TELEPHONE. When the invention, or rather the sup posed perfection of the instrument, calle o telephone was announced, speculation as to its possible uses was naturally suggested. If this novel apperatus were indeed capable of all the feats assigned to it while it was still invested with the magnificence belonging to the unknown, there was little limit to the wonders which it might accomplish. Fortunio's gifted servant Fine-ear would find in the telephone a rival that would lower immensely the value of his special faculty; and a pendant would be found t the ivory tube belonging to Prince Ali in the story of "Ahmed and Peri-banou," by looking through which its fortunate possessor could view at wil any scene in any part of the earth. Or to pass from fairy-tale marvels to matters of fact, the telephone might be made useful in an infinity of ways, both to the public and to the people who provide for the public's amusement. A popular lecturer, for instance might, with the aid of the new instrument, save himself a large amount of wear and tear by delivering his discourse in a dozen different places at the same time, thus outdoing Frikell's feat of riding out at all the gates of St. Peters-burg at twelve o'clock. In a marvellously clever, but little known, work called Adventures in the Moon," there is a story of a certain Aristus who came to the conclusion that a body was a very inconvenient encumbrance, and persuaded his household god to teach him a charm by means of which he might get rid of his limbs, and retrain only his mind and voice. The arrangement did not turn out quite as successfully as he thought it would His children, when he spoke to them, were at first terrified by this mysterious voice, and could hardly be prevented from running away; but hearing it solemnly assure them that it was their father, and had no design of hurting them, they took courage, and were then greatly amused to find how their father had hid himself; they laughed violently whenever he spoke, and seemed to be delighted with the novelty." Increased amiliarity with the wonder bred conempt. They had been accumstomed to follow without hesitation the advice which came from a peremptory countenance; but now the advice which came out of the air made very little impression upon them." Aristus' commands were met by flat refusal; his wife attempted to bring the children back to a sense of their filial duty, "but her expostulations could procure no obedience to the venerable sound, and it was disobeyed every The more exasperated Aristus became the more the children were delighted, and they even went so far as to play all kinds of tricks on purpose to hear the air scolding them. Something of this inconvenience might, unless provision were made against it, belong to he system of lecturing by telephone The authority accompanying words spoken by a man who believes in the lesson he teaches, and lends it weight by an impressive demeanour, might well be lost in the case of a spectral voice issuing from a drumhead hung in the centre of the lecture room. And, unless the instruments were very accurate, there might be some confusion as to whether a sudden pause was intended as hint for applause or was due to a hitch in the machinery. The first of these objections might be met without any difficulty. There is a game, or there was when children were content with games that involved no moral or scientific lesson, in which, while one person recites a poem another goes through the actions that he conceive appropriate to the poet's A hint might be taken from this; the outward signs of the telephone might be kept out of the audience's view and a person "made up" as accurately as possible to represent the lecture might appear to deliver the discourse with fitting gesture and aspect. In the same way the resources of the new apparatu might be turned to account by learned persons desirous of instructing the world, but unable to overcome their fear of standing up to face an audience. Sitting peace fully in his own study, a man whose eloquence was before defeated by his shyness, might give forth burning words to an audience seven miles off, whose ap-

second telephone arranged for the pur-In the case of theatrical and operation entertainments the telephone might render incalculable services. Suppose that der incalculable services. Suppose that a favorite actor is prevented from appearing by a fit of the gout or anything else which cripples his limbs, but leaves his voice and intelligence unimpaired. What more simple in such an emergency than to arrange a telephone by which his accents shall be carried to an enraptured audience, while a double goes through the mere mechanical movements of the part? Or, if a prima donna were suddenly indisposed, and no one could be found to take her place, the manager might at once telegraph to another prima donna in a distant town, and have her music sung by telephone. This system might, of course, be carried still further, so as to improve on the new method lately exhibited at Bayreuth. Herr Wagner is of opinion that the sight of an orchestra interferes with the proper appreciation of the lyric drama. The imagination, which should be filled with mysterious impressions of things far removed from commonplace life, is checked by a view of a company of men of this world engaged in bowing and fiddling.

Municipal

BOROUGH OF THAMES.

NOTIFICATION OF THE VALUA-

TION LIST.

MAKE NOTICE .- The Valuation List for the Borough of Thames for the Year 1878 is now open for inspection at the Council Chambers, Albert street. All objections thereto must be left at the Court House, | CLEARED during the next few days. Grahamstown, on or before the 15th day of February, addressed to the Assessment Court, and a copy of every such objection must be left at the Borough Council Chambers, Albert street, Thames, not less than seven days before the next sitting of the said Court. F. C. DEAN,

Town Clerk. Thames, 8th January, 1878.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14. At 11 o'clock.

AN EXCELLENT PIANO, FURNI-TURE AND EFFECTS (Removed for convenience of Sale).

ESSES GUDGEON & CO Will sell, at their Rooms, at 11 o'clock on

The PIANO, FURNITURE, WARD-ROBE and EFFECTS of the late Miss CARY. No Reservo.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY. At 12 o'clock.

IN THE SUPREME COURT, AUCKLAND.

UNDER WRIT OF FI. FA.

GOLDEN ARROW GOLDMINING COMPANY'S BATTERY, EN-GINE, BOILER, BLACKSMITH'S

AND MINING TOOLS, WIRE TRAMWAYS, &c., &c., TAIRUA.

A M E S C R A I G

Has received instructions to sell by Auction at the Stock Exchange, Albert street, on above date, the Entire Property belonging to the Golden Arrow Goldmining Company, Tairus, now in possession of the Sheriff, under Writ of FI. FA., comprising-

12-Stamper Battery, with Berdane com plete

Horizontal Engine and Boiler Tramways, Shoots, Hopper, Fluming Trucks, Belting, Saws, Blacksmith's Tools Mining Tools

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Inventory of all particulars to be had from

IMPORTANT SALE OF MINING PROPERTY, BATTERY AND PLANT.

WILLIAM CARPENTER

Has received instructions to sell by Auction at the Exchange Buildings, Grahamstown, on FRIDAY Next, February 15th, at 11 o'clock in the Forencon, in Two Lots,

The Valuable MINING PROPERTY lately held by the HAPE OREEK Goldmining and Quartz-Crushing Company.

Lor 1. The Licensed Holding, including the Ashley, Tweedside, and Golden Spur claims, with Engine-house, 8-horse Power Engine, 9in. Cylinder, 8 feet Stroke; Tubular Boiler, Winding Gear, New Rope, Poppet Heads, Coge, Hopper, and a Lot of Guides.

Lor 2.
The Lessehold Battery Site, with Cottage, Office, and BATTERY, comprising Ruilding, 13 STAMPERS, 3 Stamper Boxes, 3 Berdans, 20 barran Tubina irbine, by Perry, Belta and Driving Gear, Single Stamper. Box and Spin-dle and Cam complete, Small Turbine, Small Berdan, Spindle and Frame, also 2 Retorts, 1 Pestle and Mortar, five Buckets, four Basins three Dishes, Gold Scales, Iron Safe, Quick silver, Grindstone, Vice, Retort Furnace, Sundry Blocks, &c., &c. and Water Race

Further particulars may be obtained of the Auctioneer at his Office, Produce Company's Buildings, Shortland. plause might be transmitted to him by a

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

At 12 o'clock noon.

TOHN LEYDON

Has received instructions from the Trustee in the Estate of HARRIETTE CORSTON, & Debtor, to sell by public Auction, at his Mart, Brown street, Grahamstown, on the above date.

THE TRUSTEE'S INTEREST ONLY in the Shop and Land on which the same is erected. being part of Allotment No. 99, Block 13, Grahamstown, having a frontage to Brown street of 23 feet by a depth of 71 feet.

Together with-

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LIQUIDATION

PARA PARA IRON AND COAL COMPANY

(LIMITED).

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until NOON of WEDNESDAY, March 6,

PROPERTY AND PLANT OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY SITUATE

NEAR COLLINGWOOD, In the Provincial District of Nelson.

for the separate Lots as hereinafter numbered and must be accompanied by a market cheque for ten per cent. of amount of tender as a guarantee that the Tenderer will com-plete the purchase, but the Liquidators do not bind themselves to accept the highest or Lor 1.

Lease from the Crown of all the Coal in 160 Acres of Land (Section 28, Square 15, of the Provincial District of Nelson), for Twenty one years from 1st day of January 1870, at a royalty of two per cent., which shall not be less than £16 a year. This is the Company's Coal Mine, and the seams have been driven into in several places. There are over 800 feet of iron tramway in the drives, and from thence there is an iron tramway about two miles long to the wharf. Part of the land over which this goes is the Company's free-hold, the rest has been held under a lease at a peppercorn rent. Also, 24 Acres and 13 Sections of the Township of Ferntown, all free-hold, on which are Six Cottages, Manager's House, Stables, Storehouses, a Pooley's Five-Ton Weighbridge with House, and the Wharf, with coal bunkers. This lot will include all the Plant on the above described sections, which is everything necessary for working the Coal Mine.

150 Acres Freehold, situate about a mile from the wharf above mentioned. On it are two Cottages and Sheds, Brick-kiln, about 80,000 Bricks, Wharf, and a quantity of

Lor 3.

105 Acres Freehold, comprising the Iron Mine, situate on the Para Para river, and also a Lease from the Crown of all the Iron and other Minerals except Gold, in 600 Acres of Land, for 21 Years from the 1st of January 1874, at a royalty of 2 per cent., which shall not be less than £30 per annum. Lor 4.

Two 40-ton Barges, and 1 10-ton Punt lying near the Company's wharf. They were built in Nelson, and have been but little

Conditions of Sale and Catalogues containing fuller particulars can be had from the Liquidators, or at the Office of this Paper. The Manager at the Mine will show the Property to any intending purchaser.

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Government Notices

TRICE. Warden's Office, Thames, 5th February, 1878.

(L'HE APPLICATIONS for Licenses for Goldmining Districts Act, 1873," specified in the Schedule hercunder, may be granted on TUESDAY, the 12th day of March, 1878, unless valid objections thereto be in the meantime made in writing, and ledged at this office not less than seven clear days before that date. Plans and applications may be seen hero.

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