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FOR THAMES.

Connecting with River Steamers for Paeroa and Upper Thames Settlements

Leaves Thames

Friday 26...Terranora 11.30 morning
Saturday 27...Terranora 2 afternoon
Monday 29...Terranora 4.30 afternoon
Tuesday 30...Terranora 5 afternoon
Thursday May 2...Terranora 6 morn
Friday 3...Terranora 6.30 morning
Saturday 4...Terranora 7 morning

Leaves Auckland.

Saturday 27...Terranora 8 morning
Monday 29...Terranora 10 morning
Tuesday 30...Terranora 10,30 morning
Wednesday May 1...Terranora 12 noon
Thursday 2...Terranora 1 afternoon
Friday 3...Terranora, 1.30 afternoon
Saturday 4...Ohinemuri, 1.30 afternoon

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Saloon, Single 7s 6d
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FOR PAEROA, TURUA, KOPU, etc.

Taniwha...Friday, 26th, 5.30 afternoon
Waimarie...Sunday 28th, 8 night
Taniwha...Monday 29th, 9 night
Waimarie...Tuesday 30th 10 night
Taniwha...Wednesday May 1st 11 night

LEAVES PAEROA (calling at Kopu 24 hours later.

Waimarie...Friday 26th, 1.30 afternoon
Taniwha...Saturday 27th, 2.30 afternoon
Waimarie...Monday 29th, 4.30 afternoon
Taniwha...Tuesday 30th, 5.30 afternoon
Waimarie...Wednesday 1st, 6.30 evening

COROMANDEL TO THAMES.

S.S. FALCON.

From Coromandel to Thames.
Saturday April 27th, 10.30 morning
From Thames to Coromandel
Monday April 29th, 2.30 afternoon

THAMES TO PAEROA.

From Thames Wharf.
P.s. Patiki...Monday 29th, 1 afternoon.

S.S. MATUKU.

From Paeroa to Te Aroha.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday on arrival of steamer from Auckland.
From Te Aroha to Paeroa.
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MAIL NOTICE

For Auckland, to-morrow at 1.20 p.m
For Netherton on Monday Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 a.m
For Cryers Landing on Tuesday and Friday at 8.30 a.m
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For Paeroa and Te Aroha daily at 8.30 a.m and 3.30 p.m and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m.
For Kopu, Puriri, Omahu and Hikutaia daily at 8 30 a.m
For Gisborne, Napier, Wellington on Monday
For Australian Colonies per Zealandia to-morrow at 1.20 p.m.
For Ceylon, India, China, Japan Straits Settlements, Aden, Suez, Mediterranean ports and Continent of Europe, to-morrow at 1 20 p.m
For Cape Colony, Natal and other South African States, to-morrow at 1.20 p.m
For New Caledonia, to-morrow at 1.20 p.m
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Quotations this day at 2.30 p.m.

SELLERS—
Kuranui—3d
Waihi—24/
Komata Reefs—3s
Grand Junction—52s

BUYERS—
Broken Hill—3d
May Queen Hauraki—10d
Tairua Broken Hills—2s 7d
Waihi—£8 9s 6d
Waihi Extended—4 4d
Waihi Grand Junc—50

AUCKLAND, April 25.

The following are the latest quotations:

Sales—
Tairua Broken Hills—2s 8d
Waihi Beach 5½d
Waihi Extended—4s 6d

BUYERS—
Broken Hill—(Waiomo) 3d
Kuranui-Caledonian—6d
May Queen—10d
Victoria—2½d
Crown—12s
Imperial—1½d
Star of Waihi—1½d
Talisman—25s
Waihi—£8 15s
Waihi Beach—5d
Waihi Consolidated—1s 11d
Waihi Consols—7d
Waihi South—10d
Waitekauri—12s 6d
Hauraki Freehold—2d
Barrier Reefs—4s 3d

Geo. Cullen and Co's great sale of general drapery and clothing will commence to-morrow (Saturday) at 10 o'clock. As the stock is entirely new and bought at big discount for cash, customers can rely on getting value seldom seen on the Thames. Don't forget the new address, next to Messrs Valler and Thornton, Pollen Street.—Advt.

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In Suitings,
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UPPER ALBERT STREET—5-ROOMED COTTAGE, with Large and Convenient Outhouses, Area about half an acre, planted with fruit trees
POLLEN STREET, opposite St. George's Hall—5-Roomed House, nearly new, with stable and other outhouses; good orchard
KARAKA ROAD—Good Five-Roomed Cottage.
THREE-ROOMED COTTAGE corner of Sandes and Franklin streets
TARARU ROAD—Four Roomed Cottage in Good Order. Terms: £5 deposit and 6s per week for 4½ years
A FIRST CLASS ASSAY PLANT, Gertling and Gerhardt Balances, Coke and Gas Muffles, Pulp Scales, Stone Crushers etc, in good order

AGENCIES—

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Cheap Groceries.

By Purchasing in the Best Markets and IMPORTING DIRECT we are in the position to compete well and offer good value to all who may entrust us with their favors. Special reductions to large cash purchasers.

Please note a few of our prices: Sugar, No. 2, 5lbs 1s, Rice, Sago, P. Barley 2d lb, best Raisins 6d, Soap 5 bars 1s, Extract Soap 1d, Clothes pegs 1d doz, B.W. Soap 1d, Sand Soap 5 for 1s, Sperm Candles 5d, Sardines from 3d, Tomato Sauce (large) 5d, Oatmeal 8d bag, Baking Soda 2d lb, Treacle 2lb tin 5d, Seitlitz Powders 8d box, Honey 4d square, Packet Teas: Nelson Moate 1s 4d, Nathan's Standard 1s 3d, iMxed 1s, Gold Dust 1s, 2lb Billey Tea 2s 9d, N.M. 2lb ins 2s 8d.

A TRIAL ORDER EARNESTLY SOLICITED.

CROCKERY, CHINA, GLASS, etc—Direct English importations constantly arriving. By far the heaviest stock of the above in this district to select from. 37 cases MASON'S PATENT SCREW TOP PRESERVING JARS Cheaper than ever before on Thames.
Also Rubber Rings for same.

PRESERVING PANS, all sizes, on hire by the day or for sale.

YATES' CELEBRATED RELIABLE NEW VEGETABLE, FLORAL, and AGRICULTURAL SEEDS continually arriving. Cabbage, Cauliflower and other plants in season. Large stock of Flower Pots—all sizes. Bonedust and Patent Manures.

We are now giving Government Discount Stamps.

Please Note.

For prompt settlement in full we are now entering goods to reliable customers at our CASH OVER-THE-COUNTER PRICES. Long credits, however, cannot possibly be allowed at these rates. Satisfactory reference or remittance will be required from unknown correspondents.

W. WOOD,

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TERRACE STREET—Cottage of 4 rooms and scullery, iron roof, Orion range, orchard and garden, ¼ acre, leasehold. Price £23 151
IRISHTOWN—5-Roomed Dwelling, stables, cowshed, etc., and 2½ acres of land in orchard and cultivation. Price, £170—or to let.
AUGUSTUS STREET—Comfortable Dwelling of 6 rooms, iron roof, D.B. chimney, outhouses, etc., and large leasehold allotment at nominal rental. Price £50.
MOUNT PLEASANT—Dairy Farm and Market Garden, Orchard, etc., 16 acres leasehold, also two Dwellings of five and six rooms. Price, only £60. Full particulars on application.
POLLEN ST.—New commodious house, 6 large rooms, allotment 66 x 165, centrally situated. (115)
MACKAY ST.—Well built cottage of rooms and 2 attic rooms, bathroom, outhouses etc., freehold. £250. (131)
BAILLIE ST.—Cottage of 5 rooms, well built of kauri, and freehold allotment 33 x 165. £180. (29)
PARAWAI—Dwelling of 5 rooms and allotment 40 x 200, conveniently situated. £135. (91)
TE AROHA—"The Willows" farm of 160 acres, cottage, stables, etc; or to let. £50. (95)
BAY OF PLENTY—Farm of 815 acres, in 7 paddocks, 400 acres grass. £2 per acre.
MATATOKE—Mr. Jn. Teddy's well-known farm of 65 acres, all grass, in 11 divisions, also dwelling of 7 rooms and complete dairy outbuildings. £1200. (135)
KIRI KIRI—27 acres first class land; 10 acres in young orchard Price £8 per acre.
For further particulars of above and other properties apply at offices, Brown Street.

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FOR SALE OR TO LET AT PURIRI Ten Acres Good Flat Land in grass an Orchard, with new 4 roomed house, cow shed and outbuildings. Fresh water creek running through the property.
TO LET.—Karaka Road, next Rolleston Street, a comfortable Dwelling house, containing 6 rooms and conveniences. Rent only six shillings per week
FOR SALE.—Beach Road, large allotment, part freehold and part leasehold, 17 years to run at 70s per annum, with first class family residence of 7 rooms and detached kitchen and washhouse, with copper set in brick. Shower bath and every convenience. Price £180.
240 ACRES FREEHOLD, land transfer title, no restrictions, situate between head of Puru Creek and main range. Gold bearing quartz reefs traverse this property, which offers a splendid speculation with vast possibilities. Will be sold cheap.
FOR SALE.—The centre-board open sailing boat "Jessie," length 19½ feet overall, 6 feet beam, with spars, sails, and gearing complete. A bargain at £9.
Also—Several good houses and allotments to let or for sale.

CREASE'S PEPSININ,

A Preparation of Pepsin and Cascara.

For indigestion, Flatulence, Wind on the stomach, Dyspepsia, Chronic Constipation, etc.

Most reliable. To be had from sole manufacturer, H. E. Crease, Pharmacist, Karangahake, and George Denby, Chemist, Thames.

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Madame Lloyd

The Well-Known Ladies' Hairdresser and Electrolysis Expert,
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Her agents are travelling at the Thames now and will wait on ladies at their homes for orders for Hair Combings, Tonics, Restorers, Etc., hich are GUARANTEED.

Hair and Moles absolutely Exterminated without pain by Electrolysis.

SHE IS SOLE AGENT FOR

So Kold,

The famous Dry Shampoo and Only Certain Cure for Dandruff.

Positively Stops Hair Falling Out.

MADAME LLOYD,

will shortly make periodical visits to the Thames. Orders may be left at Pacific Hotel.

MADAME LLOYD.
NEWTON.

Geo. Cullen and Co's great sale will commence to-morrow (Saturday) at 10 o'clock. New premises, next to Valler and Thornton.—Advt.

Volunteer Notice.

HAURAKI RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

ROYAL RECEPTION.

MEMBERS intending to Parade in Auckland at visit of the Duke and Duchess of York, must furnish their names at once to the undersigned.

Government pays train fares and 2s 6d a man per day.

E. F. ADAMS,
Capt. Com. H.R. Vols.

Funerals

FUNERAL NOTICE.

THE Funeral of ALICE GERATY will leave her late residence, Rolleston Street, TO-MORROW (Saturday), 27th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

Friends please accept this intimation.

ROBERT TWENTYMAN,
Undertaker.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

COURT PRIDE OF PARNELL, No. 4409.

FUNERAL ADVERTISEMENT.

MEMBERS of the above Court are requested to attend the Funeral of the late wife of Bro. Francis Geraty, which will leave his residence, Rolleston Street on Saturday, 27th April, at 2.30 p.m, for Shortland Cemetery.

Brethren of Court 5575 and of other Courts are respectfully invited to attend. Funeral Sashes provided.

By Order—
W. A. CARTER,
Sec. Court 4409.

The Thames Star.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1901.

THE LATE FIRE.

The jury at the inquest held last night on the fire in Pollen street, were unable to say how the fire originated. The rider ot the verdict will commend itself to the public. In recent articles on the subject we suggested such a course, and we yet hope to see the suggestion carried out. The Fire Brigade were let down easily, for without doubt negligence and want of knowledeg of the position of the County fire plugs was shown by the officers and men on the recent occasion. If the County water had been turned into the Borough mains much property would have been saved. We have been shown a map of the township by the County Engineer, on which every fire plug on the County mains in the town is marked. There is one in Cochrane street, on the 9-inch main to the School of Mines, opposite the junction of Martha street, near the Waio-karaka school fence, and certainly within 250 feet of the site of the late fire. It was not used on the occasion, in fact we are quite safe in saying its existence was not known to the Fire Brigade. It is, there, however. The plan shows that from the Thames Hauraki along Campbell street there are 3 fire plugs on the 30-inch main, 5 in Pollen street, 3 in Cochrane to the School of Mines, on the 9-inch main, one in Abraham street, on Price's 14-inch main, three in Burke street, and one in Pahau street. In all 16 fire plugs, between Pahau and Coromandel streets. It cannot be said there are not sufficient to get water from in case of fire, but it must not be understood that all of these can be connected with the Borough mains. If it were so the contention of the County Council that ample provision is made to have water from the County supply available would be correct. This is the point at issue. The County will not allow the Borough to touch their valves, except in case of fire and in such circumstances, it is not the Borough Turncock, but the members of the Fire Brigade, to whom the duty is entrusted. On the late occasion the Fire Brigade did not connect the two supplies, and it was not till Mr Batson and Mr Newman arrived at the fire that the County valve was found, and used. We are quite in accird with the rider of the jury and think no matter how it is arranged the County water must be available in case of fire, without the firemen or the Borough Turncock being responsible. The County Council must see that it is not the Borough Council it is obliging, but the whole of the inhabitants of the Thames, and we trust the good sense of the members of the Council will approach the consideration of the rider of the jury in a public spirited manner. It is poor satisfaction to the tradesmen lately burnt out, to know that someone blundered, as it would be to others burnt out tomorrow or next week, and just because an amicable understanding cannot be arrived at between the local bodies. Although somewhat foreign to the subject, the late unhappy occurrence brings up again the advisability of there being only one governing body on the Thames. If a solution of the water supply difficulty is not soon settled, and a serious fire occurs, it is just possible the local authorities may be held responsible for the loss sustained, by reason of the neglect or incompetence of their servants. We again repeat our formerly expressed opinion that if the County Council is approached in a kindly spirit the suggestion of the rider of the Coroner's jury will be carried out.

The local Foresters are requested (by advertisement appearing in another column) to attend the funeral of the late Mrs Geraty to-morrow, which will leave the residence, Rolleston St., at 2.30 p.m. for Shortland Cemetery.

In connection with the reception to the Duke of York members of the Hauraki Rifles who intend to parade at Auckland are requested to furnish their names to the officer commanding. The Government pays train fares and 2s 6d per man per day.

A. Court has secured a warehouseman's stock of flannelettes in white, cream, pink and fancy stripes, from 2½d per yard.—Advt.

Mr Witherford was the first to publicly congratulate Dr Campbell on his election as Mayor of Auckland.

Gunner Alfred Tarlin, of the Permanent Force, died on Wednesday of heart disease.

Eugene Flynn, of Auckland, was injured by a barrel of refuse falling on him. He was lifting it into his cart, when the horses moved forward, the result being that he and the barrel fell to the ground, Flynn underneath.

It is said the Government intend giving a big reception in Parliament Buildings in honor of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. With this object in view the principal rooms are now being renovated and decorated The renovating of the chamber in which our representatives meet is approaching completion, and already presents a very handsome appearance.

Two Maori couples were being married at Hohoura, Auckland, when an alarm of fire was raised from a neighboring hotel. The wedding ceremony was promptly abandoned until the fire was subdued, when it was resumed.

We regret to learn that an accident befel Mr W. K. Paterson, of Pollen street. His hand was caught in a machine with the result that his finger was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated at the first joint. Mr Paterson's injury was attended to by Dr. Aubin at the Hospital.

You can buy blankets and flannels direct from the mills at wholesale prices from W. S. Wylie. He has a big stock of genuine ogods.—Advt.

We hear of complaints of the action of an individual, a stranger to the district, who has been accosting several ladies, wives of well known residents, after dark. It is also said that he has spoken in an offensive manner to school children and some of the parents threaten to give him a bad time if they can make his acquaintance. Verb. sap.

The Rev. A. D. Thomson of Otepopo, South Otago, has accepted the call recently presented to him by the congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church. The rev. gentleman, who is spoken of as a splendid speaker, is expected to take up his duties about may 6th.

Geo. Cullen and Co's great sale of general drapery and clothing will commence to-morrow (Saturday) at 10 o'clock. As the stock is entirely new and bought at big discount for cash, customers can rely on getting value seldom seen on the Thames. Don't forget the new address, next to Messrs Valler and Thornton, Pollen Street.—Advt.

The following resolutions has been carried by the Grafton Road Wesleyan circuit; "That this meeting of representatives of the Grafton Road Church begs to offer to the widow family and church of the late Archdeacon Dudley their sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of the archdeacon. His kindly Christian character endeared him to every section of the Christian Church, and his death will be a great loss, not to the Anglican Church only, but to thewhole Christian Catholic Church."

Men's clothing and mercery department.—A. Court is now showing a full range of men's, youths, and boys' clothing, hats, caps, shirts, ties, socks, etc. Best value for cash at the Beehive.—Advt.

To-morrow evening the Thames Naval Brass Band will give an open-air performance at the corner of Cochrane and Pollen streets, when the following programme of dance music will be rendered:—Grand march, "Ready for action"; mazurka, "Polish Beauty"; valse, "Lotusblume"; polka, "Take it Easy"; lancers, "Royal English"; valse, "Tereu Liebende"; schottishe, "Evening Star"; gallop, "Hide and Seek." During the evening a collection will be taken up in favour of Mr Pat Moran, who has been laid up in the hospital for some time of fever, and whose family are in needy circumstances.

The Hon. Mr Mills thinks that as a result of the census five or six seats will go to the North Island at the next readjustment of seats for the House of Representatives.

Ladies if you want a large variety of the best makes in kid gloves to select from at prices that cannot be beaten, we would advise you to go to the Thames Drapery and Clothing Co.—Advt.

A statement in this week's Gazette shows the discount stamp transactions for the month ending March 31. Stamps amounting to £159 15s were sold, of which £60 were at Wellington and £23 at Thames. Only 17s worth were redeemed. Unsold stamps on hand amounted to £622 15s.

The produce of the colony, on the authority of Hon. Mr Mills, had increased from £9,759,546 in 1890 to £13,477,966 in 1900.

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The other day as the train from Te Aroha to Thames was passing Tirohia the engine ran into a piece of swamp timber, about 6 inches thick, which had been placed across the line. No damage resulted, and the train proceeded on its journey. On the train returning from Paeroa the same evening the engine-driver noticed the fragments of the log again placed on the rails. The cow-catcher brushed the obstacles off as before. The act appeared to be the work of juveniles.

There was a fair attendance at the Oddfellows' Hall last evening when the Thames Homing and Fancy Pigeon Society held a social. The following was a list of the items rendered:—Selection, Gramaphone, Mr D. Redwood; solo, "Chiming Bells," Miss Addicoat; solo, "For old times sake," Mr W. Ensor; solo, "The stowaway," Miss Gerrard, of Auckland; duet, "Life's dream is o'er," Misses Grundy; selection, gramaphone, Mr D. Redwood; solo, "I trust you still," Miss Grundy; solo, "Good-bye, sweetheart, good-bye," Mr Ensor; selection, gramaphone, Mr D. Redwood. Miss Williams ably officiated as accompanyist. After the programme had concluded refreshments were handed round and partaken of. The remainder o fthe evening was devoted to table games.

Court's special value in linoleum floorcloths, 1 yard wide to 4 yards wide kept in stock. New patterns and lowest cash prices.—Advt.

For sprains, swellings and lameness there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Try it.—For sale by Hansen Bros. and Co.

Messrs Cullen and Co. are opening new premises to-morrow next to Mr Thornton's, fruiterer, Pollen street, when a great sale of drapery and clothing will take place. The stock is entirely new, and of really good value.

Regarding the births (which total 267) in the Thames district during last year, Mr Honiss, the registrar, informs us that of these 128 were males and 139 females.

Mr Gollan, the New Zealand sportsman, has had a good win with a colonial bred horse. The stake of the City and Suburban Handicap ran at Epsom yesterday is worth £2000.

"No, I didn't stop to inquire where the fire started," said one of the witnesses at last night's inquiry, explaining his hurried exit from the premises. "You see," he added confidingly to the Sergeant, "I did'nt stop to look, I just got out as quick as I could. Just where the fire started didn't trouble me then."

Several excellent illustrations are contained in this week's issue of the Weekly News. These include photo blocks of interest to sports and cyclists, the Ponsonby fire, New Zealanders at Pretoria, the Royal apartments on the Ophir, an interesting series of pictures of Hawera, while a page in devoted to views of the extension works of the Auckland water supply at Mototupu.

The first event of the twentieth century will commence on Monday morning next, the 29th, when a cash salvage sale will be held at W. Scott's, 60 Pollen Street. The whole contents of the shop will be sold at considerably reduced prices. Crockery, glass and china ware of every description will be offered regardless of cost. The Thames public will never again have such a sacrifice offered to them for years to come. Most of the crockery ware was only procured a few days before the fire and being in the front portion of the building was in no way damaged, but must be cleared to allow the re-building to commence at once.—Advt.

Millinery and under clothing department at the Beehive is now well stocked with new season's goods. A. Court, cash draper.—Advt.

At Cleveland, Ohio, Mr W. S. Rogers, the well known president of the Brush Electric Company, recently made a startling statement respecting the cure of consumption. He declared that an absolutely medicineless cure had been discovered for this terrible disease. All that was required was the proper utilisation of electricity. He had such faith in the new cure that he proposed to form a syndicate to work it upon commercial lines.

The Foundry team will be selected from the following: Price, Brown, Chester, Darrow, Rudkin, Watson, Taylor, Towers, Buckland, Clarke, Kearney, Newman, Kingham, Jackson, Gibbs.

Serious lamp explosions may be avoided by using none but the best White Rose kerosene, which is now further reduced in price for immediate delivery, second overdue kerosene vessel having just arrived. Potatoes, maize, Mason's fruit jars, rubber rings for same, and a few other lines also still cheaper, preserving pans, all sizes, on hire by day or for sale. Crockery, glass, etc, let out on hire. Best English vinegar and pickling spices. Government Discount stamps are now given.—W. Wood.—Advt.

CABLEGRAMS.

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LONDON, April 25.

Great Britain has ceded to Italy the town of Toomat, on the river Otbara, in Eastern Soudan, in recognition of Italy having conquered and ceded to Britain some time ago the town of Kassala, within the Italian sphere of influence.

BERLIN, April 25.

With reference to the Daressawaan-Ologoro railway it is proposed that the German Government shall guarantee a syndicate of bankers three per cent on the cost.

A GOOD FIND.

LONDON, April 25.

The British have discovered in the vicinity of Shanhaikwan nineteen Krupp field guns and a quantity of ammunition.

SUSPECTED CASE OF SMALL POX

SYDNEY, April 25.

The s.s. Chingtu, now anchored in the stream. There is a suspected case of small pox aboard.

SHIPPING.

MELBOURNE, April 25.

Sailed: Westralia, a day behind schedule time.

A DETERMINED SUICIDE.

BRISBANE, April 26.

A man named Nelson cut his throat and then jumped from a cliff a hundred feet high.

FEDERAL COMMISSION.

BRISBANE, April 25.

The Federal Commission departed for Sydney to-day.

THE COMET.

SYDNEY, April 26.

The comet is easily visible to the naked eye. The tail is about two degrees in length and divided into two cones.

MURDER IN WESTRALIA.

PERTH, April 25.

Blacks have murdered a white man and his black boy on the Liverpool Ranges.

The Storm.

(Press Association.—Copyright.)

MELBOURNE, April 25.

The weather is moderating and the floods subsiding. The George T. Hay is now practically safe.

MELBOURNE, April 26.

The steamer Allanga has been towed to Portland. She struck a gale, and lost her propeller, which is the chief damage. She drifted helpless for two days.

A youth named Leahy was drowned in the floods at Gippsland.

Another vessel is reported to be ashore in Anderson's Inlet. No details are available.

BOER WAR.

A SHARP FIGHT.

THE BOERS DEFEATED.

(Press Association.—Copyright.)

LONDON, April 25.

A sharp fight took place on Tuesday at Honeynestkloof against five hundred Boers.

Five Boers were wounded and several captured.

PROPER DEMAND.

LONDON, April 25.

The Cape Times and other papers demand the suppression of the Afrikander Bond, and declare the Bond's whole object is to secure nonfinality in South African settlement.

RETURNING COLONIALS.

SYDNEY, April 25.

Arrived: The transport Chingtu from Hongkong, with the returned New South Wales and Victorian China contingents.

MEDALS FOR COLONIALS.

MELBOURNE, April 26.

Arrangements are being made for the Duke of York to present medals to the soldiers who returned from South Africa, and similar arrangements will probably be made in other states.

CHINA.

MURDERERS TO BE PUNISHED.

ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT.

FIFTY BANDITES KILLED.

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LONDON, April 25.

A force under Colonel Radford has been sent to punish the murderers of Major A. P. Browning, who was recently killed.

Chinese bandits have had a severe engagement. Six British, two Japanese, and one French soldiers were killed. Fifty of the enmy were killed.

Slave Raiders Defeated.

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LONDON, April 25.

Brigadier-General F. D. Lugard, Governor of the Northern Nigeria, dispatched Colonel G. W. Kembell and four hundred men of the West African frontier force against Emiro Kontaro, and Bida, two of the strongest slave raiders in Northern Nigeria. A desperate fight took place outside Kontagora with five thousand natives, who repeatedly charged within thirty yards of the Maxims. Ultimately the natives were routed with heavy loss. The large cities of Kontagora and Bida were occupied and garrisoned, and new rulers installed. The British losses were nominal. As the result of the fight a thousand slaves were released.

The Commonwealth.

FISCAL TARIFF.

TROUBLE AHEAD.

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MELBOURNE, April 26.

The Federal Cabinet discussed various Bills to be submitted to the opening of Parliament. Good progress was made with several and it is understood that an attempt will be made to include the tariff question in the first session.

It is reported that Mr Reid will challenge the Government fiscal policy as outlined in the Earl of Hopetoun's opening speech.

The Cabinet has accepted the New South Wales Premier's offer to provide free a site for the Federal capital.

BRISBANE, April 26.

In view of Federal developments steps are being taken to form a strong organisation in defence of the interests of the sugar growers and manufacturers.

COMMONWEALTH POLICY.

MELBOURNE, April 26.

The preparation for the reception of the troops was delayed by the rain. The various States are to pay the cost of the transport through their own territory.

Sir John Forrest states the cost to Victoria, over the military display, will be between twenty and thirty thousand.

The Yorks' Visit.

THE CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENCE

(Per Press Association.)

CHRISTCHURCH, April 26.

Subject to the Governor's approval the Cornwall's will reside at Mr E. G. Rhodes' residence at Te Koraka, near Merrivale.

SPORTING.

ENGLISH RACING.

A GOOD PERFORMANCE OF AUSTRALIAN STAR.

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LONDON, April 25.

The CITY and SUBURBAN HANDICAP, of 2000sovs, with a forfeit of 25sovs, each for starters; 1 mile and a quarter.

Mr S. H. Gollan's blk c, Australian Star, by Australian Peer—Colours, 4yrs 1
Amouralt, b c, by Janinsary—Lady skin, 4 yrs 2
Alvescot, ch c, by Raeburn—Alberta, 3yrs 3

Won by six lengths. The betting was 9 to 2 against Australian Star and Alvescot, 25 to 1 against Amouralt.

MESSAGE TO THE KING.

MELBOURNE, April 26.

The Duke of York will despatch a message to the King immediately the Commonwealth Parliament is opened.

Terrible Outrage.

CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER.

(Per Press Association.)

WANGANUI, April 25.

At four in the afternoon yesterday the police received a telephone message from Sedgebrook, a suburb of nthe opposite side of the river to the borough, stating that a woman was lying in the gorse bush by the roadside, with her face all battered, and apparently in a serious condition.

Detective Bishop and Constable Clouston proceeded to the scene, and seeing the woman's serious condition, had her removed to the hospital. They then ascertained that at about 3.30 o'clock the woman, Mrs Caroline Peters, was at Mr Coleman's second hand shop. This man was seen to accompany her over the town bridge, and was proved to have gone with her as far as the spot at which she was subsequently found.

The police obtained a description of the man, and once set to work to trace him, scouring all the neighborhood, with the result that at about a quarter past seven, a man answering to the description, and who was subsequently identified as the man alleged to have been seen in Mrs Peters company, was arrested by Sergeant Dwyer and Constable Ward. The man gave the name of George Shanahan.

The medical gentlemen in attendance at the hospital considered it necessary to put the woman under chloroform, her face being so terribly smashed. Her jawbones were broken, the nose was mashed, some teeth were knocked out, and her eyes were in a fearful state, while she was of course suffering greatly from shock.

It was deemed advisable to have her depositions taken prior to the operation, and for this purpose Mr H. Eyre Kenny, S.M., Inspector Gillies, and Sergeant Dwyer went to the hospital at 9.30 p.m., the prisoner also being present. The hospital was for the time being constituted a Court, the prisoner being duly charged with attempting to murder Caroline Peters.

The woman, on oath, giving her evidence under great difficulty, swore that she met this man outside Coleman's shop, and that he offered to see her home. She said he accompanied her to the road leading to Ladysmith, when he there dragged her into the gorse bush and attempted to commit a criminal offence. She resisted, and the man then violently abused her, kicking her about the head and face, and leaving her in the fearful condition in which she was found. Prisoner was formally remanded until Wednesday next.

Accused had been in Wanganui only a couple of days. He is a man of about 32 years of age, apparently a seafaring man. From papers found in his possession, he appears to have come from the neighborhood of Taihape, where he had been trying to get employment in the Government co-operative works.

The woman is about 53 years of age, and at the time was apparently on the way to her daughter's house, near Eastown.

The Fire Inquiry.

SOLUTION OF THE WATER DIFFICULTY.

SUGGESTED PETITION TO PARLIAMENT.

The remarks passed by the Coroner (Mr Albert Bruce) at last night's fire inquiry deserve more than passing attention and his suggested solution of the difficulty is of considerable importance to the Thames district. The Coroner first referred to the evidence given as to the origin of the fire, but had to admit that the information gleaned did not explain the matter. So far as the removal of goods was concerned he did not attach any special importance to that episode. We should here remark that the removal of the goods to a place of safety, was a perfectly possible and natural undertaking. But when the Coroner spoke of the unfortunate mistake or misunderstanding regarding the water supply his remarks had an important bearing on the preservation of property in the district, and were closely followed by the jury and those present. The supply of water, said Mr Bruce, was inefficient and the evidence showed that had the County main been turned on valuable property and stock might have been saved. There was a strong presumption that had the proper supply of water been available the fire would have been confined to the buildings in which the conflagration originated. In the speaker's opinion the 30 inch County main should be turned on every night. The County water supply had been constructed for the benefit of the people of the Thames, not for one particular body and if no better arrangement could be made with the County, who simply held the water as a sort of trust for the people, then he suggested that a petition to Parliament should be prepared and presented during the coming session, asking that the trust be altered. He was satisfied, from remarks passed by Ministers, that careful consideration would be given to such a petition. It appeared to him also that the Borough water supply was insufficient, and he was astonished at such a small pressure being aavilable. The pressure should have been much better than it was. It will be noted from our full report of the proceedings that the views of the jury coincided with those of the Coroner and that they embodied Mr Bruce's suggestion in their rider to the main verdict. The matter will probably be discussed at the meetings of the Thames County and Borough Councils.

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