

ECHOES OF THE DISTRICT

WHAT PEOPLE OF ALL PARTS ARE SAYING.

That thousands of pounds have been paid by the ratepayers of this district to the Auckland Hospitals and Charitable Aid Board with but little return.

That the district could run its own hospital better than outsiders, and as the outsiders concerned agreed some time ago to allow them to do it there is no reason why they should not.

That with the local hospital rates and subsidy there is already £1400 a year available; and it must not be forgotten that patients able to pay would pay—as they do in Auckland.

That war between local bodies is as undesirable as war between nations, but sometimes, as in the latter case, appears to be unavoidable.

That every home should have its garden, and the time may come when Town Councils may have by-laws to that effect.

That if there were a local by-law it would probably be as inoperative as most of those already passed.

That, talking of gardens, there are some beautiful displays of bloom on various local blocks that are not gardens—notably in the vicinity of the F.U. saleyards, opposite thereto, and also on the Cement Co.'s property between the Matakana road and the Main road—gorse providing the colour.

That if roads were crowned—that is, made of elliptical shape—they might last longer by shedding water quickly; but at present it is only possible to speculate as to the likelihood.

That if the Rodney County Council carries out the proposal of two months ago to put aside a sum to allow the Engineer to experiment in various methods of road-making some valuable result may be finally arrived at.

That most people are of opinion that early work is the main thing to strive for in securing better highways.

That ratepayers complain of Councilors not getting sufficient return for the money spent on the roadways, yet some of them will not hesitate to waste an hour of a road-mender's time by engaging him in conversation.

That grumbling ratepayers should always remember that if they are not properly represented the responsibility is theirs—they have the opportunity of selection at frequent intervals, and are really growling at their own defects.

That primary agricultural study should be part of the State School curriculum, seeing that agriculture means so much to this country, and that more farmers are needed—farmers with the necessary elemental chemistry knowledge.

That a farmer should know what his crops are taking from the ground in order to know what to return to it in the way of fertilisers; there are simple basic facts in this connection that school children might easily be taught.

That then, of course, they could teach their fathers—as they are not slow to attempt to do now, with insufficient justification.

That soldiers of our part of the Dominion are as keen as those elsewhere in connection with the expeditionary force.

That war news leg-pullers have gone "over the odds," and are not now taken seriously by anyone.

That you cannot now draw more than £2 a time from the Post Office Savings Bank, but there is nothing to stop you drawing £2 every day (providing, of course, that it is there to draw).

That a concise official telegram, giving the points of the war history for the preceding 24 hours, should be sent to all papers and post-offices in order to check sensationalism.

That the crowd at the saleyards on Friday were so full of war, and discussed all the features so thoroughly, that they paid but little attention to the auctioneer, and prices for some of the stock were low in consequence.

At a meeting held on July 30th Mrs McKinney was elected to the committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs Blundell.

The names of eight applicants for the position of assistant teacher were received from the Board, and it was decided to accept the application of Miss L. C. Patterson.

It was resolved that the thanks of the committee be accorded to the management of the Peoples' Picture Co., for the opportunity of taking a collection in aid of the Scott Memorial tablet at the show of the South Pole exhibition film.

A quotation was received for a marble tablet, thirty inches by eighteen, with a suitable inscription. It was decided to order the tablet and erect it in a suitable position in the school.

The Treasurer was instructed to prepare a statement showing the financial position of the committee, to be forwarded to the Board, asking for their assistance, as it is impossible to carry on the committee's work on the income provided.

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 please likewise accompany the letter—but as evidence of bona fides.

THE DIRTY SUPPLIER.

Among the many good things I saw in your progressive paper last week was the following— "That the way to help cocoanut butter (otherwise called margarine) to knock out cow butter, is to allow the dirty supplier to continue his present course."

LANGUAGE IN CAMP.

In your issue of July 29th a letter appears signed "Truth," in which he doubts my statements in regard to bad language in camps. He says that I "must either be very deaf, or putting the truth on one side." Now, I fail to see why I should try to hide the sins of the Territorials. I stated plainly what my experience of the camps had been. However, it is not likely that Rodneyites will take "Truth's" statements seriously, as according to his own showing he knows nothing whatever about camps, never having been in one, but says he collects his information from the man in the street!

I think it cowardly on "Truth's" part to throw slurs on men who are serving their country, and doing their very best. If "Truth" is so interested in Military Training I would suggest that he go to one of these camps and see for himself what the general conduct is. He would then be in a position to state facts.

When General Sir Ian Hamilton was leaving New Zealand he was asked what his impressions were. He said it was "a grand country, a splendid climate, and the Territorials he had seen were second to none in the world; but beware of the serpens."

MAUNGATUROTO MATTERS

(Own Correspondent.)

On Monday, the 27th July, Mr and Mrs Williams entertained a large circle of friends in the Maungaturoto hall, the occasion being the 21st birthday of their daughter. A very pleasant evening was spent, dancing being prolonged to a late hour.

BORROWING TO METAL ROADS.

On Tuesday, the Literary Society had an interesting debate on whether it was advisable to borrow money to metal all the main roads. After a lengthy debate the vote resulted in a majority of 25 to 3 in favor of the proposal.

A NEW DOCTOR.

We welcome the arrival of Dr. Mercer, late of Kaero, who has commenced practice here. A registered medical club has been formed, with a view to aiding in rendering his stay here permanent.

AND NEW STORE.

Mr Hamilton, late of Kaiwaka, who has purchased Mr Henley's business, is building a new up-to-date store on the Whakapirau road.

TWO DEATHS.

We regret to have to report the deaths of two very highly respected settlers during the past week. Mr William Husband was one of the original pioneer settlers who arrived in the ship "Tyberina" in 1863, and took up land here a few months later. He lived here continuously ever since, of late residing with his daughter-in-law, Mrs J. Lord. He died on Monday, the 27th, at the age of 89, respected and loved by all who came within the circle of his acquaintance. His wife and one son died some years ago. He leaves one son resident here, and two daughters, one (Mrs W. Chadwin) resides at Manu, near Whangarei, and another (Mrs W. H. Kirk) lives at Hamilton.

Another respected settler, late of Port Albert, but who has resided here for some years with his daughter (Mrs W. Wharf) was Mr John M. C. Smith, who had also attained the age of 89. He was buried at Port Albert on Thursday.

THE RAILWAY LINK.

The Public Works engine is now running to the Bickerstaffe tunnel and passengers may now join the train at Otamatea by travelling down by the P. W. train. If the promised opening of the section to Bickerstaffe in November is carried out it will prove a great boon to this and neighboring settlements.

If you have never before subscribed to your district paper do so now. If you have been a subscriber, and discontinued for some reason or other, take it on again. It is necessary to know what is being done by your local bodies, to say nothing of district happenings generally. If from time to time you find yourself in possession of an item of general interest send it along for publication. There must be a certain amount of co-operation.

I met a little cottage girl, A cold was in her head; Her hair was rank and out of curl— "Tish-out!" the poor child said. I knew her parents, so I said (And no word could be truer): Her health will soon return again With Woods' Great Peppermint Cure

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THE WAR

ENORMOUS GERMAN LOSSES.

The Germans continue to lose heavily before Loige. Their casualties total nearly 40,000. Close formation attack and machine methods caused their defeat.

French and Belgian bayonet charges have been successful in every instance. Japan desires to take part in the war.

LOCAL MEN WHO LEFT TODAY.

On Monday, at a parade of the C Company, 15th North Auckland Regiment, held in Warkworth, the following men volunteered for service abroad, were passed by Dr. Morrison, sworn in by Captain Ashton, and left here for Auckland this morning:— Sergeant Wyatt, Omaha. Sergeant Ross, Streamlands. Corporal Adolph, Kaipara Flats. Corporal Dill, Kaipara Flats. Signalling Corporal Vipond, Warkworth.

Private W. J. Birdsall, Whangateau. Private E. Frost, Mangakura. Private A. R. Dunning, Omaha. One other was examined, but failed to pass the doctor.

"Are there many more who would like to go?" a representative of this paper asked Captain Ashton. "Dozens," he said. "The difficulty is in getting someone to look after their farms."

OTHER VOLUNTEERS.

Mr Leo Buckton was one of the first of the G.P.O. staff to volunteer, and was accepted from amongst 23 others in his department. He was with the detachment that left Auckland for Wellington on Saturday night. Needless to say, his position in the telegraph staff, with the others who have gone from the Government employ will be open for him on his return.

WOMEN READY TO DO THEIR PART.

Womenfolk cannot go to the war—except those who go to nurse—but, as has recently been pointed out by Lady Liverpool, Mrs Parr, Mayoress of Auckland, and others, they can do their part at home by making for members of the expeditionary force, who are going out to help safeguard us, those little extras of equipment which are found so serviceable.

A number of local ladies have already intimated their intention of combining to work for this purpose, and the names of others are invited. All interested whether on the list or not, are requested to meet at the Town Hall (ante-room) on Saturday afternoon next at 3 o'clock.

Following is the list of helpers so far enrolled:— Mrs A. Warin. Mrs A. Grant. Mrs Burke. Mrs Cadman. Mrs Cox. Miss Evelyn Morrison. Mrs E. Morrison. Mrs Follett. Mrs G. Phillips. Miss Goldsworthy. Mrs Holliday. Mrs McKinney. Miss Miller. Mrs Nora Roydhouse. Mrs P. Thompson. Mrs Roydhouse. Miss Roydhouse. Mrs Ramsay. Mrs Roose. Miss Southgate. Mrs Shannon. Mrs T. Ramsbottom. Mrs Tait. Mrs Tiplady. Mrs T. H. Wilson. Mrs U. Warin. Mrs Ventors. Mrs W. Civil. Mrs W. Hamilton.

PRICES OF MAGAZINES, ETC.

Wholesale suppliers notify us that owing to the war the prices of all publications not printed in New Zealand are increased 50 per cent—thus a sixpenny magazine becomes a ninepenny one, and papers, etc., are increased proportionately.

INTERRUPTED FOOTBALL MATCH.

Australian newspapers report the last quarter of a junior football match at Clayton, on Saturday, May 9, was perhaps the most exciting that has ever been witnessed in Victoria. A bull, maddened by the red jerseys of one of the teams, rushed on to the ground, and players and spectators alike fled for their lives. They took refuge in the dressing-room, but the bull charged the door and broke it in. Then the infuriated animal wedged its shoulders in the narrow doorway, and strained every muscle in its wild endeavour to use its horns on the hundred terrorised men and women who were so tightly packed in the little room that they could not move. Finally the animal was enticed away, and the people were able to leave the room in safety.

DEPARTURE OF MR AND MRS BLUNDELL

SOCIAL GATHERING AND PRESENTATIONS.

The Rev. O. Blundell and Mrs Blundell left this district yesterday, after a residence here of three and a half years.

On Sunday Mr Blundell preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation, whose appreciation was evident. After counselling his people not to let up on the good work in which they are engaged, and mentioning particularly the foreign missions and labors among the juniors of the Church, the minister said his thoughts would often return to the field he was leaving. People spoke to him about the dreariness of everything, but he realised that they had a most picturesque district, and he had enjoyed all his peregrinations in it.

On Monday night a social was held, when the people took leave of their pastor. A pleasing programme was arranged, and refreshments served.

There were presentations to Mr and Mrs Blundell by the congregation and Bible Class. (There had been another previously by Mrs Blundell's Sunday School class.) Mrs Thomson presented a silver hot-water kettle; Mr McKinney a cheque, and Mr Finley a keepsake (on behalf of the congregation and Bible Class respectively). Speeches were delivered by Mr McKinney, Capt. McKenzie and Mr Hamilton. Those who contributed to the programme were—Miss White, Mr Glass, Mr Williams, Mr Owen and the Messrs Geissler. The items were all above the average, and the large audience (which packed the Church) rendered emphatic evidence of approval.

PORT ALBERT

(Own Correspondent.)

FOOTBALL.

Considerable interest attached to the Maungaturoto-Paparua fixture of 1st inst., which went to the former by 9 points to nil. A play-off is now necessary between the winners and Port Albert for the Cup. It has been suggested that this take place upon a neutral ground, a suggestion well worthy of the management's consideration.

That only two players from this club have caught the selector's eye is subject for comment among followers of the game. The omission of L. Becroft from the reps. is hard to understand, for as a half he is conceded by competent judges to be without peer in the union.

The veteran, F. Reid, is also relegated to the touch line for what sufficient reason we know not.

HOCKEY.

A couple of matches were played on the local ground on 1st inst. with Kaipara A and B. In the former game Port Albert were victorious by 4 goals to 2, and in the latter by 8 to nil.

On 8th inst. a mixed and an A team will meet Kaiwaka on their own ground.

The prospect of forming a union here next season is very hopefully discussed by the various clubs, and should become an actual fact if the travelling be not too great.

GENERAL ITEMS.

The Dairy Co. is making preparations for an early season. A new boiler is being installed, and a general overhaul, preparatory to opening for business. An increased supply is anticipated. Another of the pioneers of the district passed away in the person of Mr Smith, who has of recent years been residing at Bickerstaffe. The interment took place in the Port Albert cemetery on the 30th ult.

The prospects of Otamatea lifting the Harding Cup at Dargaville on 8th inst. is not considered particularly bright. Pruning and spraying is now in full swing in the orchards.

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KAIWAKA

(Own Correspondent.)

RAILWAY PROGRESS.

On August 1, the section Kaiwaka-Otamatea of the North Auckland Main Trunk line was opened to traffic without pomp or ceremony. It is rumoured that a few more yards will, circumstances permitting, be opened before the end of the year. At this phenomenal rate of progress some of us may yet live to hear the express thunder through the peaceful valleys of the farthest North.

WAKING UP.

Kaiwaka is waking up from her beauty sleep. Quite a number of settlers are establishing telephone connection with the central office. Especially during the wet months of the year, when the roads are as a rule in a deplorable state, such a service should prove a real boon to those living at some distance from the township.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

I have to chronicle several changes in our business quarter. Mr Hamilton who is building a store at Maungaturoto, has disposed of his Kaiwaka business to Mr Randle, a new arrival from the South.

Mr Heppburn, also a recent arrival from Western Australia, has reopened the store near the Railway station, formerly kept by Mr Ulrich.

WEATHER FACTS.

Extracts from the meteorological observations taken at the Kaiwaka school during the month of July:— Maximum temperature 66 degrees. Minimum temperature 29 degrees. Prevailing winds S.W. and N.E. Total Rainfall 3.5 inches. Rain fell on 20 days.

A CRIMINAL AT PAKIRI

Pakiri for a time entertained a bad criminal unawares. This was Robert Ryan (calling himself John Davidson), who on Wednesday last was sentenced at Auckland to two years' imprisonment for breaking and entering, one year for forgery, and nine months for stealing a horse, saddle, and bridle. The horse belonged to Mr Armer, of Pakiri, and the bridle to Mr T. Hoult.

The man did not belong to Pakiri. He sought work there, and was befriended. Then he took down his benefactor, and others in the neighborhood.

The charges against him read out at Auckland included:—Theft at Pakiri of a saddle, crupper, and martingale, valued at £4 10s, the property of J. Armer, of a bridle, valued at 15s 6d, the property of Thomas Hoult, and of £3 in money from Edward Dale; forgery of a cheque for £7 8s at Whananaki; forgery of a cheque for £11 16s at Ogunuru; breaking and entering the Richmond Cruising Club's shed at Ponsoby and stealing a coat and vest, and a watch and chain, valued at £4 10s, the property of William Sinclair, a purse and 3s 8d in money, the property of Norman Sinclair, £2 10s in money, the property of James McSweeney, and a pair of trousers and £2, the property of Edward McCarthy; theft at Waimatereri of a fountain pen, cheques for 10s 6d, and £1 6s in money, the property of L. Rintoul; theft at Ohaeawai of a horse, saddle, and bridle, valued at £19, the property of the Northern Transport Company.

Four years ago Ryan was sentenced to two years. He is now declared an habitual criminal. Messrs Hoult and Armer have not yet got their property back, but the police intimate that there is a chance of it being recovered from Ngaruawahia.

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J. P. HORNER on the Old Spot.

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The new shop (the premises which he occupied years back) are much larger, and permit of the proper display of the large and extensive stock which J. P. H. now carries.

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