ABBI ANGLING NOTES.

"By Creel."

ABBIR "THE BALLY LIMIT." THE anglers grand with gear all

sublime, went out to angle when the weather was fine;

with rods of split cane, waders and r up-to-date they had loads and

water was good and their hopes

Reggie to Algy, "we fish with the

Ton fish up and I'll fish down, I'll best you for weight, I bet a crown.

The bet duly made operations commenced,

over a fence; A korapi his rod, a string to it tied:

towns "You fishing?" he said. "Yes," Algy replied.

And said to himself, "there's no fish Type fished the river and I think I

Where there's one or two beauties, down below.'

Algy and Reggie fished all the day, ROPH Caught very few fish, I'm sorry to say. Algy returning met our fisher lad

A fish over his shoulder, but the boy looked sad. The Algy stared hard at the three pound

And gasped "it's a fish, I have no doubt."

But the boy replied, with a kind of grin, "That ain't wot yer mate said, no, % not 'im."

"Ye'r see, I'd a bet with Jimmy Green I'd catch better fish than ever he's

I caught this fish, the bet to win it; But yer mate he calls it, "the bally limit.

--- "CREEL." Last Friday, the season, compared to some previous opening days, commenced under apspicious circumstances. The early part of the day promised great Exthings, but unfortunately for the fly fisherman the wind came up too strong and However, under these adverse circumstances some very fair catches were creeled. Complaints are fairly general that the fish are not in as good condition former years, and in conversation with angler of wide experience, he suggests, that the explanation may be found in the fact of Southland enjoying such an open winter, there being very few freshes in the rivers, consequently the fish would not have the same opportunity of getting the variety and quantity of food as in former years. Whether this is the explanation or no it is hard to say, but personally, I think there is something in his contention. A brother angler relates an experience he had during the week-end, and there are others I know can sympathise with him in his predicament. It appears he was enjoying himself to the full amongst the "speckled beauties," when lo, his operations were interrupted by the sudden appearance of very pugnacious bull, who evidently mistook our friend for Dempsey, or Carpentier, of fistic fame. A hurried entry into the water (as my friend said, "frightened all the bally fish"), and our angler was immune from attack. Not so isherman down the stream (who no doubt was not observant as Angler No. 1.), he having to wait under a bank until rescued by the owner of the mammoth. This irritating experience is inclined to make one ask, if there is not a river chainage on most rivers, which legally would make it the same as a public highway, and I think the law prevents anyone moving a bull (especially of the category of our mammoth) without it being under proper control. Perhaps our farmer friends will take the hint and remove any such savage beast to pastures new, as us poor anglers have enough to do to watch operations in front, without being subject to a flank

opening day, Messrs Pierce and H. J. Smith creeled some twenty odd fish, and they report the river was in good order. There was a big number of anglers on the river. Messrs Welham and Finlay landed 15 very nice fish last week-end, 2½ lbs

being the heaviest bagged. All these were taken on the fly.

On the opening day, three local anglers on the Aparima bagged 24 fish with the minnow. The take included two four Another fisherman creeled nine fish, the heaviest scaling six pounds. They report the fish were in rather poor condition.

The Makawera gave better results, some goods bags being secured. One bag com. prised thirteen fish, the heaviest six pounds, all in good condition. Another bag of sixteen pounds was taken. The Oreti gave as usual good returns, fishermen using the worm, or "snake," creeling good fish. On the Otamita (Gore), some really good bags were secured on the "creeper," Messrs Hoffman brothers, J. McArthur, H. T. Braxton, creeling fish up to three pounds in weight. On the same river Mr G. Richardson landed 35 fish on the fly at the bottom end of the stream, although I understand they were mostly small. The Otaria and Waipahi gave fair returns. On the latter Mr F. Young and partner (Gore), securing twenty-seven fish between them, reporting the fish were in rather poor condition.

I would again ask all secretaries to forward in results of competitions, particulars of any good bags, reports of meetings, etc.

WYNDHAM ANGLERS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meetting of the Club was held in Gray's sample rooms on Monday. September 20. There was a large attend. ance, Mr J. E. Mitchell, president, being in the chair.

The president stated that last season had been most successful and he hoped the coming one would be as good. For all the competitions there had been good entries. The club was to be congratulated upon having won the shield donated for the triangular competition. Finance was satisfactory and there was a promise of increased membership for the forthcoming season.

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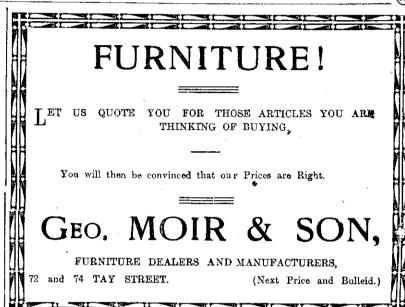
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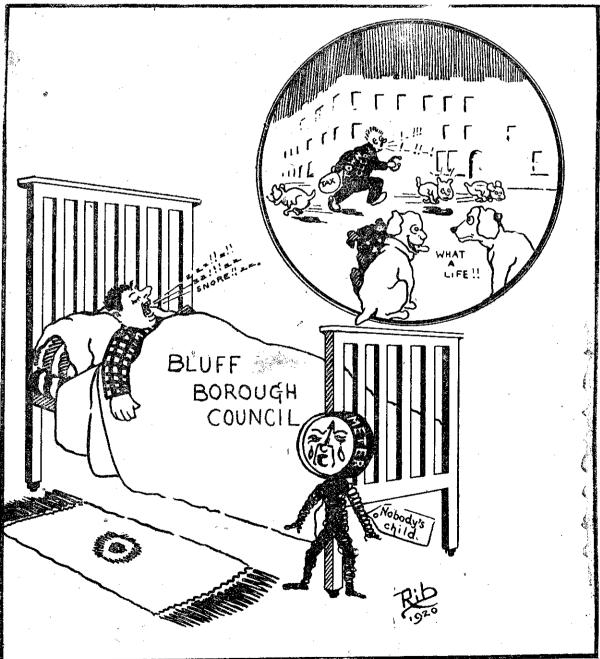
elected as follows:-President, Mr J. E. Mitchell (re-elected); vice-presidents Messrs A. T. Ross and A. Udy; secretary and treasurer, Mr C. King (reelected); general committee_Office bearers and Messrs A. A. Aitken, A. Young and G. Bogue.

Messrs Mitchell, Aitken and Smart were re-appointed as a handicapping com-

On the motion of Messrs Bogue and Young it was decided to hold an allday handicap competition (bare fly) on the opening day, October 1; the weigh-in at Gray's sample-rooms at 7 p.m; the fish to be distributed as in previous years.

The secretary was instructed to write thanking Mr J. Brand for his good work in clearing the banks of the Wyndham River, also the Acclimatisation Society asking for a donation or madal as a prize for the highest aggregate weight in the season's competitions.





BLUFF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Even the Bluff Borough Council has its sins and shortcomings, as evidenced by recent disclosures. The electric light meters have not been read for a period extending over years. The Town Clerk stated that he was expected to collect dog tax, read meters, etc., besides his ordinary routine work. About two years ago it was found that the Department was not paying and the rates were increased accordingly. It is presumed there will be a spring cleaning in Borough affairs next Election.

NOTES FROM CALCIUM.

(Own Correspondent).

Public Notice.—These notes will be written, if possible, once a week whether they are printed and read or not.

Butterfat.-Quite the largest meeting in the history of Calcium was held on Friday last when the local backbone turned up in force to meet a representative of the N.Z. Milk Products Co., Ltd., to discuss matters pertaining to the price and carriage of cow extract. The result of the discussion seemed to be highly satisfactory to the knights of the milkpail. At the price of butterfat, calves will have a kind of butterfly existence this season—short and gay.

Statistics.-Our folk are not content to wait until Bill Massey's immigration policy fructifies. In fact most of them are inclined to favour the local product and in this connection it is pleasing to report full cradles in at least three houses.

Sport.-In the rush of spring work there has been little leisure for outdoor games during the past month. However, as the days lengthen it may be possible to arrange for a little cricket practice in the evenings. Some years ago there were nine cricket clubs in the Western District; to-day there are none, Writing of Western District cricket recalls some good old days and brings to mind the following prominent players of some 20 years ago :- Messrs Soar, Inglis, Lyle, F. Mills, Robertson, McKenzie, Matheson brothers, Pattison brothers, Instone, Fullarton brothers, Willett, Smith, Dr Fox, and the late J. R. Mills. The good old days cannot come back, but if our young men are to be retained in the country districts it is necessary that something should be done to enable them to meet for some recreation at least once a week during the greater part of the year.

Sauce.-Apropos of a recent report of the Otahuti football social your Calcium correspondent has much pleasure in endorsing the kind remarks concerning the Calcium young ladies, but he wishes to add that when beauty and good sense are combined, the mixture will stand both wet and dry weather.

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