

OPEN COLUMN

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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.

"WHAT IS YOUR WEIGHT?"

We boast, or ought to boast, that our Warkworth is a rising town, and that, like the rest of the world, is not "sleeping," but keeping up with the times. But we may occasionally be guilty of omitting to do something that would make our town a better one, even though it would involve no great expenditure.

Would it not be a great convenience to the residents, and a source of income to our Council, if they provided us with an automatic penny-in-the-slot weighing machine? The cost would be infinitesimal compared with the benefit the people would derive from it. As in other places, this would very quickly pay for itself, and the few shillings a week that it would earn could very profitably be expended in making our roads even more perfect than they at present are.

Our enterprising confectioner has invested in an automatic chocolate vending machine, which, no doubt, is very highly appreciated when the shops are closed; but a public weighing machine could always be appreciated, and it is a wonder that the wants of the people have not demanded one sooner.

If placed at the post office corner a great many people would avail themselves of this opportunity of ascertaining their correct weight. Our doctor's patients would then have a convenient means of watching their weight, which, to many is an all-important matter.

Let us then endeavor to obtain this valuable asset.

"FATTY AND SKINNY."

FOOTBALL.

MANGAWAI V. OMAHA.

The Mangawai footballers arrived per s.s. Kawau on Saturday, 28th inst., and after dinner at the Cumberland Hotel proceeded to the Whangateau Domain.

Mr Gribble kindly officiated with the whistle to the utmost satisfaction of both teams.

The match was played before a good number of spectators, including many old warriors of the football field.

Mr W. Rae captained the visiting team; his two tries scored under difficult circumstances demonstrated the fact that he is a player of no mean ability. W. F. Harper captained the local players.

The game ended in favor of the local team by 17 to 8.

Among the visiting forwards E. Brown, Trooper Carlson (who has left for the front), Simpson and Smith, backs Alf Williams, G. Snythe, J. and A. Piarama, were conspicuous.

The men who scored for the home team were Guy Ashton 2, E. Harper 1, McLean 1, W. Harper 1. The last-named converted by a well placed kick at a difficult angle. Ringi Brown, as wing forward, played in his usual masterly manner. Among the backs the most conspicuous were L. Wyatt, A. Dunning, McLean, and W. Biorkland, who, by his skill averted several likely scores.

The game was played in a friendly spirit. After the match the visitors were entertained at Mrs Bond's, where a sumptuous repast was tendered and thoroughly appreciated, whence the visitors proceeded to Leigh, where dancing was indulged in until 11.45 p.m. The visitors left for Mangawai at 6 a.m. Sunday morning in rather unfavorable weather.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

Sat. 11th.—Batley v. Omaha at Omaha.

Friday 17th.—Omaha v. Whangaripo at Whangaripo.

Sat. 18th.—Omaha v. Mangawai at Mangawai.

British Trade Protection Meeting.]

Warkworth, Monday, Sept 13

IN accordance with a resolution passed at the Conference of Chambers of Commerce in Wellington, a public meeting will be held at Warkworth, on Monday, Sept. 13th, to pass resolutions in reference to taking steps to divert enemy trade to British countries.

Similar meetings will be held throughout the Dominion on or about that date.

JAS. R. BLAIR,
Sec. Rodney Chamber of Commerce.

TENDERS FOR INLAND MAIL SERVICES FOR 1916 AND 1916-1918.

SEALED alternative tenders will be received at the several chief post-offices in the Dominion until Thursday, the 30th September, 1915, for the conveyance of mails for periods of one year and three years from the 1st January, 1916. A list of the services for which tenders are invited is on exhibition at all post-offices.

W. R. MORRIS,
Secretary.
Wellington, 30th August, 1915.

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O. ZANDERS.

Basket Social & Sale of Work.

in aid of
The Sick and Wounded
to be held in
Whangaripo, Sept. 17th
at 8 p.m.

Football Match in the Afternoon.
Dance following Sale of Work.

Come! Roll Up! And lend a hand to help the boys who fall fighting for us.

Notice.

A SOCIAL in aid of the
SICK and WOUNDED SOLDIERS
Will be held in the Town Hall
WARKWORTH,
on
WEDNESDAY, 15th SEPT. 1915.

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A. MIGOUNOFF,
Matakana.

[W. H. ARMSTRONG.]

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