



The Northern Steamship Co. Ltd.

Time-Table for February.

(Weather and other circumstances permitting.)

S.S. "Hauti."

FOR OREWA, WAIWERA, MAHURANGI AND WARKWORTH.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Warkworth:
Mon 2nd, 10 a.m.	Tues 3rd, 5.0 a.m.
Wed 4th, 11.0 a.m.	Thurs 5th, 6.30 a.m.
Fri 6th, 1.30 p.m.	Sat 7th, 8.0 a.m.
Mon 9th, 3.0 p.m.	Mon 9th, 8.0 a.m.
Wed 11th, 7.20 a.m.	Tues 10th, 9.0 a.m.
*Fri 13th, 7.20 a.m.	Thurs 12th, 10.30 a.m.
Mon 16th, 10.0 a.m.	Fri 13th, Midnight
Wed 18th, 11.0 a.m.	Tues 17th, 5.0 a.m.
+Thurs 19th, Midnight	Thurs 19th, 5.30 a.m.
Mon 23rd, 2.0 p.m.	Fri 20th, 5.0 p.m.
Wed 25th, 3.0 p.m.	Tues 24th, 9.0 a.m.
Sat 28th, 7.20 a.m.	Thurs 26th, 9.30 a.m.

*Loan Sale
†Farmers' Sale

S.S. Kawanu.

FOR KAWAU, LEIGH, PAKIRI AND MANGAWAI.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Mangawai:
Fri 6th, 11.0 a.m.	Sat 7th, 8.30 a.m.
Fri 13th, 3.30 p.m.	Sat 14th, 2.9 p.m.
Fri 20th, 10.30 a.m.	Sat 21st, 8.0 a.m.
Fri 27th, 3.0 p.m.	Sat 28th, 1.30 p.m.

FOR LITTLE AND BIG OMAHA KAWAU ISLAND, TE Pt. AND TAKATU.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Omaha:
Wed 4th, 10.30 a.m.	Thurs 5th, T. Wharf 7.0 a.m.
	*Thurs 5th, Leigh 8.30 a.m.
Wed 11th, 7.30 a.m.	Wed 11th, Leigh Midnight
Wed 18th, 9.30 a.m.	Thurs 19th, T. Wharf 6.30 a.m.
	Thurs 19th, Leigh 8.0 a.m.
Wed 25th, 11.0 a.m.	Thurs 26th, T. Wharf 11.30 a.m.
	Thurs 26th, Leigh 1.0 p.m.

S.S. Kotiti.

FOR MATAKANA AND MULLET POINT.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Matakana:
Mon 2nd, 8.0 a.m.	Thurs 5th, 6.0 p.m.
Fri 6th, 1.0 p.m.	Sat 7th, Waiwera Show Trip
Mon 16th, 8.0 a.m.	Mon 9th, 8.0 p.m.
Mon 23rd, 12.30 p.m.	Thurs 12th, 11.30 p.m.
	Tues 17th, 3.30 p.m.
	Thurs 19th, 5.30 p.m.
	Tues 24th, 8.30 a.m.
	Thurs 26th, 10.0 p.m.

PUHOI.

Leaves Auckland:	Leaves Puhoi:
Wed 4th, Noon	Thurs 5th, 5.30 a.m.
Wed 11th, 7.0 a.m.	Thurs 12th, 11.0 a.m.
Wed 18th, 11.30 a.m.	Thurs 19th, 5.0 a.m.
Wed 25th, 4.0 p.m.	Thurs 26th, 9.30 a.m.

Church Services.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Warkworth 10.30 a.m. H.C.
Warkworth 7.30 p.m.
Matakana 2.30 p.m.
Silverdale 3 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St Columba's 11 a.m.
St Columba's 7 p.m.
Kaipara Flats, 2.30 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Warkworth, 11 a.m. Mr Roke
Warkworth 7 p.m. Rev. Orchard
Dome Valley 2.30 p.m. Mr Roke
Mullet Point 2.30 p.m. Mr Moore
Pakiri 10.30 a.m. Rev. Orchard
Leigh, 2.30 p.m. Rev Orchard

PEOPLE'S POPULAR PICTURES.

Saturday, Feb. 14th, 1920.

Pictures as usual next Saturday.

FINE PROGRAMME.

There is a clerk in the Public Works Department at Taumarunui, who has for two front names Premier Seddon.

Save the Babies. DURYEA'S MAIZENA CORNFLOUR has proved an ideal food for growing babes. Ask for DURYEA'S.

The most valuable household remedy for stomach troubles of children is "MAGNETA'S MAGNETA." It is used regularly in thousands of homes. Sold everywhere.

The Rodney and Otamatea Times

Terms of Subscription—Ten Shillings per annum.

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PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY.

DEATH.

SCHISCHKA.—On February 8th at Puhoi Leo Raymond, the dearly-beloved youngest son of Captain and Mrs Schischka, aged three years and four months. Deeply regretted. R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11, 1920.

Messrs Civil Bros.' annual clearing sale of drapery, boots and shoes, etc., will commence on February 18th, and continue until March 6th.

Constable Snow is now on his usual round collecting the agricultural statistics.

The tickets for the Rodney Agricultural Show concert are now on sale and we advise our readers to procure their admission tickets early.

Notice is given by Mr A. Frood, returning officer for the Kaipara Licensing District, of the election of a licensing committee.

Second-hand gig and harness for sale.

Messrs Alfred Buckland and Son advertise particulars of sheep fair at Wellsford on Wednesday, Feb. 18th, also a preliminary notice of sale at Wellsford on behalf of Mr T. D. Manson. The date will appear later.

The Public Health Department advertise instructions regarding the closing of schools.

A shark measuring 19ft. in length by 17ft. girth was landed the other morning at Port Chalmers by four fishermen (states the "Otago Times.") The shark was known to have been in the harbour for the past three weeks—a menace to bathers and small craft alike—it actually threatened a racing skiff one evening recently. Several attempts had been made to locate the unwelcome visitor, but without success. After an all-night vigil he was located about opposite the Crescent Hotel in Carey's Bay. The fishermen were quickly at work and after breaking two harpoons on him, they succeeded in getting a third home at about 2 a.m. Then the fight began! Towing a 30ft. fisherman's launch behind him he made for the island, where, after a few hours' fight, in the course of which the brute smashed a dinghy, the men succeeded in killing him and in towing him back to about the starting point of the fight.

During the quarter ended 31st December the amount deposited in the Post Office Savings Banks of New Zealand was £10,134,003, and the withdrawals amounted to £7,811,789, leaving an excess of deposits over withdrawals £2,322,214. For the corresponding period of 1918 the deposits were £4,390,232, and the withdrawals £3,420,890, leaving an excess of deposits over withdrawals of £969,423.

A country newspaper compositor is now in danger of his life for putting together the following. The first is a portion of an account of a concert, and the last a partial report of a cattle show. The sentences appeared as follows:—"The concert given last night by the Waiwika's most beautiful and fascinating young ladies was highly appreciated. They were elegantly attired and sang in a most charming manner, winning the plaudits of the entire audience who pronounced them the finest breed of Shorthorn in the country. A few of them are a rich brown colour, but the majority are spotted brown and white. Several of the heifers are fine bodied, light limbed, well developed animals and promise to prove good property."

N.Z. Loan sale next Friday, also special sheep fair same day.

The friends of Sergt. R. Buckton will be sorry to learn that under the doctor's orders he has been sent to the Kamo Hot Springs, Whangarei, for treatment. Sergt. Buckton returned home last March far from well, and has made no improvement since. It is hoped the change will prove beneficial.

There are some fourteen German internees in Featherston camp, and to take charge of them there are a major, a captain and a military guard (says the "Manawatu Standard.") The major's and captain's salary will run into about £1000 per annum, and the rank and file pay into at least another £1000 yearly. "That's the way the money goes." A sergeant and a couple of files of soldiers could do the job comfortably.

The North Auckland Farmers' Co-op., Ltd., have additions made to various sales in their usual space and also advertise a clearing sale on behalf of Messrs Dudson and J. Hall, on the Auckland Road, Warkworth, on Saturday, February 21st. Other clearing sales are Mr D. Guy's at Kaipara Flats on Monday, February 16th, and Messrs Gubb Bros. at Hoteo on Monday, February 23rd.

At the present time, remarks the Waikato Times, there are no less than 37 registered solicitors paying practising fees in Hamilton. Seventeen of them are either employed by or in partnership with others, making 20 practising firms. The attendance of the legal profession is now so great at the regular sittings of the Court, that accommodation cannot be found for all the members at the solicitors' tables, and it is not an unusual thing to find them crowding on to the jury forms, and occupying all the available chairs about the Court. There must be something in law after all.

The sovereigns and half sovereigns held by the British Banks on June 30th, 1914, amounted to £123,000,000. (excluding gold coin held by the issue Department of the Bank of England). On November 12th, the number of currency notes outstanding was 259,051,732 £1 notes and 88,253,137 10s notes. Currency notes can be at about 5 or 6 for a penny. No wonder, gold is reduced in its buying value, when paper money of the value of £1 can be produced of a dozen for 1s.

A homely economic recipe, "a hint for householders," was tendered to a pressman by the Mayor of Christchurch. He stated that in making jam or jelly if the fruit was boiled for twenty minutes only half the quantity of sugar would be required. The preliminary boiling killed the melassic acid which ate up a tremendous amount of sugar.

OPEN COLUMN.

This column is open to the free expression of opinion under certain restrictions.

All letters must be signed with the correct name and address of the sender. The signature is not for publication unless desired—and we shall take it that it is so desired if no *non-descript* likewise accompanies the letter—but as evidence of *bona fides*.

Letters should not exceed 300 words in length, and preference of publication will be accorded short letters, provided they are deemed of sufficient interest.

Letters will be condensed or rejected as the editor deems fit.

Correspondents should write on one side of the paper only—in ink, and as clearly as possible.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—In reply to Mr Phillips' letter of the 28th January, I wish to remind Mr Phillips that my reason for not answering his numerous questions was on account of his letter being sent in too late. If he had sent his letter in before the poll perhaps there would have been a little sense in that and he may have got more satisfaction from it.

With regard to hiding behind a stack I am sure that is not my intention. If Mr Phillips does not know who I am perhaps some day I'll tell him; but for the present I prefer to sign myself "Digger" and continue the joke. In conclusion I wish to say as we are only using the editor's valuable time and space with an empty argument I am writing no more on the subject. I am, etc.

DIGGER.

WARKWORTH TOWN LIBRARY.

This institution has had another successful year. The following information is supplied by the librarian, Mr H. B. Moore:—Attendance during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1919, 3799 persons; books issued during year, 5035; new books added to shelves, 190.

Receipts:—Balance from previous year, £24 12s 5d; subscriptions, £14 13s 1d; library rate, £27 19s 3d; Government subsidy, £15 11s 6d; total, £82 16s 3d.

Expenditure—Salaries, £14 13s 10d; stationery, etc., £1; fuel and lighting, 13s 9d; printing, £1; new books, £35 9s 3d; newspapers, etc., £4 16s 3d; building repairs, etc., £5; cash balance, £20 3s 2d; total, £82 16s 3d.

Among the new books recently added are "Buchan's History of the War," 24 volumes; "The New Zealanders at Gallipoli," which is Vol. I of the "Official History of New Zealand's Effort in the Great War," printed and published under the authority of the N.Z. Government by Whitcombe and Tombs; "The Vital Message," by Conan Doyle, a striking book dealing with recent manifestations of spiritualistic phenomena, which has caused quite a sensation; and also new books by Maud Diver, Anthony Hope, W. W. Jacobs, and other popular novelists.

WHANGATEAU.

(From a Correspondent.)

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

A very interesting and pretty wedding was solemnized in the hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, on the 7th January, the contracting parties being Miss Charlena Bond, only child of the late Charles Bond and the present Mrs Holder, and Mr Archibald Dunning, junr., third son of Mr A. Dunning, of Leigh. The ceremony was performed under a floral wedding bell, the officiating minister being the Revd. Orchard.

The bride looked charming in a gown of cream crepe-de-chene, with the orthodox wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and asparagus. She was given away by her uncle, Mr Edgar Meiklejohn, and was attended as bridesmaids by Miss Winnie Whitaker, who was attired in pale pink, and carried a bouquet of pink and white flowers, and two little girls, Kathleen Meiklejohn and Mavis Dunning dressed in white, who carried baskets of flowers. Lieut. Angus Dunning attended his brother as best man. Mr Whitaker played the wedding marches as the bridal party entered and left the hall. The ceremony was witnessed by a crowd of relatives and friends numbering about 200 who had received invitations, and all joined in wishing the newly-married couple (who are universally popular) happiness and prosperity.

A photo of the bridal party and a large group was taken by Mr T. H. Walden. The wedding breakfast was laid in an improvised marquee at the back of the hall, and about 50 (mostly relatives) occupied the first tables, Mr Orchard presiding. The tables were decorated with vases of pink and white flowers, and were loaded with every delicacy one could wish for, not forgetting a beautiful wedding cake. After the good things had been done justice to, the chairman in an eulogistic and patriotic speech proposed the toast of "The King," which was enthusiastically received by singing the National Anthem. The other toasts, bride and bridegroom, bridesmaids, parents, returned soldiers, etc., was proposed and suitably responded to. It took several relays to entertain the large gathering, but the good things seemed to be unexhaustible, and many willing helpers looked after the wants of the guests. As the shades of evening were drawing in many of the elders and those who had cows to milk wended their way homeward expressing the opinion that it was the grandest and most enjoyable wedding they had attended. The company was augmented in the evening by the