet thick, but shows no gold. The manager reports that the water and gas in the U.P.A. shaft have been rising at the rate of three fect per day during the latter end of the past week.

PRINCE IMPEBIAL TRIBUTE -Kinsford 9-5 and party crushed 87lbs of specimens for the excellent return of 62ozs 14dwt 11 - 4melted gold. They obtained a few pounds of excellent stone on Saturday. 8-4 LITTLE LIZZIE .- Prescott and party 5-48 lodged 3ozs 13dwts of gold taken from 3-46

this claim on Saturday.

troubles, which must all increase rapidly now, there is nothing like a firm relience on the Rock of Ages, Christ Jesus, to give calmness and peace to the mind, and so contribute to general good health. Next to the oil, in summer disorders, rhubarb s the best-the syrup for infants and the tincture for adults; and, when the pain is great, mixed with a little essence of peppermint. To conclude : of a family ought Every head to make himself acquainted with the rules of health and vigour, and not trust too much to the doctors : he would then know what to do in cases of infantile disorders. The rules of health and even the cure of simple disorders are not difficult to know. But ignorance is productive of much evil, temporal and spiritual. When a child of mine was sick I knew what to do, and did it at once. I never allowed sickness to make an inroad on the constitutions of any of my family, but tackled it at once as soon as it appeared. My children are all grown up, and as yet I have had no deaths amongst them, and so would it be with most families did but the parents know the simple rules of health, the cure of simple diseases, and apply them .-WILLIAM WOOD. I am, &c., The Hawke's Bay Herald's Wairoa corres pondent telegraphs as follows :--- "Te Rooti has warned the natives at Onepoto, Waikare moana, not to eat or sleep in their settlements for a month, or they will be destroyed by a pestilence. The natives in consequence have eft their kaingas in a body, and are camped out on the banks of Waikaretabibi River awaiting orders. At present there are only five men and a sergeant stationed at Onepoto. certainly seems like tempting Providence to

add one-third milk, the better.

should be boiled and cooled.

use of the cold bath externally.

leave an important post in the heart of the Uriwera country, where Te Kooti's word is law, so weakly garrisoned."

Holloward's Picks-This purifying and regulating medicine should occasionally be had recourse to during foggy, cold, and wet weather. It is the best preventative of hoarseness, sore threat, diphtheria, pleurity, asthma, and a sure remedy for congestion, brouchilds and inflammation. Attention to the pirections folded round each hox will enable in-valids to take the Pills in the most advantageous manner: they will no tanglit the proper doses and the or contactances noder which these must be in creased or dimini. It of loway's Pills act as alteratives, appeints, and tonics. When taken as a last resource, the result has always been gratify-ing; even when they: all'to cure they always as-srunge the severity of he symptoms and diminish danger