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NORTHERN RAILWAY EXTENSION: The contract for the construction of the Northern Railway Extension to the Waipara, has been let to Mr P McGrath, contractor, Rangiora, for the sum of £21,493.1s

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THE KETCH EAGLE:

This ketch 27 tons which lies at the at the mouth of the Saltwater Creek ,was sold yesterday by Messrs Matson, Buss & Co, at Rangiora to Mr P McGrath for a very small sum. The purchaser intends to float her at an early date, if practicable. The running gear which had been removed for convenience of sale, was sold in small lots.

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HORSE FAIR, RANGIORA

At Mr P McGrath's horse fair yesterday, several horses of different kinds were sold. The prices being satisfactory. Mr E Murfitt's brown horse Young Diamedes, famous for hurdle racing, was submitted, and though a bona fide bid of 90 guineas was made for him, he was passed in.