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FROM WHANGAREI WELLINGTON Thursday 20th train, 1 15 p.m WELLINGTON. Baturday 23th; train, 4 15 p.m WELLINGTON. Tuesday 25th; train, 5,35 p.m

FOR TAURANGA & OPOTIKI WAIOTAHI...Tuesday 25th, 7 p.m

FOR WANGAPOUA. CHELMSFORD. Every Thursday, 9 p.m.

FOR WHAKATANE.
NGUNGURU...Thursday 27th, 11.30 a.m.

FROM MANUKAU. FOR HOKIANGA GLENELG ... Monday 24, 1 p.m ; train noon

FOR RAGLAN.
KANIERI...Tuesday 3, 1 p.m; train, noon

FOR WAITARA, KANIERI...Fri. 21, 11.30 a.m; train 10.45

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On and after Monday, the 10th inst., the following will be the fares to the ports above mentioned:—Thames and Coromandel: Saloon: Single, 7s 6d; Return, 12s 6d. Steerage: Single, 5s; Return, 8s. Paeroa: Single, 10s Return, 15s. H. O. GILLESPIE, AGENT

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For Passas and Te Aroha duly at 8.15 a.m and 3.80 p.m and Wedelesday and Friday at 7 p.m For Komata and Waitekauri daily st

8,16 a.m.
or Karangahato, Waikino, Waihi, etc.
on Monday and luesday at 8,15 a.m.,
and Wednesday and Friday at 8,15 a.m.

and 7 p.m For Tauranga on Wednesday and Friday at

7 p.m Fur Aongatete, Athenree, and Katikati on Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m.. For Morrinsy lie, Rotorus, Hamilton, and Waikate offices daily at 8.15 a.m

For Maratote on Friday at 8.15 a.m. Fir Tapu & Walomo Tuesday, Thuisday, and Saturday at 9.15 a.m. For Waipstukahu on Tuesday and Saturday

at 9,15 a,m For Miranda a d Kaiana overy Friday (with For Gistorne, Napier, Wellington, etc., this

For Tura, Netherton, and Cryer's Landing this day at 12.20 p.m.
For Turanaki, Nelson, Picton, Wellington & Stuthern Ports to morrow at 3.20 p.m.

Fo Australian Colonies (per Mararoa) to-morrow at 3..0 p.m For Ceyl n. 11214. China, Japan, etc., tomorrow at 3.20 p.m For Suva and Levuka on Tuesday at 4.50 p.m J. E. Coney, Ch of Postmaster.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

THE FUNERAL of EDWIN WHITLEY will leave his late residence, Walter Street, TO-DAY (Friday) 21st instant at 3 p.m. for Shortland Cemetery
Friends please accept this intimation.
ROBERT TWENTYMAN,

Undertaker.

THE Thames Advertiser.

regret. France, Spain, and Italy have protested against the extra taxation, the French exporters alleging that by Britain's extra duties the price of cheap wines will be increased oneseventh, and champagne oneeighteenth, The N.Z. Times comments on the subject at some length,
and remarks that "the increased taxa tion is rendered necessary by the present state of public opinion in Great Britain, which demands that the navy must be kept equal in strength to the combined fleets of any other two Powers. While, therefore, the nave stimates in 1898-1899 amounted to £23,778,400, for 1899-1900 they are set down at £26,594,500, or £2,816,100 in excess of the previous year. Sir Michael Hicks Beach will start the year with a surplus of £186,000. He will increase his taxation by £870,000, and will save £2,000,000 in the charges on the national debt. Thus, for the estimated increased expenditure of £2,816,100, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have an enhanced income of £3,056,000, inclusive of surplus. On these figures alone there would be a surplus for next year of £140,000; but with the increasing revenue the surplus ought to consider ably exceed that amount. With so satisfactory a prospect, it might very well be contended that there is no necessity for the imposition of a duty equal to a penny per bottle on Australian wines. Possibly the proposal has only been made to be withdrawn. On sentimental grounds, the proposal is objectionable, while from the point of view of having absolute freetrade between Great Britain and the outlying parts of the Empire, such a duty should not be imposed. It is pleasing to know that the outlook of Imperial finance is neither melancholy nor alarming; on the contrary, the revenues of Great Britain are still progressing with that steady and relentless tide' which

has characterised them for two or three decades."

THAMES.

For some time past the matter of providing a suitable recreation ground or breathing space for the residents of the Thames has been occupying the attention of the Borough Council, though up to the present nothing of a meagre,

definite character has been decided It appears that sufficient

unanimity did not exist among Councillors to enable the area between Rolleston and Mackay streets to be acquired for athletic sports purposes, more especially as the price asked was considered excessive. It is gratifying, however, to observe that at last night's meeting of the Council the matter was again brought forward by the Mayor, his idea being that the land on the foreshore between Mary street and Richmond street should be acquired from the Hurbour Board and the private owners, and filled in, with a view to the area being planted with trees and shrubs and utilised for the purpose of a promenade for the public The proposal met with the unanimous approval of Councillors, so that if the land can be secured tor a reasonable price, there is every reason to believe that the project will be brought to a

We understand that Mr J. McGowan, M.H.R., will address the electors at the Thames next Tuesday evening.

successful issue at an early date.

The result of the mine managers and battery superintendents examinations came to band last night, and appear in our telegraphic columns. It is very grarifying indeed to notice the number of Thames successes this year. Four Phanesies reand four passed as battery superintendents, while two passed the latter conditionally in compliance with the regulations

The Hauraki Rifles Football Club propose again forming this season, and a meeting of intending members is to be held to-morrow night.

At the Pauron Police Court yesterday, before Messrs Mitchell and Cololough, J's.P. a lad named Reese Brown was committed for trial on a charge of stealing a horse, valued at £3 10s, the property of Mr Joll, of

The first of the series of the promonade concerts under the auspices of the Hauraki Rifles Band took place last night. A large number of layers of the "light fantastic," in answer to invitations issued, assembled at 55 George's Hell, where the concert was held, and took part in the denoing notil it was brought to a close at a late hour. Excellent nusic was cadered by the band, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

We would direct the attention of the ladies of the Thames to the advertisement of Mr S. Hetherington, which appears in another column. A perusal of the subject matter is sure to prove of deep interest, and will doubtless lead to a mutual beneficial interchange of some of the latest imported seasonable goods and the can't-be-done-without £ s. d.

Next September will undoubtedly see the inauguration of the creamery system in our district. Creameries will be started at Matatoke and Umahu. At the latter place a guarantee of 304 cows has been given. With the introduction of creameries in the district, farming operations should be greatly assisted. The promounds consert under the sus-

The promonage concert the first of this season's series year held, in the finers. Union Hall last night and was largely sttended. Prior to the commencement of the concert the Band played a number of lively selections is from of the hull. The involved to some the search programme of the halt. The convert programme was opened with a search programme was opened with a server programme was opened with a very programme was opened with a very programme was opened with a very programme was opened. Wellington as anywhere else, and wore accommodation was needed.

CYCLING.

(Per Press Associaton.)

CHARGE DISMISSED. and for an encore he gave "Hamlet, I am tny Fathor't Chost," which was even more successful. The deace music was supplied by the band under Bandmaster G. G. Smith, saile Bandsman J. Hardman per-formed the lation of M.C. Miss Ada Smith and Mr. R., R. MeOregor played the accom-paniments. The Band intent holding chose promenades fortnightly through the winter months, and they will undoubtedly prove very popular.

Both deaf and dumb they said he was, Because he could not hear or speak, He'd simply lost his voice, that's all, His head bunged up for just a week; But now be hears the least thing drop, He speaks in accents strong and pure, To say that he'd been dead ere this. Except for Woods' Great Peppermint Cure

CABLEGRAMS.

THE TOULON EXPLOSION. PARIS, April 19.

Vice-Admiral Delajaille, Naval Commander at Toulon, in acknowledging the receipt of 32,000 francs subscribed by Britishers resident in the Rivièra to the Toulon naval magazine explosion fund, said the extreme generosity of the residents touched the hearts of the whose of France. The Queen, Prince of Wales and Lord Salisbury were amongst the subscribers.

THE PHILIPPINES. MANILA, April 19. The American cruiser Yorktown

Lieutenant Gilmore, with a boat's crew of fourteen men, fell into an ambush and were captured.

> The s.s. Australia. STRIKES A REEF.

LAUNCESTON, April 20.

The Union Steamship Company's ateamer Australia, with 20 passengers and 220 tons of cargo, struck a reef at Westport, the entrance to the Ar-RECREATION GROUND FOR THE thur River, early yesterday morning. The captain ran her aground in a

sinking condition on a sandy beach. The passengers and crew are safe. It is doubtful if it is possible to

save the vessel.

Shocking Tragedy,

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MELBOURNE, April 19. The body of an old man named Butler has been found in a sack in a mutilated condition at Mansfield. Mur-

der is suspected.
MELBOURNE, April 20. There are evidences of an attempt to burn Butler's house and destroy the body. It failed, and the body was then placed on a rubbish heap.

The crime is supposed to have been committed on Easter Monday, when the victim received £5 from his daughter. This, however, was found partially burned in the pocket.

The Dreyfus Case

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LONDON, April 19. Referring to Major Esterhazy's statement that General Gouse remarked to Colonel Picquart, "If you keep silent, no one will know," M. Blowitz states that Colonel Picquart exclaimed, "The suggestion is abominable; I refuse to carry a secret to the tomb !

M. Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the Times, wires that persistent rumore are affoat that the Government is encouraging the Court of Cassation not to obtain direct proof that the secret dossier was not shown to Drevfus' counsel, thus permitting the Court to quash the trial on the ground that Colonel Henry's forgery and suicide are not new facts justifying a revision of the case.

Marriage of Divorced Society Lady.

DIVORCED HUSBAND'S GENEROUS GIFT.

Press A sociation-Electric Telegraph-Copyright WASHINGTON, April 19.

Mrs Marion McKay, a well-known American society lady, who was divorced some time ago, has married Count Bruenim, an attache of the German Diplomatic Service at Washington. Mr McKay sent his ex wife £20,000 as a wedding present.

4 ellington News.

(Per Press Association.)

Wellington, April 20. No less than three Supreme Court cases are going on this morning. Judge Denniston took the application to cancel Captain Jones' certificate, and prefaced the hearing by commenting caustically on having to sit in such a hole, the said hole being the common jury room. He said there was double

CHARGE DISMISSED

(Per Press Associaton.)

DUNEDIN, April 20.

To Mr Gully: He was qualified before leaving for England in April, information against Mr Smith for 1897. He wired to the Minister of spelling total tickets at the town office of regretted that the law allowed an who induced a person to commit an offence, and made money out of it, to

act as prosecutor. Mine Managers' and Buttery Superintendents' Exams.

THAMES SUCCESSES.

(Per Press Associaton.)

Wellington, April 20. examination for mine managers under the Mining Act:-First class: D. B. | president, Mr. Shroff secretary, and Waters (Skippers), M. Russell (Dunedin), R. Bradley (Te Puke), P. Grayden (Thames), J. O'Sullivan (Thames), L. Walton (Thames), A. Wilson (Thanes). Second class: be laid down at once, so that it may A. Matherson (Hyde, Otago), J. H. Bennie, jurr. (Paeroa), F. W. White (Kuestum).

(Thames), G. Doveton (Thames), W. Timaru to-morrow (Tuesday), weather Clarke (Waihi), B. Stafford (Waihi), J. W. Lee (Reefton), R. W. Raithby (Reefton), J. Banks (Waihi), C. Dixon tain Davis hopes to get out at the

(Waihi).
The following passed conditionally in compliance with the regulations: J. H. Jackson (Karangahake), E. F. Bush (Thames), A. G. Williams (Thames), Great (Waihi), H. Groucher (Waihi), H. L. Noakes (Waihi), W. winter months. MacDonald (Waihi).

The result of the examination under the Coal Mines Act is:—First class mine managers: J. Carruthers (Shag Point), G. F. Turner (Shag Point), W. Leitch (Blackball), A. H. Taylor (Kimihia, Auckland), H. Sowerby

SPORTING

VICTORY FOR NEWHAVEN.

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LONDON, April 19. At the Epsom spring meeting the City and Suburban Handicap result-

ed as follows: W. Cooper's Newhaven.....1

Mr. Jersey's Survivor.....2 Lord Rosebery's Tom Cringle...3

Newhaven won by two lengths. Time, lmin 18secs. Merman finished sixteenth and Uniform last. The Prince of Wales witnessed the race. Newhaven's win was a popular one.

NELSON RACES.

[PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

NELSON, April 20. The was a fair attendance at the second day's racing of the Nelson Jockey Club. The following are the results :---

Hurdles .- Glencora 1, Legrande 2, Coin and Conservative started, but did not finish. The race was a great fiasco, probably the greatest ever seen on the course. At the start Giencora ran off, and was apparently out of the race. At the hurdle by the turn into the straight Coin and Conservative both baulked and ran inside the training track, thus losing their chance. Legrande, with the race apparently all his own, went round alone till reaching the hurdle on the eastern eide, where he ran off. Here Glencora, who turned back, and as generally considered (though disputed by some), had taken all the hurdles, sailed in aneasy first. The Stewards, after consideration, awarded her the race. Dividend.

£3 4s; time, 4min 50secs.

Hack.—Mill Stream 1, Right Metal 2, Holu 3. Sea Bird also started. Won by about two lengths. Dividend, £2 4s; time, 1min 5 secs.

Park Handicap. - Hillstone 1. Pompom and Volley were a dead heat for second place. Osborne also ran. It was a good race and a splendid finish. Won by a neck. Dividend, £5 6s; time, 1min 18secs. Hack.-Ejector 1, Kiahenau 2, Mill

Stream 3. All started except Parrakina, Dividend, £1 16s; time, 1min 22secs. Mill Stream carried 8st, including 7lb penalty. Post Stakes.—Osberne 1, Seabreeze

2, Coin 3. The only starters. Won by a head. Dividend, £1 10s; time, lmin 7secs.

ASHBURTON RACES.

ASHBURTON, April 20. The following are the results of the Ashburton Races:— County Handicap. - Skirmisher 1.

Dividend, £4 98. Pony Handicap.-Topsy 1. Divideud, £2 10s. Grove Farm Handicap.—Mauser 1, Hypnotist 2, Vanilla 3. Dividend, £1

Laghmor Trot. - Miss Brown 1. Dividend, £4 15s.

Captain Jones' Certificate.

Weilington, April 20. After Mr Gully opened the case the Premier was called first, to enable him to get away to the West Coast. A point of his was that the only application of Jones' he had ever heard of up to leaving for England was for what s known as a Service Certificate, and this he thought, and still thought, he was entitled to, subject to satisfactory proof of his service. The Customs objected, because they had no records

of service in other respects to Jones. selling tote tickets at the town office of Marine to have the question settled, as the Jockey Club. He said there was he thought Jones was entitled to what nothing inconsistent in permitting he wanted, and much more quali-authorised agents of the Club to fied than certain names mentioned. receive money anywhere away from Captains Allman and Fairchild also the race ground for investment. He apoke highly of Jones. He did not know that Jones had presented himofficer of the police or anyone else self for examination for a Master's Certificate till some time after he came back, or, in fact, till Mr Hutchison made his speech in the House.

Turua Notes.

(Our Own Correspondent.) TURUA, April 17. At a meeting held on Friday even-

ing the formation of the Turua Tennis Club was consummated. The site for the court was decided upon, rules The following is the result of the adopted and officers and committee elected. Mr. L. J. Bagnall was elected the committee consists of Mesdames

visited Baler, in order to relieve the Spanish garrison, which was beseiged by the Filipinos.

Lieutenant Gilmore, with a boat's Wingate (Thames), F. W. Hayward The Gisborne is loaded, and sails for tain Davis hopes to get out at the time of the full moon springs.

There are no signs yet of the Mutual Improvement Association being

Pre-Sessional Address.

HAWERA, April 20. Mr. McGuiro addressed his constituents here last night, criticising the policy and administration of the Gov-Assistance has been sent.

Details of the circumstances are Details of the circumstances are R. Hill (Abbotsford).

Westport). Second class: A. D. Germment, especially as to land and finance. He announced his intention to stand at the next election. He was accorded a vote of thanks, accorded a vote of thanks,