

An Excursion Train will leave Christchurch for Dunedin at 10.40 p.m., Oamaru 1.45 a.m., Hampden 5.50 a.m., Palmerston 6.45 a.m., Waikouaiti 7.15 a.m., Seacliff 7.45 a.m., Waitati 8.5 a.m., arriving at Dunedin at 9 a.m. on December 23. This train will stop at the stations named, also at other stations where required to set down passengers from north of Oamaru.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

An Excursion Train will leave Dunedin for Christchurch at 10.35 p.m., Waitati 11.33 p.m., Seacliff 11.57 p.m., Waikouaiti 12.18 a.m., Palmerston 12.45 a.m., Hampden 1.28 a.m., Maheno 2.3 a.m., Oamaru 2.25 a.m., arriving at Christchurch 9.15 a.m. on December 25. This train will stop at Upper Port Chalmers, Waitati, Seacliff, Waikouaiti, Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, and Maheno, also at any station where required north of Oamaru to allow passengers to alight.

An Excursion Train will leave Dunedin for Oamaru and intermediate stations at 11.20 p.m., Sawyer's Bay 11.45 p.m., Waitati 12.35 a.m., Seacliff 1.10 a.m., Puketeraki 1.20 a.m., Palmerston 2.15 a.m., Hampden 3.5 a.m., Maheno 3.55 a.m., arriving Oamaru 4.40 a.m. on December 25.

An Excursion Train will leave Christchurch for Dunedin at 10.40 p.m., Oamaru 4.45 a.m., Hampden 5.50 a.m., Palmerston 6.45 a.m., Waikouaiti 7.15 a.m., Seacliff 7.45 a.m., Waitati 8.5 a.m., arriving at Dunedin at 9 a.m. on December 25. This train will stop at the stations named; also at other stations where required to set down passengers from north of Oamaru.

An Excursion Train will leave Dunedin for Invercargill and intermediate stations at 11.20 p.m., Mosgiel 12.20 a.m., Waihola 1.15 a.m., Milton 2 a.m., Balclutha 3.25 a.m., Clinton 4.55 a.m., arriving at Invercargill 8.20 a.m. on December 25.

An Excursion Train will leave Invercargill for Dunedin at 11.15 p.m., Clinton 2.45 a.m., Balclutha 3.55 a.m., Milton 4.55 a.m., arriving at Dunedin 7.10 a.m. on December 25.

The Train usually leaving Owaka for Balclutha at 1 p.m. will Not run.

Trains will leave Balclutha for Owaka at 11.30 a.m. and 8 p.m., returning from Owaka at 2 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

A Train will leave Dunedin for Oamaru at 9 a.m., Waitati 10.15 a.m., Seacliff 10.45 a.m., Waikouaiti 11.13 a.m., Palmerston 11.43 a.m., Hampden 12.28 p.m., Herbert 12.58 p.m., Maheno 1.11 p.m., returning from Oamaru at 2.45 p.m., Maheno 3.20 p.m., Herbert 3.38 p.m., Hampden 4.5 p.m., Palmerston 5 p.m., Waikouaiti 5.30 p.m., Seacliff 6.5 p.m., Waitati 6.35 p.m.

The following Trains will run as usual:

The Express Trains between Dunedin and Christchurch, the 10.20 a.m. extra Express Trains Dunedin to Christchurch and Christchurch to Dunedin, the express Trains between Dunedin and Invercargill, the 8 a.m. Dunedin to Balclutha, the 4.10 p.m. Balclutha to Dunedin, the 11.35 a.m. Balclutha to Clinton, the 2.20 p.m. Clinton to Balclutha, the 9.35 a.m. Invercargill to Clinton, and the 1.55 p.m. Clinton to Invercargill.

A Train will leave Balclutha for Dunedin at 7.23 a.m.

On the Port Chalmers line Trains will run as on Sundays.

All other Train services between Timaru and Gore will be SUSPENDED on Christmas Day.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

SPORTS AT WAIKOUAITI.

DRUIDS' PICNIC AND SPORTS AT EVANSDALE.

BLUESKIN A. AND P. SHOW AT WAITATI.

Special Trains will leave Dunedin for Palmerston at 7.50 a.m. and 9 a.m., Sawyer's Bay 8.22 a.m. and 9.32 a.m., Purakanui 8.50 a.m. and 10.2 a.m., Waitati 9.10 a.m. and 10.22 a.m., Evansdale 9.15 a.m. and 10.27 a.m., Seacliff 9.45 a.m. and 11 a.m., Waikouaiti 10.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Special Trains will leave Dunedin for Evansdale at 8.40 a.m., 9.45 a.m., and 11.15 a.m., arriving Evansdale 9.55 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12.30 p.m. These trains will Not Stop at intermediate stations.

Trains return from Palmerston to Dunedin at 4.25 p.m. and 4.55 p.m., Waikouaiti 5 p.m., 5.32 p.m., and 7.30 p.m., Seacliff 5.45 p.m., 6.17 p.m., and 8.5 p.m., Evansdale 4.40 p.m., 5.35 p.m., 6.15 p.m., 6.40 p.m., and 8.30 p.m., Waitati 4.45 p.m., 5.40 p.m., 6.20 p.m., 6.51 p.m., and 8.35 p.m., Purakanui 5.15 p.m., 6.8 p.m., 6.50 p.m., 7.17 p.m., and 9.5 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.10 p.m., 7 p.m., 7.50 p.m., 8.10 p.m., and 9.50 p.m.

The Train usually leaving Palmerston for Dunedin at 6.25 a.m. will Not run.

Train will leave Palmerston for Dunedin at 6.10 a.m., Waikouaiti 6.40 a.m., Seacliff 7.10 a.m., Waitati 7.35 a.m., Purakanui 8 a.m., Upper Port Chalmers 8.18 a.m., arriving Dunedin 8.50 a.m.

Trains will leave Palmerston for Dunedin at 8.35 a.m., 11.10 a.m., and 8.10 p.m., returning from Dunedin at 9.25 a.m., 3.35 p.m., and 9 p.m.

The Time-table between Dunedin and Port Chalmers will be SUSPENDED. Trains will leave Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 7.5 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.10 p.m., 1.20 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 6.20 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 10.15 p.m., and 11.30 p.m.

Trains will leave Port Chalmers for Dunedin at 7.5 a.m., 9.5 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 2.55 p.m., 4 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9.30 p.m., 10.50 p.m., and 12.5 a.m.

An Excursion Train will leave Dunedin for Christchurch at 8.10 p.m., Waitati 9.25 p.m., Seacliff 9.55 p.m., Waikouaiti 10.20 p.m., Palmerston 10.50 p.m., Hampden 11.35 p.m., Maheno 12.10 a.m., Oamaru 12.45 a.m., arriving at Christchurch 7 a.m. on

December 27. This train will stop at the stations named; also at any station north of Oamaru to set down passengers.

An Excursion Train will leave Christchurch for Dunedin at 8.15 p.m., Oamaru 3 a.m., Palmerston 4.48 a.m., arriving at Dunedin 7 a.m., December 27. This train will stop at any station between Oamaru and Dunedin to set down passengers from north of Oamaru.

CALEDONIAN SPORTS AT OUTRAM.

Train will leave Outram for Dunedin at 6.15 p.m. Train will leave Mosgiel for Outram at 7.10 p.m.

SPORTS AT BALCLUTHA.

Trains will leave Balclutha for Owaka at 7.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., and 8 p.m., returning from Owaka at 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m., and 9.30 p.m.

Train will leave Dunedin for Balclutha and intermediate stations at 11.20 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

SPORTS AT OWAKA.

Train will leave Balclutha for Owaka at 11.30 a.m., returning from Owaka at 2 p.m.

Special Train will leave Owaka for Dunedin at 5.50 p.m., Balclutha 7.25 p.m., arriving Dunedin 11.5 p.m.

The GOODS SHEDS at Dunedin and Port Chalmers will be CLOSED on Christmas and Boxing Days, December 25 and 26.

All Goods traffic between Oamaru and Clinton will be entirely SUSPENDED on Christmas and Boxing Days, December 25 and 26.

By Order.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, TIMARU.

THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES will begin on the Evening of MONDAY, January 7, and end on the Morning of Saturday, 12th.

The Retreat will be preached by the Rev. J. Kelly, S.J.

Ladies who wish to attend should apply as soon as possible to the Reverend Mother.



'To promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.'

LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1900.

THE STOKE ORPHANAGE CASES.



OR some six months past a man-hunt was in progress against the Marist Brothers who till last September conducted the Catholic Orphanage and Industrial School at Stoke, near Nelson. The chase ended last week in favor of the quarry. To drop metaphor: the two incriminated religious—Brothers KILIAN and WYBERTUS—left the Supreme Court in Wellington without a stain upon their character. The prosecution—or rather persecution—to which they had been subjected failed helplessly and hopelessly and all along the line. In the words of the *N.Z. Times* (Wellington), the cases against Brothers KILIAN and WYBERTUS broke down 'with a completeness which is—when one considers the difference between expectancy and fact—absolutely staggering.' Their vindication was furnished by the very agencies which had combined for their ruin. No defence was needed. And poetic justice—which is of the retributive order—will be complete, and the story of the triumph of persecuted innocence rounded off and full, when condign punishment has been meted out to the real villains of the piece.

Story of the Man-Hunt.

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