

## Shipping.

## LYTELTON.

Aug. 25—Ann, ketch, 19 tons, Turner, from Little Akaloa.

## CLEARED.

Aug. 26—Ann, ketch, 19 tons, Turner, for Little Akaloa, in ballast.

## IMPORTS.

Ann, Master, agent: 12,000 feet timber.

## VESSELS IN HARBOUR.

Helenslee, ship.  
Coronilla, barque, discharging.  
Joliba, barque, cleared.  
Southern Cross, barque.  
Derwent, brig.  
Isabella, brigantine.  
E. U. Cameron, schooner.  
Lady Don, schooner.  
Maid of Otago, schooner.  
Diligent, ketch.  
Emerald, ketch.  
Emu, ketch.  
Annie, ketch.  
Linnit, ketch, cleared.  
Margaret, ketch.

## THE SHIP MEROPE.

The following is the captain's report of the voyage:—"The Merope left Gravesend on the 9th June, at 3 p.m., with a light easterly wind; landed the pilot at the Isle of Wight, at St. Catherine's Point at noon on the 11th June; was two miles south of the Start Point at 5 a.m. next day, and had southerly winds to the 15th June, then northerly to the latitude of Madeira, which was passed on the 21st June, thence light N.E. trade winds to lat. 13deg. N., when the wind shifted to the S.W. for twenty-four hours, shifting again then to the E., which wind lasted to lat. 7deg. N.; passed in sight of St. Antonio on the 26th June; crossed the Equator at midnight on July 5th, in long. 27deg. 30min. W.; had good S.E. trades to lat. 25deg. S.; passed to the windward of the Island of Trinidad on the 12th July at noon; thence to the meridian of the Cape, which was passed at midnight on the 24th July, in lat. 40deg. S., southerly and S.W. winds. From the Cape to long. 5deg. E. experienced moderate westerly and south-west winds, and then for eight days a strong westerly gale to long. 137deg. E.; after that had a day's calm and light easterly wind, thence to the meridian of Tasmania, which was passed on August 17 in lat. 48deg. 30min. S.; had S.W. and N.W. winds, and from that until sighting the south end of Stewart's Island on the 20th, had strong N.W. winds. Coming up the coast, experienced variable winds and calms to arrival at above." It will be seen by the above that this vessel has made one of the fastest passages that have been accomplished for some time. We may remark that the health of all on board has been exceedingly good, and there have been no births or deaths.

The following is a list of the Government immigrants:—

## FAMILIES.

Farm Labourers—William McKay, wife and three children, Sutherlandshire; Oliver Peacock wife and child, Armagh; Andrew Mitchell, wife and child, Down; Bennett Clark, wife and child, Hants; Samuel Hitchens, wife and three children, Cornwall; Thomas Hawkins, wife and two children, Gloucestershire.

Ploughmen—Alfred Bainton and wife, George Line, wife and child, Edmund Perry, wife and child, Wilts; Thomas Thompson and wife, Antrim; John Boyle and wife, Londonderry.

Labourers—John Sullivan, wife and two children, Cork.

Shepherd—Patrick Fabey, wife and child, Galway.

Carpenter—Henry Haggarty, wife and three children, Lancashire.

Amelia Harris and child.

## SINGLE MEN.

Farm Labourers—Joseph Moffat, Cumberland; Liberty Leigh, Kent; William Hide, Herts; William Lascombe, Devonshire; Thomas I. Lelean, Cornwall; Hugh Fitzpatrick, Tyrone; John Gillespie, Roscommon; Michael McHenry, Daniel McHenry, Antrim; James Patterson, Down; Robert Henry Walker, Armagh; Cornelius Kelly, Down; George Jackson, Kilkenny; Samuel Braddick, Devonshire; John Palmer, Robert Lambert, Norfolk.

Ploughmen—Patrick McGillan, Tyrone; Francis McCafferty, Antrim; James Morris, Armagh; Hugh McAfee, Antrim; Thomas Dobson, John Dobson, Richard Dobson, Wicklow; Freeman Eglinton, Norfolk; John Maclear, Tyrone.

Labourers—James Bristow, Surrey; William Abel, Aberdeenshire; James Dolan, Lanarkshire; Colin Urquhart, Rosshire; William Smith, Lanarkshire; Raphael Hart, Middlesex; Daniel Scannell, Kerry; William Barnham, James Farr, Notts; Daniel Smith, Renfrewshire; Richard Webster, Lancashire; John McGrath, King's County; John Dougall, Alexander Dougall, Aberdeenshire; James King, Middlesex.

Shepherds—Thomas Gabbatis, Notts; Robert Clithers, Norfolk.

Blacksmiths—Samuel C. Treugrove, Middlesex; George Shepherd, Somersetshire; James Watson; Thomas Nevin, Tipperary.

Farmer—Samuel Mason, Kilkenny.

## SINGLE WOMEN.

General Servants—Ann B. McKay, Sutherlandshire; Mary Ann Treugrove, Matilda Treugrove, Middlesex; Eliza Leigh, Kent; Johanna Scannell, Julia Scannell, Mary Reilly, Mary King, Kerry; Emma Field, Surrey; Jane Watts, Fanny Hewson, Sarah E. Downham, Ann S. Nicholls, Middlesex; Philippa Edwards, Cornwall; Alice Bird, Mary A. Bird, Gloucestershire; Amelia Sopp, Middlesex; Elizabeth Starr, Wiltshire; Julia Flynn, King's; Susanna Morton, Cavan; Sarah Finlay, Down; Isabella Hamilton, Eliza Hamilton, Mary Connor, Tyrone; Catherine Singleton, Down; Anna Patterson, Tyrone; Ellen Boyle, Derry; Mary Power, Carlow; Mary Kelly, Bridget Kelly, Mary

A. Kennedy, Tipperary; Catherine Egan, Kerry; Kate O'Shaughnessy, Margaret Mack, Clare; Mary Hart, Agnes Adams, Margaret Adams, Ellen Kain, Galway; Eliza Cameron, Tyrone; Lydia Salter, Devonshire; Jessie McDougall, Caithnessshire; Betsy Moffatt, Cumberland; Jane Campbell, Rosshire; Janet L. Smith, Janet Smith, Mary Smith, Renfrewshire; Hannah Cronin, Suffolk; Ellen Webster, Kate Turberville, Lancashire; Catherine McGrath, Julia McGrath, Kings; Ann Mary King, Middlesex.

Dairywomen.—Mary Moffat, Cumberland; Margaret Dobson, Wicklow; Sarah A. Collins, Norfolk; Eliza Martin, Gloucestershire; Sarah Ann Salter, Devonshire.

Cooks.—Isabella Campbell, Rosshire; Lucy Ford, Dublin.

Housemaid.—Jessie Abel, Aberdeenshire.

Laundress.—Louisa Cronin, Middlesex.

Nurses.—Lucy Britton, Somersetshire; Martha Cade, Surrey; Emma Case, Mary A. King, Julia King, Middlesex.

Nursery Governess.—Hannah J. Elsey, Middlesex.

Dressmakers.—Elizabeth Sheppard, Patience Sheppard, Somersetshire; Helen Leslie, Kerry; Mary Dougall, Aberdeenshire.

Housekeepers.—Alicia Dobson, Wicklow. Matron.—Charlotte E. Cade, Hants.

## SUMMARY.

Farm labourers, 24; ploughmen, 13; labourers, 10; shepherds, 3; carpenter, 1; blacksmith, 1; cooks, 2; dairywomen, 5; dressmakers, 4; general servants, 43; housemaid, 1; housekeeper, 1; laundress, 1; matron, 1; nurses, 5; nursery governess, 1. Male adults, 55; female adults, 87; male children, 13; female children, 10; infants, 6;—total souls, 171—153; statute adults.

## MARRIAGE.

JACKSON—WILSON.—Aug. 24, at St. Luke's Church, by the Rev. E. A. Lingard, Mr. Albert Smith Jackson to Miss Elizabeth Ann Wilson.

## MAIL NOTICES.

Mails close at the chief office as under:—

For Otago and Southland, per s.s. Phoebe, on or about Monday, August 28, at 9.15 a.m.

For London direct (for specially addressed letters only), per ship Helenslee, on Monday, August 28, at 9 a.m.

For Otago, Southland, and the Australian Colonies, per s.s. Rangitoto, on or about Monday, August 28, at 1.30 p.m.

For Northern provinces of New Zealand, per the s.s. Taranaki, on or about Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 4 p.m.

For the United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and the West Indies, via San Francisco, also the Sandwich Islands, per s.s. Nevada, on Saturday, the 2nd September, at 8.30 a.m. Newspapers at 8 a.m.

For Northern Provinces of New Zealand, per s.s. Nevada, at 9 a.m.

Money orders and registered letters at 5 p.m. on Friday, the 1st September.

Late letters for all the above places (bearing the usual late fee), can be posted till 9.30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

**FRESH EGGS! EGGS!! EGGS!!!**

**8d.**

**PER DOZEN,**

**AT**

**W. J. FISHER'S,**

**HIGH STREET. 4161**

**The Star.**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1871.**

THE appearance on Thursday of six boys, before the Resident Magistrate, charged with creating a disturbance in the public streets, calls for something more than passing comment. These delinquents, whose ages varied from seventeen to twelve years, formed part of a mob of boys who, with tin kettles and whistles, had gone to the house of a newly-married couple, and were performing a rough serenade. They disturbed the whole neighbourhood, and, when told to go away, replied with a volley of stones. The police were sent for, and very properly took the ring-leaders into custody. The Bench fined three of these juvenile delinquents ten shillings each, and discharged the remaining three with a reprimand.

We are glad that the police did interfere in this matter, for the conduct of these "larrikins" in the streets at night is getting almost unbearable. They congregate at the corners, lounging and smoking, often making use of foul language to the passers by, which, if resented, is followed by a shower of dust and stones, so that in certain localities it is hardly safe for a female to pass after nightfall, and no

sooner does a policeman appear than they scatter right and left.

We do not believe, so far as the boys themselves are concerned, in the infliction of money penalties for "larrikism." The "harmless cat" or the birch rod vigorously applied have in Melbourne been found to be most effective in suppressing this boy nuisance. We have great faith in the curative properties of that fairest of night witchcraft.

Apply but its magical twigs with a stroke. The spell is dissolved, the enchantment is broke.

But the case of larrikism is one that requires looking at in a different light than merely punishing the boys. They are often to be greatly pitied. Why are they thus allowed to prowl about the streets of a night, smoking and indulging in loose conversation, becoming gradually initiated into the mysteries of low taverns—for no respectable publican would serve them—and passing thence into petty crime, which is sure to end sooner or later in their appearance in the felon's dock? The man who allows his sons to frequent the streets after nightfall is not only behaving with the greatest cruelty to the lads, but he is inflicting a grievous wrong on society. The streets are a terrible training place for either boys or girls, and the parent, however outwardly respectable he may appear to be, who allows his sons or daughters night after night to wander in the public thoroughfares, is guilty of a heinous offence towards his children, the community in which he lives, and his God!

We have written strongly upon this subject, because we feel strongly. We pity the poor lads, but we severely blame their parents—parents who by their criminal neglect are training their children to become pests and nuisances to society instead of blessings.

## Local and General.

IMMIGRANTS.—The immigrants brought out by the ship Merope were landed today by the s.s. Gazelle, and conveyed to Christchurch by a special train, leaving Lyttelton at 11.20 a.m.

CHRISTCHURCH WINTER ENTERTAINMENTS.—It will be seen, from the programme in another column, that the committee have arranged for an unusually varied and attractive evening's amusement on Monday next, at Spensley's Hall.

THE EXECUTIVE.—The resignation, by Mr Alfred Cox, of his seat in the Executive Council of the province, is notified in a Provincial Gazette dated August 23.

THE SPORTS.—Messrs Hewitt and Harris purpose fulfilling their engagement on the West Coast before giving the intended sports in Christchurch. The sports are thus indefinitely postponed.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—The appointment of the gentlemen whose names have already been published, as members of the new Education Board, is notified in a Provincial Gazette dated August 23.

THE GRAIN TRADE.—A meeting of persons interested in the grain trade took place yesterday, at Messrs Wood and Cunningham's office, for the purpose of considering what alteration could be made in the Agricultural Lien Act, 1870, to give better protection to grain buyers and others. Present: Messrs Hennah (Chairman), Lee, C. W. Turner, Johnson, W. D. Wood, J. L. Wilson, W. Vincent, S. Manning, G. Warner, J. Bruce, G. Stead, P. Cunningham, M. Hroy, W. H. Lane, and T. Pavitt. Reports were read from Messrs Duncan and Jameson and W. H. W. Williams, in reference to the Lien Act. It was proposed by Mr Turner—"That it is very desirable the period allowed for the registration of liens over growing crops be limited to not exceeding seven days, instead of thirty days, as at present." The resolution was seconded by Mr J. L. Wilson, and carried unanimously. Mr Turner proposed, "That a memorial to the Attorney-General be prepared for the signature of those interested in the grain trade, embodying the above resolution, and a copy of such memorial be forwarded to the representatives of Christchurch in the House of Representatives." Carried. Mr Johnson proposed, "That a clause be inserted in the Lien Act: 'That if licensees shall, during the continuance of any such security, give permission to the lienor to deal with the agricultural produce or any part thereof over which the security shall extend, such dealing shall be considered as the act and dealing of the licensee, and shall be binding upon him accordingly.'" A discussion took place which showed that the meeting was of opinion that if the time allowed for registration was shortened, the above clause would not be required. Mr Johnson therefore withdrew his proposition. Mr Stead proposed "That a list of all liens on growing crops be obtained and copies furnished to subscribers every seven days; that Messrs Wood and Cunningham be requested to make arrangements for obtaining such lists, and that those present agree to bear the expense rateably." Seconded by Mr Warner, and carried. After a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, the meeting separated.

DEPUTY-SUPERINTENDENT.—In a Provincial Gazette dated Wednesday, August 23, copy of which did not reach us till yesterday, it is notified that Mr H. J. Tancored has been appointed Deputy-Superintendent.

VOLUNTEER INSPECTION.—Pursuant to a district order issued by Lieut-Colonel Packe the Rangiora Company, No. 4, C.R.V., will parade for inspection this evening at seven o'clock.

PEDESTRIANISM.—On Thursday next, Pentecost will make his first attempt to run ten miles within the hour, and judging from his performance a short time ago, there can be little doubt, if well trained, he will accomplish the feat. The race is to be run at the Plough Inn Grounds, and during the afternoon there will also be several other races. Seeing that Pentecost has always run honestly and thoroughly game, he deserves the support of the sporting public.

PAPANUI WINTER ENTERTAINMENTS.—The third of the series was given in the Church of England schoolroom last night, and was thoroughly successful in every particular. The programme included readings by Messrs Wynn Williams, Marshman, and Matson; songs by Miss Dearden, Mr McKenzie, Mrs Cox and Mrs Matson; pianoforte solos by Mr Landergan and Mrs Matson; duett (piano and flute); Mr and Mrs Cox; and piano duett by Mrs Cox and Mr Landergan. The entertainment was brought to a close by the National Anthem.

WINTER ENTERTAINMENTS.—A meeting of the committee was held yesterday. Present: Messrs Wynn Williams (chairman), J. G. Baker, and Rowley. The Chairman intimated that only one entry had been made for the part song competition, and therefore it could not be held. He also reported that Mr Landergan had declined to give a pianoforte solo, on the ground that the entertainment was not for any charitable object. Mr Baker suggested that the £5 it was intended to offer as a prize for the part song should be devoted to the engagement of instrumental performers for the evening. The suggestion was approved by the committee, and the Chairman and Mr Baker were empowered to make the necessary arrangements for it, and also to complete the preparation of the programme for Monday evening. On the suggestion of the Chairman it was resolved to offer a prize at some future entertainment for the best comic song in character.

WOOLSTON MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.—The usual weekly meeting of this society was held at the Institute on Thursday evening last, Mr H. A. Bamford in the chair. A discussion took place as to the advisability of offering prizes for essays and recitations, and it was decided to give rewards for the following subjects:—The best reading, to be given at the usual weekly meeting on Thursday the 7th of September; the best recitation, to be given at an entertainment to be held on Tuesday, September 26th, at the schoolroom, Woolston, for the benefit of the fund for school prizes; the best essay on "Honesty and Fair Dealing;" and the best essay or composition on any other subject. Two entries for the two latter, to be sent to the secretary not later than the last Thursday in October. Readings and recitations were then given by the members present, each piece being criticised. This plan has been tried for several weeks, and the result is highly satisfactory, the readings and recitations on Thursday evening being, as a rule, of more than average excellence.

LATIMER SQUARE.—Mr McWilliams is progressing very rapidly with the formation of the 440 yards running course in Latimer Square. All the levelling has been completed and the re-laying of the turf commenced. A considerable portion of the latter on the west side of the square is already done, and looks exceedingly well. It is as level as a billiard table, and promises well for the superior character of the course to result from Mr McWilliams' labours. A suggestion has been made that a portion of the ground in the centre of the course should also be levelled for cricketing purposes during the now rapidly approaching season. A subscription list to defray the expense is talked of, and it is thought by some that the City Council ought to contribute towards the work. Cricket will, doubtless, be played on the square during the summer, and in order to prevent the temptation to play on the invitingly level running course, it would certainly be politic to aid by any reasonable means in affording a decent piece of ground inside the course on which to pitch wickets. One club, we hear, has promised £5 towards the levelling, and this is a good commencement for a subscription list. It should also be stated that the fencing in of the square has been commenced.

CHRISTCHURCH MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.—The entertainment in connection with this association last evening passed off successfully, there being a large attendance. The programme was opened by the part song, "Softly falls the Moonlight," Miss E. Calvert then sang very nicely, "The Gipsy Girl," this was followed by "The Larkboard Watch," by Messrs Jones and J. T. M. Smith. Then came "Haydn's Symphony, No. 1," which was very creditably performed; the time being excellent. Miss Smithson then sang "I heard a spirit sing," which was well received. Miss Jones sang "The Blind Girl to her Harp," which was followed by a pianoforte solo, very creditably rendered by Miss Nelly Ashwin; Miss S. Calvert sang very nicely, "The Tears of Heaven," after which Miss Kent sang "Won't you tell me why?" also creditably, and the programme was concluded with the part song "Who shall be fairest?" The musical portion of the entertainment was interspersed with readings by Messrs Hewlett and Purdie, the former on "The difficulties of a Dutchman in learning the English Language," and the latter an extract from "Mansie Waugh." Mr Armistage gave an interesting address on Oliver Goldsmith, in which he reviewed the events of his life, and commented on his personal characteristics.

## Latest Telegrams.

[PER GREVILLE'S TELEGRAM COMPANY, REUTER'S AGENTS.]

WELLINGTON, Aug. 25, 7.50 p.m.

Mr and Mrs Redfern and six children were passengers by the Halcione for Canterbury. The Wellington Club entertains Mr Vogel at dinner on Aug. 29.

Assurers of the Mutual Provident Society are petitioning the General Assembly to extend to them the same privileges as under the Government system.

J. Kibble quotes colonial flour at £13 to £15 10s; Adelaide £16 to £17. In grain there is nothing doing.

GREYMOUTH, Aug. 25.

There is a heavy sea on the bar; several coasting steamers are detained.

The entire plant of the Grey Valley Time is advertised for sale on September 2.

The Grey Valley Agricultural Association held a ploughing match on Totara Flat, on Wednesday. There were 12 entries. David Stewart won the first prize, David Campbell was second, P. M'Inlay third, and David Kirkwood fourth. The dinner after the match was well attended.

Fat cattle realise 38s 6d per 100lbs; sheep at a recent sale, averaged 13s 6d; Wanganui sheep brought 21s.

WANGANUI, Aug. 25.

Natives, disputing boundary, have erected two large pas at Otaki, and have prohibited admission to Europeans.

Mr R. S. Low reports that small lots of store cattle only were offered at auction during the week, yearlings realising 30s 35s; several lots changed hands privately, last week's quotations. In sheep there nothing doing; holders are unwilling to sell except at advanced prices. Beef and mutton are firm at last week's quotations.

HOKITIKA, Aug. 25.

The Rangitoto did not communicate owing to bad weather.

There is no alteration in the markets.

DUNEDIN, Aug. 25.

The employees of the Otago Daily Times sued Brent, the ostensible plaintiff in the telegram libel case, for their expenses as witnesses. The Resident Magistrate held that the prosecution was a public one. The Crown will in all probability pay the expenses.

The yield of the Cromwell gold mining companies for the fortnight amounted to 4 ozs. The crushing for the Bendigo reef has been resumed; two men obtained 36 ozs. in fortnight. A rush has set in to the stream.

Flour has improved; good quality is worth £14 10s; for second class there is no sale. Oatmeal is quoted at £14. Wheat is dull 5s 6d for prime mill; oats, 2s 3d to 2s 4d barley unsaleable.

PORT CHALMERS, Aug. 25.

Arrived: Shan Lee, from London.

BLUFF, Aug. 25.

The Claud Hamilton has arrived, and sails for Melbourne at 3 p.m.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 25.

A public meeting of Catholics was held last night, when it was resolved to petition the Assembly in favour of the denotational system of education. There was strong expression of feeling against O'Connor for not attending the House. A vote of censure was passed, and he requested to proceed to Wellington at once or resign.

## AUSTRALIA.

NELSON, Aug. 25, 1.45 p.m.

The Rangitoto arrived off Nelson at 6 a.m. The steamer could not be tendered Hokitika. Passengers: Hokitika—Messrs Hall, J. H. Brown, W. Graham, J. Trenne and Gregory. Greymouth—Mr Geo. Thomson. Wellington—Messrs Daniell and Buland. Auckland—Messrs Quick, Corliffe, Kirkness. Lyttelton—Mrs Matson family (5), Captain and Mrs Mallock, Messrs Boag, Edmonds, and Hallam. Dunedin—Messrs H. Mackie, Majler, Stevens, and Whitfield.

MELBOURNE, Aug. 17.

The Scott Centenary was celebrated in the chief towns in Australia and Tasmania. The Victorian Tariff Bill has finally passed through Committee in the Assembly. Brewers agitate against the double duty on malt, but the Government is inflexible.

Mr Parke, the representative of Halcione, is in Melbourne, with the view of obtaining the co-operation of Victoria. In addition to the £15,000 voted by the Sydney Parliament, he proposes that the Victorian subsidy shall be £20,000, with Melbourne as the minus. The route will be by Sydney, Leve and Honolulu; 33 days from Melbourne to San Francisco, and 46 to Liverpool.

A fire occurred at the shop of Suell, draughtman. The damage is estimated at £200.

Harriett Grace Brain died from the result of violence inflicted by her paramour, E. derson, who has been committed for trial.

Mr Duffy states that the Government arrange for a bi-monthly mail, and