

SCOTCH! HOTCH! POTCH!

McTaggart: "You opponents o' Scotland are a' the same, speakin' about our brouge and findin' fault wi' the glass—the 'drinkin' habit' ye ca' it. I tell you it's no habit at a'; it's a gift!"

The Catholic Bishops and that pugnacious stalwart of Presbyterianism, the Rev. Isaac Jolly are insinuating that they will do things should the proposed marriage legislation be enacted. Marriage is doubtless an ordination of the Creator; but equally a civil contract. This contract made between men and women of a civilised state is sufficiently valid in the absence of priest or parson. It should be patent to the most simple minded that a marriage vow solemnised before a legislator, and kept to the death, will please the Deity just as well as one provided over by the moderator or his holiness the Pope. We say give religious liberty to the full, but don't allow ecclesiastics to dictate the policy of the State.

Mon ye ken it wis grand to see the Southland titha' boys win hame again. In fact it wis glorious. May they have many more like triumphs. We are all proud o' them. Some o' the local folk have been criticisin' the combination of the Red's but as Sandy McGraw says "The proof o' the puddin' is the eatin' o' it!" The Southland team was the better one any way ye like to tak' it!

As an example of woman's wit, Chauncey Depew cites the following: A man once found that his wife had bought a few puffs of false hair. This displeased him. Some day he hid in the hall outside her room, and, just as the lady was adjusting the false puffs, he darted in upon her. "Mum!" he said reproachfully. "Why do you put that hair of another woman upon your head?" "John," retorted Mary, with a glance at her husband's shoes. "Why do you put the skin of another calf upon your feet?"

It is reported from Moscow that Enver Pasha, at the request of Lenin and Trotsky, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Bolshevik forces which are marching on India. The Bolshevik forces in the Caucasus, Persia, Afghanistan and Turkestan have been placed under his command. Enver Pasha recently sojourned at the Bolshevik headquarters in Samarkand with Trotsky. French diplomatic circles consider that the principal aim of the manoeuvre is to compel Britain to make peace with Russia quickly.

Enver Pasha is, far-and-away, the most unscrupulous and ambitious mischief maker in the Mohammedan world. Possessed of great ability and the Napoleonic touch fired by a burning hatred of England "The Gopier" opines that this "disturber of the peace" will create trouble enough before he goes home.

It is questionable if one-tenth of our citizens have any idea of the extensiveness of the work of reclamation carried out by the Prison Authorities across the Waihopai. Take a walk to the wharf thence by the embankment running north, recrossing at the bridge at foot of Victoria Avenue you'll get some idea of what is being done across the water.

Sergeant McNeill had a squad of Highland recruits on the rifle range. At 500 yards they all missed the target. He tried them at 300 and 200 yards but with little success. Exasperated, he cried, "Tam you! Tam you! Squad, Attention! Fix bayonets! Charge!"

Little Johnnie, aged six, had been to church and had displayed more than the usual juvenile attention to the sermon, in which the origin of Eve had been dwelt on at some length. On his return home, there being company to dinner, he displayed more than usual attention to the good things on the table. Some time afterwards, Johnnie was missed. When his mother discovered him he was sitting on a stool in a corner holding his side, his face bearing marks of sorrow and distress. "What on earth is the matter?" asked his mother in alarm. "Oh, mamma, I'm afraid I'm going to have a wife."

MARKET REPORTS.

Messrs Bray Bros, Ltd., auctioneers and fruit salesmen, Dee street, Invercargill, report as follows:—Produce: Table Potatoes.—Plentiful supplies. Price 6s cwt. for prime quality—other quality from 5s to 7s 6d per bag. Seed Potatoes.—There is still a fair demand at satisfactory prices. Onions.—Supplies scarce. Oats.—24s 6d to 27s 6d per sack (sacks included): Chaff 28 10s per ton, and 6s 6d to 6s per sack. Straw Chaff.—4s per sack (sack included). Baled Straw.—5s 6d per bale. Meggitt's Linseed Meal.—We have a small supply available. Meggitt's Calf Food.—30s bag.

Oatdust.—6s per bag. Bran.—11s 5d bag. Pollard.—13s bag. Farro Food.—12s bag. Molasses.—21s cwt., 12s 6d per tin.

Fruit.—Consignments of fruit are now on the decrease and prices have increased. Dessert Apples are selling at from 10s 6d to 14s per case for prime quality—other quality from 8s 6d to 10s; Cooking Apples prime quality 8s 6d to 9s 6d case—other quality from 7s to 8s case. Dessert Pears, are in short supply and are selling at up to 5½d lb.

Vegetables.—Cabbage, scarce, consignments wanted. Swedes.—4s to 4s 6d per bag. Carrots.—4s bag and 6s 6d per cwt. Parsnips.—2d lb.

General.—We have supplies of posts and stakes, and are prepared to accept orders for Totara, Broadleaf and Kanahi. Lepp Salt Lick—the unrivalled cattle tonic 2s 3d per brick; wholesale, quotation on application. Cow covers 25s to 30s. Horse Covers 22 15s to 23. Boots to 35s. Honey—in 10lb tins 10s. Tea (b.p.) in chests and half chests and in 10 and 50b packets 2s 6d to 3s 3d per lb.

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Land Department.—One five roomed semi-bungalow house for sale, at Eastend, Invercargill. There is a good garden, concrete paths and about 1-acre, and the price is only 2850.

CALCIUM NOTES.

Soldiers' Memorial.—A vigorous canvass last week resulted in a satisfactory sum being promised for this worthy object. It was feared that the time which has elapsed since the war would have blunted the sense of gratitude and affection with which our fallen heroes were regarded, but the fears were groundless. In only one case did a settler refuse to recognise the heroism of men who fell in defence of his life and property. It is a pity that there is not some method of bringing such an individual to a sense of his civic responsibilities. However, it is a matter for congratulation that the memorial will be erected without the assistance of persons who have no conception of its significance.

Hall Committee.—This public body rounded itself and the neighbourhood early in the winter and raised a tidy sum towards projected improvements. Up to date the

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improvements consist of a small heap of stakes placed prominently on the hall grounds. The public is not impressed, neither are wandering cattle. But an intimate acquaintance with the personnel of the Committee leads me to prophesy better things. When the members awaken from their peaceful slumbers we can look for a new fence, the removal of noxious weeds, and the promised ante-room.

Dominion Geography: Question: Where is Waiwaiwa?
Answer: Next week. No map.

Rumoured: That in view of the depreciation of the unoccupied manse, the Dea-

cons' Court proposes to appoint a resident caretaker until the cost of living is reduced sufficiently to permit some kindly disposed preacher to accept the charge.

That the debate at Otahuti was a great success.
That the town contingent carried too many guns for the rustics.

That as a result of the decision arrived at, armament shares have hardened.

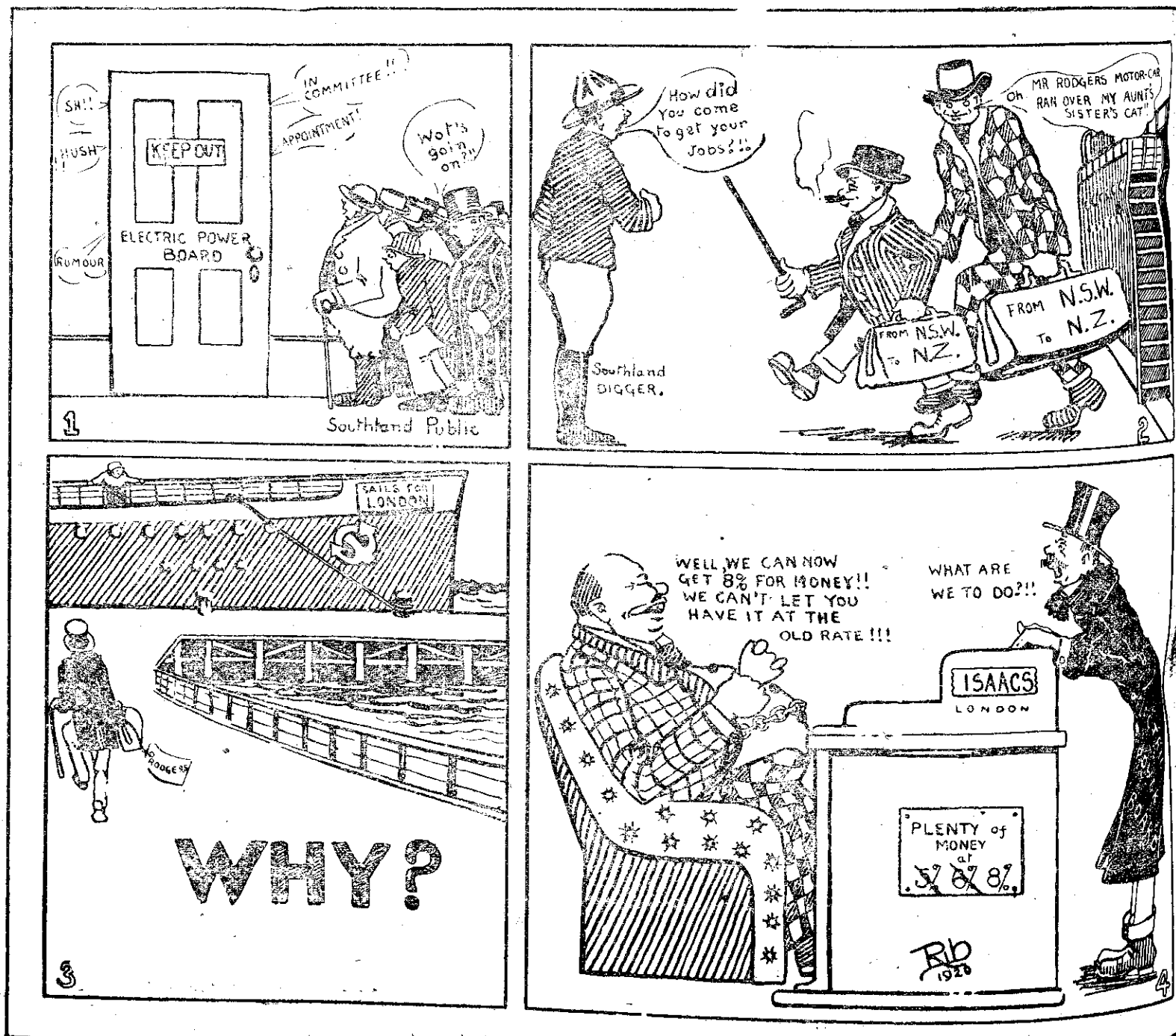
That the judge made a very able summing up.

That though Mr Cruickshank, made a very good impression, his plain business is not likely to become popular with his country friends.

That Baxter is not half dry, and if he can secure a bottle license his food is made. Fill-em-up-again.

That McKenzie, J.P., appeared before the beak on Monday last. Keep it quiet.

That the Magistrate's visit to Otahuti was not official, and had nothing to do with football or any other form of fracture.



FOUR PHASES OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOUTHLAND ELECTRIC POWER BOARD