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The heat in America ranges from 105 to 114 in the shade. Farm work is largely abandoned. Vegetables are at fancy prices, and the poor are living on canned goods.

Major General Baden-Powell, C.B., in command of the South African Constabulary, is seriously ill, owing to prolonged strain. The doctors have ordered entire cessation from work for three months.

On the morning of the day upon which he died, Trooper Kendall, of Whangarei, saw the faint outline of the coast from the Tagus and exclaimed: "Thank God, there's dear old New Zealand. I'll go ashore to-morrow."

Those good people who see immorality in dancing should at least carefully overhaul their own stock of virtues and vices. They might not improbably find one of the latter which they could advantageously exchange for the social "hop."—Christchurch Spectator.

"I have witnessed children of tender years turning out at 4 o'clock in the morning to milk cows," said Mr O'Meara in his most tragic tones in the House last week. "What were you doing at that time in the morning?" pertinently asked Mr T. M. Wilford. And then the House roared.

A resident of Dannevirke is lamenting. He went to church last Sunday, and somebody appropriated his hat. This is how he advertises in the local paper—"I shall feel obliged if the person who took my hat from the Presbyterian Church on Sunday night last will kindly return the hula feather. He is quite welcome to the hat."

A Maori named Tokomauri was charged in the Napier Police Court with having pretended to exercise witchcraft. The evidence showed that accused asserted his taipos had possessed the child of a native named Hawera, and he refused to remove them until they had complied with the mysterious "Thirty-seven sevens." It was stated in evidence that accused was a well-known tohunga, and had been engaged in the work for three years.

A simple invention, that should be of great use to sheepfarmers, is being exploited in this district by Mr D. C. Hawkins (says the Poverty Bay Herald). It is a sheep brand, in the handle of which is a fountain, from which a special branding oil flows through a hollow surface carrying the branding letters, which are cavities filled with an absorbent material. The brand is something after the fashion of an ink-marker, only its ink supply is internal, instead of external.

To some persons Mr Hanlon's statement at the Police Court, on the law of husband and wife, may be news. Learned counsel said—"If a wife is not destitute there is no obligation on the part of her husband to support her. That she is his wife has nothing to do with it. Unless she is destitute she has no claim whatever; and if destitute she can be awarded no more than £1 per week, even though her husband were the manager of a bank at £2000 a year.—Dunedin Star.

It is stated that the Maori tribes recently assembled at Rotorua intend to have a carved house built for presentation to His Majesty Edward VII, at his coronation. So that it will be a thoroughly representative offering every tribe in New Zealand will take a part in the work, according to their means and ability. The carved figures peculiar to their ancient art as practised by bygone generations of artists will be religiously adhered to, and old and young who show an aptitude for this kind of work will be asked to take a part.

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# WRECK AT OEO.

## TWELVE LIVES LOST.

The following appeared in an extra which was issued from this office yesterday morning:—

News arrived in town this morning that a 1000 ton sailing vessel was wrecked during the night on the Oeo reef and that twelve bodies had, so far, washed ashore.

This is the same spot on which the schooner Annie Wilson, and two steamers have been wrecked during the past eight years. The last wreck being the Mokau coal steamer Marama.

### Further Particulars.

#### THE BARQUE LIZZIE BELL BROKEN UP.

#### SIX SURVIVORS.

#### TRYING EXPERIENCE.

The Lizzie Bell (Captain Rees) left Wellington on Wednesday morning, July 24th, at 11 o'clock for Newcastle, in ballast, and had a crew of 18, and was wrecked at Oeo, ten miles from Opunake, on the same night.

#### VERSION OF THE MEN.

After leaving Wellington there was a stiff breeze, and they were going between 11 and 12 knots an hour. They heard it strike 11 o'clock, and it would be about twenty minutes past eleven when she struck. They did not know they were near land as they could not see for mist. She struck broadside on, and broke in two. Most of them put on life-belts and remained on board for nearly an hour. They were then obliged to take to the boat, and all the crew got into the one boat. They then hung on to the vessel for some time. When they were in the boat they could see where the land lay, and put out to sea as they did not know the nature of the coast. There was a stiff breeze blowing; and a heavy sea, and the boat was capsized. Seventeen men got back into the boat, the cook being drowned. After drifting about for some time they were again capsized, and only ten got into the boat again, this time losing seven men, making eight in all. Two men died in the boat soon after getting in the second time. A darkey refused to get in the second time, saying he would swim to the shore, as she might capsize again, but he was drowned.

After drifting for some time they got near the shore, and the eight men jumped out of the boat, but only six survived, the other two must either have been too weak to clamber ashore, or lost themselves in leaping from the boat.

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they were made wet before he could strike a match. When the life-boat capsized the first time they lost the oars, but the darkey swam after them.

One of the apprentices died in the captain's arms after the second capsize. They lost both oars in the second upset, and had to drift to the shore.

The captain is a single man, somewhat small in stature, dark complexion, and is a Liverpool Welshman.

When the boat capsized the second time two of the apprentices were underneath for about ten minutes. One was drowned, and the other was eventually brought round by Mr Good.

Most of the men belonged to the Old Country.

One of the surviving apprentices was undergoing his first trip, whilst the other one had been with Captain Rees for over three years.

The Lizzie Bell was an iron barque of 1086 tons, and owned by Messrs Peter Iredale, Porter and Co., of Liverpool. She was built 24 years ago. She came out from Liverpool to Wellington, and was proceeding to Newcastle in ballast. Messrs Leyin and Co., Wellington, are agents.

#### THE CREW.

The following are the names of those who lost their lives:—Olley, second mate; J. Mulligan, cook (married, wife in Liverpool); W. Simmons, W. Ryner, J. Partland, H. Frederickson, J. Perry, D. Lang, A.B.'s; A. Jones, W. Boyce, O. Chappell, T. Garf, apprentices.

Survivors: Captain W. Rees; W. Gebarrow, first mate; J. Harding, J. Glen, A.B.'s; J. M. Ticknell, W. Arbuckle, apprentices.

Melwood's name was on the list of the crew, but he was left behind.

The darkey who was drowned belonged to North Carolina.

Glen and Harding, two of the survivors, were wrecked five months ago on the Waitaki beach (South Island). So far five bodies have been recovered. They were picked up yesterday morning, and taken to the Oeo Hotel. None of them showed any signs of much knocking about.

An inquest is being held at Oeo to-day.

A theory is set forth that the iron sand along the coast affects the needle of the compass, thus taking the boat in a northerly direction.

The survivors speak in the highest terms of the hospitality of Captain Good and his family, who provided the shipwrecked men with all necessary comforts.

There were hundreds of people at the scene of the wreck yesterday.

Constables Hickman, Twomey, and Quinn were also there.

A quantity of wreckage was coming ashore all day, and the beach was well lined with Maoris, who were on the lookout for anything of a useful nature.

It is evident that the coast is a very dangerous one in the vicinity of the several wrecks, and it is time some steps were taken to have a light-house erected.

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The public meeting to consider taking action to secure the services of a medical man for Oponake was poorly attended on Wednesday evening. The very rough weather was certainly a valid excuse for the absence of country people, but many more townspeople might have put in an appearance if they took any interest in the matter. The meeting was adjourned till Wednesday, 7th August, and as it was suggested night time did not suit country people, it was resolved to hold the meeting in the afternoon.

Colonel Davies, responding to the toast of "The Army and Navy," at Inglewood the other evening, said that he once saw it stated in the Mafeking Daily News that a man who says he likes being under fire, is either a fool or a liar, and he thought the very same. Still, he had never heard of one case where the Imperial troops turned back, without being ordered, fire or no fire. Speaking of prisoners of war he told a very amusing incident of a capture by the Boers of three or four provision waggons in which were found some dozen or two cases of whiskey, some sixty men from the infantry forming an escort to the waggons. The Boers on capturing the waggons served out to their prisoners a bottle of whiskey each, and when found by a regiment of English horse, every one of the sixty men were speechlessly drunk.

At the Magistrate's Court this morning a first offender for drunkenness was fined 10s and costs. An affiliation case was adjourned until next Court day, the defendant being in an hospital and seriously unwell, having by an accident met with grave injuries. Several cases by the Town Board for rates were adjourned, the defendants not having been served. Newman v. Pihikete; judgment by default was given for £4, and costs £1 5s 6d. O'Brien (poundkeeper) v. T. Swaysland; an information for insulting language. As informant did not press for a heavy penalty, defendant was fined 1s and 19s 6d costs, the S.M. remarking that this was not the first occasion on which informant had to seek the protection of the Court and that an officer in the position of informant must be protected in the execution of his duty, and if another such case came before him he would inflict a heavier penalty.

**AUTHENTIC MEDICAL OPINIONS WORTH KNOWING.**—Dr Osborne says: "I use SANDER & SONS' EUCALYPTI EXTRACT as a spray for nasal catarrh, low fever, asthma, &c., with great success. I find this preparation superior to all others." Dr Stahl: "I have used various preparations of Eucalyptus, but I get better results from SANDER & SONS' EUCALYPTI EXTRACT than from any other." Dr Hart: "It goes without saying that SANDER & SONS' EUCALYPTI EXTRACT is the best in the market." In influenza, all fevers, throat and lung trouble, diphtheria, catarrh, dysentery, kidney complaints, rheumatism, wounds, sprains, ulcers, &c., it is invaluable. See that you get SANDER & SONS', and reject spurious preparations, which are sometimes supplied by unscrupulous dealers.

**A CONVINCING ANSWER.**  
"I hobbled into Mr Blackmon's drug store one evening," says Wesley Nelson, of Hamilton, Ga., "and he asked me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with which I had suffered for a long time. I told him I had no faith in any medicine as they all failed. He said: 'Well if Chamberlain's Pain Balm does not help you, you need not pay for it.' I took a bottle of it home and used it according to the directions and in one week I was cured, and have not since been troubled by rheumatism." Sold by Fraser and Langman.

jumped out of the boat, but only six survived, the other two must either have been too weak to clamber ashore, or lost themselves in leaping from the boat.

When they reached land they lay on the sand or whenever they could find a resting place, and were so fatigued that they quite collapsed.

Before daylight some of them woke, and the first mate was then holding his mouth underneath a ripple of water. One of the others did the same, after which they felt a little revived.

#### SPREADING THE NEWS.

They then commenced to climb the cliffs, and to find out if they were in an inhabited land. After some wandering about they espied the residence of Captain Good, which put fresh life into them, but how they managed to walk there they cannot tell.

As soon as they made known their story, which was about 6.30 a.m., Miss Good went to the nearest post office (Pihama—2½ miles distant) and made it known to Constable Hickman at Oponake and also to other stations.

#### ASSISTANCE.

Mr Willie Good at the same time said he would go to the beach and see if there were any more men about, but those at the house (three in number) said it was no use, as the others were drowned. However, Mr Good (wisely taking stimulants) set off to the beach with all possible speed. As soon as he arrived there he saw one of the apprentices in the boat on the top of two dead bodies, and he was quite helpless. He applied some brandy, and endeavored to restore him to a little more life. He made a fire on the beach, and warmed up the half-dead sea boy. He also came across the captain, whom he carried a considerable distance, and by applying stimulants brought him round. Soon after Mr Carroll, and a Maori, arrived who gave assistance.

They were then taken to Mr Good's residence, and the captain was in such a bad state that he was put to bed.

#### REMARKS BY THE CAPTAIN.

The Captain was somewhat delirious all day, but towards the latter part of the afternoon he got better, and about half-past four supplied us with a few particulars. He said they were at the Brothers' Islands at three o'clock in the afternoon, and at Stevens Island about five, and from thence to Cape Farewell. He took the bearings every hour. Sent word up three times after eight o'clock to ask if a light could be seen. When the boat struck the reef it was the first intimation they had of being near the land; at the time of striking they could not see the land; they thought the boat was about a mile and a half away from the shore when she struck. The vessel was out of sight when the crew left in the boat. The waves came right over after she struck and washed everything away. He had rockets and matches in his hand when he came from below, but

house erected.

## Death of Mrs Kruger.

### KRUGER DUMBFOUNDED.

LONDON, July 22.

Mrs Kruger died at Pretoria, after three days' suffering, from pneumonia, aged 67.

English newspapers express genuine sympathy at the death of Mrs Kruger.

The official staff and numerous relatives were present at Pretoria, and surrounded the death-bed of Mrs Kruger. A Belgian and two German doctors had latterly been in attendance.

Although he had been informed of his wife's illness, Mr Kruger was dumbfounded on hearing of her death, and burst into tears, and asked to be left alone. He had frequently spoken of rejoining his wife and friends, and says that the only tie binding him to South Africa is now broken. Many anticipate that Mrs Kruger's death will have a disheartening effect on the Boers who are still fighting.

The Times says Mrs Kruger exerted a womanly influence more than once—notably after the Jameson raid—on the side of moderation.

### HER LAST MESSAGE TO HER HUSBAND.

LONDON, July 23.

F. Eloff, Kruger's son-in-law, telegraphed to the ex-President that Mrs Kruger's end was peaceful and painless. Her dying message to her husband was that he must place his firm trust in God.

#### DANGER OF COLDS AND LA GRIPPE.

The greatest danger from colds and la grippe is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for these diseases we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous malady. It will cure a cold or an attack of la grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Fraser and Langman.

Notice is hereby given that the Hawera coach now puts up at Mr Geo. Newsham's stables, at O'Connor's hotel, and that parcels by coach may be obtained on application to Mr Newsham, who will also book any orders.—Advt.

The Judicial Committee of the House of Lords has decided in the case of the Coal Taff Vale Railway Company v. the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants that a Traders' Union can be sued in its registered name. The case was last year before the High Court of Appeal, which held that it was impossible for a Traders' Union to sue or be sued.

#### WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

What would you do if taken with colic or cholera morbus when your physician is away from home and the drug stores are closed? After one such emergency you will always keep Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in your home; but why wait until your horse is stolen before you lock the stable? For sale by Fraser and Langman.

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