

Commercial.

BALLARAT WHOLESALE MARKET.

Very little wheat offering now, and what comes forward finds ready sale at late rates...

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

The remarks which we made in reference to wheat in previous reports are being fulfilled...

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Messrs. HEBBERT and LEONARD report: Fat Cattle—52 head for executors late Mr. A. S. Robertson...

GEELONG STATION PRODUCE MARKET.

Messrs. GEORGE SYMOND and CO. report: There was a good attendance of buyers at the sale to day, and spirited competition throughout...

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Messrs. GEORGE SYMOND and CO. report: Fat Cattle.—A very short supply forward, owing to several lots advertised being sold out privately...

Amongst the various political jobs which every now and then are exposed, commend me to the Gippsland Railway: this extraordinary line which is carried through jungle and uninhabited country...

The "Hobart Town Mercury" states that on the 10th inst. an extraordinary accident happened to the Falmonth mail coach. After leaving Oakenwood, the coach enters St. Mary's Pass...

Children's Sacred Concert.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, BALLARAT.

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 7, 1875

1000 SINGERS.

Conductor, Mr. J. Uren; Organists, Mr. G. Herbert and Mr. J. G. McDuff; Principals, Mrs. Uren, Misses Harvie, Stone and Parker, and Messrs. Cazaly and McLeod.

Marriage.

Cross—Cross.—On the 1st instant at the residence of the bridegroom, by the Rev. J. Long, Edward, Chalmers, eldest son of Elijah Cross, to Mary, eldest daughter of Murdoch Cross, Shirley.

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In our issue of August 21st, we had occasion in our report of the fire at Mr. SAPIR'S premises, to refer to the Beaufort Volunteer Fire Brigade in the following manner:—

We cannot compliment the brigade upon their disciplinary organization, which was anything but perfect. These fourteen words created considerable dissatisfaction among the brigadiers, and a meeting was convened to consider whether it would be advisable to disband. But, fortunately, common sense prevailed, and the brigade did not go to extremes; the majority considering the remarks were fair.

Ararat Athletic Sports.

The following nominations have been received for the events which are to be completed for on Boxing Day:— MAIDEN RACE. James Farish, Mount Cole; Charles Stonehouse, Ararat; Roy Hill, Ararat; Edward Delany, Ararat; Alex. Henderson, Ararat; W. Banfield, Ararat; H. Robertson, Chatsworth; Alex. Bell, Beaufort; H. Loft, Beaufort; Richard Provis, Beaufort; John J. Grenfell, Beaufort; Michael O'Brien, Crowlands; John McDonald, Gorain; Geo. Nesbitt, Ararat; J. R. Laidlaw, Melbourne; Alex. McDonald, Lexington; George Brown, Yalla-y-pooa.

ARARAT HANDICAP.

Alexander Henderson, Ararat; W. Banfield, Ararat; W. M. Riley, Ararat; R. Brown, Crowlands; Kennedy O'Brien, Crowlands; Henry Anderson, Baunagar; James Selkirk, Stawell; Daniel Twobill, Stawell; Edmund Adanthwaite, Nerring; D. M. Phee, Joel Joel; Hugh Robertson, Chatsworth; Henry Loft, Beaufort; P. H. Jackson, Beaufort; James Brilliant, Kewell; Thomas Thorne, Hamilton; A. M. Donald, Lexington; R. Troy Knight, Horsham.

MEMBERS' CUP.

Archibald Maynard, Gorain; George Nesbitt, Ararat; Roddy Hill, Ararat; Ed. Delaney, Ararat; Alex. Henderson, Ararat; Kennedy O'Brien, Crowlands; J. J. Parsons, Stawell; Thomas Thorne, Hamilton; Wm. Dalrymple, Lexington; R. Troy Knight, Horsham; Daniel Twobill, Stawell.

WALKING MATCH.

Fred. Woodhouse, Geelong; Geo. Robertson, Rhyummy; Henry Fortington, Stawell; William James, Stawell; William Hindson, Ararat.

MAYOR'S CUP.

George Nesbitt, Edwin G. Sanders, Wm. Douglas, Alex. Henderson, Albert Ehrenberg. HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. Charles Stonehouse, Ararat; Edwin G. Sanders, Ararat; John Creighton, Ararat; William Douglas, Ararat; Richard Brown, Crowlands; Michael O'Brien, Crowlands; John Murphy, Stawell; William Melrose, Gorain; Archibald Maynard, Gorain; Alex. Bell, Beaufort; Richard Provis, Beaufort; James Brilliant, Kewell; Henry Anderson, Baunagar; R. Troy Knight, Horsham; Ed. Adanthwaite, Nerring.

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Major Smith ridiculed Mr. Murray Smith's speech as cajoling Sir James McCulloch, and insulting to Mr. Barry. He defended Mr. Woods' reduction in freight on the railway, which would result in profit and not loss to the country. It would be the reverse in the construction of the Beechworth line, which he predicted would be lost.

Mr. Langton followed in support of the Government. The debate was dull and dragging.

In the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, Mr. Dixon asked why the chamber should be disgraced by the attendance of an hon. member who had disgraced himself in recent affairs outside the House.

Mr. Casey was of opinion that the head of the Government was not supposed to act as a public prosecutor with regard to the conduct of a certain member of the House.

Sir James McCulloch stated that it was not his intention to enquire into the conduct of the hon. member referred to. The practice of enquiring into the conduct of a private member by the House would be a dangerous precedent.

Mr. Mason said he would place himself in the hands of the House, and if they expelled him he would then go to his constituents and abide finally by their opinion.

Mr. Casey said that he had spoken before merely on a matter of practice. Mr. Patterson was of opinion that the House should purge itself of the opprobrium cast upon it, and not permit its members to be flouted in the public streets by the accusation that they were consorting with black-legs and wretches.

Mr. G. P. Smith considered that the House could only take cognisance of the public character of any individual member.

Mr. Dixon remarked that he had only in view the honor and dignity of the Chamber in view in bringing the question before the House. He gave notice of his intention to move that a select committee be formed.

In answer to Mr. G. P. Smith, Mr. Kefer stated that the holding of two general sessions in one month had been tried as an experiment and had been found to be a failure.

Mr. Witt desired to call the attention of the House to a leading article appearing in the "Age" which he characterized as being false, and utterly devoid of truth.

Mr. Gillies had been informed by the Secretary of the department to-day that he had no idea how the letter had been furnished to the Press.

Mr. A. T. Clark thought that no member of the House should make a charge for making enquiries at the Land Office for his constituents while receiving £300 per annum from the State.

The House then went into committee on the Budget statement.

Mr. Casey resumed the debate. He reviewed the conduct of the Premier, who had voted against the late Ministry's proposed remission of custom duties to the extent of a quarter of a million, whilst he now proposed remissions only to the extent of £113,000.

The speaker rather severely criticised the speech of the hon. member for West Melbourne delivered last evening. He certainly felt surprised that the hon. member had criticised the conduct of his former colleagues more particularly as far as it concerned his (Mr. Casey's) administration of the Land Act.

The hon. member for Mandurang at considerable length defended his land policy and administration of the Land Department. —Star.

General News.

Foiled into marrying the wrong man.—An affair occurred at one of the minor hotels in the city, which, were it not for the rather tragic influence which it bears upon a human life would be rather comical. A certain unmarried individual living at Saxenburg has had living in his house for a year or more a buxom German woman with whom he was more intimate than either law or the accepted system of morality allows. A month or so ago a child was born, and the father promised, in order to settle the difficulty which ensued, to marry the mother. The two, accompanied by a friend, came to the city and stopped at the hotel, which is in Water-street, not far from the Connellyville depot. A Grant-street magistrate was sent for and told that he was expected to solemnize a marriage between the woman, who cannot speak a word of English, and the man. When the parties stood up, the friend who had accompanied the two took his place beside the woman, who was told that this was the proper form to go through, and was married, to her, while the Saxenburg man stood at one side laughing at the cheat. The woman did not discover to whom she had been married until an hour or two afterwards, and the father of the child went away chucking at the manner in which he had escaped the consequences of his previous indiscretion. What the result will be cannot yet be told, but the woman visited several obstetricians, with the desire of having the matrimonial knot untied, and expressed great indignation at the way she had been treated. —Pittsburg Dispatch.

The "Evening Post" says:—Our Belgium correspondent like ourselves has a keen sense of the need of intercolonial freetrade. Writing to us under date of Monday, he says:—The weather for the past few days has been very hot, and in consequence harvesting operations are being carried on in all directions. Speaking of the harvest puts me in mind of something a farmer from Riverina was telling me a few days ago. Whilst saying that his crops never looked so well and could not possibly look better than they did, yet he could scarcely hope to reap any substantial return from them in consequence of the enormous expense he would be put to before he could get his grain to market. It is not, he thought, that these people have to pay a heavy duty upon nearly every article of food they consume, but their soil to market, they have to pay a tax upon their actual labor in the shape of 9d. per bushel for every bit of wheat they bring to a Victorian market. —What is the practical use of all this except to be the supplying of a host of Custom-house officers with lucrative billets, men who have nothing to do half their time, and who seem to make it their whole study to cause annoy-

ance and inconvenience to all those who are unfortunate enough to have dealings with them.

The following suggestive advertisement appears in the Richmond River "Express":—Wanted, about a dozen young men of all shapes and sizes, from the dandy with hair enough on his upper lip to stuff a barber's cushion, down to the little hump-backed, freckle-faced, cow-legged, carrotty-headed upstart. The object is to form a gaping corps; to be in attendance at the church doors on each Sunday evening, before the commencement of Divine Service, to stare at the ladies as they enter, and make delicate and gentlemanly remarks on their personal appearance and dress. All who wish to enlist in the above corps will appear at the church doors next Sunday evening, as usual when they will be duly inspected, and their names and personal appearance, amount of brains, etc., registered in a book kept for that purpose, and published in hand-bills, to be distributed all over the district. To prevent a general rush, it will be well to state that none will be enlisted who possess intellectual capacities above that of a well-bred donkey. The few that have hitherto kept the position are invited to join.

A letter from Zanzibar to the "West Morning News" narrates a daring adventure in pursuit of slaves. On 9th August the launch of her Majesty's ship London was cruising off Pemba Island, when a slave dhows was observed leached seven miles distant. Robert Trigger, captain of the launch, thereupon determined to board her, and started off in a small boat with two blue jackets and an interpreter. After pulling two hours the slave was caught. The three men sprang up her bows with cutlasses between their teeth, knocked down with their fists the captain and those who came to his aid, and before the crew had recovered from their surprise, had lashed the captain and two others hand and foot, and put them overboard in their boat, the rest of the crew were intimidated. A breeze springing up, Trigger made sail and took the dhow, which was densely packed with slaves, alongside the London's launch. The dhow was taken to Zanzibar, and condemned, the British Consul commending Trigger and his comrades to the consideration of the Admiralty. Captain Sullivan, of the London, however, gave the men a severe rebuke. It is reported that he has since been superseded by the Admiralty.

Considerable interest is felt by Newport visitors in the torpedo station located across the harbour on Goat Island. Scientific men are there employed by the Government in the construction of torpedoes. A guard is on duty constantly to keep off inquisitive mortals. There are extensive laboratories on the island, and also some very pretty cottages for the use of the officers connected with the business.

Queen Victoria's cousin, Count Gleichen, has taken up sculpture as a profession, and is now engaged on a statue of Alfred the Great, which is to be erected at the King's birth place, Wantage. The figure will be of colossal size, and has one hand resting on a battle-axe, the other holding a roll of parchment. The count, being of royal lineage, has the privilege of using as a studio a building which forms a part of St. James's Palace.

A party of timber cutters who have arrived at Maryborough (Queensland) report that while out mustering horses they met five men on the beach at Double Island Point in an utter state of prostration, being escaped Communists. They had been twelve days at sea, the last four without water. The five men and their boat are now at Duke's Camp, Wide Bay.

Apropos of the vote for the Prince's Indian tour some of our radical papers have been publishing an account of the income of our royal family. It appears that the Queen has an income of £416,000 per annum; the Prince of Wales, £110,000; the Duke of Edinburgh, £25,000; Prince Arthur, £15,000; Prince Leopold, £15,000; the Princess Royal, £8,000; Princesses Alice and Helena, £5,000 each; and the Princess Louise, £5,000.

The "Quintini" correspondent of the "Murrayland Times" communicates the following:—On Friday, the 3th instant, an infant one year and three months old, named Isabella Jackson, met with a shocking accident through scalding, which was attended with fatal results on the following day. It seems that about noon on the above day the child's mother, Mrs. Jackson, was busily engaged in rendering down some beeswax, either in a small oven or pot, by a fire a few yards from her door, and after lighting the melted wax off the fire and setting it down close by, unthinkingly leaving the boiling wax uncovered on the ground. She had scarcely got inside the house when she heard her little child screaming, and hastening out she found that the poor little thing had fallen into the wax. The child's arms, up to her shoulders, were dreadfully scalded, and after lingering till about 7 o'clock the following evening, the little sufferer died during a severe attack of convulsions.

Unclaimed Letters & Newspapers. Allason R. K. Brentnall S. Bailly J. W. Cuthbertson M. Cummings Miss. Evans John. Farley James. Garvey Miles, Gerrard Wm. Hart Wm. Hudd Mr. Kenworthy M. Long J. Lytle S. A. M. M'Callum Mr. M'Callum Mr. M'Callum J. Mathera R. Miss. Nunn R. Om W. Phillips Mr. Ritchie E. H. Stevens Mr. Stewart W. Mr. Stewart A. Taylor Geo. Tracy W. Tromp Mr. Taylor Wm. Topp Mr. Van der. THOMAS LEWIS, 110, 121, 123, 125, STURT STREET, BALLARAT. Beaufort, December 3rd, 1875.

OXYPHEN IS LIFE. Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne. Multitudes of people are, helplessly suffering from Debility, Nervous and Liver Complaints, Depression of Spirits, Hypochondria, Timidity, Indigestion, Failure of Hearing, Sight, and Memory, Lassitude, Want of Power, &c., whose cases admit of a permanent cure by the new remedy Phosphodyne (Ozonic Oxygen), which at once always all irritation and excitement, imparts new energy and life to the exhausted constitution, and rapidly cures every stage of these intricate and distressing maladies. Sold by all chemists and druggists throughout the globe. Caution.—The large and increasing demand for Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne has led to several imitations under similar names; purchasers of this medicine should therefore be careful to observe that each case bears the Government Stamp, with the words, Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne engraved thereon, and that the same words are also blown in the bottle.

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Government Advertisements. Department of Railways and Roads, Spencer-street, Melbourne, 24th November, 1875. NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. THE TIME for receiving TENDERS for the Works of the Ararat and Hamilton Railway is EXTENDED to Friday, 17th December next. JOSEPH JONES, Commissioner of Railways and Roads.

Mining Lease Declared Void. ATTENTION is directed to the Government Gazette of the 23rd November, 1875, page 2210, in which it is notified that the undermentioned lease has been declared void. ARARAT DISTRICT—RAGLAN DIVISION, No 792, dated 31st February; J. D. Williamson, 175a, Ir. 35p, Waterloo Flat. R. BROUGH SMYTH, Secretary for Mines.

Office of Mines, Melbourne, 29th November, 1875. Victorian Railways. SATURDAY EXCURSION TRAIN. ON and after SATURDAY next the 4th inst., Saturday Excursion Tickets will be issued from all stations to Melbourne only, available for return up to following Monday night. The Saturday excursion fare is about single fare and a half. JOSEPH JONES, Commissioner of Railways and Roads, Melbourne, December 1st, 1875.

Shire of Ripon. Notice to holders of Licenses under the Wines and Spirits "Statute." THE LICENSING BENCH of MAGISTRATES for the Beaufort district is appointed to sit at the COURT HOUSE, Beaufort, at 10 a.m. on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1875. D. G. STEVART, Shire Treasurer. Beaufort, 30th November, 1875.

Waterloo Cemetery. A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the WATERLOO SCHOOL on MONDAY, the 6th December, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing additional Trustees. Applications will be received to MONDAY, the 6th December, for a SEAT on the same Cemetery. THOS. H. WOODS, Sec. to Trustees of Cemetery. 30th November, 1875.

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Golden Gate Alluvial Gold Mining Company, No Liability, Waterloo. A CALL, the 2nd of (1s. 6d.) One Shilling and Sixpence per Share, has been made due and payable to me, at the Office of the Company, Fraser-street, Clunes, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of December, 1875. T. DREWETT, Manager.

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RIPONSHIRE ADVOCAETE

NO. 33. BEAUFORT, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1875. PRICE SIXPENCE

STOCKYARD HILL.
A. M'COLLIM,
BLACKSMITH AND WHEELWRIGHT,
Begs to inform the inhabitants of Stockyard Hill and surrounding district that he has COMMENCED BUSINESS as above, at his farm, and trusts by Good Workmanship and Moderate Charges to merit the patronage of the farmers and others.

Stockyard Hill, September 17th, 1875.
THOMAS BARKLEM,
General Smith, Machinist,
WHEELWRIGHT & SHOING SMITH,
BALLARAT ROAD, BEAUFORT.
(Next the Agricultural Showyards.)

Protected by Royal Letters Patent, Dated October 11th, 1869.
Under the distinguished patronage.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE (OZONIC OXYGEN.)
The New Curative Agent, and only Reliable Remedy for Nervous and Liver Complaints.

THIS Phosphatic combination is pronounced by the most eminent members of the Medical Profession to be unequalled for its power of replenishing the vitality of the body, by its supplying all the essential constituents of the blood and nerve substance, and for developing all the powers and functions of the system to the highest degree.

It is agreeable to the palate, and innocent in its action, while retaining all its extraordinary properties; and as a specific, surpassing all the known therapeutic agents of the present day for the speedy and permanent cure of—

- Nervous Prostration
- Liver Complaints
- Debility of the Heart
- Dizziness
- Noises in the Head and Ears
- Impaired Nutrition
- General Debility
- Indigestion
- Fatulence
- Impaired Ability for Study or Business
- Sick Headache
- Spasmodic Cough
- and all morbid conditions of the system arising from whatever cause. The action of the Phosphodyne is twofold—on the one hand increasing the principle which constitutes nervous energy, and on the other the most powerful flesh and blood generating agent known; therefore, a marvellous medicine for renovating impaired and broken-down constitutions. It quickly improves the functions of assimilation to such a degree, that were for years an emaciated, anxious, cadaverous, and semi-vital condition has existed, the flesh will rapidly increase in quantity and firmness, and the whole system return to a state of robust health. The Phosphodyne acts electrically upon the organization; for instance, it assists nature to generate that human electricity which renews and rebuilds the osseous, muscular, nervous, membranous, and organic systems. It operates on the system without exciting care or thought upon the individual as to the process. It moves the lungs, liver, heart, kidneys, stomach, and intestines, with a harmony, vigour, yet mildness unparalleled in medicine.

The Phosphodyne gives back to the human structure, in a suitable form, the phosphoric or animating element of life, which has been wasted, and exerts an important influence directly on the spinal marrow and nervous system, of a nutritive, tonic, and invigorating character, maintaining that buoyant energy of the brain, cheerful, brilliant, and energetic, entirely overcoming that dull, inactive, and sluggish disposition which many persons experience in all their actions.

The beneficial effects of the Phosphodyne are frequently shown from the first day of its administration, by a remarkable increase of nervous power, with a feeling of vigour and comfort, to which the patient has long been unaccustomed. Digestion is improved, the appetite increases wonderfully, the bowels become regular, the eyes brighter, the skin clear and healthy, and the hair acquires strength, showing the importance of the action of the Phosphodyne on the organs of nutrition.

Finally, the Phosphodyne maintains a certain degree of activity in the previously debilitated nervous system; its use enables all debilitated organs to return to their normal state and perform their natural functions. Persons suffering from Nervous Debility, or any of the hundred symptoms which this distressing disease assumes, may rest assured of an effectual and even speedy cure by the judicious use of this most invaluable remedy.

Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne IS SOLD ONLY in Cases at 10s. 6d. by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the Globe.

Full directions for Use, in the English, French, German, Italian and Dutch Languages, accompanying each Case.

Caution.—The large and increasing demand for Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne has led to several imitations under somewhat similar names; purchasers of this medicine should therefore be careful to observe that each case bears the Government Stamp, with the words Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne engraved thereon, and that the same words are also blown in the bottle.

Export Agents—**NORTON, WATNEY & CO.** 107 Southwark-street, London S. E.

The "Riponshire Advocate," PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY.

Contains a complete summary of local and general news for the week.

Subscribers who do not receive their papers regularly or at an early hour of the morning, would much oblige us by immediately forwarding their names to the office of this paper, in order that such errors may be rectified. We are most desirous of securing for our subscribers a regular and early delivery, but it will be impossible for us to measure to prove effectual, unless we are warned by them when neglect takes place.

Advertisements sent in without a written order as to the number of insertions, will in all cases be continued until countermanded, and no advertisement can be withdrawn without an order in writing, delivered at the office by 10 a.m. on the day previous to publication.

Advertisements for this paper cannot be received after 7 o'clock on the evening previous to publication.

New subscribers are only charged from the time of signing the paper, and advertisements to the paper must be in writing, delivered at the office and for the current quarter.

Communications of a literary nature must be addressed to the Editor; and no signature or initials of the writer—not necessarily for publication, but as a pledge of good faith. An observance of this rule will be the means of preventing disappointment to contributors.

All advertisements coming under the heads of Wanted, Missing Friends, For Sale, Rewards, if not exceeding twenty-four words, will be inserted for two shillings and sixpence.

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GEORGE SYNNOT & Co., WOOLBROKERS,
STOCK AND STATION AGENTS
G E E L O N G,
(Established 1854.)

WE beg to announce to the Wool Growers of Victoria that our extensive warehouses which have been constructed specially for the STORAGE and DISPLAY of WOOL to the best advantage, are now ready for the reception and sale of consignments during the season. We are prepared to make

LIBERAL CASH ADVANCES
Free of Commission, on the ensuing CLIP of WOOL, either for SALE in this market or for SHIPMENT to any port, or to owners agents in London.

We act purely as selling and shipping brokers only, and give prompt personal attention to consignments.

CHARGES LOWEST RULING IN THE COLONY.
WOOL SALES EVERY TUESDAY.
Sales of SHEEPSKINS, HIDES, and TALLOW every WEDNESDAY during the WOOL SEASON, TUESDAY at other times. Sales of FAT STOCK every MONDAY, STORE STOCK at any time in the colony.

On Sale—Fencing Wire, Woolpacks, Cornsacks. All kinds of station requirements, Tea, Sugar, Flour, &c.

WOOL SEASON 1875-76.
MELLISH, VINES, & Co.,
WOOL, HIDE, SKIN, AND TALLOW
BROKERS,

Sheep and Cattle Salesmen,
We are prepared to make liberal advances on WOOL and other Produce consigned to them for sale.

FENCING WIRE, WOOLPACKS &c.,
At Lowest Current Rates.

Days of Sale.—Sheep and Cattle, at the Corporation Yards, every Monday.
Wool Sales held on Tuesday.
Hides, Skins, and Tallow on Wednesday.

Wool Sales conducted in any part of the Colony, either privately or by Auction.

MOORABOOL STREET, GEEELONG.
Dennys, Lascelles, & Co.,
WOOL BROKERS,
STOCK & STATION AGENTS,
G E E L O N G,

MAKING ADVANCES Free of Commission, on the ensuing CLIP, intended either for sale in the colony or shipment to their London agents. Wool Sales held each Tuesday during the coming season. Charges.—The lowest ruling in the colony.

ON SALE.
Finest Lucerne Seed, just landed, ex Somersetshire. Wool Packs, 10lb, 10lb, and 10lb, best makes. Calcutta and Dundee Cornsacks. Rylands Wire, Rock Salt, Sulphate of Iron, Sulphur, Ammonia, Wood's Specific, Tea, Sugar, and all Station necessities.

Buckland and Burnett,
Stock and Station Agents,
AND
WOOLBROKERS,
MOORABOOL STREET, GEEELONG.

WE are prepared to make LIBERAL ADVANCES, WITHOUT CHARGE for Commission, on the ensuing CLIP of WOOL, intended either for sale in the colony or shipment.

We are also prepared to Ship Wool to other than our own direction of the owner, at a charge of ONE SHILLING PER BALE, covering the same by insurance while in store, and effecting insurance on shipment at the lowest current rates.

L. J. ROFF,
Tailors and Manufacturers,
MAIN ROAD, BALLARAT EAST.

OUR NEW GOODS for the SPRING SEASON are now Open, and contain a carefully selected stock of all the Latest Patterns in Colonial, Belgian, Bannockburn, and West of England Tweeds, and Contings, made to our order by the best makers, and which we can therefore confidently recommend. We desire also to state that notwithstanding the depression in this trade, we are in a position to offer to our Customers all the advantages which cash, skill, and a Very Handsome Patterns in Men's Trousers and Vests.

Youths' Trousers and Vests, in great variety. Boys' suits, in all sizes and suited materials. White shirts, broad and narrow plaits, all sizes and prices.

Hats—Tyroloze, Oxford, Prince of Wales, Westminster, &c. Craven Shirts, Boys' Hats and Caps, Scarfs, Collars, Ties, &c.

In Moleskins, and all other Working Men's Clothing and Underclothing.

We keep the Right Class of Goods at the Right price.

I. J. ROFF,
Corner of Humffray-street and Main Road.

J. S. BROOKS,
BOOTMAKER,
HAVERLOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Beaufort and the surrounding district, that he has COMMENCED BUSINESS

In the premises lately occupied by Mr. J. PATRICK, and trusts by strict attention to business, and executing work in first-class style, combined with moderate charges to merit a fair share of public patronage.

W. C. STRONGE,
Land, Stock, Commission, and Insurance Agent.

Cash advanced on the ensuing Clip.
Fencing Wire, all sizes on sale.

Auction sales attended to.
WILLOBY-STREET, BEAUFORT.

BEAUFORT
Furnishing Warehouse
NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

WM. BAKER, Proprietor,
Cabinet Maker, Turner, Upholsterer, and Undertaker.

HAS REMOVED his stock to his manufactory, opposite the State school, where he will sell at

Greatly Reduced Prices,
Plain and Ornamental Printing
Of every description executed at the "RIPONSHIRE ADVOCAETE" OFFICE
WELL STREET, BEAUFORT

BOOKBINDING
ON REASONABLE TERMS.
Mining Scrip, Call Receipts, Delivery Books, &c.,

Prepared on the shortest notice.
NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
HENRY DAVIS,
Wholesale & Retail Butcher,
NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

H. D. begs to return his sincere thanks to the inhabitants of Beaufort and the surrounding district for the patronage accorded him since commencing business, and takes this opportunity of stating that he has removed to the above address, next to GUNN'S STORE, where he hopes to merit the continuance of patronage hitherto bestowed on him.

Carbazotate of Ammonia.
WAS first introduced to the notice of the profession and the public about two years ago, and had for its sponsors the *edit* of the profession in both London and Paris, including Dr. Dupuytren, Beaumont, Brucnot, Thureaux, and Manoppe, of Paris; Bell, Calvert, Aspland, and Williams, of London. It is manufactured only by F. C. Calvert and Co., of Manchester, for whom the undersigned acts as agents in the distribution of this invaluable medicine. Its power over many diseases is truly marvellous, one dose gives relief, and one bottle usually cures Acute Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuritis, Lumbago, Low Fever, Ague, &c. It is given in all cases where the use of quinine is indicated, and has this advantage over that drug, that headache never follows its use.

Dr. Beaumont supplies the following cases:—No. 1. Ague with fever. Sulphate of quinine had no effect; cured in four days. Case 2.—Same disease; cured in five days; quinine had been given for seven days with no good effect. Case 3.—Tertian Ague; completely cured in eight days. Case 4.—Facial Neuralgia; instant relief, and a cure in two days.

Dr. Beaumont draws the following conclusion from his long use of the drug. He says "It is very efficacious in intermittent fever, most superior to quinine, and that by giving a teaspoonful daily, the januaries are instantly relieved, and no bad effects follow." It seems to be much better tolerated by the stomach than sulphate of quinine, the physiological action of which it most resembles.

Sold in bottles containing 20 doses at 5s. per bottle. A liberal allowance to the trade.
HOOD & CO., 147 Elizabeth-street, Melbourne.

HOOD & CO'S
CORN SOLVENT
Is a safe and certain Cure for Corns.

Sold in Bottles 2s. 6d. each.
The above preparations are on sale at the office of this paper.

SPRING, 1875.
IN calling public attention to this season's purchases

SPRING GOODS,
Made under peculiarly advantageous circumstances,
A. CRAWFORD,

MITCHELL'S BUILDINGS.
Considers that by giving a few particulars of some of the most important of the recent arrivals opened, he is but doing his duty to the public, who have hitherto so largely patronised his establishment. Ever since the occupation of Mitchell's Buildings, and more especially since the late block has been thrown into one immense business establishment, the trade has continued to grow and increase month by month, showing that the general public are more and more daily appreciating its importance.

The purchase of this season has been in consequence of the above fact, on a much larger scale than has ever been the case on any previous occasion. The number of

CLEARING AND JOB LINES
A. C. has been induced to make one of such immense importance to the Personal and Domestic Economy, that it is his clear duty to make those monetary advantages widely known, so that his former patrons, and those also who have not yet visited this important establishment, may be made aware of the circumstances.

Ballarat being now of such easy access by rail, people in the outlying districts cannot have the slightest difficulty in visiting this establishment, wherein the assortment is at all double that of any other soft goods warehouse in the colonies, whilst the prices are besides incredibly lower—two important facts which cannot be too widely or prominently brought before the public.

Manchester and Furnishing Department.
A large and complete assortment of House Furnishings, Carpets, Rugs; Chinese, Dutch, and Cor Matting; Port Squares, Crown Cloths, Oilcloths, all widths, blue, green, and brown. Blankets, Quilts, Counterpanes, Table-covers; Mats, for doors, halls, and rooms; Hearthrugs; a magnificent stock of Window Curtains, from 4s 11d per pair.

Brussels Carpets, at English Prices.
Scotch Blankets, slightly damaged, 12s 6d per pair. 30 cases Prints, new patterns, from 3d to 9d per yard.

3 cases chintz-pattern Prints, bought a job, 6s 4d, worth 9s 4d.
2 cases Batistes 8 1/2, usual price, 10s 4d.
1 case new Italian-cloth Prints, in plain and fancy colours—the newest designs of the season.

1 case Linen Ginghams, plain and fancy checks, 8s 4d per yard.
1 case Pyjamas, from 1s to 2s per yard.
2 cases shirtings, from 1s to 3s 6d per yard.
1 case cotton Ginghams, plain colors.

3 bales Flannels, bought a job, very superior quality, 1s 4 1/2, 1s 6 1/2, 1s 9 1/2, and 2s; these are the very lowest wholesale prices, now retail by the yard at the same price.

5 cases brown Hollands, 4 1/2 to 1s 6d per yard, all very superior value.
3 cases striped linen Drill, 10 1/2 to 1s 6d per yard.
1 case Angoras, for boys' clothing, 1s 3d and 1s 4d per yard.

2 cases huckaback, diaper, and Turkish Towels, slightly damaged, bought a job, 1s 1 1/2, worth 2s 1 1/2.
Dress Department.

In this department the stock is the largest and cheapest in the colonies, and must be seen to be even imagined. Several extraordinary clearing lines have been secured at from 20 to 60 per cent. below English cost.

41 CASES have already been opened; a few leading prices can only be given.

Four Large Lots of Dress-Staffs—Comprising— 9 cases Plain and Checked Washing Camlets, Balenois, Serges, Homespuns, and Beiges, 6d per yard, worth 10s 1/2 to 1s 3d.

9000 Yards Tasso Cloths, bought a job, 8s 11d, worth 12s 6d per dress.
6000 yards Steel, Drab, Lavender, Puce, Azaline, Nankin, and Brown Lustres, 15s 6d per dress, worth 21s.

6000 yards Steel-grey Lustres 9 1/2, worth 1s 3d per yard, magnificent value.
A fine lot of Spitalfields Colored Silks, purchased at a job price to clear, 4s 6d full dress, worth 7s.

An importer's clearing lot of Japanese Silks, purchased at less than English cost, will be sold at 1s 11 1/2 and 1s 6d per yard, worth double the price. The quality and patterns are very superior.

3 cases Black Alpaca, one of the best clearing lines purchased, 9 1/2, 1s, 1s 3d, 1s 6d, and upwards.
Blue Dress Goods in every conceivable texture and material, at marvellously low prices.

Millinery Department.
The Spring of 1875 has introduced some of the most becoming styles of Hats and Bonnets, which hitherto have not been possible to procure. A. C. has secured some beautiful goods of the newest styles in Sailor, Florist, Tourist, Gipsy, Sensible, Pensive, River, Lake, Garden, and Alpine Hats, some of which in the most descriptions of style are exactly, nearly, or wholly trimmed.

Thousands of 6d, 9d, and 1s Hats, for Ladies' and Children's wear, suitable for the garden or school.
Flowers, feathers, Lace, Rosettes, Ribbons, &c., new shades and widths of the fashionable Danussé Ribbons, besides all the novelties in Trimmings of the season.

Fancy Department.
70 dozen Ladies' Linen Sols, Cuffs, and Collars, plain and fancy.
63 boxes Fancy Ribbons, new styles, bought at a discount from English invoice, all colors and widths, 6d per yard, worth 1s and 1s 3d.

300 Children's Gingham Parasols, 1s 6d each.
60 dozen Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, ivory handles, very superior, 8s 11d, 10s 6d, 12s 6d, and 16s; purchased at a discount from invoice.

A choice assortment of plain and hennaed Yack Lace (Real and Imitation Maltese and Houton Lace, all widths).
Kiln Gloves, best French makes, 3s 3d per pair.

Silk Hosiery, thread, and Lace Gloves, all colors, suitable for summer wear.
Danussé Ribbons, all colors and widths; a beautiful selection of goods at very low prices.

The Tailoring Department.
Lately added to the business, is under the management of a first-class cutter, whose experience is a sufficient guarantee that a beautiful fitting garment will in every case be produced. The stock of Doerings, Tweeds, Black Broadcloths, Vestings, &c., &c., is selected with the utmost care and taste. Geelong and Ballarat Tweed Suits to measure, 23 1/2 to 64; West of England Tweed Suits to measure, 25 1/2 to 64; Superior Suit 25 1/2 to 64, made to measure.

An Immense Variety of Patterns to Select from,
And sent to any part of the colony upon application, with directions for self-measurement.
Tweeds from 1s 11d upwards per yard.
Ladies' Hosiery, from 1s 6d upwards per pair.
Men's and Boys' Ready-made Clothing
Department.
Never was so well supplied with really nice Cheap Goods as at present.

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THE GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER.
For cleansing and clearing the blood from all impurities, cannot be too highly recommended.

For scrofula, scurvy, skin diseases, an sores of all kinds it is a never-failing and permanent cure.
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Cures blood and skin Diseases
Cures Glandular swellings
Clears the blood from all Impure Matter,
From whatever cause arising.

As this mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, the Proprietor solicits sufferers to give it a trial to test its value.

Thousands of Testimonials from all parts.
Sold in bottles 2s. 3d. each, and in Cases, containing six times the quantity, 11s. each—sufficient to effect a permanent cure in the great majority of long-standing cases.

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BALLARAT WHOLESALE MARKET.

MESSES. GRAY, DENNIS AND CO. REPORT.—Owing to the inclemency of the weather there has been very little business done in the market during the last three days, and prices remain about the same as last week. Wheat is in good demand at 6s. 2d.; very little offering. Oats are fairly supplied, and can be sold at from 3s. 4d. to 3s. 6d. Peas are very little enquired for at 4s. Cape barley can be got off at 3s. Potatoes are fairly supplied at 1s 1/2 to 1s 3/4. Mangel hay, prime, is scarce, and 15s 10s. can be got. Shelves are very much wanted at 15s. Wheat straw, 40s.; oats, 30s. to 35s. per ton.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat is coming in slowly, and in but small quantities. Oats are now being pushed into the market, and it is not likely a change will take place in price for some time to come. There is nothing new to be said, in reference to flour, bran, or pollard. There is very little barley offering, and no demand exists. We quote as under:—Wheat, 5s to 5s 3/4 per bushel; oats, 3s 3/4 to 4s per bushel; pollard, 1s 7/4 to 1s 8d per bushel; bran, 1s 6d to 1s 7d per bushel; barley, 3s 6d per bushel; flour, 11s 3/4 per ton; potatoes, new, 8s per cwt.; hay, 14s 10s to 15s per ton, chaff, 4s 6d to 5s per cwt.—Advertiser.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MESSES. HEPBURN AND LEONARD REPORT.—Fat Cattle.—29 head, from stores to medium quality, for Messrs. W. Fraser, D. McLean, and others, at market rates. Fat Sheep.—279 merino wethers and ewes, in the wool, for Mr. James Spink, Ascot, at 9s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. respectively; 133 merino wethers, shorn, for Mr. C. H. Webb, Chines Estate, at 6s. 6d.; 433 merino wethers, for Messrs. J. and W. Adams St. Enocli's, at 7s. and 7s. 3d.; 721 merino wethers and ewes, shorn, for Mr. A. Chirnside, Carranballee, the former to 7s. 6d., averaging 6s. 11d.; the latter 5s. 6d. to 6s.; 5600 merino wethers and ewes, stores, shorn, for Mr. H. Edkins, Lochiel; the former at 3s. 1d.; the latter 2s. 11d.; culls lower; 1358 merino wethers and ewes, stores, shorn, for J. D. McIntosh, at market rates; also during the week, on the stations, for the Hon. P. Russell, Carrington Langi Willi; and for the trustees of the late Alex. Russell, Maxwell, 3000 merino wethers, at a satisfactory price. Fat Lambs.—104 for Mr. J. Vaneboch, Lake Goldsmith, 7s. 6d.; 49 for C. H. Webb, Chines Estate, at 7s. 3d.; 53 shorn for Mr. W. Liddle, Preston's Hill, at 5s. 6d.; 318 for various owners, at market rates.

GEELONG LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MESSES. GEORGE STYNOT AND CO. REPORT.—Fat Cattle.—A very short supply. Prime quality brought extreme prices, but medium and inferior were lower. Our sales were—38 head, for Messrs. White; medium quality cows and steers from 16s 10s to 19s 7s 6d. Fat Sheep.—A good supply of good prime quality, all of which met buyers, at prices equal to last week's rates. We sold, for Messrs. Gallicie, Burgess, and Allen, 75 ewes shorn at 10s.; 200 wethers at 7s.; 150 do at 5s 6d. Fat Lambs.—A short supply, all of good quality; prices were up to late quotations. We sold, for Messrs. Venter and others, 43 lambs (culls) at 2s 6d.; 5 to 6s 11d.; 22 do at 6s 1d.; 6 do at 8s 11d. Store Stock.—We have sold, in the yards, 20 head cows at 14s 7s 6d.; young steers at 13s 10s; also, in the yards, 57 rams, and 150 ewes.

GEELONG STATION PRODUCE MARKET.

MESSES. GEORGE STYNOT AND CO. REPORT.—Sheepskins.—We offered upwards of 5000, to a full attendance of local and metropolitan buyers. Biddings were spirited, and we managed to clear all but one lot at satisfactory prices. Best skins brought 48d to 63s each; medium do 40d to 46s each; lamb skins 1s 2s each; station skins 4d to 7d per lb.; washed skins 10d to 11s 10d per lb. Hides.—We had a small supply, only about 300, the whole of which we cleared at last week's rates. Wet salted 4s to 4s 1/2 per lb.; good-conditioned do 4s to 5s 1/2 per lb.; calf skins 4d to 5d per lb. Tallow.—We have disposed of a large quantity of station sorts at 12s to 13s per ton; rough fat 2d to 2 1/2d per lb.; rendered fat 2 1/2d to 3 1/4d per lb.

The "Lover in the Street" in the "Canterbury Press" gives the following insight into a new way of getting a cheap suit of clothes:—"Some time ago a party, not of the name of Johnson, concluded he wanted a suit. He went to a clothing mart somewhere, not far away from the metropolis. He ordered a nice coffee-colored cloth suit at £7. He came back in due time for it. He stated then that the usual remittance had not arrived, and could not have a short credit. The clothier thought not. Thus the deal fell through temporarily. The purchaser retired and thought 'it out. In about four days a stranger entered the clothier's establishment, and inquired if there were any 'mistfs' on the premises. There were some, and among them the identical coffee-colored suit alluded to above. The stranger bought that suit for £4, and two days afterwards the party, not of the name of Johnson, was seen by the clothier walking round in the coffee-colored suit. Then that clothier made a series of epigrammatic remarks in a tongue which is very well understood by the people, and made an entry of a dead loss of £2 in the day book. Since then 'mistfs' have not so easily picked up at his warehouse."

That members of the Legislative are well paid for the time they devote to attendance in their places in Parliament is well-known, but there are probably very few persons who are cognisant of the amount of remuneration that these gentlemen regularly draw from the Treasury. From the commencement of the session, on 25th May last up to the 30th ult., inclusive, the Assembly sat on 53 days, and the aggregate of the sittings was 253 1/2 hours. The pay drawn since the 1st January is £275 per member, and supposing each one scrupulously attended to his seat during the whole of each sitting he got £1 2s. 11d. for every hour. But that is only a trifle compared to what the hon. members of the Council receive as a solatium for throwing away their valuable time. In the same period they sat on 17 days, and the business occupied an aggregate of 32 hours. An equal sum having been paid to the *patres conscripti*, it follows that for their assistance in legislating (or hindering it) they each receive £8 11s. 10 1/2d. per hour.—Age.

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"It is better to be born lucky than rich" and Mr. Mason the member for South Gippsland must have been born under an unlucky star, even if he is not as guilty as the *Age* would have us believe, he is somewhat unfortunate in the possession of a flexible memory, which, although, apparently tenacious enough in remembering bets won is singularly forgetful of bets lost. The hon. member's late *frazcas* with Miss Lucy CHAMBERS did not redound to his credit, most people considering that he was presuming upon his position as a member of Parliament in acting in the ungentlemanly manner that he did towards Miss CHAMBERS in a quarrel provoked by himself. Apparently anxious for notoriety of some kind, and finding that his genius as a legislator was not recognised by successive Premiers, and that a street quarrel with an opera singer did not do more than create a few days' sensation, Mr. Mason opened up fresh fields of glory for himself by repudiating debts of honor. The bookmakers, however, not relishing this "new way of paying old debts" exposed the little game when the hon. member, who seems possessed of a fair share of assurance and impudence asked the V. R. C. Committee to investigate the claim, which they did, and unanimously gave judgment against him. Although the V. R. C. Committee is not a legal tribunal their decision will carry considerable weight with it, as they know the bookmakers and the value of the entries in Messrs. HARPER, COLEMAN and BARNARD'S books, as also their veracity could be better estimated by the V. R. C. Committee than by a judge or jury. One of the worst features in the case was Mr. Mason attempting to show that another Mr. MASON at Gippsland, might have made the bets, thus attempting to shift the liability upon and blacken the character of a man who was not present to defend himself, and who Mr. F. C. MASON in his inmost soul must have remembered had nothing to do with the bets. Not being a member of Her Majesty's Opposition the tail end of the late Ministry is anxious to secure the purity of the House by expelling Mr. Mason from the sacred edifice, so far they have not been successful in their initiatory steps. The Ministry although they do not support the idea of expulsion would very probably not be displeased if the hon. member was expelled, as it would give them an opportunity of replacing one supporter by another in the shape of a lately defeated minister. Whatever may be the result of Mr. Mason's libel action against the "Age," he should resign his seat and give his constituents, who are after all the supreme judges of the hon member's conduct, the opportunity of saying whether he is a fit and proper representative for South Gippsland, if they say he is, then we suppose the rest of the country must acquiesce in their decision. We do not believe that any constituency, even Ballarat West, would return F. C. MASON after the late damaging disclosures respecting his probity and truth, and if he will resign to test the question the answer may be left with perfect confidence to the electors of South Gippsland.

With our Christmas number we intend publishing our local almanac and a large four-page supplement. This supplement will consist of twenty columns of interesting matter. The following are the titles of some of the articles:—"The merry Christmas time," "Christmas roundabout," "Christmas chatter," "Christmas thoughts," "The Bee Orchis," a fairy story of three Christmas. Copies may be ordered from Mr. Hemmingsen, or at this office. The County Court will be held to-day at ten o'clock. Last Tuesday was the day appointed, but owing to the indisposition of Judge Rogers it had to be postponed until to-day. It is apparent that an excellent case could be made out for reversing the practice. The railway authorities might reasonably decline to convey goods on Sundays, on the grounds that there could be no public reason for their conveyance, and might convey passengers on the ground that it was a public necessity and benefit to do so. Or they could, with consistency at any rate, decline to work on Sunday at all. But with what rational principle, on what strange, perverted theory of Sabbath observance, they can withhold from the public all the advantages of railway trains on Sunday, when the labor of a few well-afforded means of health and recreation to thousands, while at the same time they are busily engaged in conveying legs of timber, and freewool, and wool, and general stores, passes all ordinary apprehension. We do not wonder at the representative of the Government in the Council declining to answer such a question without being allowed time to reflect on the best method of explaining away the stupendous absurdity in the present practice. The strike on the Maryborough and Avoca railway has been amicably settled.

The Market Reserve Company are engaged in driving towards their main shaft; as they proceed with the drive they will move the ground. On Thursday a quantity of wash-dirt fell from the top of one of the drives, which presented a favorable appearance. It is the intention of the company to put up a jump-up where the dirt fell, and test its value.

The "Wimmera Star" says:—"Mr. Longmore has not added to his laurels, in fact I am not sure that he is not a fit colleague for Mr. Mason. He deliberately takes a letter from Mr. Witt, M.L.A., or rather a copy of it from the department over which he presides, and keeps it for a set purpose. He then hands it to the 'Age' to be published to the disparagement of the member who wrote it. When asked, he states he didn't take any paper from the department, but leaves it for his successor to state that he took a copy. Witt's conduct may be questionable, but what shall we say of Mr. Longmore?"

The Try Again Company have got all their machinery erected, and will commence driving on Monday. Our Waterloo correspondent writes:—"A meeting was held in the church on Monday evening, to elect trustees for the Waterloo cemetery. Mr. C. Rankin was voted to the chair. Mr. J. Frazer, 'sen,' was elected in lieu of Mr. Barwick, and Mr. W. Kebley in lieu of Mr. Stoddart, who has left the colony. Mr. C. J. B. Baker was elected secretary vice Mr. Morgan, who has gone to England; he was also appointed sexton. Mr. W. Simmons and Mr. W. M. Intosh were appointed auditors. Mining matters are a little brisker, owing to the Victoria Company having made another start. A new company to try a reef in Brusher's Gully is being formed. It appears that a great many persons think well of the spot, owing to the fact that the company is nearly formed. It is to consist of forty shareholders, and there are already thirty shares taken up. The plates had a sort of trial before; last year two tons of stone were taken from the surface, and it yielded 3 1/2 dwts. to the ton. It is to be hoped that the company will be rewarded for their perseverance. I believe that there are as good reefs in these ranges as anywhere in the colony, as all the reefs that have been tried have proved unfruitful. The Golden Gate Company are still main driving, but I believe they are about to put up a rise into the wash to give it a trial. The Wellington Company are not getting anything very good at present. The North Riding of the Shire of Ripon has been gazetted as a £1000 licensing district.

A meeting of the Cricket Club is advertised for Tuesday evening next at Nettleton's Victoria Hotel. The business to be transacted will be the passing of accounts, and the selecting of a team to play against Streamtham this day week. We may state that since the club commenced play they have been actively practising, and in their business to attend the meeting, so that the best eleven may be selected, and every exertion made to gain a victory on our own ground. A new church, to be dedicated to St. Francis Xavier, has just been erected by the Roman Catholic residents at and around Bunagar. On Sunday, 12th inst., the ceremony of consecration will be performed by the Very Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Ballarat, who, it is believed, will preside after the celebration of mass. We learn also that the musical arrangements will be carried out by the members of the Ararat choir, and include Baldi's Mass in B flat, Cherubini's Ave Maria at the offertory, and a concerted composition by either Zinzerlari or Mozart. The building, which is forty feet by twenty feet, has been erected by Mr. MacAdie, of Ararat.—Advertiser.

Our facetious contemporary "Punch" has our member the Hon. F. Longmore and the members for South Gippsland as the subject for the week. Mr. Longmore is represented with a betting book in his hand and uttering the following words: "I want to bet 10 to 1 against anybody as opposes me at the next election." The member for Gippsland replies, "I'll lay a trifle of odds about my libel action (aside) —won't pay if I lose." It is unnecessary to state that Mr. Longmore's likeness is admirable, his constituents cannot mistake their representative. Notwithstanding the recent inclement weather in this district, it appears that up north the climate has not been so cold, for during the past week we have noticed no less than seven wild turkeys fly over this township, as they generally do not make their appearance until late in January, we come to the conclusion that they are making their way south in search of water and food.

We have received Mr. Mackay's Australian Almanac for 1876. It contains a great deal of Governmental, telegraph and postal information, and statistical information. Amongst other details is a table of the State schools of Victoria in operation on the 30th June, 1875, giving the roll number, the name of the school, the name of the headmaster, the latest inspector's per centage, and the income obtainable by the head teacher. We have received from Mr. T. F. Chuck, of the London Portrait gallery, Royal Arcade Melbourne, a photograph of Etsuo Sakata, Esq., one of the Japanese commissioners taken just previous to his departure from the colony. We have received the "ABC Guide" for December. It is replete with information concerning all parts of the Australian colonies. Messrs. Gordon and Gotch, Collins-street, Melbourne, are the publishers.

Another attempt was made on Thursday night to upset the Ballarat train. The train was obstructed sixteen miles from Melbourne by three persons laid across the line. Fortunately they were not injured. The train arrived in Melbourne at one o'clock. It is always a great pleasure (says "The Age") to read ourselves in agreement with such an eminent authority on public questions as Mr. W. A. C. Beckett, and we derive satisfaction from seeing how thoroughly we agree with what Mr. Beckett said in the Legislative Council on Tuesday relative to Sunday trains. He pointed out that long goods trains are being run busily on the Government lines every Sunday, and asked for some reasonable explanation of the principle upon which goods trains were run and passenger trains stopped. It is apparent that an excellent case could be made out for reversing the practice. The railway authorities might reasonably decline to convey goods on Sundays, on the grounds that there could be no public reason for their conveyance, and might convey passengers on the ground that it was a public necessity and benefit to do so. Or they could, with consistency at any rate, decline to work on Sunday at all. But with what rational principle, on what strange, perverted theory of Sabbath observance, they can withhold from the public all the advantages of railway trains on Sunday, when the labor of a few well-afforded means of health and recreation to thousands, while at the same time they are busily engaged in conveying legs of timber, and freewool, and wool, and general stores, passes all ordinary apprehension. We do not wonder at the representative of the Government in the Council declining to answer such a question without being allowed time to reflect on the best method of explaining away the stupendous absurdity in the present practice.

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The proprietor of the "Donald Times" has a pleasant way of reminding his subscribers that it is about time they squared their accounts. He states:—"When the 'Donald Times' was started many imagined that we should not be able to find local news to fill it up. We can assure our friends that we could find enough to employ another compositor, the only difficulty would be to find the money on Saturday night to pay his wages."

A contributor to the "Wimmera Star," writing on the execution of Weechurch, says:—"So they have executed Weechurch. Well, it is the best thing they could do with the poor wretch. His death will do a world of good, however, and will ameliorate the condition of those confined in that grim bastille that frowns over the village of Coburg. No one can read the report of Weechurch's trial without coming to the conclusion that there is something radically wrong in the management of our penal institutions. Did any affair similar to Weechurch's happen in Turkey, the pious horror of Christendom would be aroused, and if the man happened to be the subject of some western power, diplomatists backed by the armed force of half the world would give force to their utterances would insist upon some official being sacrificed. But this is Christian Victoria. Has anyone read how the treatment of the prisoners in the early days of penal settlement in Tasmania was so intolerable that many committed murder for the expressed purpose of being put out of their misery. One point in connection with Pentridge I have not noticed comment upon, and that is it has ceased to become a reformatory institution to any appreciable extent. If there is not an investigation, there seems every probability of an outbreak, similar in character to the one at Williamstown in which Captain Price perished."

A Tasmanian visitor to Melbourne winds up a descriptive paper in the "Lancet" Examiner as follows:—"The private places of business are also incredibly capacious, and nothing would seem to justify them but the widest freetrade. With protection notions in the ascendant, however, business is languishing; it is rapidly passing away to New South Wales and even South Australia; and it may yet happen that the enormous warehouses erected in the belief that Melbourne was destined to become the focus of Australian commerce will survive only as monuments of blighted hopes and political folly."

As the long debate on the financial statement extends in length, its tediousness and dullness increases in an equal ratio; but what it wants in interest it makes up in sound and fury. Members are for the third time in the session, under pretence of discussing the financial condition of the colony and the proposals of the Government, setting forth their ideas, or lack of ideas, on every conceivable subject that can be dragged into their speech. Even the form of serious debating has even place to unseasonable interruptions and personal wranglings and contradictions such as would disgrace the discussions of a group of posthouse politicians holding their session in a taproom. The worst offenders in this respect are Mr. Berry, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Longmore, and the last-named member, from the coarse offensiveness and gross display of his manner, is perhaps the worst offender of all. The innumerable boresomeness of Mr. Longmore is always preventing him from extending the courtesy of a quiet hearing to a speaker from whose statements he believes himself to differ. On Wednesday night the nuisance was so annoying that Mr. Higginbotham protested against it, and remonstrated in the interests of order against the disorderly habits into which the House was drifting. But of course the matter is perfectly natural. It is useless to tell Mr. Longmore that he should cut till the speaker had ended, and then make what reply or correction he had to offer. Probably he has done so often that he can put into intelligible language, and he finds it much easier to attempt to disconnect the speaker by a rowdy interruption, delivered with the grim scowl and grating voice which constitutes that gentleman's peculiar charm. Indeed, why should order outlive rationality? Let it go. The attempt to make the behaviour of such men conform to the rules of common courtesy is as hopeless as to make men intelligent and enlightened. They are better left in their native consistency of muddle, confusion, and disorder, alike of intellect and outward conduct.—"Australasian."

Police.

BEAUFORT.—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1875. (Before P. C. Crespiery, Esq., P.M.) John Wotherpoon v. William H. Glenister.—Fraud summons.—Postponed for a fortnight.

Crown Lands Bailiff Meagher v. Thomas Byrne.—Digging loam on Crown lands without a license.—Fined 5s. and 5s. costs, in default twenty-four hours imprisonment.

Same v. John Kiely.—Same offence.—Fined 5s. and 5s. costs.

Same v. Isaac Hethington.—Same offence.—Fined 5s. and 5s. costs.

Same v. Peter Sharp.—Same offence.—Fined 5s. and 5s. costs.

Same v. Henry Holden.—Same offence.—Fined 5s. and 5s. costs.

Robert Nuns v. James Delaney.—Illegal detention of a horse.—The plaintiff stated that some time ago he lost two horses; told two men named Cecil Baker and John Ball that he would give one of the horses to them if they could find both; on November 26th defendant told him that he had both horses in a paddock, and that if he would give him a receipt for the chestnut horse he (defendant) would return the bay one; told defendant that he had not made him the offer; if he found them; defendant then refused to deliver either of them up. For the defence, Cecil Baker stated that plaintiff had stated to him that he would give anyone one of the horses as a reward for the finding of both. John Stewart also deposed.—That he heard plaintiff say that he would give one to anyone that could find them. David Troy stated that plaintiff had called at his store after Delaney had found the horses; he had only one halter with him.—The Bench was of opinion that plaintiff had stated that he would give one for the finding of both and dismissed the case.

Crown Lands Bailiff v. John Muir.—Digging gravel without a license.—Fined 5s. and 5s. costs.

Same v. Walter Baker.—Same offence.—Fined 5s. and 5s. costs.

Same v. William Cochran.—Same offence.—Fined 5s. and 5s. costs.

Same v. O'Callaghan.—Same offence.—Fined 5s. and 5s. costs.

Alexander McCallum v. Morgan Hartney.—For the sum of £4 7s. 3d.—No appearance of defendant.—Order for amount and 5s. costs.

Same v. Hannan and Brereton.—For the sum of £4 7s. 3d.—No appearance of defendant.—Order for amount and 5s. 6d. costs.

The court then adjourned.

At the Warden's Court on Thursday, Messrs. Hemmingsen and Wotherpoon's application for a lease of 10 acres on behalf of the Richmond Company, Waterloo, was postponed for a fortnight.

Parliamentary.

In the Legislative Council on Tuesday, Mr. Anderson brought in a bill to amend the law affecting or relating to the public health. It was read a first time, and the second reading made an order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr. W. A. C. Beckett, without notice, asked the hon. member representing the Government if he was aware that railway trucks are in the habit of running on the Government railways on Sunday.

Mr. Anderson asked the hon. member to give notice of his question.

Mr. G. F. Belcher enquired of Mr. Anderson whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a bill to amend the Lunacy Statute. In doing so he made some complaints of the working of the present act.

Mr. Anderson said he did not think there would be an opportunity of doing so during the present session.

The House then went into committee on the Impounding Bill. Some amendments were made, and progress having been reported.

The House, at six o'clock, adjourned to Tuesday next.

In the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, Mr. Dixon rose to move that a select committee of nine members be appointed by ballot to enquire into, and report upon the conduct of the hon. member for South Gippsland, in reference to certain betting transactions.

A question arose as to whether the motion related to a question of privilege.

Mr. Kerferd was of opinion that the fact that a notice of motion had been formerly given took it out of the usual course of questions of privilege, and that the motion could consequently only be brought forward in the ordinary course.

The Speaker considered that the matter was in itself one of privilege, but that notice having been given the motion could not be discussed at that stage of the business if any hon member objected.

Mr. Macpherson thought that notice ought not to have been given of the motion.

Sir James McCulloch had no objection to proceed with the motion if it could be discussed in accordance with the forms of the House.

Mr. Patterson seconded the motion, as he thought it was a question which certainly ought not to be passed over.

Mr. Wrixon objected to dealing with matters of a merely private character, as such a step would form a dangerous precedent.

Mr. G. V. Smith expressed similar views. Mr. Dixon ultimately decided to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Mason said if this motion had not been withdrawn it was my intention, and has been so for some time past, to visit my constituents, and to give them an explanation on this subject.

The matter was then allowed to drop.

Mr. James called the attention of the hon. Chief Secretary to the existence of Chinese lepers in Ballarat; and asked whether he will take steps to get them removed to some distance away from population.

Mr. Macpherson, in reply said that it was well-known that the disease with which these unfortunate people were afflicted was not contagious and that their presence was objected to merely because they were an expense to the neighboring population.

Mr. Purves called the attention of the hon. Premier to the loan of a large sum of money, viz. £1000, to the Labor Bureau; and asked him whether he will take steps to obtain the repayment of the said money.

Sir James McCulloch, in reply, said that he had always been opposed to the loan.

Mr. Purves.—Will you lend them any more money? Sir James McCulloch.—Not a single farthing.

In reply to Mr. Patterson, Mr. Macpherson said that the case of the distressed German immigrants, to whom reference had been frequently made in the newspapers, had been fully enquired into by the Government.

Mr. Longmore alluded to a rumor that these unfortunate immigrants had been induced to come to Victoria by wealthy persons in the colony, who wished to, make use of them.

Mr. Macpherson said that he had not heard the rumor referred to; but he did not see what that report had to do with the present condition of the immigrants.

Mr. Gillies gave notice that on the next day he would move for leave to introduce a bill to amend the Land Act of 1869.

The House then went into committee for the purpose of discussing the financial proposals of the Treasurer.

The debate was resumed by Mr. Godfrey, who, in reference to the lengthy nature of the discussion, said that he, for one, was quite willing to sit on Friday in order to get through the business as early as possible.

After refreshments, Mr. Woods continued, defending his railway policy at great length, and adducing statistics to prove that the goods traffic had largely increased since he reduced the freights. He condemned the proposed Ararat and Hamilton line as a commercial mistake. He had arrived at this conclusion from statistics carefully taken under his instructions.

In the Legislative Assembly, on Wednesday, Mr. Kerferd, in the absence of Mr. Gillies, moved for leave to introduce a bill to extend the time for the collection of tolls.

Mr. Service suggested that the time should be extended for twelve months, instead of six months.

Mr. Kerferd intimated that he was himself personally in favor of the longer extension.

Mr. Longmore contended that tolls could be now very well dispensed with, since nearly all travelling was done by railway.

Mr. Witt took a contrary view.

Mr. Higginbotham was also opposed to the toll system. He was informed that a great deal might be done to prevent the cutting up of the roads if roads and other heavy vehicles were compelled to use wide tires, as in South Australia and other places.

Mr. Campbell supported the bill.

The motion was agreed to, the bill was read a first time, and the second reading was ordered for that day week.

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Mr. MacBain wished to know when the bill would be printed and circulated.

Mr. Kerferd could not exactly say.

Mr. Longmore.—After the appeal to the country. (Laughter.)

The motion was agreed to, the bill read a first time, and the second reading was made an order of the day for that day week.

Shortly before the refreshment hour the debate on the financial proposals of the Government was resumed by Mr. Kerferd, who, in the first place, applied himself in answering the assertions of Mr. Woods with reference to the alleged profitable nature of the recent alterations in the goods tariff. He alleged that the loss on the whole lines had already exceeded £5000; but the worst effects would not be felt until February, when large quantities of agricultural produce would come down. He charged Mr. Woods with being incompetent for the post. His conduct deserved the severest censure the House could pass upon it. He then defended the Government financial scheme as substantially the same as that of the Government of which he was himself the head.

Mr. Coppin referred with approbation to Mr. Service's speech, by which, he asserted, showed that Sir James McCulloch, by assuming office at the present juncture, had stained his political career with an indelible blot. Payment of members and the fear of a dissolution constituted the principal strength of the present Government's position.

Mr. James reviewed the three financial schemes of the session, and pronounced himself in favor of Mr. Berry's, as tending to destroy the land monopoly which was rapidly swallowing up the whole country.

In the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, The debate on the budget was resumed by Mr. Langridge, who censured the conduct of the Premier in turning out the two previous Ministries whose policies were, in the main points, identical with that of the present administration.

Mr. Stewart followed, and intimated his intention of giving the Government his general support. He admired their policy for its great simplicity. The Premier had been the first one to propose a tax on property, and for this he deserved the thanks of the House.

Mr. Munro adduced voluminous Building Society statistics to prove that through such institutions many thousands of poor people, saving from sixpence to five shillings per week, would pay a large proportion of the proposed property tax, while wealthy persons would be relieved from paying their due share. This was not a land tax, but a tax upon improvements and industry.

Mr. McLellan replied, defending the scheme, and condemning the course taken by the Opposition as degenerating to the House and calculated to make political life intolerable.

Mr. Richardson followed, in an elaborate speech, in opposition to the Government scheme.—Ballarat papers.

General News.

The Ovens paper reports that a few days ago Mr. John Scarlett, of Beechworth, whilst walking through his garden, saw a large bird fly out of a clump of hammers. The bird was a young one, and Mr. Scarlett was able to secure it. It was pronounced afterwards to be a cuckoo, a bird not often seen, and generally noted for its isolated habits. Ever since its confinement, two small birds about the size of linnets, have once or twice a day flown to the cage in which it was confined, and fed it through the bars with worms and insects. These birds are known as honey-suckers, and they constantly attend on the wants of the cuckoo.

The following extract from a letter received by a gentleman in town from an old resident of Belfast, now a selector in Riverina, will (says the "Belfast Gazette"), give an idea of the prospects of selectors in that district:—"As regards this portion of Riverina, I like it very well so far, as it appears to be a very healthy, as well as a money-making district, and there is still abundance of land available for selection by going a little further back, according to the quantity of land required by the selector, as the more he can take up the more sheep he can graze, and consequently, the better it pays. My neighbour here informs me that he makes over £400 per annum with 1200 sheep on selected land, but I am of opinion that small stations pay best. I know an instance of this where one was purchased not far from here, and this is the first year—in fact, he arrived in the same train as myself—and he refused £6000 on his bargain. He has just finished shearing, and his returns are much in excess of his expectations. The present season has been highly favorable both for pastoral and agricultural pursuits, the crops around this neighborhood all looking very well indeed, and the grass on the selections is knee high on the places where a blade was not perceptible last summer. This station in particular was kept very bare by overfeeding when in Mr. Dawson's hands. The climate is somewhat warmer than in Belfast, but not so much as it anticipated. The hot winds are less severe than with you, but the frost in winter is pretty sharp. On the whole, I have no fault to find with the climate or the country. Wagga Wagga, Deniliquin, Hay, Albury, and Corowa, are busy little towns, and the population around them appear to be doing well. The steamers ride on the rivers most of the year. The railways are a great boon to this part of the country. I can go from my selection to Melbourne in a few hours, and the fare is only 25s. 6d."

How different the same story when told by a different authority. The "Warrnambool Standard" says:—"Major Smith, in his speech on Wednesday, found fault with the Government for leaving £10,000 on the

The "New York World" gives considerable prominence to the following case of clerical backsliding:—Recorder Hackett has just sent to the State prison for three years the Rev. G. C. Holland, long the pastor of the African Union First Methodist Church of this city.

Four orange trees in McKenzies plantation, near the Maryborough reservoir, planted ten years since, says the "Advertiser," have produced altogether no less than 36,000 oranges during the last four years.

The contractor for the branch of the London Chartered Bank at Deniliquin has had to send to Victoria for most of his labor, skilled and unskilled labor being scarce at Deniliquin.

"The Sydney Morning Herald" of 2nd December writes—During the last few days there have been issued from the office of the hon. the Colonial Secretary several gold and silver medals in recognition of the bravery displayed by the recipients in conflict with bushrangers during the years 1863, 1864, 1866.

The "Kyneton Guardian" is of opinion that "protection" could never stand a day if we had honest, straightforward, direct taxation. It, instead of paying his 25 per cent. bonus to the local manufacturer through the medium of the Custom House, the consumer was required by law to hand it over in coin whenever he became a purchaser, how long would he continue to do so? Not long, we may be well assured.

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The "Dombay Gazette" thinks that the Indian mother must often come back with a fond regret to those days when the matrimonial market was not overstocked, and when suitors were more plentiful than spinsters.

The "Wimmera Star" is informed that the squatters to the north-west of Dimboola have been compelled to have recourse to their wells for watering their stock. This is the earliest time they have had to do so, and shows that the rainfall, which has been more than sufficient for the greater part of the Wimmera, has not been so plentiful in the locality referred to.

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Unclaimed Letters & Newspapers.

Agnew A. Baile J. W. Cummins Mrs. Ellis Miss, Evans John. Font R. Fox B. Forbes R. Goldie W. Gerard Mr., Garvey Miles. Harper G. Hadd Mrs. Long J. Mrs., Long J., Lytle S. M'Ballon Mrs., Mathers Kate, M'Intosh W. H., M'Namara J. Nicoll Mr. Pearce John. Ritchie E. H. Stewart W. Mr., Stewart A., Manager of Sandy Creek Station. Taylor Wm.

THOMAS LEWIS, Postmaster. Beaufort, December 10th, 1876.

SKIPTON—Impounded at Skipton.—White steer, red about neck, M off ribs; brindles heifer, M off ribs; red heifer, white face, M off ribs; white heifer, M off ribs; white and red heifer, no visible brand; strawberry heifer, M off ribs; red heifer, M off ribs. If not claimed and expenses paid to be sold on 29th December, 1876. Five head of young cattle, both ears marked, W off rump. If not claimed and expenses paid to be paid sold on 5th January, 1876.

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Government Advertisements. Department of Railways and Roads, Spencer street, Melbourne, 24th November, 1876.

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For particulars see bills. G. PRINCE, Raglan.

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EXECUTION OF WEECHURCH.

On Monday morning, at ten o'clock, the convict John Weechurch suffered the just penalty of his repeated attempts at murder...

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.

At a preliminary meeting of electors appointed to the system of payment of members of Parliament, held at Geelong the other evening...

GENERAL NEWS.

Although we cannot share Mr. MacDermott's antipathy to admitting women to University degrees, we must confess that his objections to female students dissecting subjects in company with members of the opposite sex seem to us unanswerable.

constable stated that on Sunday he was attracted to a house in the above-named street by a large concourse of people which assembled in the vicinity...

The proprietors of this journal remarks the "Age," were served with a writ on Wednesday last, at the instance of Mr. Mason, M.L.A., damages laid at £2000.

The "Cohoes Bulletin" says there is living in harmony-street, Cohoes, a man aged seventy-five years who has not spoken to his wife in twelve years.

Several instances have, says the "Ovens and Murray Advertiser," during the past few weeks come beneath our notice, which show that although Mr. Mason, M.L.A. may have been utterly in the wrong...

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Arrives at Melbourne— Wednesday ... January 13, Wednesday ... February 10, Wednesday ... March 10, Wednesday ... April 7, Wednesday ... May 5, Wednesday ... June 2, Wednesday ... June 30, Wednesday ... July 28, Wednesday ... August 25, Wednesday ... September 22, Wednesday ... October 20, Wednesday ... November 19, Wednesday ... December 15.

Victorian Railways. TIME TABLE. From Ballarat to Ararat. LEAVE—Ballarat, 11 a.m., and 11.18 p.m. Burumbuck, 11.41, and 11.59 a.m. Beaufort, 12.31 p.m., and 12.49 a.m. Ararat, 1.38 p.m., and 1.36 a.m. ARRIVE AT Ararat, 2.6 p.m., and 2.24 a.m. From Ararat to Ballarat. LEAVE—Ararat, 7.49 a.m., and 8.39 p.m. Beaufort, 8.37 a.m., and 4.27 p.m. Burumbuck, 9.24 a.m., and 5.14 p.m. Ballarat, 10.14 a.m., and 6.4 p.m. ARRIVE AT Ballarat, 10.55 a.m., and 6.45 p.m.

Beaufort Post Office. TIME TABLE, 1875. Post Town. Mails arrive at Beaufort. Mails leave at Beaufort. Melbourne ... 1.10 p.m. 8.30 p.m. 1.25 a.m. 4.30 p.m. Geelong ... Ditto Ditto Ballarat ... Ditto Ditto Traralgon ... Ditto Ditto Raglan ... 4.15 p.m. 8 a.m. Charlton ... Ditto Ditto Waterloo ... Ditto Ditto Main Lead ... Ditto Ditto Sailor's Gully ... 4.15 p.m. Ditto Stockyard Hill ... Ditto Ditto Ararat ... 9.8 a.m. 12 noon 5 p.m. 10.30 p.m. Beaufort ... Ditto Ditto Erambeece ... 4.3 p.m. 1 p.m. Shirley ... Ditto Ditto

AN additional mail for Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat, etc., will be made up at this post-office on and after 12th April, closing here at 10.30 p.m. Mails for Ararat, etc., closes at 10.30 p.m. in lieu of 7.30 p.m. A mail for Main Lead is made up at Beaufort on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 8.30 a.m.—returning from Main Lead on same days, at 6.30 p.m. The mails for Ararat, Shirley, Melbourne, Ballarat, Geelong, Bunger, Traralgon, and Erambeece are despatched twice daily. Mails for Main Lead, Raglan, Charlton, and Waterloo are despatched three times a week—Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Mails for Stockyard Hill and Sailor's Gully (a loose bag to Lake Goldsmith) are despatched three times a week—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

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In Disorders of the Kidneys, Stones and Gravel. The Ointment is a sovereign remedy if it be well rubbed twice a day into the small of the back, over the region of the kidneys, into which it will gradually penetrate, and in almost every case give immediate relief.

"Look then into thy Heart and Write." THE above sentence read carefully will tell all that I could in a thousand lines, it adapts itself admirably to a large number of cases continually coming under my treatment.

Delirium. Many who "look into their hearts" at the reading of this advertisement, and who ponder over it, will say, I know I should write, for I have a great secret therein my heart, hidden deep down, and I fear every day something will shortly show itself by some plain symptom and make that secret known to my fellow-men, and cause me to be pointed at as an object of pity or scorn.

Loss of Power, Indiscretions of Early Youth, &c. In all the above cases, arising from errors and yielding to the passions, no time should be lost to at once arrest the progress of disease.

DR. L. L. SMITH. (The only legally qualified medical man advertising in these colonies.) 182 COLLINS STREET EAST, MELBOURNE, Opposite the Melbourne Club, (Late the business of the Governor.) Private entrance is in Stephen-street, South. Consultation free by letter. Medicines forwarded to all parts of the colonies so packed as to avoid observation.

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Commercial.

BALLARAT WHOLESALE MARKET.

Messrs. Gray, Dennis and Co. Report.—There has been a fair quantity of grain and hay forwarded during the past three days. Wheat nominally 6s. 1d. Oats are coming forward freely and in fair demand at 3s. 4d. to 3s. 5d. Cape barley is sold at 3s. Peas are not much required for at 4s. Potatoes are fully supplied at L3 to L3 5s. Manger hay, old, several loads have passed through the market and sold at L6; new hay, L4, chaffing do, L3 5s. to L3 15s. Oaten straw, 50s. to 55s.; wheaton do., 45s.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

In wheat there is very little offering, and no change in prices. Oats are up to the demand, and rather firmer. In pollard and bran the market is about the same as last week; the demand being very high indeed. Good samples of barley are firm at quotations. Fresh and putted butter is up to the demand, but hams and bacon still continue very scarce. Hay and chaff are as before. Hay is coming in rather freely. We quote as follows:—Wheat, 5s. 3d. per bushel; oats, 3s. 9d. per bushel; pollard, 1s. 7d. per bushel; bran, 1s. 6d. per bushel; barley, 4s. 1s. per bushel; flour, L13 per ton; potatoes (new), 7s. 6d. per cwt.; fresh butter, 10d. per lb.; hams, 1s. per lb.; bacon, 10d. to 1s. per lb.; and 1s. 6d. per cwt. for top chaff and 1s. 5d. per cwt. Advertiser.

GEELONG STATION PRODUCE MARKET.

Messrs. George Synnot and Co. Report.—Sheepskins.—There was the usual attendance of buyers at our sale to-day, and lively bidding for every lot. We offered about 4000, and effected an entire clearance, at firm rates. Best skins brought 4s. 3d. to 5s. each; medium ditto 3s. 6d. to 4s. each; lambskins 1s. to 2s. 3d. each; station skins 4d. to 7d. per pound; washed skins 10d. to 12d. per pound. Hides.—Biddings were animated, and prices ruled a trifle dearer than last week. Wet salted brought 4 1/2d. to 4 3/4d.; good-conditioned ditto 5d. to 4 1/2d. per pound; dry ditto 5 1/2d. to 6d. per pound; calfskins 4 1/2d. to 5 1/2d. per pound. Tallow.—Is in fair demand, at slightly higher figures. We sold to-day, a large quantity of station and country butcher's sorts at L28 to L31 15s. per ton; rough fat 2d. to 2 1/2d. per pound; rendered fat 3d. to 3 1/2d. per pound.

GEELONG LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Messrs. George Synnot and Co. Report.—Fat Cattle.—A very large supply, all of prime quality. There was a large attendance of the town and country trade, but sales were very dull, and prices were considerably lower than last quotations. The best forward were a draft of cows from Mr. F. B. Cozens, which made the top average of the day. Our sales were 71 head of bullocks from L10 to L11; cows from L6 to L8. Fat Sheep.—Fully 5000 sheep were penned to-day, and with the exception of one lot which was previously sold, prices were lower from 1s. to 1s. 6d. Our sales were for Messrs. Galletly, Henderson, McIntosh, and others, 31 ewes at 8s.; 250 wethers at 7s. 6d.; 141 wethers (cross-breds) from 9s. to 2 1/2s. 6d.; 65 ewes at 5s. 6d. Total, 450 head. Fat Lambs.—A full market, but prices were fully maintained. Our sales were for Messrs. Jackson, Heard, and others, 41 from 5s. 11d. to 7s.; 30 small at 3s. 7d.; 30 at 5s. 6d.; 10 at 5s. 7d.; 28 at 6s. 8d.; 13 at 9s.; 50 at 4s. 10d.; 17 at 5s. Total, 219 head. Store Stock.—Cattle: We had a large number in the yards, and sold all at satisfactory prices—38 steers at L5 15s.; 20 ditto at L4; and 83 mixed young cattle, at L2 5s.; also, outside, 111 lambs; 1200 wethers; and 1000 ditto. Total cattle 141 head; sheep 2,311 head.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Messrs. Macleod and Kelly Report.—Fat Sheep.—For Messrs. McPherson, Merrin, 812 wethers, at 7s. 6d.; 267 ewes, at 4s. 7d.; Mr. Andrew Chisholm, Caranballac, 983 ewes, 6s. to 8s. 5d.; Mr. W. J. Rowe, Glenfien, 253 wethers, at 6s. 8d. to 11s. 9d.; Mr. William Vallance, Learmonth, 375 ewes and wethers, at 4s. 9d. to 10s. 7d.; Mr. H. D. Cane, Brackenburgh, 371 wethers, at 6s. 3d. to 7s. 7d.; Mr. D. Gunn, Burroughs, 632 ewes, at 4s. 3d.; Mr. John Spark, Clunes, 342 ewes, at 4s. 2d.; and for Mr. T. Bath, Ceres, Mr. T. J. Laby, Mr. Macaulay, Wycheop, 370 ewes and wethers, at 3s. 7d. to 5s. 11d. Fat Lambs.—For Mr. Andrew Dalgleish, Learmonth, 69, at 10s. 6d.; Mr. John Greenwood, 94, at 10s. 6d.; Mr. C. Edmondson, 59, at 6s. 3d.; Messrs. Wheeler and McCaffery, 100, at 6s. 3d.; Mr. Macaulay, Wycheop, 523, shorn, at 4s. 10d. to 5s. 6d.; Mr. T. Bath, Ceres, 38, to 10s.; Mr. T. J. Laby, Seven Hills Estate, 23, at 5s. 10d.; Mr. Isaac Martin, Beckwith, 118, at 3s. to 4s. 2d.; Mr. James Hannah, 89, at 6s. 1d.; Mr. Lewis Stewart, 51, at 5s. 6d.; Mr. John Fisher, 89, at 4s.; Mr. J. Delaney, 60, at 5s. 2d.; and 58, for Mr. G. Morton, at 5s. 9d. to 10s.

One of the strangest illustrations of national prejudice is the partiality of our Scotch friends for the bagpipes. As an instrument for producing discordant and unearthly noises it is perhaps unrivalled; and yet, though no one else can detect an approach to genuine music in the harsh screaming of the "chanter," or the monotonous droning of the "grunter," a native of the land of cakes is invariably thrown into patriotic rapture at the sounds of the pibroch. In a Highland glen, when softened by space and distance, they may be romantic, and in that sense pleasing to the southern ear, but under no other conditions are they even endurable, except to a man who is stone-deaf. We have been led into these remarks by the fact that the Order of St. Andrew offer, at the approaching celebration at Sandhurst, prizes to the amount of £25 to the best pipers. But *cui bono?* What is the good of encouraging competition in the art of playing an instrument that is practically obsolete, and is one of the most rudimentary of musical contrivances? Would it not be almost as rational to award premiums for the most imitations of the flint knives and axes of the stone-age? And would it not be more sensible to devote the money intended for the staid bagpipers at Bendigo to the promotion of healthy and invigorating sport like leaping, vaulting, and running? "Spectator and Methodist Chronicle." The body of a man has been found in the Paramatta River. At the post-mortem examination the medical opinion was expressed that the man had been strangled before thrown into the water.

Unclaimed Letters & Newspapers.

Adamthwaite Mr. Butler-E. Miss, Blackmore P. Cuthbertson George. Evans John. Fitzgerald A. Garvey Miles, Goddie W. Long J. Mrs., Lyttle S. McIntosh N., McIntosh W. H., Murphy Hugh. Riley Mm., Rogers E. Stewart A. Taylor Wm., Topper George. Weston P. THOMAS LEWIS, Postmaster. Beaufort, December 23rd, 1875.

Sports: Sports: Sports!

RAGLAN HOTEL. The Tenth Annual Sports will be held on Monday, 27th December, 1875.

HORSE RACING.

For all horses that have never won an advertised race of £10.

QUOITS AND OTHER GAMES.

Sports to commence at 12 o'clock. For particulars see bills.

Bank of Victoria.

THIS Bank will be CLOSED on Saturday 25th and Monday 27th inst., for the Christmas Holidays; and on Saturday, 1st January, for the half-yearly balance. W. A. JENNINGS, Manager. Beaufort, 17th December, 1875.

THE Riponshire Advocate.

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The ever revolving wheel of time again brings us to the close of another year, and once more we are busily engaged in making preparations to welcome festive Christmas, genial, jovial, Christmaside. Who, we should like to know, does not look forward with intense pleasure to a reunion of friends, a picnic on the hills, or an excursion by land or water away from the cares of every-day life. Although we do not celebrate Christmas in the old English style with the blazing yule log, holly, mistletoe, and frothy wreathe, still we, in this land of our adoption, are not a whit behind our English friends in holiday making and generally enjoying ourselves. In the midst of our mirth let us not forget the praise due to Him, whose natal day we celebrate. Bringing the subject within the precincts of our sanctum, nothing affords us more pleasure than wishing our readers and subscribers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

This journal will be published on Friday next in lieu of Saturday. Advertisements will be received up to Thursday evening.

The annual meeting of the Mechanics' Institute, advertised for Wednesday evening, lapsed for want of a quorum. Much dissatisfaction was expressed by those present at the apathy displayed by the people of the district towards the welfare of the institute. The committee's report, which was laid on the table for perusal by the members present, was as follows:—"Beaufort, December 22nd, 1875.—The whole of the members of committee now retire from the management of the institute, having acted since December 11th, 1874, the date of last meeting. It will be business of the present meeting to elect a committee for the ensuing year. The attendance of the committee for the past year has been as follows: nine meetings having been held.—H. H. Jackson, president; J. C. Wotherspoon, vice-president; W. C. Williams, 3; T. Lewis, 8; J. Tompkins, 5; Thomas, 3; D. G. Stewart, 2; B. H. J. Tulloch, 2; D. G. Stewart, 2; B. H. J. Tulloch, 2; H. P. Henningson, 5; T. Howard, 4; Geo. Wilson, 9; W. A. Jennings, 3. The Institute has been kept open daily since last annual meeting, and for six Sundays in the winter; but owing to the paucity of attendance that day, the committee decided to close it. Our books and magazines have been increased by 339, making a total in the library at present of 1956. The number of visitors to the institute keeps up, but as a number of them do not sign the visiting book, no correct returns can be made. Number of members about 70. Some books have been lost since last stock-taking, but some of them may yet be returned, and the committee would respectfully request members to search their book shelves, as the books may be mislaid and forgotten. The present cash balance is £56 9s., being £4 8s. 9d. more than balance last year. The residents of Sailors' Gully, not to be behind in the matter of amusements, notify that on Friday next they will close the present year by holding their annual sports. Horse racing will be the principal sport, and we believe that some substantial prizes will be offered. Several minor events will also be contested. We have been informed that Mr. Mielch has promised to play on the ground with his band. The Illustrated Australian News for December contains a magnificent engraving of the return to the old hunting grounds. Full page engravings of Newcastle N.S.W. and the game of Polo, the illustrations are "How we spend our Christmas holidays." "Wheat harvesting in South Australia." "The German settlement." Major "Plains." The British and Tasmanian Charcoal Iron Company's mine, Port-Lempriere. "Orange demonstration in Sydney." "Mataura railway, N.Z." "The proposed bridge over the Murray at Tebucca." "The Australasian Sketcher" has a colored plate entitled: "Old race and the New," and the following illustrations: "Father Christmas in Australia." "The German immigrants at Hill Plains." "Christmas at St. Patrick's." "Country hawkers." "The Adelaide water supply." "Christmas marketing." "A solitary Christmas eve." Both productions are a credit to the colony. Mr. Henningson is the local agent.

The Market Reserve Company washed a few loads of washdirt during the week and obtained an ounce of gold. From prospects also tried with the dish the ground appears to look better as they advance, also more favorable to work in. The claim altogether presents a very encouraging appearance this week.

The English mail will close at the Beaufort post-office on Wednesday the 29th inst. On Wednesday, the Legislative Assembly adjourned until after the holidays.

The annual picnic given to the children attending the Charlton school took place on Friday last. The children assembled about 11 o'clock a.m. on the ground adjoining the school, and by noon a considerable number of their parents were also present. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, jams, cake, tea, and luxuries in the form of lollies and fruit were partaken of. The amusements usual on such occasions were enjoyed until evening when refreshments were again liberally supplied. The National Anthem was then sang and the children went to their homes. To spend the evening Mr. Stephens, the teacher, invited those present to his private residence where a few hours were passed very agreeably; dancing, singing, reading and reciting being the amusements that were indulged in. The children certainly enjoyed themselves, and I think I may safely say, so did we all. The provision of funds, to pay the cost was undertaken by some half-dozen young ladies, who do not know whether Mr. At liberty to mention their names, but how well they performed their undertaking, the amount collected will show, that amount being £10 14s. 7d. The total expenses were £7 16s. 2d., leaving a surplus of £2 18s. 5d. This surplus together with £3 given by the Hon. R. Simpson, and £1 by Mr. Downie, of Newcastle, N.S.W. (late of Charlton), will be spent on books to be given to children attending the school. Every pupil who has attended school at all regularly during the past year will, therefore, receive a book, and some of the books will, doubtless, be valuable ones, thanks to the ladies, subscribers generally, and the above named gentlemen the fund for providing them is so ample.—Communicated.

We extract the following from the "Government Gazette":—"The temporary reservation by order of the 7th August, 1871, of five acres, as a site for watering purposes in the parish of Beaufort, diminished by order of the 7th July, 1873 is about to be revoked. A meeting of the shareholders in the New Charlton Company, will be held at the Mechanics' Institute, Clunes, on Wednesday next.

H. H. Jackson, Esq., shire engineer, has received a certificate of competency for service under municipal surveyors' board.

A license for the new Victoria gold mining company for 78a. Or. 39p. Waterloo flat, will be issued at the expiration of one month.

Notices referring to the Victorian railways appears in our advertising columns.

On Monday, Mr. Prince, Raglan, Raglan will hold his annual sports.

The weather during the week has been very sultry.

The London "Daily Telegraph" of a late date writes:—"According to the accounts now received from Texas, the calamity at Tencouse and the adjacent districts has been surpassed in intensity at least, if not in width of area, by the desolation of Indianola. This flourishing town in the most southern of the United States has been almost blotted from the earth's surface. At the end of last week a storm burst over Texas. It was accompanied by rain, but the peculiarity of the case was that the destruction was due to the hurricane, not of the deluge that fell from the overcharged clouds. The wind appears to have driven the sea over the coast-line with a force and suddenness which no ordinary precautions availed to face. The town of Indianola was submerged by the rushing waves, and the streets were six feet deep in water. All the churches, and three quarters of the dwelling houses, were destroyed; whole families perished, about 150 lives in all being lost; lighthouses, wharves, and principal buildings being all carried away. The entire Texas coast, indeed, was devastated; several settlements were laid under water, and four towns, in addition to Indianola, are reported to have been swept away."

Aristophanes, the funny man of classic Greece gives the following myth:—"Once upon a time man had three sexes and a double nature; besides his he was perfectly, round, and had four hands four feet, one head with two faces looking opposite ways, set on a single neck. When these creatures pleased, they could walk as we do now, but if they wanted to go faster they would roll over with their four legs in the air, like a tumbler turning summersaults; and their pride and strength were such that they made war upon the gods. Jupiter resented their insolence, but, hardly liked to kill them with thunderbolts, as the gods would then lose their sacrifices. At last he hit upon a plan. "I will cut them in two," he said, "so they will be only half as insolent, but twice as numerous, and we shall get twice as many sacrifices." This was done, and the two halves are continually going about looking for one another. If we mortals, says Aristophanes with a comic air of appreciation, are not obedient to the gods, there is danger that we shall be split up again, and we shall have to go about in basso-relievo like those figures with half a nose, which you may see sculptured on our columns."

Dr. Murray, of South Seas, and Mount and Murray's fame, has been journeying in China and India: A short time ago he was at Madras, and was holding forth, we learn, to sundry captains of vessels about the profits to be made by "blackbirding," in the South Seas. It is time his career was brought to an end. A man named Gunther, a German, residing at Cuddy's Flat, broke his leg on Tuesday evening. It appears that his daughter had got married during the day, and the wedding party was driving about when the accident happened to the buggy in which Gunther was. He is an elderly man, and has recently been in such bad health that his recovery is doubtful. —Maryborough Advertiser.

SKIPPON.—Impounded at Skipton.—White steer, red about neck, M off ribs; brindle heifer, M off ribs; red heifer, white face, M off ribs; white heifer, M off ribs; white and red heifer, no visible brand; strawberry heifer, M off ribs; red heifer, M off ribs. If not claimed and expenses paid to be sold on 29th December, 1875. Five head of young cattle, both cars marked, W off rump. If not claimed and expenses paid to be sold on 5th January, 1876.

Correspondence.

[We do not identify ourselves with the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

CLOSED ROADS.

To the Editor of the Riponshire Advocate.—Sir,—I wish to congratulate the electors of Crowlands for the stand they have taken against Mr. Cole, Campbell's intended action against selling the roads to the squatters. It is evident that they view the matter in a just way and there is no reason to fear that when Mr. Campbell presents himself for re-election that he will be served with a "walking ticket," this action of the part of the electors of Crowlands will be appreciated by all who have the interests of the country at heart. Coming nearer home I notice in the "Ballarat Star" of the 18th inst. that sportsmen and others are cautioned against trespassing on the Langi-Kal Estate. Now, can you inform me whether the proprietor of the Langi-Kal estate will define the roads to anyone who may pass over his run in search of game, or is it left to the trespasser to do that for himself? I do not know whether the Government should have maps prepared showing every road in each district, so that no one would be ready for the use of the public, but simply because they are very seldom used squatters are allowed to fence them in, and when they are required to be used and the squatters get "wind of it" they insert an advertisement in some newspaper that trespassers will be prosecuted. The Government, should they not carry Mr. Higinbotham's motion, are inflicting a great injustice on the people, and I again boldly tell the people of Beaufort that if they wish their just rights to be conserved they must stick to Mr. Longmore, and show that they will not be trampled upon by Mr. McCulloch and his squatting friends. I remain, Yours, &c., GARTKIDGE. Beaufort, December 23rd, 1875.

Police.

BEAUFORT.—DECEMBER 23RD, 1875.

(Before P. C. Crespiigny, Esq., P.M., and Geo. Beggs, Esq., J.P.)

Renewals of licenses were granted to F. Alale (colonial wine); William Moss, Commercial Hotel; Wilhelmus Scharp, Beaufort Hotel; James Cowans, Victoria Hotel; Philip Mielch, Mielch's Hotel; Wilhelm Schlicht, All Nations Hotel; Joel Tompkins, Camp Hotel; Mary Poepel, George Hotel; Rudolph Wangler, Wangler's Hotel; L. O. Ellis, Prince of Wales; George Prince, Raglan Hotel; Alexander Hutton, Hutton's Hotel; James McLeod, McLeod's Hotel; Stephen Parker, Travalla Hotel; Robert Kirkpatrick, Stockyard Hill Hotel; William Loft, Railway Hotel; James Watkin, Main Lead Hotel; Robert Geertsens, Sailors' Gully Hotel; Matthew Kelly, Burroughs Hotel; Joseph Frusher, Waterloo Hotel; Jeremiah Smith, Golden Age Hotel; Charles Connell, Charlton Hotel; William Briery, Briery's Hotel. A grocer's license was granted of Messrs. Wotherspoon Bros and Co.

POLICE COURT.

BEAUFORT.—DECEMBER 23RD, 1875.

(Before P. C. Crespiigny, Esq., P.M.)

John Wotherspoon v. William Glenister.—Fraud summons.—Adjourned for a fortnight.

James Cowans v. Andrew Mitchell.—For the sum of £14, for a cart and harness.—Order for amount and 5s. costs.

Sydney Hancock v. Edward Adamthwaite.—For shooting a goat, valued at 25s.—Dismissed.

Francis Johnston v. E. Adamthwaite.—For shooting a goat valued at 30s.—Adjourned for a fortnight for production of evidence.

George and Francis Beggs v. Duncan McAllister.—For worrying sheep.—The defendant proved to the satisfaction of the Bench that the sheep was trespassing on his ground, when he drove them away with his dogs. The case was, therefore, dismissed, with 10s. costs.

The court then adjourned.

Parliamentary.

In the Legislative Council on Tuesday, The President took the chair at 35 minutes past four o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Anderson laid upon the table of the House the statistical register of the colony, respecting our religious, moral and intellectual progress; also the report of the Board of Land and Works, respecting the Victorian Railways; also the report of the government analytical chemist on the Yan Yean Water.

The Hon. Mr. Sargood, in the absence of Mr. Balfour, asked the hon. the Commissioner of Customs whether the attention of the Attorney-General had been directed to the so-called art union, advertised to take place at Ballarat; and whether, in his opinion, the same is not contrary to law.

The Hon. Mr. Anderson replied that he had communicated with the Attorney-General on the subject, who, in a despatch to the police, expressed his opinion that the promoters should be warned; and if they did not desist, evidence should be carefully collected against them by the police, and proceedings at once instituted.

The Hon. Alexander Fraser, who has just arrived in the colony after a brief tour through Europe, took his seat for the first time since his landing, and was warmly greeted by the President and other hon. members.

The House then went into committee on the Bill to Amend the Law Relating to Offending Public Health. In the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, The Clerk read a medical certificate from Dr. Ford stating that the Speaker was too unwell to attend the House. The Chairman of Committees then took the chair. Mr. McKean gave notice of his intention to ask to-morrow what steps the Government intended taking towards the suppression of Chinese gambling houses in and round the city.

In answer to Mr. Bayles, Sir James McCulloch stated that it was his intention to move that the House on its rising on Thursday next do adjourn till Tuesday, 11th January.

Mr. Higinbotham asked the hon. the Minister Lands whether the maps ordered to be laid on the table of this House, showing the roads in each municipality, will be lithographed; within what time such lithographed plans can be completed, and what will be the cost.

Mr. Gillies asked the hon. gentleman to defer the matter till to-morrow. Mr. Hanna presented a petition from his constituents praying that the "House would dissolve itself."

The Clerk then read the memorial, which consisted of a series of resolutions passed at a public meeting held at Bonalla on the 14th inst., antagonistic to the financial proposals of the Treasurer. The petition, in begging for a dissolution, expressed an opinion that an appeal to the country was the only way to settle the matter in dispute.

Mr. M. R. Smith presented a petition from a number of squatters against the assessment clause of the Land Bill now before the House, which the petitioners characterised as unjust. Sir James McCulloch moved the postponement of the first and second orders of the day till after the third order, viz., the second reading of the Land Bill, had been considered.

Mr. Berry thought that the course sought to be adopted was an unusual one, more particularly as the financial proposals, upon which an amendment would be proposed, were not decided.

Sir James McCulloch hoped that the hon. member for West Geelong would not further attempt to throw dust in the eyes of the country. In speaking of the Land Bill, Sir James McCulloch said "We mean to pass it." The Bill might easily be passed this week if the House desired it.

Mr. McBain trusted that the Government would not insist upon pushing their intention of dealing with the Land Bill till after the financial statement had been disposed of.

Major Smith stated that it was well understood on last Thursday that Mr. Tucker's amendment should be considered first before any other question was decided. If the Government intended "changing front" on every occasion they would find the country would not allow it. He for his part would be no party to the manoeuvres of the Ministry. It was absurd to suppose that the Land Bill could be passed in three nights. He would ask who is the country? Neither Warrnambool nor the Ovens represented the country.

Mr. Kerferd—No; Ballarat does. Major Smith continued. It was a breach of public faith on the part of the Government to trick the House by a side wind, and thus evade the amendment of Mr. Tucker.

Some interruption took place, the speaker thinking Mr. Lock had made an interjection. The Major—Ah! you haven't got your police-magistrateship yet.

Mr. Berry rose to address the House, when Mr. R. M. Smith objected to an hon. member addressing the chair twice on one subject.

Mr. Lalor contended that Mr. Berry was in order. Cries of "Chair" and confusion, amidst which Mr. McKean expressed his opinion that as Christmas has not arrived, it was too early to commence the pantomime.

Considerable discussion then ensued as to the point of order, at the termination of which Mr. Casey proposed, as a friend of both sides, that the clause relating to the collection of pastoral rents be submitted as a bill by the House.

Mr. Gillies thought that there could not be any objection to the bill as far as the rents were concerned. If the House objected to items in committee other than the clauses of increased assessments on land, they could throw it out.

Mr. Service would object to voting for the Land Bill as a whole, but he would not oppose the clauses for the increased assessments, provided the Governments distinctly asserted the objectionable clauses would not be insisted upon.

Mr. Higinbotham thought that the rents might be collected retrospectively, even after the 31st December. There would not be the least hardship in doing this, because the rents should have been collected at the end of 1874.

The second reading of the Land Bill was ultimately agreed to. Mr. Gillies, in moving it, considered that the squatters having received a year's notice of increased assessment, had no reason to complain of being taken by surprise.

Mr. Langton said, in committee he would oppose several irregularities in levying rates.

Mr. McDermott defended the Government as to the accusation of making the bill retrospective. Pastoral tenants had plenty of time to appeal to Parliament, but they had not done, and the question was therefore an open one.

Mr. MacBain in championing the cause of the squatters, declared he had been deprived of all pastoral leases, excepting a few timber reserves. The second reading was agreed to, and the bill committed. In answer to Mr. Higinbotham, as to whether the Government intended this session introducing a Land Bill which would have the effect of staying the further alienation of lands.

Mr. Gillies replied that the Government were not prepared to pass an extended bill this session. They were compelled to forego several measures, but on the earliest opportunity they would gladly deal with the question. He was glad to say that the country need not be apprehensive that selections were being bought up and merged into large estates.

Mr. Longmore bore out this assertion, and said free selection was being satisfactorily carried out. Which provides that rents for runs shall become payable after the end of the current year, and shall be paid at the rate of one shilling for every sheep, five shillings for every head of cattle. Mr. Langton moved an amendment—that the time for increased assessment be extended to the end of 1876. He contended the proposed act would be retrospective as the bill stands. The clause was passed.

In the Legislative Council on Wednesday, the Land Bill was read a first time.

Ararat Athletic Sports.

ACCEPTANCES.

MAIDEN PLATE.—100 YARDS. James Farish, J. G. Grenfell. Charles Stenhouse, W. Banfield. Hugh Robertson, Alex. Henderson. Aloek Ball, A. McDonald. John McDonald, George Brown. George Nesbitt, James Nunn. Henry Loft, William Mauphy. Rody Hill, Thomas Hinton. Richard Provis, C. H. Gray. William Dalrymple, John Crighton. Michael O'Brien, John Greenhill. Edward Delaney, W. Harricks. J. R. Laidlan, P. H. Jackson.

ARARAT HANDICAP.

100 200 440 880 Yards. Yards. Yards. Yards. James Brilliant sc. sc. sc. sc. R. Brown sc. sc. sc. sc. T. Thorne sc. sc. sc. sc. K. O'Brien 2 4 sc. sc. D. Twobill 2 4 8 14 E. Adamthwaite 3 5 10 20 J. McDonald 4 8 16 25 Donald McPhee 4 7 18 28 R. T. Knight 5 2 20 35 P. H. Jackson 5 9 20 35 H. Robertson 6 10 22 40 W. Banfield 6 10 22 40 A. McDonald 6 10 22 40 Henry Loft 7 12 25 45 A. Henderson 9 14 30 50

PUBLICANS' PURSE.—1 MILE.

Brilliant Yards. Provis 70 K. O'Brien 10 Sanders 90 Adamthwaite 35 Ehrenberg 90 Budd 40 Crighton 100 Jackson 60

HURDLE RACE.

100 200 300 Yards. Yards. Yards. Brilliant sc. sc. sc. R. Brown sc. sc. sc. Murphy 2 5 8 M. O'Brien 3 7 10 Adamthwaite 4 10 12 A. Bell 4 10 12 Provis 5 12 14 Troy Knight 5 14 25 Maynard 6 14 17 Sanders 7 12 26 Crighton 8 15 28

MAYORS' CUP.

100 200 Yards. Yards. G. Nesbitt sc. sc. Douglass 4 10 Sanders 4 10 Ehrenberg 7 12

MEMBERS' CUP.

100 200 300 Yards. Yards. Yards. Thomas Thorne sc. sc. sc. Twobill 1 3 5 K. O'Brien 2 4 5 R. Troy Knight 5 7 14 R. Hill 6 7 14 Maynard 8 9 12

WALKING MATCH.—2 MILES.

Yards. Yards. F. Woodhouse sc. Robertson 240 H. Fortington 150 Hindson 300

YOUTH'S RACE.

200 Yards. 200 Yards. C. Fortington sc. F. Knight 15 J. Brown sc. T. J. Scott 15 L. Henderson 7 G. Bradshaw 13 R. Harricks 15 C. W. Thomas 25

HIGH JUMP.

William Melrose, Kennedy O'Brien. Archibald Maynard, Walter Evans. Henry Dodd, Richard Brown.

Cricket.

BEAUFORT V. STREATHAM. The cricket match between the above clubs took place on Saturday last on the grounds of the former club, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. The wickets were pitched about three o'clock, the Beaufort men going to them first. The playing of the Streatham was far superior to that of the local team. For Beaufort, Mr. Lord made the highest score; for Streatham, Mr. E. Groves filled a similar position. Messrs. Tromp, Faull, and McLeod troubled for one side, and the other Mr. J. A. C. Wilson made a very efficient longstop; the visitors only getting one bye. Mr. McCaw was very unfortunate; getting bowled out with first ball in both innings. We were sorry to see this, as he is one of the most energetic members of the club, and deserved better luck; but, nevertheless, we expect that he will regain his lost laurels in the return match. Both teams sat down to an excellent luncheon at Moss' Commercial Hotel, and the customary speeches were indulged in.

BEAUFORT.—FIRST INNINGS.

Christmas Thoughts.

That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and that our daughters may be as corn in the field, and that the angels of peace...

YARNS ABOUT LAW COURTS.

By an Old Jurymen. Juryroom Secrets. Sooth' after the discovery of gold in Port Phillip, the crime of horse-stealing became very rife...

of these twelve good men and true, and the Scotchman were nobles in their birth. They at once saw the joke, and when the foreman, in assumed distress, shook his head...

THE YOUNG IDEA.

This is a noble idea, and one that the education of our youth should be directed to inculcate. The idea of home training to which our forefathers were subjected in years gone by...

spring of every action. That spring was simple "good nature." Natural, gushing kindness, that envied no one, and would go to all. It was in the winter of 1871...

NEW YEAR'S DAY SPOKES.

Or the Days of Auld Langsyne. O! we'll be a' mair o' our New Year's spores, when kind, contented folk are at their spores...

CHRISTMAS GUSHINGS!

By R. A. A. LAST CHRISTMAS I married an angel; Oh! sweet was her lovely face; Her voice was a rill of melody...

MY FIRST SWEETHEART!

A Reminiscence of the Days of Auld Langsyne. Well, it ain't a' my first love, but it's a' my first love, and it's a' my first love...

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MAGENTA!

How bright the morning at Magenta shined... With rose lustre o'er the pendent vines...

From either shore the common Mother bleeds... And sick the mountains heave, and darkly red...

For deem ye in the strife the guns can wait... Whirled on resistless by decree of fate?

On whomso of your loving eyeslave smiled... This father was your gallant, noble boy...

What heeds ye, Britons? By the Bosphorus still... Your pampered Turk withstands the Russian will...

What matters loss, O children of the sun!... Since you have made your loved Italia one...

When shall these hellish deeds of havoc cease?... When shall our Empire mean the same as Peace?

At the battle of Magenta, June 24, 1859, 40,000 men were killed and wounded...

phantasy stopped close by, singing a Bacchante... choral song, which sounded harshly but...

Then I sought for the Bible. Yes! there it lay... covered with dust, on a corner shelf...

There was a merry group around the camp-fire... on the Christmas night of the siege...

Only recently raised from the rank of volunteer... he was almost a stranger, and as to...

But why too late? Was he not a soldier... who had won a way to himself? Would not...

A letter! A message from home. Could the thought... be true? Out from its folds...

For many preliminary remarks there is no occasion... No one who shall read this will suppose...

Time passed—months and years—long years of study... and care—and again I found myself...

In profile, unheeded—to see what education... only could do, in spite of all drawbacks...

It is all fact, although not gospel; and if... when your "Supplement" comes out...

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OLD TIMES.

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UNDER THE LASH!

A Ballad of Other Times. (Revised for "Supplement" by the Author.) "Strip him, I say! Strip him to the State. Seize him up there, sharply and firm! I'll strip him from his barracks, I warrant, for many a term! Ah! but he looks white and fair, though—a countess might own such a fellow— But 'twill soon be as red as his coat, when the strip cutting lashes begin."

EPISODES IN THE LIFE OF A LARRIKIN!

Written by himself. With Corrections, Orthographical and Syntactical. By the Editor. Introductory. I am descended from a very ancient family. The line of my ancestry is so long that no one has been able to get to the end—that is, the other end;—this end is at present held by me, but I intend to pass it on. I know that some think that my family name, Larrikin, is of modern and ignoble origin; in fact, that it had its rise in an Irish policeman's pronunciation of "Larkin." But a far more respectable authority, one learned in the dead languages, has traced it to the Greek. Now, I should like to know who can trace their family name to a more respectable distance than the Greeks, heathens though they were. Mind, I do not pretend that my family can trace their name back so far in a

direct line; but I contend that the more indirect the line, the longer it must be. As I am writing from memory, I shall pass over my birth and infancy in silence; for of them I remember absolutely nothing, though I by no means wish to imply that I was mute during that period. My education like Sam Weller's, was of a most liberal character. I graduated in the streets—a free school on the mutual improvement principle, in which the use of books is dispensed with, and it has the additional advantage over our State Schools, that the pupils soon learn to think for themselves. The hours are long, but the amount of attention bestowed by the pupils depends entirely on their own sweet will. Believe me, there is no school like the public streets for sharpening the wits of youth. I am not a Colonial larrikin; on the contrary, I hail from a village in the old country. Perhaps you may have heard of the place before—when I was there, it was called London.

My childhood was dreary, though enlivened by flashes of fun. I started life with the determination of becoming a good man; but having somehow heard that children were not responsible for their actions till they arrived at the years of discretion, I thought I might as well do as I pleased. Still, it was no easy matter to discover what that precise age was. I did my best to learn. I asked many; but opinions differed so that the answers received were about as various as my queries were numerous. It must be admitted that I always adopted the highest figure as the one that applied to my particular case; and, by the time I arrived at that limit, I was so accustomed to doing as I liked, that doing as I should proved very irksome. I tried to wean myself by degrees; but I was such an indulgent weaner that, after continuing the process for years, I occasionally doubted whether I had thoroughly succeeded—a doubt, it must be admitted, which none of my relatives shared. Their oft-expressed opinion was, that the older I grew the worse I got. This I attribute to my motives being continually misunderstood. It is certain that my parents were more strict with me than I was with myself. The rod was not spared in our house. We were brought up on porridge and Puritan principles, especially the latter—correction was the order of the day; yet there must have been bungling somewhere, for with all their correction they never seemed to get me right. From four to fourteen, I think I averaged about two thrashings a day, supplemented by a dinner—say three times a week—and notwithstanding their frequency, some of my floggings were sufficiently severe to form epochs in my early life. My object in writing is to prove that I have been made what I am by unjust punishment; therefore they and what led to them will form the staple of my written, as they have of my actual, life.

The Tom Cat. The earliest flogging that I can call to mind seemed to me, at the time, simply barbarous. My grandmother was in the habit of saying, "Thank the Lord I have had a good night's rest." One morning, before she had time to make her usual announcement to the first visitor, I thought I would save her that trouble—so I said, "Grandma did not sleep well, but thank the Lord the tom cat had a good night's rest." The result was not satisfactory, for I was whipped and sent to bed for compelling the cat with grandma. But it was not the old people only that conspired to get me thrashings; they all did, from the oldest to the youngest—even the baby got me into trouble. I will tell you how.

The Baby and Cold Chivvots. I cannot call to mind the time when there was not a baby in our house. Well, upon one of these numerous occasions, there was one who fretted a great deal more than his big brothers. We didn't mind this, because he was such a little fellow. So little, that he slept in mother's oval work basket. In this basket I used to carry him about on my head. One day, while we were just taking his turn from room to room on the top floor, I had not made a complete round of the landing, when he somehow tumbled up against me, and knocked the basket and its contents off my head. It went over the banister, down the wall-pool of the stair-case, and fell with a crash on the stone pavement at the bottom—four stories down! I ran into the servant, who was coming by, and told her that I had let the baby fall down the well-pool. She looked down, and seeing the crushed cradle below, ran down stairs, screaming "the baby—the baby's killed!" Every

door flew open, and the occupants of each room followed the girl as quickly as their legs would carry them. I was anxious to get down soon, too, so I mounted—straddled—legs—the banister hand-rail, which was spiral like a gigantic corkscrew. I slid down the whole distance without a single stoppage. I had often practised this mode of going down stairs; but I never went down so quick before. Several got the start of me; but I passed them all on the road—except the servant. I found her frantically grasping here and there at the scattered contents of the cradle in search of baby. Seeing blood on the coverlet, she covered her face with her hands, threw herself down, and sent forth screams amid screams in rapid succession, till she roused the neighborhood. In a few seconds the passage was blocked up with women. Everyone asked what was the matter—no one answered. The girl, at length, took her hands from her face; it was covered with blood. She did not speak, but pointed to me. I was immediately seized by half a dozen enquiring females—each pulled in a different direction—endeavoring to extract by main force an answer to her question. I pointed to the crushed cradle, on which the girl had flung herself, and said, "I think Mary is lying on it." At once they dropped me, and commenced on the servant, pulling her off, and feeling everywhere for baby. Just then, my brother called out from the top landing, "I wish one of you would come and mind baby; he has been crying ever since you have been down stairs." At the same time he held the baby over the well-pool, and threatened to drop him if he did not stop crying. Baby must have been pretty plucky, for that didn't stop him; on the contrary, he cried the louder. Then there was a rush up stairs of infuriated females—Mary among them. My brother dropped baby—not down the well-pool—and bolted into mother's bedroom. A court martial was held on the spot. From the evidence of the chief witnesses, Mary and me, and an examination of the blood-stained clothes and the contents of the cradle, the judges decided that the crash was caused by the smashing of a water jug, which in its turn was the cause of the blood; for Mary had cut her hand while groping among the clothes for baby. My brother John was found guilty of having dressed up the jug and putting it in the cradle in place of baby, and then knocking the cradle off my head for a "lark." Baby's eyes were dried—Mary's wounds were dressed—and immediate steps taken to apprehend the culprit. He had secured himself in the bedroom by barricading the door with everything he could lift. Threats and persuasion were both tried, to induce him to surrender; but the besieged, either from fear or hardihood, made no reply—further than increasing the elevation of the pile of chairs, etc. The assault was commenced, battering rams were improvised out of knees, shoulders and other portions of the human form; and brought with considerable momentum against the fortified door. It didn't fly open; but it gave inch by inch, till further resistance seemed useless; still he worked, closing up the breach with pillows, bolsters, hearthrug. John had read of molten lead being poured on besiegers—to do this was in his case impossible, but every kind of liquid he could get—clean or dirty, oily or saline—was utilized by discharging over the top of the partly opened door, and on the attacking party. Grandmother got enough hair oil to serve her for a year; unfortunately, very little went on her head; her dress caught the greater portion. The action was not without smoke—or at least a good substitute—for Master John sent the entire contents of baby's puff box over those in a convenient position to receive same, and then the contents of something else, that laid the dust, but raised the ire of all. Rendered furious by these moist missiles, the assailants by a simultaneous rush at the door forced the barricade. It went down with a rare crack, I tell you. Still the entry was blocked up with the debris—overturned tables, boxes, chairs, jugs, glasses, basins, etc.—A nimble lass undertook to "cut" and "bring out" the culprit; she widened, more than knee deep, in through the gap, but she didn't bring him out. How, none could tell. When the passage was cleared through the wreck of the barricade, a thorough search was made, with no better success. The window was open, but they were satisfied that he had not gone that way; for it was 50 feet from the ground. It was clear that he was not in the room. Where could he be?—The difficulty was

apparently solved by a shower of soot on the hearthstone; for they cried in chorus, "Good Heavens, the child is up the chimney!" So he was, and there he was likely to stay—for there was a bar on the top, which he could not pass; and those who tried to pull him down only got smothered in soot; one got it in her eyes, another in her mouth. Mother now appeared on the scene, and in her usual prompt manner gave orders, in a loud voice, for Mary to go for the sweep to push John down with his machine. She also lit some paper—to smoke him out. This John afterwards told me was too much—he could not stand the soot and the smoke too—so down he came with a bound, and shook himself like a dog just out of water. It was surprising what a lot of room they gave him—no crowding round him, so anxious as they had been to get hold of him. They made a rush for the door and blocked it up, egress that way for him was impossible; so, black as a sweep, over the white quilt on the bed, he bounded—and through the window! How he managed none of them knew. They were afraid to go to the window, for fear he should drop and kill himself; but he was off. He told me he slid down the iron water spout that ran from top to bottom of the house, about 18 inches from the window. Thus he escaped for the time. I was the first to find him, in the cellar. We concluded, from the commotion we had created, that the inevitable thrashing would be something terrific. John suggested that we should run away from home. I asked what we should do for dinner. "Oh!" said he, "I have thought of all that; I have watched the way the beggars do, many a time. They ask for a crust of bread or a cold potato." But I objected, "We don't like cold taters." "Well, you little flat," he retorted, "Can't we throw them away and live on the pudding, for they often give both—only you mustn't ask for pudding. Besides, we might get some money for holding a gentleman's horse, then we could go abroad and sell wafles matches a penny a box. I would not like to disgrace the family by selling them in London," he added, as a reason for going abroad. Convinced by his arguments, I agreed to go at once. Off we started—he did not wash himself, for he said he would look more like a beggar. I thought he looked more like a sweep than anything else. We got out off the house unobserved, and two streets off commenced operations. We saw a good-looking old lady down an area. John said, "I'll try her," and altering his voice to a most pitiable whine, drawled out, "Please marm, have you got any cold taters, cold carrots, or cold cabbage—I ain't eat any for two days; last night I slept in a empty coal sack, and I was too weak to walk to the canal for a bath." "Poor child," said the old lady, "and who is that little boy with you?" "Oh!" said John, "He's crying 'cos he's lost himself, and I said I'd give him some of what you give me." The old lady, without further questioning, handed up a soup plate full of cold vegetables; potatoes were on the top, carrots beneath, and, sure enough, cold cabbage on the bottom, with a small piece of fat bacon—but no pudding. She stood looking up at us, with a benignant smile on her kind old countenance, waiting for the plate. She was not kept waiting long; for the next instant she received a shower of potatoes, accompanied by the remark, "I don't like cold taters," then followed the carrots, also accompanied by the remark, "don't like cold carrots," and he wound up by shovelling the cabbage on her too, at the same time emphatically, "nor I don't like cold cabbage." The greasy plate slipped, and went down, also smashing, of course. The crash brought the old lady's son to the rescue. He gave chase—we made, instinctively, for home—he gained on us, and caught me within ten yards of our door. John, who was ahead, ran into father's arms. It was delivered up, too, with a full and particular account of our doings. We got it hot that night. It was no good saying we never intended to kill the baby. I thought he was going to "fig" us to death; however, he stopped at last, and we amused ourselves by counting the wafles on each other's backs.

The Canal Boat far from our house, one morning, as we were taking our usual swim, a fly boat came by. An ugly old woman was steering. A big boy was driving the towing horse. We thought we should like a ride on the long roller. The old woman objected, and tried to shake us off. In this, she

failed. She then pelted us with cinders—part of the cargo—we retaliated by splashing her with water. She got tired first and stood steering—looking uglier than ever—calling us very bad names. In the excitement, we forgot that we were leaving our clothes a long way behind. Riding on a rudder and making wry faces at the bargewoman, was fine fun. It was not such fun going back—swimming till we were tired and walking till we were scorched. At length we got back to where our clothes were—but they were there no longer, and we never saw them again. Some distance off I certainly found one sock, my black leather belt and a collar; but that was all. Fortunately, we found an old coal-sack; it was tarred and very stiff; however, with a broken bottle, we cut a hole in the bottom big enough for my brother to put his head through. Both of us got into it; but we had no room to walk, so we cut a piece off the top which I wore petticoat fashion, keeping it up with my belt. Thus attired, we went our weary way. Several women we met crossed to the other side—most of the men laughed—every boy followed and shouted. It was impossible to get into the house unobserved, with such a troop of young blackguards at our heels. Mother was at the door—but shut it in our faces; she didn't know us. My brother slipped out of his sack, and climbed over the area railings. I tried to follow, but my stiff petticoat catching in the spikes, slipped up under my arms and kept me hanging in a very uncomfortable and unbecoming manner, till the cats' meat man cut me down. We got it as heavy for that as if we had stolen a suit of clothes each, instead of being robbed of our own. It was our usual fate. They never did make allowances for accidents in our family.

Retaliated. We were very fond of the water, yet it was always getting us into trouble, summer and winter. Opposite to us lived a tall family. The son we used to call daddy-long-legs. I once won a lot of marbles off this fellow; he could not pay me; the more we played, the deeper he got into my debt; so we agreed that he should work it out—by carrying me on his shoulders whenever I wanted—for a month. It so happened that I wanted rather too often to please him; so he soon got tired of his bargain, and did not come out to play as often as usual. The month was going by, and I, fearing I should not get value of my marbles, used to lay wait for him, and jump on his back when he was going to school. This seemed to annoy his father, for he laid in wait for me and boxed my ears till I thought they were on fire—though it was mid-winter. This father was a plumber. That same afternoon, I saw him coming up the street with a coil of lead pipe round his neck. My brother at once suggested the mode of attack. He took me on his shoulders and ran to meet the foe, who, evidently, thought we were going to gallop by in bravado. This, however, was not our intention; for, in passing, I caught him a round-arm punch on the nose. I knew it was a hard knock, for I felt the gristle of his nose crunch. The water started from his eyes—the blood from his nose. He didn't cry, but he swore fearfully. He was savage because he could not get the coil of pipe off without assistance, and we made it worse by laughing at him. Unfortunately for us, two men came out of a house close by and lifted the lead off his shoulders. We got a good start, but that was very little use against his long legs. He went three yards to our one—not a door was open for us to rush through and shut in his face. It was a hard frost, the small service pipes were frozen, and a hydrant had been fixed into the fire plug of the main pipe for the people to get water. This hydrant had been knocked out, somehow, and the water was shooting up in a stream as thick as a horse's leg, and three times as high as a man. To this we ran, and my brother had just time to say "Dodgy him round it," when he was up with us. I dodged as well as I could, but that was not very well, the ground was so slippery. He made a grab at me, just missed and nearly lost his balance. At the same instant my brother, to divert his attention from me, made a rush and butted him in the second button hole of his waistcoat; it wasn't hard enough to double him up, but it was enough to tilt him over into the waterspout, which he caught hold of for support. Strong as it was, it didn't hold him up, but knocked him down and tumbled on to him. The women who were there, filling their pots, laughed. We thought it better not to wait, so we hastened away and avoided him ever after.

General News.

What may happen to an unprotected lady in Melbourne has been exemplified in the case of a Mrs. Loessel, who arrived from Adelaide by the steamer, Flinders.

We are all glib about our roads and our surveys. The roads are miserable and our system of making and repairing them is miserable too, but we do not realise how much we are losing by continuing to use them in their present condition.

For profitable mutton growing, and especially for young lambs to market, there is no method so cheap and successful as crossing the native merino ewe with a thoroughbred course wool buck.

On 21st, 25th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st inst., and 1st prox., tickets will be issued to and from all stations at HOLIDAY EXCURSION FARES, available for return for 12 days, including day of issue and Sundays.

On 25th and 27th inst., and 1st proximo, the GOODS SHEDS at the various stations will be CLOSED, and Goods Trains will not run.

On the "stone-wall" business, the "Telegraph" says: "It would perhaps be charitable to suppose that the visits of Ministers to the country districts are undertaken, in fits of desperation; and, as a last resort, to work 'the public' up to a proper point, of 'stone-wall' enthusiasm."

A correspondent of the "World" asserts positively that Mr. Gladstone has assured his family that he will never again assume the Liberal leadership in the House of Commons.

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Application for a Mining Lease.

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The above Races will be held on Friday, 31st December, 1875.

NO Trained Horses or Horses that have won an advertised prize, or horses owned by persons residing beyond the distance of Ten miles from Sailsors' Gully will be allowed to enter for any race.

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TRAGEDY IN FLINDERS LANE.

A shocking tragedy was enacted in Flinders lane, Melbourne, on Friday evening. A man named John Makwitz, stated to be a native of Danzig, and about 42 years of age, who, it is said, at one time kept the Imperial hotel in Hotham, but had latterly been employed in some capacity at St. George's Hall, and was in very straitened circumstances, was married a year ago yesterday to a young woman, but they did not live happily together. The woman, who is rather good looking, states that he was very jealous of her, and ill-treated her soon after marriage and subsequently. They lived together, however, till about a week ago, when the woman ran away from him, and took a house at 135 Little Flinders lane east, not far from the detective office. It appears from what follows that the woman gave him cause for jealousy, and that brooding over this he came to the determination to kill himself in her presence, in order that she might ever be haunted by the horror of his death. On Friday morning he went to his wife's house and got a sovereign from her, for the purpose, as he said, of taking out of pawn a greatcoat and some shirts, preparatory to going up the country with an hawk, but in reality, it appears for the purpose of buying a pistol and ammunition to kill himself. The woman was very much frightened by his manner then. About six o'clock in the evening he returned and knocked at the door, and was let in by a little boy, who after opening the door, went out the back way. The man walked into the bedroom where his wife was, and looked at her in such a terrible manner that she croaked against the bed and implored his mercy. He struck her, and then showed a pistol, and pointing out that he had twisted round his finger a lock of the woman's hair, pushed her suddenly backward upon the bed. She screamed, and at the same instant felt something like a puff of wind pass over her head, a loud explosion, and fainted. On recovering she saw the man lying in a pool of blood around the floor, and his brains scattered over the bed and floor. She gave an alarm, and Constable Slatery being fetched by a boy, went to the place. He found the man lying on his back on the floor in a pool of blood, the left side of his head blown away, and his brains scattered about. The sight was a horrible one. The man seemed to have fired the pistol into his mouth. His left eye, the left side of his face and head, and all the inside of the head, were blown away, and the bulk of the brain was lying in a lump in the centre of the bed. Beside his left hand was a small single-barrelled pistol, and near his hand was a letter. The wife of the deceased, Alice Makwitz, said that the man tried to shoot her first, but from the contents of the letter it does not appear that he had any intention of killing her, but that he succeeded in doing exactly what he wished, namely, shooting himself over the woman's living body. The woman said the man's name was Mankovich, but the name was spelt by the police as given above. Below is given a copy of the letter as near as it could be published. The writing was very shaky, but tolerably distinct, and the errors in grammar were much less than might have been expected, considering that the writer was a foreigner. It contains allusions to his wife's immoral relations with men, whose names are not given below for obvious reasons. Some of the context also has been omitted, being hardly fit for publication. It will be observed that the writer refers to the day of his wedding and his burial, no doubt alluding to the fact that yesterday was the anniversary of his wedding day. The reference to the detective force apparently alludes to the fact that the woman lives near the detective office. The letter runs thus:— [The next sentence is incoherent.] Prostitution is the best career on, most successful carried on under the noses of the police, as the detective force is an example. I don't sign my name. It will be found out soon enough. I have no money, and I intend to blow my brains out over my wife's living corpse, that she always may remember my (f) in that beautiful life she and her companions are leading, and may the course (f) of God be on her (f), that she shall have the mangled body of myself always before herself, and if my ghost she shall haunt her and drive her to madness, and the worst I wish here (f) [The remainder was written so that it could not be known which portion read first.] I got £1 from my wife and . . . I paid 4s. for a pistol at Cleland's. I return the rest to her after paying for powder and shot. I see her at my wedding-day and my burial (f) I wish to be buried (f) with the lock of hair on my finger. . . . I leave my lodging now 10 a.m., to go and see my cursed wife to go and get some money,—the first and last to go and buy a pistol, and return to her, take her in my arms, and scatter my brains over her cursed carcase. Amen. N.B.—My wife's name was Alice Buckley, and you will find from her, her brother is an old policeman, and living, I believe in Dandenong, Oakleigh, Ferntree Gully, or Sale (Gippsland) at present I believe. J. M. M. married December 17, 1875; order for a grave stone. At the inquest held on Saturday a verdict of *felix de se* was returned.—"Argus."

stance; I just figure up the amount and says "Boys, here's Jones owes Smith so much," giving the figures, "and Smith owes Jones so much," giving figures, "which leaves Jones behind with Smith so much; and that's what we must render judgment for." They all agree to it, although they don't know any more about figures than a hog does about theology. I'll say this for the niggers, 'a continued, 'they are not stubborn on a jury at all; but so far as my experience goes, they are always anxious to do the right thing between man and man: They do not shield their own people. They'll hang a nigger for murder just as quick as they will a white man, and good deal quicker. Sometimes I think they are a little too hard on their own race. But I suppose they fear we will charge them with partiality. On the whole, a nigger makes a pretty fair jurymen. 'Was there not great opposition to his serving in that capacity? 'Oh, yes; thunder was fit with a nigger; they would die first, and all that; but they had to swallow the dose, and have now got used to it. There's nothing like being used to anything, is there?"

GENERAL NEWS.

Soon after Carroll, ex-member for Ararat, arrived at Pentridge, he was placed (says the "Argus") in the A division, to serve the first part of imprisonment. He soon complained of loss of appetite and a number of bodily ailments, which he attributed to close confinement, and (as may be supposed) no very great variety in his bill of fare. After a short time Carroll was removed to the prison hospital, where he received medical comforts but, it appears, was making little improvement in his health. Here he managed to write a letter, unknown to the authorities, giving directions to send him certain drugs, the effects of which would be to reduce him in appearance. He also gave injunctions to his relative that to carry out his object the strictest secrecy was requisite, and to prevent the affair from being known, the medicine was to be got from a certain chemist at Ballarat. One day as one of the warders was searching Carroll, the letter was found in his possession, and he was subsequently brought before Mr. Call, P.M., when he endeavored to show in his defence that he had been in the habit of taking the medicine for a number of years for an old disease, but this was seen could not be the case. Constant doses of the medicine would have ultimately reduced him to that state of body and mind that, in all probability, an application would have been made by some of his friends to the Government for his release from prison, after having served a short period of his sentence. Carroll was sentenced to several days, additional imprisonment.

A mysterious and singular disease has made its appearance among the horses on the Plains and round Cape Cope (says the "St. Arnaud Mercury"). Animals that were known to be perfectly sound have suddenly fallen down upon their head or face, and repeated the action several times, till they expired, without any apparent cause. Death is evidently not brought about by poisonous herbs or grass, for the bowels and water of the horses are in a healthy condition. Among those who have lost horses in this manner is Mr. Cameron, of Cape Cope, who lost a valuable mare by this unaccountable and deadly disease.

THE AMENDING LAND ACT.

Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):— 1. This Act shall be called and may be cited as "The Land Act 1875," and shall be read and construed as part of "The Land Act 1869," hereinafter called the Principal Act. 2. On and after the day of One thousand eight hundred and seventy and the word "three" in the nineteenth and twenty-first sections respectively of the Principal Act shall be read "six." 3. On and after the date last aforesaid subdivision III. of the twentieth section of the Principal Act shall be read as if for the words "during the currency of such license" therein there were substituted the words "within three years from the issue of such license." And subdivision IV. of the said twentieth section shall be read as if for the words "during the continuance of such license" therein there were substituted the words "for two and a half years." 4. Whereas it is provided in the Principal Act that the rate of rent to be paid by every licensee of a run for such run should be read, justified by Parliament upon the expiration of five years from the passing thereof: Be it enacted that the rent payable by every such licensee for pastoral occupation of any such run and which shall become due on and after the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, shall be paid at the rate of one shilling for every sheep or five shillings for every head of cattle which it may have or shall be determined to be capable of carrying by the Board. 5. Section twenty-nine of the Principal Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu of the half yearly list therein mentioned there shall be prepared as soon as conveniently may be after the last day of each month in every year a list of the names of all persons from whom fees or rents shall have been due and unpaid for six months on leases granted under "The Amending Land Act 1869," or on leases or leases issued or granted under the Principal Act, and such list shall specify the days upon which such fees or rents severally became due; and every such list shall be in the form in the Schedule to this Act or as near thereto as may be, and shall be forthwith published in the "Government Gazette;" and the insertion in such list of the name of any person from whom fees or rent became due and were or was due for the period aforesaid respectively shall be prima facie evidence of the non-payment of such fees or rent, and shall be evidence of notice to the parties therein named that such fees or rent were or was due and that payment thereof where necessary was lawfully demanded. 6. Nothing in sections two and three of this Act shall in any manner affect any license under section nineteen of the Principal Act which shall have been issued before the said day of one thousand eight hundred and seventy, or any act or thing done under or by virtue of or in respect of such license.

NEGRO JURYMEN.

Negroes, it seems, make admirable jurymen, and a correspondent of the "Cincinnati Commercial" in the United States, who has been to the Red River country, where the black population so largely preponderates, and the juries are selected from both races, bears the following favorable testimony to their qualifications in this respect:—"I asked" he said, "a white man who had considerable jury experience how it worked. He said, 'It worked tolerably well after a fellow got used to it.' 'Did it take much time to get used to it?' I asked. 'Yes, sir; you bet it was the confoundest hardest thing to get used to ever you heard of. I haven't got used to the smell of it yet. Of a hot day in a close room with a lot of fat niggers sitting on a case, it's pretty hard. But we have to submit; for if some of us white people didn't go on the jury, it would be all niggers, and that would be ruin.' 'How are the juries divided?' I asked. 'Oh just as it happens, so there are some of each race on every jury. Sometimes there's only two niggers, sometimes four, sometimes six, and sometimes ten.' 'How are they about agreeing upon verdicts?' 'They are better than the whites; the niggers never hang a jury. When I am on a jury with them, and the suit is on an account, for in-

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An additional mail for Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat, etc., will be made up at this post-office on and after 12th April, closing here at 10.30 p.m. Mails for Ararat, etc., close at 10.30 p.m. in lieu of 7.30 p.m. A mail for Main Lead is made up at Beaufort on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 8.30 a.m.—returning from Main Lead on same days, at 6.30 p.m. The mails for Ararat, Shirley, Melbourne, Ballarat, Geelong, Beaufort, Traralgon, and Eurambone are despatched twice daily. Mails for Main Lead, Raglan, Charlton, and Waterloo are despatched three times a week—Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Mails for Stockyard Hill and Sailer's Gully (a loose bag to Lake Goldsmith) are despatched three times a week—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS OF THE SINGER MACHINE.

SPURIOUS SINGERS' made of inferior metal, are in the market; but they can easily be detected by the absence of the Singer trade-mark, with the name of our firm written underneath. Any person caught selling a counterfeit machine as a genuine Singer will be prosecuted without further notice. Illustrated price lists sent post free. Sewing Machine sales for 1872. The returns just published show the Singer Manufacturing Company victorious, as usual.—The Singer Manufacturing Company, 217, 758. Being 45,677 machines in the excess of any other company. Stanford and Co. SOLE AGENTS FOR THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Corner of Bourke and Russell Streets, Melbourne. Machines Repaired.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS

NO FAMILY or person should be without these Pills. Their long tried efficacy in correcting disorders of the liver and stomach, stimulating the bowels and purifying the blood, has secured for them an imperishable fame throughout the world. A few doses produce comfort, a short continuance effects a complete cure. Invalids may look towards this rectifying and purifying medicine with the certainty of obtaining relief.

How to Enjoy Life.

Is only known when the blood is pure, its circulation perfect, and the nerves in good order. The only safe and certain method of expelling all impurities is to take Holloway's Pills, which have the power of cleansing the blood from all noxious matters, expelling all humors which taint or impoverish it, and thereby purify and invigorate and give general tone to the system. Young and old, robust or delicate, may alike experience their beneficial effects. Myriads affirm that these Pills afford a marvellous power in securing those great secrets of health by purifying and regulating the fluids, and strengthening the solids.

Our Mothers and Daughters.

The functional irregularities peculiar to the weaker sex are invariably corrected without pain or inconvenience by the use of Holloway's Pills. They are the safest and purest medicine for all diseases incidental to females of all ages, and most precious at the turn of life, or when entering into womanhood.

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Table with columns: From, To, Time. Routes include Balarat to Ararat, Ararat to Ballarat, Ballarat to Melbourne.

Beaufort Post Office.

Table with columns: Post Town, Mails arrive at Beaufort, Mails close at Beaufort. Locations include Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat, Traralgon, Raglan, Charlton, Waterloo, Main Lead, Sailer's Gully, Stockyard Hill, Ararat, Beaufort, Eurambone, Shirley.

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In general debility, mental depression, and nervous debility, there is no medicine which operates so like a charm as these famous Pills. They soothe the stomach, strengthen the nerves and system generally, give tone to the stomach, elevate the spirits, and in fact render the patient sensible of a total and most delightful revolution in his whole system. Thousands of persons have testified, that by their use alone, they have been restored to health after all other means had proved unsuccessful.

Indigestion and its cure.

Indigestion with torpidity of the liver is the bane of thousands, who pass each day with accumulations of mucus, all of which may be avoided by taking these pills according to the accompanying directions. Their strength and invigorate every organ subservient to digestion, and effect a cure without debilitating or exhausting the system; on the contrary they support and conserve the vital principle by a complete purification of the blood.

Holloway's Pills are the best remedy known in the world for the following diseases:—

- Ague, Pleurisy, Rheumatism, Bilious Complaints, Retention of Urine, Blotches on the Skin, Scrofula, or King's Evil, Bowel Complaints, Sore Throats, Stone and Gravel, Debility, Dropsy, Female Irregularities, The Doloureux, Fevers of all kinds, Ulcers, Venereal Affections, Headache, Worms of all kinds, Indigestion, Liver Complaints, Weakness from whatever cause, &c., &c.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT

Bad Legs, Bad Breasts, Wounds, and Ulcerations of all kinds.

THERE is no medicinal preparation which may be so thoroughly relied upon in the treatment of the above ailments as Holloway's Ointment. Nothing can be more salutary than its action on the body, both locally and constitutionally. The Ointment rubbed over the part affected enters the pores as salt permeates meat. It quickly penetrates to the source of the evil, and drives it from the system.

Throats and Shortness of Breath

Relaxed and congested throats, elongated uvulae, ulcerated or turgid tonsils, whooping cough, croup, wheezing from accumulated mucus, and other difficult ties of respiration, also palpitation, stitches and shortness of breath, may, with certainty, be cured by rubbing this healing Ointment over the chest and back for at least half an hour twice a day, assisted by appropriate doses of Holloway's Pills.

For Glandular Swellings, Stiff Joints and Diseases of the Skin.

This invaluable unguent has greater power over gout and Rheumatism than any other preparation. None need remain in pain if its removal be set on foot. The earliest, by using this infallible remedy according to the printed instructions affixed to each pot. All settled aches and pains are remediable in the same manner.

Gout and Rheumatism.

There is no preparation for salutary effects comparable to this remedy. It should be well rubbed over the affected parts after their due fomentation with warm water. It acts by stimulating the absorbents to increased activity, by preventing congestion and promoting a rich and copious circulation in the parts affected, thence speedily and effectually it cures a cure.

Piles, Fistulas, and Excoriations.

The cure which this Ointment effects in healing piles and fistulas of long standing, after they have resisted all other applications, have been so countless and numerous throughout the world that any effort to give an adequate statement of their number or character would be vain. It is sufficient to know that the Ointment has never proved inefficient.

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The Ointment is a sovereign remedy for the most stubborn stone in the bladder, and is used in the most judicious manner. It is used twice a day into the small of the back over the region of the kidneys, into which it gradually penetrates, and in almost every case give immediate relief. Whenever this Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for as the easiest and safest remedy in all disorders of the kidneys. Both the Ointment and Pills should be used in the following complaints:—

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The Pills and Ointment are sold at Professor HOLLOWAY'S Establishment, 538, Oxford Street, London; also by nearly every respectable Vendor of Medicines throughout the Civilized World, in Boxes and Pots. The smallest box of Pills contains four dozen; and the smallest Pot of Ointment one ounce.

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"Look then into thy Heart and Write."

THE above sentence read carefully will tell all that I could in a thousand lines, it adapts itself admirably to a large number of cases continually coming under my treatment.

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"Look into thy heart" and say it is not better for me to seek aid and get relief by writing to one man in whom I have confidence, with whom my secret is safe, and whose aid and counsel will assist me in my endeavor to be happy, making me say with the proverb—"Rejoice, O, Young Man, in thy Youth."

"Look then into thy heart and write," for hundreds have written to me when it has been too late, and who, in place of their "Children like olive-branches round about their table," leave their homes desolate, and feel a reproach upon their manhood to live.

"Look then into thy heart and write" and remember that "As thy days, so shall thy strength be," and that who by writing down his case, no good can come of it, but that relief mentally and physically can be given to you, and that in place of sinking into a dishonored and premature death, you can feel that, in the words of Wordsworth—"An old age serene and bright, and lovely as a Lapsland night, shall lead thee to thy grave."

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