

Interesting Boxing An Unusual Turn A Modern Combination The Weather Problem

Big Events in Christchurch 2YA Rises to the Occasion AN American company has recently placed on the market a combination embodying in one cabinet the four principal entertainment inventions of the age, namely, radio, motion pictures, gramophone, and talking pictures. The combination includes the latest model motion picture projector, which is connected to the adjoining gramophone turntable mechanism by a synchronising shaft. The wireless installation consists of a nine-valve all-electric receiver, using screen-grid valves. The inclusion of radio television equipment would certainly render this ultra-modern equipment the last word in fireside entertainment.

THE Christchurch Sports Club has secured two big draws for Monday evening in matching Ted Morgan with Bill Carey, and Campbell with Colin Gardiner.

Ted Morgan is the Olympic champion who, in his first professional fight at Dunedin recently, defeated Steve Hughes. His second success has been the defeat of Phin Stone, of Wellington. Both these fights were won decisively by Morgan with knock-outs, and it appears that this hard-hitting champion will take a deal of stopping.

Carey, of Christchurch, is a strong, rugged boxer who has fought his way to the New Zealand amateur championship. This will be his first professional fight. He does not know defeat and will prove a very redoubtable opponent for Morgan.

Another match which will arouse the greatest interest in Christchurch is the challenge from Campbell (of Oamaru) to Colin Gardiner. Both met in the final for the New Zealand amateur heavy-weight championship, when Gardiner won. Campbell is confident he can reverse the decision.

In addition to these two big events there will be several preliminaries.

A WIRELESS station has just been built at Turuchansk, in the far north of Northern Siberia. This station forms the only link between the small white population and the outside world.

A NOVEL feature of 2YA's evening programme on October 16 was a broadcast interview. The appearance of the Kosmos in Wellington harbour one morning recently excited much comment among the residents because of her unique lines. Accompanying her were seven 250-ton "chasers," which appeared mere cockleshells when moored alongside the factory-ship. This whaling fleet left Wellington on October 12 to proceed to the Ross Sea in time for the whaling season.

Realising the tremendous interest that would be aroused by this visit, the management of the station arranged for Captain Anderson of the "Kosmos" to talk over the air for a few minutes on the activities of the unique fleet. In introducing the speaker at approximately 9 a.m., the announcer recounted incidents in his visit during that afternoon, but it became evident that the speaker, probably fearing his English, could not proceed. The announcer rose to the occasion and proceeded to interview Captain Anderson, who replied very fully and in surprisingly good English to the speaker. The question asked were of very great interest, and during the interview some interesting information was brought to light.

The Kosmos, a large steamer, was built recently to supply a demand for an efficient "floating factory" for whaling purposes. The seven chasers were built at the same time to act as

scouts, and to pursue and dispatch the whales encountered. The whales killed are towed to the stern of the mother-ship, where they are hoisted on board by specially built winches, to be cut up and melted down. The operation of hauling them on board occupies 15 minutes. The Kosmos carries 23,000 tons of oil for fuel, enough to last her until her return to port. Condensers for distilling sea-water are installed, and these are indispensable, as 200 tons of fresh water are used every day. The harpoons carried by the chasers are mounted in the bow, and are fired from a gun mounted on a swivel. They explode on striking the whale, thus killing it outright or wounding it badly. The tremendous power of these sea monsters is exemplified by the statement that a wounded whale will often drag a chaser some distance, regardless of reversed engines.

Blue whales are often 100 feet in length, and weigh roughly one ton per foot.

An efficient wireless installation which provides for the transmission of both telephony and telegraphy, is carried by the Kosmos and her fleet of chasers, and is chiefly used for communication between them. A Gipsy Moth seaplane is also carried on the deck of the Kosmos, and this is used to aid the chasers in their task of "spotting" whales. The bow of the Kosmos is specially built to withstand the tremendous strain of ice-breaking.

They have on board some "huskies," which they will endeavour to deliver to the Byrd Expedition in the Antarctica.

After the conclusion of this interesting talk, Mr. Drummond asked if the speaker would care to speak to any of his countrymen who might be listening. This request was acceded to, and the subsequent greetings in Norwegian sounded quite interesting, if a little unintelligible.

How Broadcasting Helps the Farmer

AS announced in last week's issue of the "Radio Record," a special weather report is being sent out every afternoon for the benefit of the farming community. Till the end of the year this forecast will be broadcast daily from 2YA (except on Sundays and Wednesdays) at 3.30 p.m. (4 p.m. summer time), while on Wednesdays it will be broadcast from each of the other stations at 4 p.m. (4.30 summer time).

Recognising the importance which farmers place on weather reports, the Meteorological Office, of which Dr. Kidson is the Director, is co-operating wholeheartedly with the Broadcasting Company in this service to the man on the land. This was demonstrated during the last harvesting season in Canterbury, when a mid-day report was supplied to and broadcast by 3YA. Similarly, during the present lambing and shearing seasons, an afternoon report has been specially prepared and must be proving of great value to farmers.

Few occupations, if any, are so much at the mercy of the weather as that of the farmer. He cannot control or alter the weather that he gets, neither can he escape from it by moving his fields to more favoured situations. His task, therefore, and that of those whose business it is to assist him, is to arrange his affairs so as to make the best use of the weather that he will get.

With good forecasts, operations at the farm can be planned from day to day to the best advantage. He can decide, for instance, whether hay or corn harvesting shall be begun, or hay or corn carried, whether the farm hands shall be employed in field work or indoor work.

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