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SPURT STREET, BALLARAT.

THE whole of the Enormous Stock of General Drapery and Furnishings will be sold during this sale at much under the present wholesale value. The bulk of the stock having been purchased much under English cost, will give ample opportunity for placing bargains before the public which it would have been impossible to had the goods been purchased in the regular manner.

CARPET AND FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

The immense stock held in this department was all purchased prior to the imposition of the new duties. Furnishing orders can therefore be made up at less than wholesale price. 900 yards Tapestry Carpets 2s 6d per yard, worth wholesale 3s 6d; 1600 yards Tapestry Carpets 2s 11d, worth wholesale 3s 6d; 2500 yards Tapestry Carpets 2s 11d per yard, reduced from 4s 6d; 2700 yards Brussels Carpets from 4s 11d to 5s 11d per yard, excellent patterns and the best quality. Kidderminster Carpets will be sold 2s 11d, 3s 11d, and 4s 11d per yard; worth more to import. Turkey and French Carpets 6s 3d, 8s 3d, 10s 3d, 1s, 1s 3d, 1s 4d, and 1s 6d per yard; all at less than wholesale prices. Coir, Chinese, and other Matting at special rates for the sale. An immense stock of Floorcloths and Linoleums at considerably less than wholesale prices, these lines having been purchased prior to the new duty of 20 per cent. ad valorem. The Honeycomb quilt at 6s 11d, would be cheap at 12s 6d; the quilt at 8s 11d is worth 16s 6d; the quilt at 12s 6d would be grand value at 20s, and could not be sold at less if purchased in the regular manner. The Toilet Quilts are splendid value, the quilt at 4s 11d is formerly 7s 6d, and splendid value; the 10s 6d quilt is the largest size, and was formerly 15s 6d. An immense stock of Nottingham Lace Curtains, from 3s 11d to 25s per pair; the latter are reduced from 37s 6d. French Chalk Curtains, purchased at a large discount, 5s 11d to 18s 6d per pair, worth much more to import.

MANCHESTER DEPARTMENT.

All the Summer Stock in this department will be cleared out at whatever price it will bring, as it is determined that no goods shall be held over for next season. Crump's and Hoyle's best quality, 8s 3d and 9d Prints will be cleared out at 4s 3d per yard. All the 6s 3d and 7s 3d Prints specially reduced to 3s 3d per yard, so as to effect a prompt clearance. A large stock of White Satin Striped Muslins, 3s 6d and 6d per yard; worth twice as much in England. The Balance of an immense stock of Brown Hollands will be reduced to 3s 3d, 4s 3d, and 6s 3d; all lower than importers' price. A splendid stock of new Corsettes, reduced to 4s 3d, and 6d per yard, former price 6s 3d and 9s 3d. Fancy Old Lace, 1s per yard, reduced from 1s 3d. Several pieces all linen Table Damask, 10s 3d, reduced from 1s 4s 3d, a splendid line for family use. Splendid value in White Calicoes, 2s 11d, 3s 11d, and 4s 11d per dozen. 2 halves 7s 2-inch Grey Twill Sheet-ting, 10s 3d and 1s per yard. Superior Cotton Shirting, reduced to 4s 3d and 6s 3d, worth 6s 3d and 9s 3d per yard.

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There is an immense stock of Fashionable Dress Materials in this department, purchased at job prices prior to the new duties. Early purchasers will get a splendid choice and grand bargains. An immense lot of 12-yard dress lengths, worth in every instance 4s 3d, are put into various lots, and marked 3s 11d, 4s 11d, 6s 11d, 8s 11d, 9s 11d, and 12s 6d per dress of 12 yards. Colored Twills, superior value, 10s 3d and 1s, reduced from 1s 3d and 1s 6d. These shades are wonderfully cheap. A splendid lot of Costume Tweeds and Serges, reduced to 4s 3d, 5s 3d, 6s 3d, 7s 3d, 8s 3d, 9s 3d, 10s 3d, 11s 3d, 12s 3d, 13s 3d, 14s 3d, 15s 3d, 16s 3d, 17s 3d, 18s 3d, 19s 3d, 20s 3d, 21s 3d, 22s 3d, 23s 3d, 24s 3d, 25s 3d, 26s 3d, 27s 3d, 28s 3d, 29s 3d, 30s 3d, 31s 3d, 32s 3d, 33s 3d, 34s 3d, 35s 3d, 36s 3d, 37s 3d, 38s 3d, 39s 3d, 40s 3d, 41s 3d, 42s 3d, 43s 3d, 44s 3d, 45s 3d, 46s 3d, 47s 3d, 48s 3d, 49s 3d, 50s 3d. Colored Linens are much under English cost; they are reduced to 6s 3d, 8s 3d, 9s 3d, 1s, and 1s 3d—half the colonial value. Colored Satin Cloths, reduced to 6s 3d, 8s 3d, 10s 3d, 1s, 1s 3d, and 1s 6d. Plain Wines reduced to 4s 3d per yard—worth 7s 3d. Heavy Twilled Wines 6d per yard, worth 1s per yard. Black Grosgrains reduced to 6s 3d, 7s 3d, 8s 3d, 9s 3d, 10s 3d, 11s 3d, 12s 3d, 13s 3d, 14s 3d, 15s 3d, 16s 3d, 17s 3d, 18s 3d, 19s 3d, 20s 3d, 21s 3d, 22s 3d, 23s 3d, 24s 3d, 25s 3d, 26s 3d, 27s 3d, 28s 3d, 29s 3d, 30s 3d, 31s 3d, 32s 3d, 33s 3d, 34s 3d, 35s 3d, 36s 3d, 37s 3d, 38s 3d, 39s 3d, 40s 3d, 41s 3d, 42s 3d, 43s 3d, 44s 3d, 45s 3d, 46s 3d, 47s 3d, 48s 3d, 49s 3d, 50s 3d. Immense reductions in Black Persian Corsets, Russell Corsets, Cashmeres, Merinos, Italian Cloths, and Barathas. A superior line of all-wool Flannels, double width, reduced to 6s 3d per yard.

FANCY DEPARTMENT.

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MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

All the Summer Stock in this department has to be sold; if packed up and held over, they not only lose their fresh, new-like appearance, but they become old fashioned and valueless. All the new shapes in Ladies' Hats reduced to 3d the new shapes in Ladies' Hats reduced to 3d the new shapes in Ladies' Hats reduced to 3d; infants' white Cashmere Hoods, reduced from 1s 6d. Ladies' drab and white Corsets, 1s, 1s 6d, 1s 11d, and 2s 11d per pair, not half price; a lot of 9s 6d Stays reduced to 4s 11d per pair. Ladies' Chemise and Drawers, 1s 11d. Children's Plaque Petticoats, reduced from 7s 6d to 3s 11d each. Infants' Robes, and every requisite in Infants' Underclothing, at one-half the regular price.

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The Balance of the Season's Goods will be sold at less than cost price, to effect a complete clearance. Lace, seaweed, and Cashmere Fichus, reduced from 15s to 4s 11d. New Lace Mantles, reduced from 50s to 25s each. Children's Holland Tunics and Drawers beautifully trimmed and embroidered, reduced to 1s 11d each. Pompadour and Staff Costumes reduced from 3s 6d to 1s 6d each. Ladies' Print Wrappers, elegantly trimmed, reduced to 6s 11d. Stuff Costumes, usefully trimmed, reduced from 25s to 14s 6d. Trimmed Skirts reduced to 3s 6d. Piano Tunics and Blouses, trimmed and embroidered, 1s 11d each.

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The Sale Begins on Saturday, 24th January, 1880.

A. CRAWFORD,

MITCHELL'S BUILDINGS, SPURT STREET,

BALLARAT.

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FOR THE
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Cleans 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

WONDERFUL CURE OF ULCERATED SORE LEGS OF 18 YEARS STANDING.

Messrs. C. Mundy and Company, Pharmaceutical Chemists, Gosport, write us follows:—"Sir, We have received the enclosed testimonial, and have much pleasure in forwarding it to you. As he obtained the medicine from us, we can vouch for the truth of his statement."

27th February, 1875.

I, Charles Luker, keeper of the Royal Engineers' Office, at Gosport, having had ulcerated sore legs for the last 18 years, which broke out while stationed at the Cape of Good Hope. Since my return to England I have tried everything in the way of patent medicines I could hear of, and have had the best advice both in Government and private hospitals, but obtained no permanent relief; on hearing, three months ago, of your medicine, I was induced to try them, and, wonderful to relate, after having taken one large bottle of Blood Mixture, and applied two 4s. 6d. pots of your Miraculous Salve, my legs are perfectly healed.

You are at perfect liberty to make what use you like of this, as I think all who suffer from similar diseases should try the same.

Witness—W. J. Sparrow,
To Mr. F. J. Clarke, Lincoln.

Sold in Bottles 2s 6d 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, by all CHEMISTS and PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS throughout the world.

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CATALOGUES, DELIVERY BOOKS,
SOIREE & DINNER TICKETS,
MOURNING CARDS, &c., &c.,

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

There was a fair supply of produce brought into the market yesterday. The following are our quotations:—Oats, 1s 10d to 2s; wheat, 4s to 4s 2d; flour, L9 10s;...

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

No doubt in consequence of the holiday interfering somewhat with business, but little has been done for the past week in breadstuffs. Prices remain as previously quoted, the sale of one lot of wheat of 100 bags being reported at 4s. At Horsham prices are gradually improving, and at the end of last week sales were effected at from 3s. 11d. to 4s. 1d., and in the metropolis 4s. 6d. to 4s. 8d. per bushel is being given. Flour has had fair business at our figure, several parcels having been disposed of for the Western district. Oats have been very quiet and a fall of 1d. per bushel is reported. At Ballarat oats can now be obtained at 2s. per bushel in bulk, though the market has been by no means overstocked. Hay has sold freely at the rates quoted and straw has been abundantly offered. In dairy produce fresh butter, which has not doubt to the recent rains, has been more plentiful, and may be reported as a little easier in price, whilst eggs are scarce and a ready sale exists at our rates. We quote as follows:—Wheat, 4s 6d to 4s 8d; pollard, 1s 2d; bran, 11d; barley, 2s; maize, 10s 6d; crushed 4s 3d; flour, L9 12s 6d; potatoes, Warwick, L2 15s to L3; fresh butter, 1s;...

NEW PERSEVERANCE COMPANY, WATERLOO.

The general half-yearly meeting of the above company was held on Wednesday at Ingram's Victoria hotel, Beaufort, when there were 115 shareholders present. Mr. James Prentice occupied the chair. The directors reported as follows:—The report now submitted by your directors gives a brief outline of the operations carried out at your mine since the date of the last general meeting, viz, 17th September last. At that date your directors had just accepted a tender for the removal and re-erection of the machinery and plant, the contract price being £164 5s. During the past six months your directors, owing to the want of funds, and their desire to make the calls as light as possible, have not been able to carry on operations so extensively as they otherwise would have done had heavier calls been made, having had to suspend work on two or three occasions, when the sixty penny calls were made. Your directors, however, have made every effort, compatible with the means at their command, to get the mine opened out sufficient to give an idea of its worth before calling you together on this occasion, but owing to the breaking of the pinion-wheel, and other unforeseen delays that have occurred in the contracts recently let for the underground work (one contract has been abandoned) your directors have not been able to accomplish their object. A contract is now underway for driving chamber and 100 feet (more or less) of main drive, and also for skidding the shafts. The chamber is now in about 4 feet. The contractors intend to sink shaft and put cage in before driving any further. The water is very light at present, the puddling machine is ready for washdirt, but sluice-boxes have yet to be made and fixed, ready for sluicing operations. In consequence of all the capital of the company (£11000) having been called up, your directors would recommend that an extraordinary meeting be convened for taking the necessary steps to increase the capital of the company, say £500. The auditors' balance-sheet for half-year ending 29th February, together with the auditor's report, is now before you, and also a general statement of receipts and expenditure to date of audit. A supplementary statement of assets and liabilities is also submitted to you, which will show the absolute necessity of at once providing for the operation of the company. During the six months, sixteen directors' meetings have been held, the attendance being as follows:—W. Smith, 12; R. Smith, 1; J. Harris, (elected in place of R. Smith), 5; G. Manners, 16; E. Ingram, 14; and J. Prentice, 13. In accordance with the deed of association, two directors retire from office. The retiring officers are Messrs. Harris and Prentice, and they are eligible for re-election. Mr. Manners having left the colony for a time, it will be necessary to elect a director in his place. It is therefore a part of the business of this meeting to elect three directors, two for twelve months and one for six months. The election of two auditors will also form part of the business. The half-yearly balance sheet showed the receipts to amount to £13 5s. 7d., and expenditure £471, leaving a credit balance of £42. The assets were as follows:—Balance in hand, £42; uncalled capital, £1100; unpaid on tenth call, £90 10s.; machinery, plant, and liabilities, £1000—total, £1232 10s. Liabilities—Sundry accounts, £128 6s. 9d.; balance, £1104 3s. 3d.—total, £1232 10s. General Business—The capital of company being called up, a deal of discussion ensued as to what action was to be taken in the future. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Rule—"That an extraordinary meeting be convened for the purpose of increasing the capital of the company, and the number of shares, or consider the advisability of letting the mine on a lease. The directors and auditors report was also adopted. Messrs. Prentice, Rule, and Watson were elected directors. Messrs. A. Cunningham and D. Mason were re-elected auditors. It was resolved that 5s. be allowed each director for his attendance at directors' meetings, the Ballarat directors to be allowed 5s. each for railway fares. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AND NEWS-PAPERS.

Artis, R. Brown, E. M.; Blackmore, P. Corkhill, Mr.; Ballarat and Beaufort Consols; Chapman, P. W. Ellis, T. Miss E.; Dowd, J.; Doolan, W. Gunn, D. Hunt, Miss L.; Humphreys, R. Jones, John. Kelly, M.; Kenzie, S. McIntosh, W. H.; M'Pherson, Colin; Manners, Wm.; M'Gregor, A. Roycroft, R. and E. Schofield, Mr.; Scold, J.; Saunders, J.; Stewart, W. Turner, Mr.; Thompson, Wm. Wells, Miss Alice. E. M. KILDAILL, Postmistress. Beaufort, 2nd April, 1880.

Marriage.

MORRIS-FINCH.—On the 29th March, at the Presbyterian Manse, Beaufort, by the Rev. A. Adam, Peter Charles Morris, eldest son of George Morris, Main Lead, to Eliza Finch, eldest daughter of Alfred Finch, Ernabella.

Death.

BLANCHFIELD.—On the 28th March, at Bethesda, of dysentery, Bridget Blanchfield, aged twelve months.

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The shareholders in the New Perseverance Company, or at least those present at the meeting on Wednesday last, do not seem to be troubled much with gratitude. The retiring directors for the past twelve months, Messrs. J. Prentice, J. W. Harris, and G. Manners, have been acting as honorary directors during their term of office, which is the exception in such companies, and yet at the meeting they were not even accorded a vote of thanks. The office of director to such a company cannot be all beer and skittles, that is unless the directors like to pay for it.

The anniversary services of the Primitive Methodist Connexion, Beaufort, will be held on Sunday the 11th inst., when the Rev. H. Heathershaw, an old resident amongst us, will preach morning, afternoon, and evening. On the day following a public tea will be held, when addresses will be delivered by several rev. gentlemen. Collections will be made at each service in aid of the church building fund.

Mr. J. W. Browne, the legal manager of the New Perseverance Company, was paid a high compliment by the auditors of that Company in their report which was presented at the half-yearly meeting held on Wednesday last. The accounts were certified to as being correct in every particular, and the report concluded by commending Mr. Browne for the able manner in which he had kept the books of the company.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council will be held on Thursday next, at 11 a.m. Tenders are invited for various works in the shire returnable that day, particulars of which will be found elsewhere.

The committee of the Beaufort Agricultural Society will meet at 3 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon, at the shire hall.

The sale of property advertised in our last issue to be held at Loft's Railway Hotel this day has been withdrawn for the present.

Mr. W. R. Nicoll announces elsewhere that he has commenced business in Havelock street as accountant and general commission agent. Particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

Messrs. Witherspoon Bros. and Co. invite tenders for building brick additions to their stores in Neill street, particulars relating to which appear elsewhere.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Race Club is convened for Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, when the secretary will present the balance sheet, and general affairs in connection with the late meeting will be wound up.

Tenders are invited for fencing at the Beaufort Cemetery. Particulars may be obtained from Mr. Browne, the secretary.

Mr. Angus Polson, of Ararat, was awarded a gold medal for his Frampton wheat at the Geelong Autumn Show on Thursday. He also secured first prize for Tartarian oats, first for any other variety, and first for Cape barley.

An "Argus" telegram from Brisbane says:—"At Alcoa, three boys named Sullivan and two Flynn, aged six to eight, left their homes on Easter Monday. After a long search they were found yesterday (Wednesday) morning drowned in the Dalrymple Creek."

The British Bible Society, irrespective of the equality of the American Association, has circulated 85,000,000 copies in 225 languages during the seventy-five years of its existence, and is now circulating over 3,000,000 copies per annum.

The "Sydney Bulletin" is responsible for the following:—"David Gausson," who was unceremoniously left out of the Service Ministry, and Mr. Thomas Dent, his friend, who is included, have set up a coat of arms. Gausson's motto is "Broken and Bent," and his friend's is "Bent, not Broken."

The following useful recipe in reference to choking cattle is given in the "New York Herald"—"A Mississippi farmer dashes cold water into the ear of a choking animal. This causes the animal to shake its head violently and the muscular action dislodges the obstruction. The largest tree yet discovered was one found in a grove near the Tule River, Prulare County, California, in 1874; 240 feet from the ground it was 12 feet in diameter, and had two limbs respectively 9 feet and 10 feet in diameter. It has been cut down, and is supposed to have been 480 years old. We ("Bondigo Advertiser") were on Thursday shown by Mr. C. L. Smith, of the gold office of the Bank of Australasia, a splendid specimen of gold, weighing in all 23oz. This is the product of less than a week's work by one man, within a few miles of Sandhurst. For obvious reasons Mr. Smith declines to disclose the situation.

The "South Wales Weekly News," publishes the following unique specimen of its ignorance of Australian geography:—"Mr. Alexander Forrest's expedition across the discovery of many millions acres of pasture land in North and West Melbourne."

The "Hay Standard" reports that a lamentable incident occurred at Gunbar Lake last week, which terminated fatally. Mr. Armstrong, the manager of the station, who usually rides about with a troop of fifteen or sixteen kangaroo dogs at his heels, happened to come across two boys, belonging to a poor laborer, travelling in search of work. The lads, on seeing the dogs, ran; the dogs gave chase, and caught one of the lads, who was from seven to eight years of age, worried and lacerated him in a frightful manner before assistance could be given to drive them off. After lingering for days in great agony, death terminated his sufferings.

Thursday's "Ballarat Star" says:—"The destruction of lures on the Ercildoune Estate has been so great since the opening of the season that fears are entertained that the usual enjoyable public coursing meetings held thereon will this season fall far short of those of previous years in the matter of sport. Guns and dogs are daily decimating the game, and it is to be regretted that a privilege which Sir Samuel Wilson has always cheerfully afforded to sportsmen should be so ungenerously abused by those whose love of greed takes the place of sportsmanlike practices. The Ballarat Coursing Club has, we learn, resolved to at once take the matter in hand, with a view of assisting Sir Samuel Wilson in putting a stop to the wholesale slaughter of game."

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Health's Defences.—None save the strongest can with impunity pass through the sudden transitions from wet to dry, from cold to muggy weather so prevalent during the late autumn and early winter months. Influenza, bronchitis, cough, sore throat, diphtheria, or quinsy, will attack those most watchful of their health; but they can readily arrest any of these complaints by rubbing Holloway's Ointment twice a day upon the skin adjacent to the affected part, and by assisting a corrective action by appropriate doses of his Pills. This well-known, safe, and easy mode of treatment efficiently protects the invalid from present and future danger without weakening or even depressing the system in the slightest degree.

The English life assurance companies have been heavily hit by the unexpected death of the Marquis of Anglesey, whose life was insured in various offices for no less than £750,000.

The Rev. Joseph Dare, D.D., a leading minister of the Wesleyan denomination, died at his residence at Fitzroy on Sunday last, aged forty-nine years.

There are eighty newspapers published in the colony, and of this number sixty-eight support the present Government, and twelve are on the Opposition side.

Many married couples have the happiness of celebrating their silver wedding, but only a few rejoice at their golden wedding. The exceptional privilege has been the lot of the Bishop of Christchurch, New Zealand, and Mrs. Harper. The fets that marked the fifty years of married life of the venerable couple was sacred and social. It opened by a thanksgiving service, the primate and his wife receiving the communion at the hands of their two eldest sons, who are both clergymen.

Afterwards 600 friends and the children and grandchildren of the bishop and Mrs. Harper were entertained at Bishopscourt, where magnificent presents were given to the aged pair, the most interesting of which was a family picture. Framed in New Zealand woods were the photographs of the bishop, Mrs. Harper, their 22 sons and daughters and 60 grandchildren.

The receipts on the Victorian railways for the week which ended on the 25th March were £28,151 16s 4d. The sum received for the corresponding period of last year was £22,305 12s 8d.

An correspondent asks us "Argus" to publish the following complaint:—"A small box containing four juvenile suits (invoice price at home 34s) was sent to the writer per Durham, carriage paid to Melbourne. The suits were not for the purpose of sale, but were obtained merely to copy and reproduce the designs on colonial goods. The parcel, which was consigned to a carrying agent, was detained in Melbourne for 10 days, and the following were the charges:—Carriage to Melbourne, prepaid, 21; duty, 9s 6d.; lighterage, 2s 6d.; wharfage, 3s.; entries, 2s 6d.; cartage, 2s 6d.; commission, clearing, etc., 2s 6d. Our correspondent had to pay £1 19s 9d. for a parcel the value of 34s. He says—"I shall have no compunction of conscience in arranging that all future small parcels be sent by mutual friends coming out free, and thus evade the unreasonable tariff impost and grossly exorbitant charges."

A jet black kangaroo has (says the "Geelong Advertiser") been seen at the Little River several times during the past few days. From whence the stranger came cannot be conjectured, as this animal, known among business as a "paddy-melon," has never before been seen in this part of the colony. Notwithstanding that several attempts have been made, the visitor has not yet been captured.

An Italian medical paper contains a letter from Dr. R. Rudolf recording the discovery of a rapid cure for colds. Being seized with a severe coryza he happened to chew one or two twigs of the eucalyptus, at the same time swallowing the saliva secreted, which had a bitter and aromatic flavor. To his surprise he found that in course of half-an-hour the usual catarrh had disappeared. Some days later he was seized with another attack from a fresh exposure to cold, when the same treatment was followed by an equally fortunate result. He then prescribed the remedy to several of his patients all of whom were benefited in the same way. He believes that this treatment is only suitable in acute cases.

A woman, having some domestic trouble with her husband lately, and also suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, went to the Castlemaine Hospital for relief, which she obtained. After leaving there (says the "Representative") she must have had a fit of temporary insanity come on, for she threw herself into a water-hole in the creek; but being somewhat dazed, she missed the distance from the shore and instead of diving in the water she left her impression on the sand bank, and returned home thinking she was not born to be drowned.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

The eighth annual sports gathering under the auspices of the above club was held in the Agricultural Society's reserve on Easter Monday. The weather was glorious, and at early morning the committee were on the grounds engaged in making all complete for the day's sport, roping in the running circle, and such other work as was required to be done before the public could be admitted to the grounds. Financially it is hoped the meeting has been a success, although the accounts are not yet all in. As a sports gathering it had very few rivals in the colony. The various events were well contested, the big prize, the Beaufort Handicap (of 50 yards), being won by M. Evans, of Dandenong. This pedestrian styled himself, when nominating, a maiden runner, and consequently received a good start. It was Beaufort during the week (since the stakes were paid) that Evans was an old performer in public, and had won a big prize in Dandenong some twelve months since. This, of course, is only rumor, but his performances on Monday at once stamp him as a ped. of no mean order, and should the rumor be true he has floundered by won the money, and probably he may hear more of the matter. The second man, W. B. Freeman, is an old runner, and he ran well on Monday. H. Boughen, the third man, is also an experienced ped., and he was undoubtedly the best all-round performer on the grounds. Killeen, of Ballarat, ran in good form, but did not succeed in taking any money out of the Handicap. There were four distances in this event, and eleven acceptors, the distances being run in two heats and a final, with the exception of the 440 yards distance. There was a very good attendance of the public on the grounds, the beautiful weather no doubt having a good deal to do with it. The close finishes for the various races reflects great credit on the handicapper, Mr. J. M. Killeen, and as that gentleman is as yet comparatively young at the business too much praise cannot be bestowed on him for the able manner in which he brought the men together. The committee worked hard all day, their principal hardship being to keep the public out of the running circle. With the able assistance of the local police, under Sergeant Woods, they succeeded in keeping the circle fairly clear. While on this subject it may be well for us to remark that some of the general public seemed to think they were being treated by being turned out of the circle, forgetting that with the circle full of people it is a matter of impossibility for the various officers to perform their duties, and besides it is not fair play to those who are more considerate, and keep out of the way of the runners. Mr. S. Chapman filled the responsible office of starter capitally, getting the men away well together on each occasion. The judges, Messrs. H. Cushing and R. Humphreys, also fulfilled their duties to the satisfaction of all concerned, not one of their decisions, notwithstanding the many close finishes, being questioned. Mr. A. I. Thompson was at his old post as timekeeper, which office he filled right worthily. Mr. J. A. Wilson acted as referee, but his duties were so sinecure, as he was not called upon to exercise his ruling. Mr. J. B. Humphreys, the hon. sec. was kept busy, and appeared to discharge his duties satisfactorily. A fancy goods stall and a wheel of fortune constituted the whole of the "foreign business" on the grounds. Mr. E. Ingram supplied the wants of the inner man both with fluids and solids, and Mr. J. Covans seemed to do a fair business in the fruit and confectionery line. The Beaufort Brass Band was present, and considerably enhanced the enjoyment of all present by some very good music. The following are the results of the running:—

MAIDEN RACE—100 YARDS.

- M. Evans 1
J. H. Marsh 2
This was a gift to Evans, who won easily. Time, 11 3/4 sec.

BEAUFORT HANDICAP—200 YARDS.

- M. Evans 1
B. Killeen 2
H. Boughen 3
This was a good race, Killeen going hard for his place, but he could not overtake Evans, who won as he liked. Time, 21 1/4 sec.

FIREMEN'S RACE—200 YARDS.

- J. H. Marsh, Stawell 1
Joseph Whitfield, Beaufort 2
P. O'Brien, Beaufort 3
R. Provis, E.S. Baker, and C. Driver also star ed. This race was well contested, but a good deal of elbowing took place. Marsh took the outside running, and won easily, the rest in a bunch, being placed as above. Time, 22 3/4 sec.

BEAUFORT HANDICAP—440 YARDS.

- W. B. Freeman 1
H. Boughen 2
M. Evans 3
Six started, and Freeman went through his mile 100 yards from the start, and was never collared, winning easily. Time, 55 sec.

RUNNING HIGH LEAP.

- R. Bell (5ft. 2in.) 1
H. Anderson (5ft. 1 1/2in.) 2
There were four entries, and the jumping was very good, more especially that of the winner. The jumping of H. Anderson was also much admired.

YOUTH'S RACE—300 YARDS.

- J. Hosking 1
A. Taylor 2
W. Trompf 3
R. Sinclair, G. Phillips, J. Tanner, and E. Thomas also started. This was the race of the day. The start was a good one, and young Thomas made the pace very warm, when, 100 yards from home, he came down, when, 100 yards from home, he came down, when, 100 yards from home, he came down, when, 100 yards from home, he came down. Had this accident not occurred the result would have been materially altered. Hosking, however, ran gamely, and was closely pressed at the finish by Taylor. Time, 39 1/2 sec.

HANDICAP—300 YARDS.

- M. Evans 1
B. Killeen 2
H. Boughen 3
Evans won as he liked. Time, 32 1/4 d.

POTATO RACE.

- E. Hainsman 1
P. O'Brien 2
R. Provis 3
Seven started for this event which caused a deal of amusement.

HANDICAP—100 YARDS.

- W. B. Freeman 1
M. Evans 2
J. D. Ham 3

A good race, the finish being very close. Time, 10 3/4 sec.

STEEPLECHASE.

P. O'Brien (Crowlands) 10 yds ... 1
A. Ricketts, 5 yds 2
E. Admthwaite, scr. 3
This race was left to the three placed men. The jumping was excellent, not a hurdle being touched. The positions were never changed from the start. Admthwaite did not run up to his usual form, seeming to tire very much. The points scored in the Beaufort Handicap were as follows:—M. Evans, 15; W. B. Freeman, 10; H. Boughen, 7; B. Killeen, 6; J. D. Ham, 2. Total, 40.

THE CONCERT.

The Societies' Hall was well filled in the evening, and a very good programme was gone through by a concert company from Ballarat. The performance opened with a trio, entitled "The Wreath," by Miss Light, Mr. A. C. Carnegie, and Mr. Harley, which was very nicely given. Miss Thomas, a lady with a sweet melodious voice, came next, with "The Blue Arabian Monarchs," a nice song she did full justice to. Mr. A. C. Carnegie's rich baritone voice was heard to good advantage in "The Maid of Athens." The Darrow brothers followed with a song and dance, "The Hibernian Boys," which brought down the house, and in response to an encore they gave "The Babes on our Block." Mr. Harley was also in good voice, and his rendering of "My Pretty Louise" was well received. Miss Light and Miss Thomas sang several duets, notably the "Ella Call." The dancing of the Brothers Darrow was also much admired, and altogether a very pleasant entertainment was provided, which was brought to a close by a farce, entitled "You don't say so," by the Darrow Brothers, which caused roars of laughter. Mr. Bailey presided at the piano, and labored under the disadvantages of having to perform on an inferior instrument. He, however, performed his part satisfactorily, notwithstanding this drawback.

THE BALL.

Brought the day's amusement to a close. The hall was crowded, and dancing was next door to impossible owing to the crowd of men, women, and children present. The Beaufort Brass Band provided the music, and dancing was kept up till an early hour on Tuesday morning.

BEAUFORT MINING ITEMS.

Beaufort.—Have driven 236 feet towards the gutter, and intend next week to put up a bore to ascertain the height of the wash. The bed-lags for puddlers and engine are laid down, and the puddling-machines are on the ground.

New Victoria.—Yield for 2 days, 20oz. 10dw. Much time has been lost during the week owing to the holidays and the putting up of a new sky-rod.

Victoria No. 2.—During the week the drive has been extended 50 feet.

South Victoria.—Bottomed No. 3 bore at 130 feet on Wednesday, after passing through 3 feet of black sand. Men are now engaged in a main drain from the creek, to carry off the water from around the machinery. The contractor has finished the building-in of boiler, and the stack is more than half built up. Fair progress is being made with erection of machinery. Great delay has been occasioned in hoisting the poppet-logs through having to wait for sawn timber. Tenders were to be sent in yesterday for winding-engine.

Royal Saxon.—Shaft down 62 feet. Machinery will be ready for work in 10 or 12 days.

Waterloo.—Finished sinking the shaft at a depth of 180 feet 6 inches, and intend starting to-day to skid the shaft preparatory to opening out. The contractor is making fair progress in erecting the puddling machines.

Hobart Pasha.—Yield for five days, 35oz. The holidays have affected the yield. The ground in the lower level is still good, and shows every indication of being near the deep ground.

New Perseverance.—The skidding of shaft is nearly completed, and the contractors will commence chamber-driving to-day.

Fraser's Freehold.—Shaft down about 50 feet. Have had between 5 and 6 feet of very troublesome drift, but have touched the red clay at a further depth of 2 feet. The water has increased to about 7000 gallons per hour.

MELBOURNE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Thursday. The services of Mr. Gately were called into account at Pentridge yesterday to flog a prisoner named Henry Deake, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, with three floggings, for having attempted to commit a capital offence on a little girl.

A numerously attended meeting was held at Scott's Hotel yesterday afternoon of gentlemen who are interested in meat-preserving by the cold air process. The "Age" denies the assertions of the Ministerial organs concerning the reputed intentions of the Opposition, and goes on to state that as yet the Liberals have not come to any fixed determination.

Mr. David Pritchard, the well-known saddler of Elizabeth street, has obtained a patent for an improved new horse-collar which combines collar and limes in one. By this combination all friction is stopped, and straps are not required. There can be no doubt but that this article will be found to be far more advantageous than the ordinary collar.

There is some talk of the House being called together at an earlier date than was expected, as Ministers have got their measures in a forward state, and they are anxious to commence business. The body of young Baker, who was drowned in the Yarra on Sunday last, has not yet been recovered. The police have done their best, having dragged the river near where the accident occurred over and over again. This being the last week of the Juvenile Exhibition large numbers of persons are daily to be seen seeking admission. I trust that when the trustees make out their accounts they will not be out of pocket. I think the corporation ought never to have changed for the use of the building.

REMARKABLE CASE OF DEATH FROM LIGHTNING.

Mr Oliver Penfold, surgeon, of Sandhurst, describes in the "Australian Medical Journal" for March, the following case of lightning stroke:—

The deceased, a labourer, about fifty years of age, was working on the railway line between Sandhurst and Kangaroo Flat, away from buildings or even trees, quite in the open country, but surrounded by the telegraph wires carried on wooden posts, the iron rails, and the wheels of the "trolley" used by the men for transport to and from their work, which made conditions favourable to the attraction of the electric fluid. He was seated on the wooden carriage of the trolley which he had removed from the line to a low embankment by the side of the railway, the posts being about 6ft. off. The little wheels of the machine he placed on each side of the carriage, and he and a companion sat down to eat their dinner. Heavy rain was falling and peals of thunder and flashes of lightning occurred at frequent intervals. Suddenly both men were injured by the lightning. The companion of the deceased was stunned momentarily, but soon recovering himself, he found his mare lying on his face across the trolley with his clothes torn off his back, and apparently dead, which was indeed the case. The corpse was removed, and about four hours after death it was examined. Torn and wet clothes were upon the front of the deceased; the face was red, but not expressive of pain; blood was trickling from the nostrils and both ears; the left eyelids were discolored, and the eyeball was pushed forward; this pupil was neither contracted nor dilated. The right eye had been partly destroyed some time previously. The lower lip was livid, but the upper seemed natural. At the back of the head a large patch was tinged of there, over a space as large as one's open hand. The skin all round the neck was livid, and a large raw patch of a peculiar hatchet-like shape was noticed over the top of the breast bone. The skin of the trunk, sodden with wet, peeled off in places when pinched with the fingers, giving a scalded appearance to the parts so touched. Through the skin of the abdomen slightly blue patches, not bruises, were visible. The left leg was broken obliquely, and the smaller bone (fibula) shattered into several fragments. No contusion or discoloration was observable round the broken bone, only white, natural skin. The right leg was uninjured. Both heels were injured; the dense skin of each were cut as if by a sharp knife, and were torn open sufficiently to admit one's forefinger easily, and the heel-bones were broken into many pieces. The cut in the left heel was nearly straight, and the iron heel of the left boot was split in half. That on the right was in a star-like shape; the iron heel in this instance preserved its original horseshoe form. The strong ankle bones, nearly new, which he wore at the time of injury were destroyed at their heels, and the heels, wrenched from the uppers and burnt through their thickness, looked much like burnt sponge. The soft parts of the heel were red, not cutous and not blood-red. No internal examination was allowed, but no doubt the brain and skull were injured, and the shock indicated on the great nervous centres caused death. The lightning probably coursed down the back of the head and spine, through the hip bones to the legs, and the iron heels acted as the knobs of a "discharger" when applied to a Leyden jar, and probably thus caused the terrible injuries found after the unfortunate man's death.

NEWS BY THE S.S. SORATA.

ADELAIDE, 30th March. The Orient S. Sorata, which left Plymouth on the 21st February, passed Cape Horn this morning, and arrived at Glenelg shortly before sundown, after a passage of thirty-six days seven hours from Plymouth, exclusive of stoppages. She leaves for Melbourne at ten o'clock. The following summary is abridged from the Melbourne daily papers:—

LOXDOX, 21st February. The Pope has issued an encyclical letter in which his Holiness declares that civil marriage is insufficient, and strongly condemns divorce. He says it belittles everybody to know that any union between man and woman apart from the sacrament has neither the character nor value of a real marriage. Divorce is declared to be fatal to the prosperity of families and people, and the source of moral depravity.

Preparations for the expedition against Tukko Tarcomans continue unremittingly. Montenegro agrees to the Italian proposal to accept other territory in exchange for Gussinje and Plevna ceded to it by the Berlin treaty, but nothing is as yet arranged with the Porte, which continues its dilatory policy on this and the Greek frontier question.

The Spanish budget for the ensuing year laid before the Cortes shows a deficiency of about one million and three-quarters sterling. A deficit upon the year 1879-80 is estimated at two millions and a half sterling, but the floating debt already exceeds the sum.

Dr. W. H. Russell, of Crimea renowned and the special correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" during the South African war, has made serious charges of breaches of discipline against several regiments in the Transvaal, accusing the men of plundering, drunkenness, and lawlessness that was quite uncontrollable by their officers. Sir Garnet Wolseley denied the charges, but subsequently stated that further enquiries would be made, as the home authorities were determined to sift the matter to the bottom.

The Marquis of Lorne has recommended the Dominion Parliament to grant 100,000 dol. towards the relief of the Irish distress. The volunteer review will be held at Easter on Brighton Downs, for the first time within the last seven years.

THE ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP THE CZAR'S PALACE.

General horror and indignation has been excited throughout Europe by a fresh diabolical attempt on the person and family of the Czar. The details at present received are very meagre, the censorship of telegrams being very rigorous than ever. The following are the latest particulars obtained:—Shortly after seven o'clock on the evening of the 17th February, when the Czar, with the Duchess

AN AMERICAN DIAMOND SWINDLE

The name of Phillip Arnold will be remembered by many. He was the person who many years ago bought in England and on the continent diamonds of inferior quality...

A CASE OF LAMBING DOWN.

The following case of "lambing down" a bushman is reported to the "Western Champion," a Queensland paper...

God only knows, is the despairing utterance from Drumalogue, in Cork. 'No language can describe the distress, in Cork...

THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS LETTER, WRITING ON THE SUBJECT OF SYMPATHY WITH THE IRISH...

The San Francisco News Letter, writing on the subject of sympathy with the Irish, says:—"Resolutions" condemning English laws...

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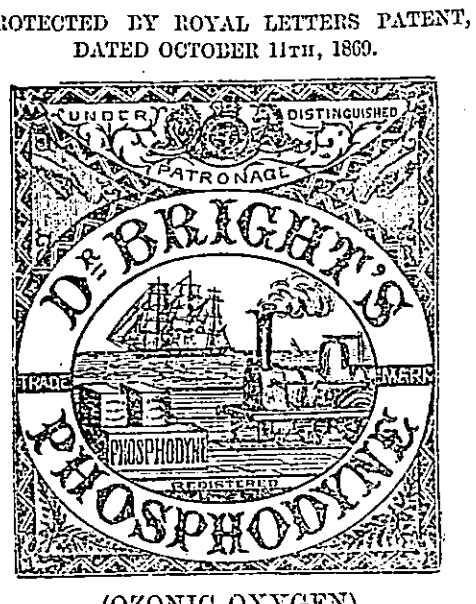
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GARDENING FOR APRIL.

KITCHEN GARDEN.—Manure and dig all vacant ground preparatory to autumn cropping. A few early peas, turnips, carrots, parsnips and onions for spring use may be sown.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Any alterations contemplated should be finished this month, and the transplanting of evergreens and flowering shrubs may be proceeded with.

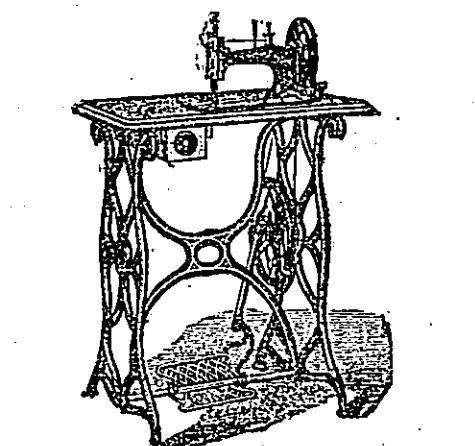
FARM.—This is the best month for laying down lucerne and grasses for permanent pasture. The soil being properly prepared, care must be taken not to cover the seeds too deeply.

English Mail. Duo at Melbourne: Wednesday ... March 24, Wednesday ... April 7, Wednesday ... April 21, Wednesday ... May 5, Wednesday ... May 19, Wednesday ... June 2, Wednesday ... June 16, Wednesday ... June 30, Wednesday ... July 14, Wednesday ... July 28, Wednesday ... August 11, Wednesday ... August 25, Wednesday ... September 8, Wednesday ... September 22, Wednesday ... October 6, Wednesday ... October 20, Wednesday ... November 3, Wednesday ... November 17, Wednesday ... December 1, Wednesday ... December 15, Wednesday ... December 29.

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WITH LATEST IMPROVEMENTS, Including TRIPLE ACTION BALANCE WHEEL for winding Bobbins without running other parts of the Machine.

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BEAUFORT, SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1880.

[PRICE SIXPENCE.]

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New subscribers are only charged from the time of ordering the paper.

Orders to discontinue subscriptions 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 must bear the signature and address 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.

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

There was a fair supply of produce brought into the market yesterday. The following are our quotations:—Oats, 1s 10d to 2s; wheat, 4s to 4s 2d; flour, L9 10s; Cape barley, 1s 10d to 2s; English do, 2s to 2s 1d; peas, 2s; sheaves, L1 15s to L2; hay L2 10s to L3; straw, 2s to 3s; potatoes, L1 15s to L2; bran, 11d; pollard, 1s.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

A good deal of activity has been experienced for the past week in the local grain market, a number of parcels that had been stored having changed hands since the publication of the wheat statistics in the "Age." At the beginning of the week 4s (bags returned) was readily given for all offered, but the market may now be considered less firm, no anxiety being evinced to purchase at more than 4s. for good milling, whilst poorer samples only command 3s. 10d. per bushel. At Horsham yesterday it was reported prices were easier, 3s. 10d. to 3s. 11d. being the ruling rate, whilst in the metropolis 4s. 6d. to 4s. 8d. was asked for good to very prime samples, millers not seeming inclined to operate freely. Flour in Melbourne is saleable at L9 15s. to L10, at which there is a fair trade demand. At Launceston wheat is quoted at 4s. 5d. and flour at L9 per ton. Here a good many sales of flour have taken place at from L9 10s. to L9 12s. 6d. at the present time the demand is not active. A number of teams brought up potatoes during the week and sales were freely made at our figures. It is, however, to be anticipated that owing to the recent rains and the consequent heavy state of the roads that a rise will shortly take place; carriers requiring an increased rate. The prices given in order to complete parcels for Sydney. Hay has had good business at our figures, and straw is very dull of sale. In dairy produce fresh butter is in good demand, whilst ported is rather plentiful though still fetching nice rates. Eggs are scarce, and are now worth 1s. The following are our quotations:—Wheat, 4s 2d to 4s 4d; oats, 2s 1d; new, 1s 9d to 2s; pollard, 1s 2d; bran, 11d; barley, 2s; maize, whole 3s 9d, crushed 4s; flour, L9 10s to L9 15s; potatoes, Warrnambool, L2 13s to L3; fresh butter, 1s, ported butter, 10d; hams, 1s; bacon, 9d; cheese, 6d; eggs, 1s; hay, sheaves, L2; trussed, L2 6s to L2 10s; straw, 2s to 3s; chaff, 3s; onions, 6s; carrots, 3s; peas, 2s 8d; rye, 5s.—Advertiser.

GEELONG WOOL AND STATION MARKETS.

Messrs. GEORGE HAGUE and Co. report: Wool.—As usual at this time of the year, the only lots offering are scoured sorts and oddments, of which we submitted a fair catalogue to-day. The tone of the market is exceedingly firm, and, if anything, prices to-day were in advance of those ruling before the Easter holidays. Sheepskins.—There was a full attendance of local and metropolitan buyers at our sale to-day, when we offered an extra large supply of skins. Biddings throughout were animated, and we have to report a brisk demand for all sorts. Hides.—The demand continues good for all descriptions, and during the Easter week we have effected some large private sales at very full figures. Talow.—There is no improvement to report in this article, and, owing to the reported news of a fall in the home market, prices here have an easier tone. We have disposed of a full supply, but find sales very difficult to effect. Grain.—Since last report we have effected sales of about 1600 bags good to prime wheat, for local use and shipment, at 4s 7d to 4s 8d; but during the past few days a decidedly quieter feeling has prevailed in this market, and at present the highest offers to be had for best samples are 4s 6d to 4s 7d. In feeding grains there is a slightly better feeling, and sales have been easier to make. We have sold 372 bags inferior to good feed oats, at 1s 10d to 2s 3d; 63 bags fair seed, at 1s 8d; 237 bags Cape barley, at 2s to 2s 1d, and a small consignment of feed peas at 2s 3d.—We quote: Wheat, good to prime, at 4s 6d to 4s 7d; ordinary to fair, at 4s 4d to 4s 5d; good feed, 2s to 2s 3d; prime seed, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; Cape Barley, 2s to 2s 3d; peas, 2s to 2s 3d.

Messrs. GEORGE SKYNOT and Co. report: Wool.—News from the home market continues to be of a most encouraging nature, and judging from present appearances there is every likelihood of a continuation, if not a further advance in this way. Every lot coming to hand meets with keen competition, and we have no difficulty in placing all parcels coming forward. We offered at the sales to-day, about 80 bales scoured and greasy, and sold every lot at first-class prices. Sheepskins.—Easter having intervened since last sales, the supply of both station and butchers' lots was unusually large, numbering about 10,000 skins. The trade, both local and metropolitan, was largely represented, biddings were conducted in a spirited manner throughout, enabling us to make a most satisfactory sale. Hides.—We offered about 700 hides at auction, and as the trade was largely represented, biddings were proportionately good, and we effected a capital sale. Grain.—There has been very little doing during the last few days either for export or local use. Wheat has been particularly dull, and our quotations are for prime milling, at 4s 7d; medium, to 4s 8d. Oats: there is literally no enquiry at the present time, and prices rule about those of our last circular, viz, from 2s 2d to 2s 5d.

The Rev. Canon McDermott, of Baniadden, county Sligo, has sent us "Argus" a copy of an appeal made by the local relief committee on behalf of the famine-stricken people of that place. No less than 400 families, it is stated, are without either money or food, and the distress which prevails is lamentable. The rev. gentleman writes:—"You will be doing an act of charity by publishing the above appeal and statement of the distress in this poor parish. Some of your readers may be moved to send me to save my people. We are only in the beginning of famine as yet."

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AND NEWS-PAPERS.

Adamthwaite, J.; Brown, Mrs. E. M.; Butler, A. M.; Boyd, Alex.; Cokhill, Mr.; Chapman, P. W.; Duffin, Miss E.; Dutton, Mr.; Evans, E.; Gunn, D.; Henderson, J.; Jones, John; Kelly, M.; Kenzie, S.; McIntosh, N.; Mannors, W.; McPherson, Colin; McGregor, A.; McIntosh, W. H.; Saunders, J.; Scola, J.; Schofield, Mr.; Turner, Mr.; Topper, G.; Thompson, Wm.; Vowels, Wm.; Ward, J.; Wilson, G.; White, D.; Waldon, M. A. B. M.; Wells, Alice; Wright, Wm. B.; E. M. KILDAHL, Postmistress. Beaufort, 9th April, 1880.

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The English mails will be despatched from Melbourne on Wednesday next, 14th April. The mails will close at the Beaufort Post Office on Tuesday, 13th April, as under:—Registered letters, 9 p.m.; ordinary letters and newspapers, 9 p.m.; Money orders on the United Kingdom will be issued up to 3 p.m. Attention is drawn to the regulations that letters and newspapers for transmission via Bradford must be so endorsed, and must bear the full rates of postage, viz: Letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight will be charged 6d.; every additional half an ounce or portion thereof, 6d.; newspapers, 1d. each; packet not exceeding an ounce, 1d.; two ounces, 2d.; four ounces or portion thereof, 4d.

As was stated in the last annual report of the local Mechanics' Institute committee it is their intention shortly to dispose of a number of pictures on the art-union principle. The pictures have arrived from Glasgow, and they are now on view at the institute and in several prominent windows in the township. We have not yet had an opportunity of viewing the collection, but from those who have seen them we learn that there are a number of very excellent oleographs, together with other of a less meritorious character.

On Tuesday evening last a committee meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club was held at Mitchell's Family Hotel, Mr. Male occupying the chair. A number of accounts in connection with the Easter Monday sports were passed for payment, and a rough estimate of receipts and expenditure furnished by the secretary showed that the sports have resulted in a small loss. This is to be accounted for by the fact that the nominations and acceptances were not up to previous years from point of number, and the addition of £10 to the prize given for the Beaufort Handicap. The committee have also purchased several expensive articles requisite for the proper carrying out of the sports. On previous occasions they have had to trust to the generosity of other clubs for the loan of these articles. The committee, however, are determined to persevere, and next year they hope to wipe off the deficiency, and also add to their banking account.

Mr. Joseph Patterson, one of two brothers who have resided in this district for the last twenty years, died on Thursday morning last, at about 8 o'clock, at Charlton. It appears that the deceased caught a cold about nine months ago, from the effects of which he never recovered, and was for some time an outdoor patient of the Ballarat Hospital. He was highly respected, and his death, although not unexpected, cast quite a gloom over Charlton. The remains will be interred in the Beaufort Cemetery to-morrow (Sunday).

Mushrooms are very plentiful in this district this season, and several parties who have gone out on a mushrooming expedition have been rewarded with some very large finds. The "Sketcher" for the fortnight is to hand, and from point of excellence is quite up to previous numbers of this excellent paper. The principal subjects depicted are as follows:—"Sketch at Trinity College, Fancy Sale, Melbourne Town Hall," "Sketches" at Sydney; "Lady Students at the University, a Glimpse of the Pier," "St. Kilda, from the end of the Pier," "Parramatta," "Operations of the Melbourne Harbour Trust," and portraits of the Rev. Joseph Dare, Signora Boema, and Ti White the Maori Prophet. Copies may be obtained from Mr. Henningsen, the local agent.

On Saturday next Mr. W. E. Nickols will offer for competition those premises in Havelock street, formerly known as the office of the "Beaufort Chronicle." The terms are very liberal, particulars relating to which will be found in another column.

Public attention is directed to Mr. W. E. Nickols' business announcement, which appears in this issue. A general meeting of the Beaufort Race Club was held on Wednesday evening last, at Nolan's Commercial Hotel. The secretary presented the balance-sheet, which was read and adopted. The races have resulted in a net profit of £3 18s. 6d., which added to the £20 to the credit of the club previously, makes the very respectable sum of £23 18s. 6d. It was decided to place £20 in the bank at interest. A few small accounts were passed for payment, and the hon. secretary, Mr. R. Barnes, was voted a bonus of £2 for his trouble.

The attention of those interested is called to an advertisement calling for tenders for making and fixing sluice-boxes for the New Perseverance Company, Waterloo.

The "Australian News" for the month is to hand. It contains a good selection of illustrations, and a complete summary of the news of the month for home readers. Amongst other sketches, the following subjects are dealt with:—"Victorian Academy of Arts—Opening Day," "Intercolonial Boat Race—The Victoria crew at practice," "The New Dalesford Railway," "A Pioneer Brighton Beach," and a lifelike portrait of the late Rev. Joseph Dare. Mr. Henningsen is the local agent, from whom copies may be obtained.

An "Argus" telegram from St. Arnaud, dated Tuesday last, says:—"A man named Thomas Pocock, about 60 years of age, a carpenter, was found dead this morning in his hut on the Silver Mines road. He had been drinking freely of late and was last seen alive on Saturday night. He was unmarried. No inquiry will be held, as there are no suspicious circumstances in the case, and he is known to be a sufferer from heart disease. He was one of the pioneers of the Fiery Creek rush, and has left a small property at Beaufort.

An English paper says:—"A thrilling event happened on the North-Western railway. A passenger train had just left the station of Kinton, when the door of a third class carriage which had not been properly closed flew open, and a child of four years, who was leaning against it, fell out on the line. The mother shrieked in despair and tried to jump out after her offspring, but was prevented by the other passengers, who had to hold her down. After some shouting and signalling the attention of the guard was aroused and the train was stopped. The poor woman alighted, and followed by the guard, ran in search of her child, whom she expected to find dead, but she found the poor little thing unharmed, standing on an embankment crying.

Last week we copied a paragraph from the "Hay Standard," stating that a boy had been so badly worried by dogs that he died. The same journal of 24th March contains the following correction:—"The statement in our last issue with reference to a lad at Gumbat, who had been roughly treated by dogs, was not altogether correct in detail. The injuries were not so severe as represented, and the lad was not dead, but we are glad to say, last week, that he is now recovering. Our informant had despatched a note to correct the statement, but it did not reach us in time for correction. No blame attaches to Mr. Armstrong, as the lads had wandered within private grounds unknown to that gentleman."

Holloway's Ointment and Pills are the best, cheapest, and most popular remedies at all seasons, and under all circumstances they may be used with safety and with the certainty of doing good. Eruptions, rashes, and all diseases, sores, ulcers, and burns are presently benefited and ultimately cured by these healing, soothing, and purifying medicaments. The Ointment rubbed upon the abdomen checks all tendency to irritation in the bowels, and averts diarrhoea and other disorders of the intestines frequently prevailing through the summer and fruit seasons. Heat lumps, blotches, pimples, inflammations of the skin, muscular pains, neuralgic affections, and enlarged glands can be effectively overcome by using Holloway's remedies according to the instructions accompanying every packet.

On the arrival of the train yesterday with Chiarini's circus (says Friday's "Geelong Times"), the proprietor presented the two guards in charge, Roll and Fowler, with a gold medal each, on which were suitable inscriptions, acknowledging the care and courtesy of both during a lengthened railway tour.

Some residents of Wagga petitioned the New South Wales Government for the release of a blackfellow, who a few years ago was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment for poisoning. It took several months to obtain a reply to the petition, and then the answer was that the prisoner had died in gaol in 1873.

It speaks well for the sober habit of Victorians that on the day following Easter Monday not a single charge of drunkenness was entered at the Melbourne City Court. In Sydney, on the same day, twenty-nine drunk and disorderly cases were dealt with.

The "Bendigo Advertiser" mentions that on Monday five apprenticed youths were charged with having illegally absented themselves from the services of their employers. They applied for a half-holiday on the first day of the Bendigo Agricultural Society's Autumn Show, and their request was not granted on account of pressure of work, but notwithstanding that, they knocked off work of their own accord, in consequence of which proceedings were taken against them. The bench sentenced each to 24 hours' imprisonment, with solitary confinement.

Rabbits must be plentiful in Colac. The Meat Preserving Company commenced operations upon them on Tuesday, and in four days 27,300 rabbits were delivered to the company. The manager has had to give notice to the carters that he cannot take more than 2,700 pairs daily.

A curious form of advertisement has been hit upon by a Manchester firm. It consists of sending off balloons stamped with the address and business of the firm. One of these toy messengers, let off a little while ago, was picked up next day in a village in the north of Italy.

The "Kilmore Advertiser" is responsible for the following:—"In one of the church collections taken up on a recent Sunday in Kilmore, there was a bank-note neatly endorsed—'A thanksgiving offering for the downfall of the Berry Ministry.'"

Mr. Loangoer and other fiery speakers may learn something from the pronunciation of a Maine Congressman in a speech against "difficultly" that has lately occurred respecting the organization of the Legislature of that state. It is thus given in "Truth" of February 19:—"I am the last person, I trust, Mr. Speaker, to appeal to the violent passions, to the fearful arbitrament of arms; but, sir, if the rights, the heaven-born rights, of my constituents, are to be frittered away in this manner, I shall show myself into the ditch of national doom, and swimming the blood-stained banner of their perjured bosoms with naked and dripping fingers." A malignant prescience to be unappreciative in America as here, for, according to "Truth," this does an American newspaper treat this magnificent outburst?—"And yet this is the same man who was once, according to his own neighbors, and whose screams for help were heard in the next township, and originated the rumor that somebody had set fire to the lunatic asylum."

A nugget of gold weighing 11oz. 18dwt., was unearthed on Saturday last at the claim of the Little Wonder, Manimbury. The township was considerably excited over the matter.

We have received the "Temperance News" for April which is an unusually interesting number, embracing a large variety of matter entertaining and useful, in which may be specially mentioned the report of the eighth annual session of the Grand Lodge I.O.G.T. and the annual District Council N.Z., I.O.R.

At the Leeds Police Court on February 14, Horri Holtum, a performer who styles himself the "King of the Cannon," was charged with unlawfully and maliciously wounding Elijah Fenton, a labourer. Holtum has been performing for some time at the Prince's Musie hall, and on Friday night he took his benefit, offering a prize of £50 to anyone who would successfully catch a ball fired from a cannon, as he was in the habit of doing. Fenton accepted the challenge and stood in front of the mouth of the cannon, some six yards from it. Upon the cannon being fired, Holtum endeavoured to catch the ball, but failed, and it crashed against his head and knocked him down. On examination he was found to be seriously injured, and was taken to the infirmary. Mr. Bruce, the stipendiary, told the proprietor of the hall, a man named Hobson, that his license would be endangered if he allowed a repetition of the performance. The prisoner Holtum, who said he would never issue another challenge of the kind, was remanded on bail.

The Ararat Borough Council (says the "Argus") invited all municipalities throughout the colony to unite with them in a strong effort to induce the Government to include in the new railway line from Ararat to Avoca. The construction of this line, it is argued, is a matter of very considerable national as well as local importance. It would connect (by the shortest possible route) the western with the other railway systems of this and the adjoining colonies; it would multiply traffic and promote an increased interchange of commodities between the ports of the Northern and Western districts, and open up a large and important market in Riverina and other northern localities for the productions of the rich pastoral and agricultural land of the Western district. A joint deputation will wait on the Minister of Railways on the 16th inst.

The "Brisbane Courier" of the 24th ult. states:—"By direction of His Excellency the Governor in Council it is notified in today's "Government Gazette" that a reward of £1000 is offered for the discovery of a cure for rust in wheat, subject to the condition that the cure be proved to be successful during three consecutive seasons in Queensland, the operations to be carried on under the supervision and inspection of such persons as the Governor in Council may appoint for the purpose, and the area to be experimented on not be less than 20 acres. Further particulars in regard to the selection of soil, etc., can be obtained at the Lands Office, Brisbane, by application in writing."

The "Y. P. Advertiser" gives the following extract from a Sydney paper:—"We learn on good authority that the Rev. Charles Clark, the celebrated lecturer, was two months ago received into the Roman Catholic Church at Clinton, England."

A Vienna paper says that every morning for the last few weeks the Car has found on his table a sealed black-bordered letter addressed to him, stating that he would not celebrate his twenty-fifth anniversary unless he abolished the system of oppression which is now galling the Russian people. All means which were used to find out the person who placed the letter in the Car's room proved fruitless, and although many of the lower Court officials were suddenly replaced by trustworthy agents of the secret police, the mysterious black letter appeared every morning.

The rule nisi calling upon Messrs. D and J. C. Syme, of the "Age," to show cause why they should not be committed for contempt of Court, was returned on Wednesday, says the "Telegraph," during the sitting of the Banco Court. Sir A. Martin, Q.C., on behalf of the defendants, made an apology, which Mr. Hodgson, on behalf of Mr. McKinely, accepted, on the condition that the defendants would not repeat the action complained of, and they would pay the costs. Their Honors, therefore, discharged the rule, and defendants to pay the costs.

The traffic returns on the Victorian lines for the week ending 1st April show that 178,519 passengers travelled, as against 128,294 for the same period of last year. The week's receipts amounted to £30,388 18s. 2d., as against £24,278 19s. 2d. for 1879.

It is rumored probable (says the "Herald") that the Attorney-General will accede to the request of the bar to take measures for the appointment of another judge to the Supreme Court, and that the appointment will be offered to Mr. George Higinbotham. In the event of that gentleman declining to accept it, it is certain that the position will be tendered to Mr. Holroyd, Q.C.

The "Hamilton Spectator" says that it would appear that, notwithstanding the cry that all the good agricultural lands are locked up, farmers exhibit no desire to get hold of them when they are open. Five hundred acres of Strathkellar estate had been advertised for a whole month as being open to tender for cultivation, in blocks of fifty acres and upwards, but not a single offer was received. Now, here was a case in which farmers were solicited to occupy some of the finest land in Victoria—the pick of the Western district—close to a railway station and well watered; they were invited to take up what extent of land they chose, and to fix their own rental. The fact that nobody thought it worth while to submit an offer can only be taken as indicating that agricultural land is not in demand for farming purposes, or else that intending farmers are very well satisfied with the lands that are open to selection in the Wimmera and elsewhere.

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH, 1880.

Present: Crs. Lewis (president, in the chair), Watherspoon, Cushing, McKenzie, and Thomas.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

From W. Buchanan, Beaufort, complaining of the water pipes being choked near his residence.—Referred to the water commission.

From thirty-two ratepayers of Beaufort, calling attention to the open drain crossing Havelock street, near the premises of Mr. James Prentice, and asking the Council to build a culvert over the drain.—Mr. Prentice appeared in support of the memorial, and it was resolved, on the motion of Cr. Watherspoon, seconded by Cr. McKenzie, to refer the matter to the North Riding members.

From Mr. P. Mitchell, of the Family Hotel, Neil street, Beaufort, complaining of his property being too highly rated.—Postponed till next meeting.

From Thomas Williams and others at Carngahm, asking the Council to take under its control the dam abandoned by the Result Quartz-mining Company.—The request to be complied with.

From John Greenfield, head teacher of Beaufort State School, asking the Council to still further reduce the water rate to school to £1 per annum.—No action taken.

From J. T. Irving, Ballarat, stating that he had sold his land to R. Taylor, and asking to be relieved from paying the general rate on same.—Received.

From the Lands Department, stating that the matter of making the new road to the Carngahm Cemetery had been referred to the Public Works Department.—Received.

From Robert Nice, Carngahm, intimating their willingness to join this Council in repairing Skipton bridge.—Received.

From Leontine Council, stating that they had invited tenders for the erection of a vehicular bridge over Trawalla Creek at Wilkins', and a footbridge near the Hobart Pasha Company's claim.—Received.

From the Borough of Ararat, asking this Council's co-operation in agitating for the construction of a line of railway from Ararat to Avoca.—Received.

From the Shire of Burgees, asking co-operation in the re-establishment of tolls.—The Council to be informed that this Council is in favor of the continuance of tolls.

From James Ward, resigning his office as nightman.—Tenders to be called, returned in a fortnight.

From Greenvilleshire, forwarding account for £3 3s for the erection of a mile post.—Received.

From John Hill and others at Mount Cole, asking the Council to repair a certain road at Mount Cole known as the old mill road.—The engineer to report.

TENDERS.

The tender committee recommended the acceptance of the following tenders:—

NORTH RIDING. Contract No. 301—Building one log culvert, and clearing and draining near Jesse's and W. Brown's. J. F. Watkin ... £51 1 0

Contract No. 305—Forming and draining 37 chains of the Waterloo and Main Lead road, and building a small log culvert. J. F. Watkin ... £60 10 0

Contract No. 306—Supplying 1,000 yards of quartz millstone cement on the Main Lead road. C. Broadbent, sea. ... £50 0 0

EAST RIDING. Contract No. 237—Making 26 chains of quartz road in Burdett's lane, and 7 chains by sheehan's, snake Valley, and building two small culverts. P. Kielly ... £108 18 0

Contract No. 238—Forming and graveling 61 chains 50 links of the Chestowee and Snake Valley road, in the parish of Chestowee. P. Kielly ... £83 11 0

WEST RIDING. Contract No. 163—Making a small tank on the Skipton and Stockyard Hill road. J. F. Watkin ... £416 4 0

Contract No. 164—Forming, draining, and metalling 46 chains of the Skipton and Mount William road, in the parish of Ence. P. Kielly ... £257 0 0

Contract No. 161—91 chains metalling and 7 chains forming on the Streamdam and Eurambeen road. P. Kielly ... £37 0 0

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the Finance Committee:— Engineer ... £29 3 4 Secretary ... 20 0 0 Mrs. Taylor ... 1 10 0 Weighbridge Commission ... 1 13 0 James Ward ... 5 9 0 Government Printer ... 0 19 0 "Star" ... 1 5 0 "Evening Post" ... 2 0 6 Arnall and Jackson ... 2 19 0 Grenvilleshire, supplying and fixing milk-posts ... 3 8 0 Delgates' expenses ... 4 0 0 W. R. Nicoll, dog commission ... 2 1 0 R. Barnes, dog commission ... 0 11 0 Henningsen and Klunder ... 8 5 6 Surface labor ... 62 10 8 R. Gibson ... 8 0 0 John Owen ... 4 5 0 Hawkes Bros. ... 4 15 5

REPORTS.

The engineer reported as follows:—"I have the honor to report that contractors are making good progress with work in hand. Tenders are invited for eight contracts, to be sent in to-day. The probability of a wet winter makes it desirable that maintenance metal should be provided for those blue metal roads where there is a deficiency of it, principally in the West Riding, and a little for the main road in the North Riding. I think it would be to the interest of the shire that advertisements for tenders for works should appear in the local paper, as by the present arrangement the advertisements only issue on Saturday, and the work is let on the following Thursday, which does not give sufficient time for the local men to inspect the proposed work."

The President of the Shire of Ripon.—"Sir,

We have the honor to report that it having come to our knowledge that His Excellency the Governor proposed visiting Beaufort on the 25th ultimo, we considered that we should incur the displeasure of the Council and ratepayers at large did we not, on their behalf, take action to give him a suitable welcome, this being the first Vice-Royal visit to the shire. The certainty of the intended visit was not known by us until the Tuesday preceding the Thursday on which the visit was to be made, consequently there was no time to call a meeting of the Council, or even to consult with yourself as to the reception that should be given him. Letters of invitation were at once sent to members, and authority was given to the secretary to prepare, on behalf of the Council and ratepayers, an address of welcome. The visit being made to the show of the Beaufort Agricultural Society, in order that the reception should be on a scale worthy of Her Majesty's representative, and the honor of the district, we pledged the assistance of the Council to co-operate with the society to carry into effect the desired purpose; and in submitting this report we trust to have the Council's sanction in the bearing of a share of the expenditure incurred. We have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servants, HUGH CUSHING, J. WATERSPOON, W. C. THOMAS, Members of the Shire of Ripon."

DEPUTATIONS.

Mr. Mulcahy, of Eurambeen, appeared to complain of the bad state of a road near his farm.—The engineer was instructed to call for tenders for repairing the road.

Mr. G. Topper, of Long Gully, complained of an impassable road at Long Gully, as also a bad place on the Stockyard Hill road. The Long Gully road was ordered to be repaired at once, but the repairs necessary on the Stockyard Hill road were referred to the members of the North Riding and the engineer.

Mr. James Stewart appeared to complain of the impassable state of a road near his farm at Lake Goldsmith. It was resolved that Crs. Thomas and Watherspoon and the engineer visit the locality complained of, and report on it.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

It was resolved on the motion of Cr. McKenzie, that £25 be passed towards assisting the Agricultural Society in defraying the expenses incurred by them in connection with the Vice-regal visit.

Messrs. James Dunn and J. H. Cameron having failed to pay certain fines inflicted on them under the Tolls Statute, the secretary was instructed to inform them that unless the amounts due were paid forthwith, distress warrants would issue.

On the motion of Cr. Watherspoon it was decided to call for tenders for re-fencing the side grounds, and also to have the shire hall painted.

On the motion of Cr. Thomas, seconded by Cr. Watherspoon tenders were ordered to be called for making Havelock street from the corner of the George Hotel south.

Mr. W. R. Nicoll forwarded a claim for services rendered to the Council, the consideration of which was postponed till next day's meeting.

Cr. Thomas drew the attention of the Council to a bad piece of road near Peckford's farm, Shirley, and it was resolved to call for tenders for repairing the same.

On the motion of Cr. McKenzie the engineer was instructed to call for tenders for the erection of a culvert at Madden's Flat, East Riding.

Tenders were also ordered to be called for unmaking a portion of the Silo's Gully and Beaufort road.

BEAUFORT MINING ITEMS.

Beaufort.—Have driven 41 feet during the week making a total of 277 feet from the shaft towards the gutter, and are now into the light blue reef, which in this district is usually found under and in the vicinity of the deep leads. The work of erecting the puddling machines has been abandoned for the present.

Waterloo Consols.—Have two drives in washdirt, which is improving. On Thursday night a prospect of half a det. was obtained from a disjunct of washdirt from the south-west drive at a distance of about 300 feet from the main drive and 450 feet from the shaft.

Waterloo.—Have been engaged in skidding the shaft during the week, and will start to open out on Monday. The contractor for erecting padders is making good progress.

Hobart Pasha.—The main drive in lower level is still being continued, and the ground is good. There is no alteration in washdirt faces in the upper level, lead trending south and east. Yield for five days, 41oz. 6dwt.

New Perseverance.—The chamber is in 19 feet of very hard reef. There is no dip in the wash, nor any increase of water. Tenders are invited by this company, returnable on Tuesday evening next, for making and fixing sluice-boxes.

New Victoria.—Yield for five days, 109oz. Victoria No. 2.—Making good headway in the western drive, which is still in reef.

South Victoria.—The contractors for erecting the machinery have made good progress during the week. The building of boiler and stack is finished, and the winding-gear is in position. The men are now engaged in heaving up the driving wheel. The poppet legs are fitted, and the hoisting will be commenced on Wednesday. The main drain for carrying off the water from around the machinery to the creek is up parallel with the shaft.

Frisher's Freshold.—Shaft down between 50 and 60 feet, and the quantity of water, 7000 gallons per hour, has not decreased.

Royal Saxon.—Shaft down 75 feet, and fair progress is being made with the erection of machinery.

Victory Q.M.C.—Building in of boiler is finished, and the stack will be completed on Thursday next. The remainder of the plant is expected to be on the ground in the course of a week.

It is notified elsewhere that poison will be laid on the ranges east of Waterloo Flat during the lambing season, as also on the Langi-Kal-Kal estate.

The Education Department invite tenders from persons willing to undertake the collection of the Enumeration census in the North, East, and West Ridings of Riponshire. Particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

A STRANGE VISITOR TO A CHURCH.

While being fully convinced of the Rev. Mr. Allen's popularity with the adherents to the Wesleyan Church in Murton, we ("Dummkle Standard") confess to an agreeable surprise in finding that the reverend gentleman was not allowed to depart without being shown a most pertacious mark of respect from other than those bearing the "human form divine." Last Sunday Mr. Allen occupied the pulpit for the last time, and scarce had the service commenced when a highly respectable-looking man marched sedately in, and took up a commanding position in the aisle, from which situation, however, it was promptly ousted. Again the animal made its appearance, and again was ejected. Now, whether said goat had been specially deputed on behalf of its tribe and kindred to convey their unspoken, although none the less eloquent, regards to the esteemed occupier of the sacred desk, or whether it was that the lesson and sermon dealt with theod and Noah's Ark—such was, in point of fact, the text of the evening—thereby deluding the animal into the belief that another shower was impending, we cannot say with any degree of certainty. But this we do know, that after a brief interval the lengthened visage of the animal was again seen at the church door, and, improving by its previous failure, made a "bee-line" direct to the pulpit, to which coining of visage it marched with the air of one who knows exactly what he is about and where he is best fitted to shine. Having got within the enclosure, the animal turned deliberately round and contemplated the assemblage with a look of placid benignity and settled satisfaction, glancing over and anon a look of kindly approval at the occupier of the desk. As the comicality of the situation was beginning to be realised by the younger portion of the congregation, an adventurous worshipper sallied forth, and the misguided quadruped was again handed out. Hardly, however, had the recollection of the incident faded from the minds of the congregation when the pertacious animal once more "came up smiling," and despite a few discursive kicks again reached the preacher's platform and entrenched itself behind the railings. This time the animal's countenance wore a highly miscellaneous look. But as the gravity of all save the sagacious brute itself was seriously endangered, the intruder was for the fourth time hustled out, and after being vigorously assaulted with projectiles of various kinds the animal sorrowfully departed, marvelling much to no doubt at the extreme conservatism that prevails among the worshippers of the present day.

AN AMERICAN ON AUSTRALIA.

The following extracts from the "San Francisco Bulletin" are fair specimens of smart American journalism. That journal it appears has a special correspondent in Sydney, who, under date of December last, writes under the head of "Australian Crimes"—commenting by saying that "a tidal wave of criminal violence has been sweeping over New South Wales and the neighboring colony of Victoria," and that "the bad old days of bush-ranging have been revived." The article gives a brief account of the doings of the Kelly gang of "horse-stealers," who murdered a "policeman," and stuck up a bank at "Enrod." The editor of the Jerilderie newspaper, instead of recognising this (the visit of Ned Kelly) as a stroke of luck, the next day telegraphed to Sydney to sell plant and good will at any price. One enterprising literateur made an effort to take Kelly to go blindfolded to any place to meet Ned and obtain from him the document he wished to be printed, and another enterprising reporter proposed marriage to the girl, thinking to effect his purpose in that way, but he got a flat hander that loosened his teeth, yet the "special," when treating of the fight between Captain Moonlight's gang and the police, says: "When the fight was over there re-appeared on the scene not a newspaper reporter (they are not smart enough here), but a life assurance drummer. He did business with two of the troopers on the spot." With regard to the reward offered to the Kelly gang, he says:—"When this was first announced I issued a counter proclamation of 5000 dollars for Captain Standish, Chief Commissioner of the Victorian police, dead or alive." Treating upon "youthful criminals," the following occurs:—"In Sydney and Melbourne, as in all large cities there is a substratum of vice and crime. The taint of the convict descent makes it worse here. Little is done to grapple with the evil, which is growing yearly more dangerous." "There is no free nor compulsory system of education." Commenting on "the cure," for this state of things, he says:—"But the people here are cowards. In the States the Kellys would have been hunted down before now." It would be well for the "Bulletin" to order its special to spend six months in Victoria, so that in future he may know a little about what he is writing.

A GOOD DOMESTIC STORY.

The lady was a model housekeeper, and had, among other estimable qualities, a penchant for elegant porcelain. She found, however, that to keep her sets complete was a most expensive matter, and she wondered how the different cups, custard glasses, and jelly-moulds went. The "helps" always said that the missing articles had been destroyed by the cat of course; but it was evident that if the cat had been the destroyer, it would not have the pains to remove all signs of the smash. Yet never a fragment of the disintegrated china was to be found; and it was also reasoned that the cat, to accomplish the big breakage debited against it, must sit up at nights, and all night to do it. It fell out that holiday-time came round, and the model housekeeper expected visitors, whom, of course the "helps" could not "abide," so the helps did not abide. They left, suddenly, but firmly. They left together. The lady had to don the usual big white apron and mob cap, and girding herself up in the style most affected by "helps," she proceeded to help herself. In the midst of the multifarious duties of cook, she was startled by the appearance of a somewhat dilapidated man at the back door. He commenced to talk. He said—"Any dripping to-day?" "She, forgetting her duties as cook, and being at once the mistress of the house, said "What do you want?" He seeing that it

was a new cook, "Oh, I always get the dripping off the other one, and I'll make the same allowance to you; and, I say, I sha'n't complain if you throw the pots in like the other one did." She, cook for the moment, "No; I don't want to sell it." He, argumentatively, "Oh, come now; the mistress won't know—she didn't know before." She, mistress again, and an enlightened one, too, "No, she did not know before, but she does now." He still argumentatively, "Oh, never mind; then, suspiciously, "But you're not the mistress—are you?" She laconically, "I am." He then said "Whow!" and went out into the street to mop a damp forehead he had about him. The cat has broken no china since—at least nothing to speak of, for "helps" are only mortal after all.—Ballarat Courier.

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"Amalgam" in the "Castlemaine Representative," says:—"A wedding was fixed to come off on Easter Monday. The bride, a pretty girl, who has been much sought after, and her wedding dresses and trousseau ready, the invitations to the ceremony were issued, and the cake prepared. During the last week, however, the bride expected received a letter which has somewhat changed the complexion of matters. The intended bridegroom has not always been a resident of this district, and perhaps his conduct when away from home would hardly bear the closest investigation. At any rate, the letter referred to stated that this Lothario had paid his addresses to the writer, and the result had been that she had loved—not wisely. She had no objection to the faithless fellow marrying anyone else, only God help the poor creature—but at the same time she would like some provision made for the child—the result of her unwise affection. This letter created a sensation, and the marriage is postponed. Whether the enquiries now pending will justify it ever coming off—especially with the antipathetic responsibility to provide for—remains to be seen.

One does not often hear of a "beak" being got at (says "John Peerybingle" in the "Weekly Times.") As a rule, your great unpaid generally knows how many beans make five. Last week, however one of them was caught napping. He had a prisoner before him charged with assault. The case was remanded, and a bail in £50 personal surety allowed. The papers were brought to the J. P. to sign, and in an unguarded moment the "beak" actually put his name to the bail bond, instead of the remand sheet. When the case was called upon the next week, the prisoner of course did not appear. "The recognisances are estreated," roared out the magistrates, in pompous tones, and so they were; but the magistrate, having signed the bail bond, had to ante up; and the prisoner, like the bumble petitioner, says "he will ever pray." Now the form of that beak is no more seen on the bench. He feels that there is just a chance of making a fool of himself a second time and he doesn't care about giving anyone the chance. How easily mistakes will occur.

GARDENING FOR APRIL. KITCHEN GARDEN.—Manure and dig all vacant ground preparatory to autumn cropping. A few early peas, turnips, carrots, pansies and onions for spring use may be sown. Plant out cabbage, cauliflower, celery, potatoes, shallots; dress asparagus beds. FLOWER GARDEN.—Any alterations contemplated should be finished this month, and the transplanting of evergreens and flowering shrubs may be proceeded with. Finish the planting of spring bulbs, as crocus, juncos, anemones, ranunculus, hyacinths, tulips, etc., etc. All hardy annuals may be sown, and cuttings may be struck of roses and other things that may be required. Out down decayed flower stems, and divide the roots of those that are wanted. Pansies, violets, etc., may be propagated by cuttings and division of the roots. FARM.—This is the best month for laying down lucerne and grasses for permanent pasture. The soil being properly prepared, care must be taken not to cover the seeds too deeply. For green fodder sow Cape barley and tares, or rye and tares; the former is preferable, being more succulent. In early localities oats may be sown for hay, but as a rule May is early enough.

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Table with columns: Day, Time, Destination. Includes Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, etc.

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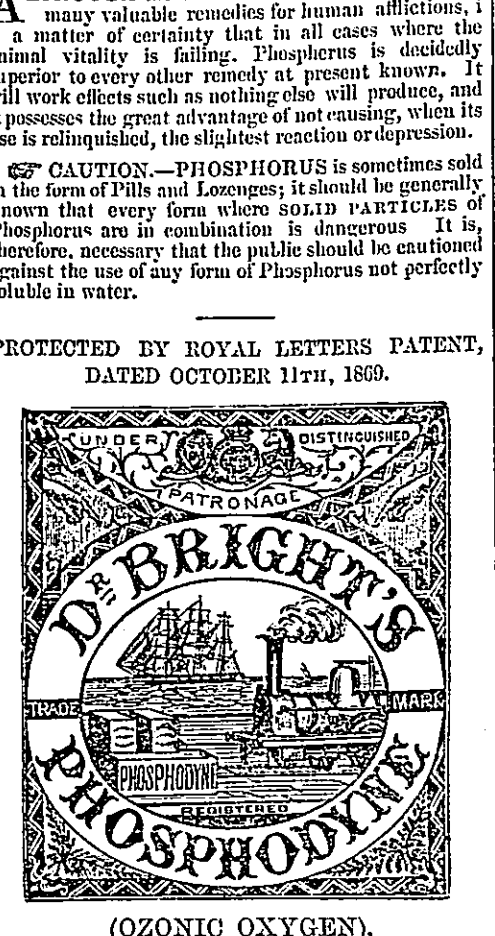
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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

The supply of produce in the market was not quite so plentiful yesterday. The following are our quotations—Oats, 1s 10d to 2s; wheat, 4s to 4s 3d; flour, L9 10s; Cape barley, 1s 10d to 2s; English do., 5s to 5s 1d; peas, 2s; sheaves, L1 15s to L2 5s; hay L2 10s to L3; straw, 2s to 3s; potatoes, L1 10s to L2; bran, 11d; pollard, 1s.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

A slight decline is again noticeable in the price of wheat during the past week. A few parcels changed hands fetching at the beginning of the week 3s 10d to 4s for primo samples, but on Saturday and yesterday 3s 10d per bushel was the ruling rate, bags returned, holders showing great disinclination to sell wags in. At Housham and Jung Tung but little grain is coming forward, 3s 9d being the latest quotation, whilst at Donald, Messrs. Fry are giving 3s 5d; at St. Arnaud 3s 10d is demanded by holders, and at the Landstorough mill 4s 3d is offered. Wheat at Warrnambool is worth 4s to 4s 3d, and at Hamilton 3s 9d to 4s. From yesterday's "Argus" we learn that quotations for wheat of anything like prime quality continued to stand at 4s 5d to 4s 6d, but the probability is that lower rates will have to be taken before shippers can be induced to resume operations. The market for flour is also reported as without the appearance of life at L9 10s to L9 12s 6d per ton. Locally flour is a little easier, being now worth L9 10s per ton, which figure is only moving off to meet trade requirements. Flour at Hamilton is quoted at L10 5s to L10 10s per ton according to quality. Oats are very quiet and have eased to 1s 9d per bushel, though really good samples are saleable up to 2s. There are plenty offering, but the demand is light. Hay still continues to come in freely at our prices. Potatoes find a ready market at L2 15s for Warrnambool varieties and L2 10s for Ballarat. Considerable shipments of potatoes are being made at Warrnambool for Sydney and Adelaide, and buyers are opening freely at L1 5s per ton. In dairy produce fresh butter has been more plentiful and is consequently a little easier, whilst eggs are scarce and would readily fetch our figure. Cheese has been well supplied, the present price being 6d per lb. We quote:—Wheat, 3s 10s bags returned; oats, new, 1s 9d to 2s; pollard, 1s 2d; bran, 11d; barley, 2s; maize, whole 3s 9d, crushed 4s; flour, L9 10s; potatoes, Warrnambool, L2 15s; Ballarat, L2 10s; fresh butter, 1s; potted butter, 10d; lard, 1s; bacon, 8d; cheese, 6d; eggs, 1s; hay, sheaves, L2; tussled, L2 5s to L2 10s; straw, 2s to 3s; chaff, 3s; onions, 5s 6d; carrots, 3s; peas, 2s 8d; rye, 3s.—Advertiser.

GEELONG WOOD AND STATION MARKETS.

Messrs. GEORGE HAYES AND CO. report:—The news from home continues to be of a most encouraging nature, there being a strong private enquiry for all descriptions of advancing values. Sheepskins.—The bulk of the skins coming forward now are beginning to show a better growth of wool, and are bringing higher rates in consequence. We offered a good supply on Tuesday to an exceedingly numerous attendance of buyers, who all appeared eager to operate at full prices, enabling us to make an entire clearance of all to hand. Hides.—The tanners are now all working full strength, and although our supplies are large and weekly increasing, we could yet dispose of much greater quantities, as the demand is still in excess of the supply. Grain.—During the past week there has been little or no trade demand, and shippers have been acting with great caution, taking nothing but the best samples, and then at a reduction on last quotations. Prime milling is now only worth 4s. 5d. to 4s. 6d., and sales are difficult to make at those prices. Feeding grains are also quiet, but we have numerous inquiries for good clean parcels of seed oats. We quote:—Wheat, prime milling, 4s. 5d. to 4s. 6d.; medium to good, 4s. 3d.; oats, good, 2s. to 2s. 3d.; prime seed, 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d.; Cape Barley, 2s. to 2s. 3d.; peas, 2s. to 2s. 3d.

Messrs. GEORGE SYMOND AND CO. report:—Wool.—We offered for public competition, to-day 60 bales secured and greasy wool, and effected a capital sale, at the following rates:—Greasy pieces, to 6d; greasy fleeces, to 11d; scoured wool, to 15d. Sheepskins.—A large supply came to hand, and as the attendance both of local and metropolitan buyers was very good, bidings were proportionately brisk, and we had a most satisfactory sale at advanced prices in those of last week. We sold:—A large number of crossbred points, from 18d to 30d, extra good to 42d, and a few prime lots to 44d; butchers' merino, from 24d to 38d, best sorts to 40d; station skins, crossbred, to 4d; merino, to 7d per lb. Hides.—A large number in store, and as the attendance of the trade was good, we sold every lot offered at the highest rates recently realized, viz., medium weights, to 3d, extra good, carefully taken off, 4d; calskins, to 3d. Tallow.—We have no sales to report during the week; but have a large shipping parcel under offer.

The "Bendigo Advertiser" states that "Mr. Elderson of the London Chartered Bank, detected a very fine sample of spurious gold presented to him for purchase on Saturday by a Chinaman. Mr. Smith says he has had various kinds of spurious gold presented to him at different times, but this differs from anything he ever had before. The parcel presented would be about 15dwts., in which there appeared about 3dwts. or 4dwts. of spurious; the specks were small, of various shapes, like most alluvial gold, of a flat, water-worn appearance; the centre was lead nicely covered with a thick coat of gold. The centre being softer than the outside, and the specks flat, when the cut outside cover up the centre and hide the lead from view. Even when immersed in cold nitric acid nothing wrong is discovered, but when boiled in the acid then it shows itself. There were several gentlemen in the bank while Mr. Smith was testing it, but they all declared they could see nothing the matter with the gold, even after their attention was drawn to it, and one of them was a gentleman whose profession is the treatment of gold."

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AND NEWS-PAPERS.

Alsop, J.; Adams, J.; Adamthwaite, J.; Armstrong, Mrs.; Adamson, Mr.; Baker, G.; Ball, W.; Ballantyne, Mrs.; Byrne, P.; Brierly, W.; Barnes, Wm.; Buchanan, R.; Boyd, A. Mrs.; Clunning, T.; Chelwell, E.; Causon, J.; Corkhill, Mr.; Callaghan, M.; Chapman, P. W.; Duffin, Miss E.; Ellis, Thos.; Evans, E.; Flowers, Miss; Funstan, H.; Grant, Mrs.; Griggs, F.; Guina, D.; Humphreys, R.; Henderson, J.; Jones, J.; Kenzie, S.; Kilbeg, D.; Langdon, J.; Meanouski, Bros.; Mannors, T. and W.; Miller, Mrs. H.; McGregor, A.; M'Pherson, C.; Nothage, J.; Nicholson, G.; Ogilvie, Wm.; Quine, Mr.; Schofield, Mr.; Smith, Mrs.; Saunders, John; Stewart, J.; Schmidt, Mr.; Scold, James; Topper, G.; Thompson, Wm.; Wilson, G.; White, D.; Walden, M. A. B. M. E. M. KILDAHL, Postmistress. Beaufort, 16th April, 1880.

Birth.
PRATTICE.—On the 13th April, at Beaufort, the wife of James Prattice of a son. Both doing well.

Marriage.
DOWNIE—CHOPPE.—On the 22nd March, at St. James', Wickham, by the Rev. John Dixon, Thomas Downie, eldest son of Thomas Downie, Newcastle, to Amelia Emily Choppe, eldest daughter of Mrs. Payton, of Newcastle.

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AMONG the matters which now present themselves for the consideration of the local governing bodies, and which have exercised the minds of representatives at the group meetings of the Municipal Association of Victoria, the question of tolls is one which cannot be regarded as other than of grave importance, not only because it involves the question as to whether the establishment of tolls is *per se* an advisable method of collecting revenue, but because the question of some good substitute comes into the calculation. On the broad question of tolls as a source of revenue we certainly incline to the opinion that it is a very fair impost, and the difficulty of improving on it, is attested by the fact that though the abolition of tolls is quite a thing of the past, nothing in the nature of a satisfactory substitute has been devised either by parliamentary wisdom or municipal action. The impost is decidedly a fair one, and which even cavillers on politico-economic grounds cannot object to, for it is one which need not be discharged unless the benefit derivable from the cause of its imposition has accrued to the person taxed. No one pays a toll who does not use the road on which toll is demanded, and it seems a perfectly legitimate mode of raising means for the maintenance of a highway that the persons who wear and tear that highway should pay direct contributions to its wear and tear. Many objections were raised to the system. Some held that the roads were not used by the ratepayers, but that persons in other districts—woodcutters and wagoners—used the roads and cut them up. So they might have done, but we think this is a very good argument in favor of tolls; the ratepayers did not use the roads, *ergo* they did not pay tolls; the woodcutters and wagoners did use them, *ergo* they paid a direct tax into the fund for road maintenance. But it is urged the ratepayers have made the roads, and 'tis too bad that they should be cut up by those who are not ratepayers, and moreover when ratepayers do use the roads they are stopped for toll the same as those who have not proprietary in them. In answer to this we would point out that the general taxpayers of the colony, through the central Government, have contributed largely to the construction of main roads in common with the local ratepayers, and they therefore have the right to the use of these roads, and in addition to the sum contributed through the general revenue they pay directly for wear and tear in exact ratio to the use they make of the roads. Under the toll system, a tax they are called on to pay when they have had the advantage of a good highway. The most tangible objection we heard of the toll system was the cost of their collection. It was well-known that the collectors often made large fortunes out of their contracts with the councils, and it was not unjustly argued that the tolls were not so reproductive to the council as they ought to have been, but this objection would hold good in many walks of life, and it must be admitted that it was a better mode of getting over a difficulty to allow a man to pay a fair price to pay for the tolls and then make a fat profit afterwards than to employ collectors, who might prove untrustworthy, at a salary. And furthermore it would not be difficult on a well-managed common toll road for the manager to assess the average takings after the first twelve months if a proper system of checks were observed, so that a reasonable margin of profit to the contractor or toll farmer could be gauged, and an equitable amount made to accrue to the maintenance fund in successive periods. But though easy to find objections to the toll system, which presents difficulties we admit, it seems that more cogent objections have been, or can be

raised to every proposal for a substitute. When the farmers of Bungaree and Ballarat shires cried out for the abolition of tolls it was suggested that a measure framed on the lines of the South Australian Width of Tires Act would meet the difficulty, and a meeting of representatives from a large number of shires was held at the George hotel, but though they talked and talked nothing practical was done, for faults were discovered in every scheme, and when the Wheel Tax was proposed the outcry of its unequal incidence was greater than had been the outcry against tolls. After having given the matter much calm consideration, totally unbiassed, we have come to the conclusion that the equities of the position are better met by a direct tax upon those using the roads than by any other means that have been proposed, *i.e.* that tolls are the most equitable charge.

HAVING before our eyes the fear that we may be regarded by the farmer to be placing ourselves in the position of going beyond our sphere, in trenching upon matters with which possibly we are by no means conversant, we venture with diffidence to make a few remarks on the subject of butter making, an article connected with which we reprint in another column, in the hope that the question which is there referred to will attract the attention of some of our numerous readers, and that general good may result from the perusal. Although we are not in the habit of dealing specifically with matters peculiarly affecting the agriculturist, we do not propose being by no means led out of our depth, and while specially drawing attention to the important department of the dairy we shall avoid Mark Twain's mistake of advising people when gathering turnips not to shake the tree as it was apt to spoil the fruit. It is clear that there must be some moving cause, why the butter produced by one farmer under similar conditions to his neighbor shall be inferior to that produced by his neighbor, and if, as we think, is the case, the inferiority is not due to a want of skill, the inference is that the prime cause is neglect or carelessness. The Melbourne experience has been that a very large percentage of butter sent to market is unfit for use. For the most part it is just as easy to produce good, wholesome butter which will stand the test of time as it is to produce an inferior article, and that the cause of a bad article being produced here has not its origin in the arid nature of the district in summer, or in the general state of the climate, is clearly proved by the fact that there are dairy farmers who can produce a superior article under exactly the same climatic and pasturage disadvantages that their neighbors have to contend against. If dairy farming is ever to be a reproductive industry it is not by the production of an inferior article, while on the other hand if a good marketable butter be produced it must sooner or later find for itself a market, and we have evidence before us that it can be made a marketable article. Seriously, we think it high time our farmers opened their eyes to the advantages of dairy farming. If they have not an immediate outlet for their produce, that outlet must sooner or later be afforded, and with the example before them of so many of their fellows producing a good marketable, and therefore reproductive article, there is no reason why the Beaufort district should not be known in the competition. It has recently been found that good butter can be kept for any length of time in reason, and that even a home voyage has not been found to deteriorate it, and though the pasture lands of this district are not of the first order all through, perhaps, there is no reason why we should be unknown as butter and cheese producers. The efforts now being made to secure railway extension, and the better prospects under a new and enlightened Government, should give our farmers hope, and as the matter is of importance, those who have been dairying on a false principle should begin to amend, and all should strive to secure for their produce a profitable market. But it must be remembered that to secure this an article worthy of it must be produced.

A special meeting of the members of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held, on Monday evening last, at the institute, when there were ten members present, Mr. J. Waterspoon (the president) in the chair. The business of the meeting was to make arrangements for the disposal of the pictures on the principle of the art-union of London. It was resolved to make the art-union into 650 tickets of 5s. each, fifty pence, and that any profit that may be derived from the disposal of the pictures be devoted to the purchase of books for the institute. It was also resolved to forward a special vote of thanks to Messrs. M. Arthur and Co. for their donation of the two pictures entitled "To the Hunt" and "Return from the Hunt." The carrying out of the programme was left in the hands of the committee. Arrangements having been made for advertising and printing in connection with the art-union, the meeting closed. In response to an application from the secretary asking the permission of the Attorney-General to hold the art-union, a reply was forwarded to the effect that permission could not be granted, but the art-union would be commenced, which means that no obstacle will be thrown in the way of it being carried out on a fair principle. Next week we purpose giving a short outline of the subjects of the pictures.

We have received the second number of the "New South Wales Stamp Collector's Magazine," a neat and interesting little publication, which is deserving of universal support.

The anniversary of the Beaufort Primitive Methodist Church was celebrated on Sunday and Monday last, by special services which were attended with more than usual success. On Sunday, the Rev. H. Hathershaw who is now removing from Castlemaine to Hamilton, preached morning and evening, and in the afternoon the Rev. J. Smith, who is about to be removed from Stawell to Campbellfield, near Melbourne, officiated. There was a good attendance on each occasion, and the choir, considerably augmented by several of the Hathershaw family, rendered some very choice music. Miss J. Hathershaw ably presiding at the organ. On Monday a public tea was held in the chapel, and after the amply supplied tables had been materially cleared, and a public meeting held. Captain Williams was voted to the chair, a position he filled right worthily, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. Harris (pastor of the church) Revs. Hathershaw and Smith, and several other gentlemen. The choir also added to the edification and pleasure of those present by singing some selections of music which were well worth going a long distance to hear. Collections were made at each service in aid of the church building fund, and the very respectable sum of £20 12s. 6d. was collected, and after the necessary expenses are defrayed a good surplus will accrue to the funds.

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INTERESTING TO SELECTORS.

Mr. Dow, M.L.A., waited upon the Minister of Lands on Friday to bring under his notice the fact that considerable uneasiness prevailed among the selectors of the colony owing to a letter that had appeared in the press, setting forth that in the case of the writer he had made application at the Lands Department to come under what is called the shilling an acre clause of the Amendment Land Act, and was told that he could not do so unless he first paid up his arrears or rent. Mr. Dow pointed out that the late amendment of the Act was understood to deal specially with this point, and provide that selectors could avail themselves of the shilling an acre privilege irrespective of the question of arrears. Further, Mr. Dow explained that he had formally asked the late Minister of Lands before the dissolution of Parliament whether selectors who were in arrears of rent owing to the arrears seasons were to be pushed for the money, or to have time to pay, and the answer received was that no selector had ever been pushed for his rent by him, nor would he be as long as he was at the head of the department. Mr. Duffy, in reply, said with respect to the first point, that some little difficulty occurred in relation to the transferring of licenses from the old act to the new, but that amendment only naming leases, but that Mr. Morrah was now engaged in drafting regulations by which the hitch would be put right. Also he could give his assurance that no selector would be precluded from taking advantage of the shilling an acre clause of the new act on account of being in arrears; nor would he be unduly pressed for arrears who could show that they had no control, and that a reasonable concession in the way of granting time would enable them to pay up. Mr. Dow, in thanking the Minister, stated that his answers upon the points submitted would have a reassuring effect upon a large number of industrious selectors, who were labouring hard to effect a permanent settlement upon the soil.—Agg.

STRANGE CHARGE OF MURDER.

The "Launceston Examiner" gives the following summary of the trial, at the local criminal sittings of the Supreme Court of Tasmania, on the 9th and 10th inst. of John Hardesty, 25 years, on the charge of having on or about 12th January, 1872, at Flinders Island, murdered one Ralph Plaine.— This case was one of sorrowful interest, the victim being a lad only 13 years old; the crime was committed more than eight years ago, and the principal witness was a young man both deaf and dumb. In 1871, the boy Plaine went to spend his Christmas holidays at Green Island with the Ruez, whom he had long known. On the 12th of January following, three lads—Plaine, the deaf and dumb Tommy Rue, and Hardesty—went over to Flinders Island kangarooing. What took place there on that occasion—only God and the two survivors know; certain it is, however, that the boy Plaine, the youngest of the three, was murdered. When the others returned to Green Island in the afternoon, Hardesty reported that Plaine had been lost on Flinders; that after landing in the morning, and proceeding into the bush a quarter of a mile, Plaine declined to go any further, saying his feet were sore, and that he would go back to the boat. Search was made for several days, and when no tidings of the missing boy could be obtained, Rue, with his wife and son, proceeded to George Town to inform the parents of Plaine and the police of his disappearance. Up to this time nothing had been said of foul play, though the disappearance of the boy was deemed very mysterious. At George Town, however, from some cause that has never transpired, Tommy Rue made known by signs that Plaine had been murdered, and the body concealed by Hardesty. He described where and how the deed was done—the three blows on the head with a stick, the stabbing with a sheath knife, the washing the blood from hands and handkerchief, and the carrying of the body into the scrub, and covering it over with earth and bushes. Further search was made on Flinders Island, Tommy Rue offering to conduct the father of deceased to the spot where the murder was committed, and the body concealed. At the place indicated there were evident signs of a scuffle; scratches and head had been broken down, and tracks led from this spot to the scrub where the murderer was said to have washed his hands and handkerchief, the prints of the boots corresponding in every particular with those worn by Hardesty. But the body was not found, and nothing more was ever heard of it until last November, when it was accidentally discovered by Mr. Allan E. Smith in a belt of thick tea-tree scrub, about five miles from the spot pointed out by Tommy Rue. The remains, consisting of a skull, a few separated bones, and fragments of clothing, were taken by the police, and produced in court, and most distressing must it have been to the parents to see and handle those sad memorials of their lost child.— The prisoner was acquitted.

An attempted to commit suicide was made by a woman named Ann Kelly, residing in Fitzroy. She swallowed nearly an ounce of laudanum, and had it not been for the arrival of the police, who took her to the hospital, she must have died. No definite reason has been stated for her action, but it is thought that she has been drinking.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Insufficient clothing and exposure to damp and cold produce many diseases of the skin, and greatly aggravate the sufferings of the delicate and scrofulous. The utmost relief is obtainable in such cases by using Holloway's remedies. The Ointment applied to the part affected restrains all insidious inflammation, while it soothes, cleans, and renders healthy any ulcerations or sores which have destroyed the skin, and show little disposition to heal. This Ointment purifies the blood, renders the local circulation vigorous, and represses excessive irritation. Holloway's Pills are particularly serviceable in all stromous disorders, because they strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion, excite a proper action in the liver, and act as alteratives and aperients.

A singular recovery of lost property (remarks the Inglewood correspondent of the "Bendigo Independent") took place at a farm on Bulabul Creek the other day. A man named McDonald was engaged harrowing when he turned up a watch he had lost six years previously, and, strange to say, it was none the worse for being buried all that time.

Impoundings.

BEAUFORT.—Impounded at Beaufort.—Brown horse, BZ near shoulder. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold on 24th April, 1880. Bay mare, no visible brand; white horse, ES near shoulder; bay mare, Z over + near shoulder; brown cow (blaze) blotch brand, like H W near shoulder, hind feet white; iron grey mare, no visible brand; iron grey foal, progeny of mare; bay filly (stripe), J S near shoulder, near hind foot white; black mare, J B of shoulder, like S near shoulder. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold on May 1st, 1880. Yellow and white cow, W P near rump; red and white calf, strap on neck; yellow steer, N R rump; red and white cow, W P of rump; red and white steer, near ear slit, W over + near loin; yellow steer, near ear slit, W over + near loin; red steer, white face and belly, W over + near rump. To be sold on the 5th May. W. G. STEVENS, Poundkeeper.



GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENTS.

Applications for Gold Mining Leases

IN pursuance of the Act of Parliament 50 Victoria No. 1, 291, Section 41, it is hereby notified that after the expiration of one month from the date hereof it is intended to grant the leases undermentioned, subject to such excisions, modifications, and reservations as may be necessary.

ANALYTICAL DISTRICT. RAGLAN DIVISION. No. 946, 15 years; R. Humphreys; 32a. Or. 25 g. 1/2; King Charles's Gully, Raglan. No. 947, 15 years; E. H. L. Swift; 22a. Or. 21 p.; Waterloo East, Beaufort. ROBERT CLARK, Minister of Mines. Office of Mines, Melbourne, 9th April, 1880.

NOTICE is hereby given that a LOCAL LAND BOARD will be held at the Police Court, Beaufort, on TUESDAY, 27th April, 1880, at 10 1/2 a.m., for hearing of the following applications under the 19th section, and for other purposes.— Applicants must appear personally.

TRAWALLA.

MONDAY, 26th APRIL, 1880. At Four o'clock.

FREEHOLD LAND.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, instructed by W. E. Mortgagee, will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION as above.

ALL that piece of Freehold Land, in the colony of Victoria, being Crown allotment 14 E, parish of Trawalla, county of Ripon, containing 80 acres 2 roods and 38 perches or thereabouts. This property is known as Mr. Donald Nicholson's paddock and lies a frontage to the main Ballarat and Ararat three-chain road.

FOOTBALL.

A MEETING will be held at the Commercial Hotel, on Tuesday evening next, 20th inst., at 8 p.m., for the purpose of forming a football club. All interested are requested to attend. J. A. C. WILSON.

Beaufort, Etc. Common.

NOTICE is hereby given of intention to YARD UNREGISTERED GOATS at the Common Yards at Beaufort, Raglan, Charlton, Salford, Gully, and Geelong Flat.

BEAUFORT HOUSE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. Large Arrival of New Goods for the Winter.

MRS. GUNN

HAS much pleasure in announcing the receipt of a LARGE and WELL-SORTED STOCK OF GENERAL DRAPERY, MILLINERY AND BOOTS for the SEASON. Jackets, Ulsters, Dress Materials, Pompadour Prints, Velveteens, Gosses (spring fasteners), Hosiery, Flannels, Fur, Blankets, Quilts, Umbrellas, Matting, Etc., Etc.

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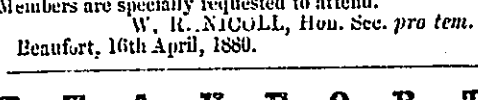
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Beaufort Coursing Club.

A MEETING of the Beaufort Coursing Club is called for Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Golden Age Hotel, 8 p.m., to arrange future proceedings.

BEAUFORT.

SATURDAY, 17th APRIL, 1880.

SALE BY AUCTION.

FREEDOM PROPERTY In Havelock-street, formerly occupied by Mr. B. H. Stuart, and adjoining Mrs. Johnston's Acid Reckie Store. W. EDWARD NICKOLS has received instructions from the owner, Mr. W. Stuart, to sell as above.

S H I R E O F R I P O N.

Local Board of Health. APPLICATIONS will be received up to 11 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, the 22nd instant, from persons willing to undertake the duties of NIGHTMAN.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, AUCTIONEER.

King street, Beaufort, and Queen street, Ararat. Estate and Financial Agent, Arbitrator and Valuer, Wool, Grain, and Money Broker.

Notices to the Address: W. EDWARD NICKOLS, AUCTIONEER, BEAUFORT.

NOTICE.—An EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the George Hotel, Beaufort, on Tuesday, 27th April, 1880, at 7 o'clock p.m.

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NOTICE.

IT has been found necessary to LAY POISON on the Entramshol Estate during the lambing season.

POISON.

WILL be laid in the ranges east of Waterloo Flat during the lambing season from this date.

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BEST ROAST BEEF, 3d. to 4d. per lb. STEAK, 4d. do. MUTTON, 2d. to 3d. per lb. LAMB, 1s. 6d. to 2s. per quarter. CORNED BEEF, 2d. to 3d. per lb. SAUSAGE, 5d. per lb. And other small goods at equally low rates. Skins and Hides bought for CASH.

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To the Inhabitants of Beaufort and Surrounding District.

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We would also draw the attention of parents and friends to the fact that they can obtain Fancy Goods for presents at Ballarat Prices.

NOTE.—We also beg to inform the public generally that we have reduced the price of shaving to 3d.; hair-cutting, 6d.; and you can have a splendid shampoo and hair-cutting for 1s.

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All must be Sold Regardless of Cost.

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J. MOORE

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Orders to discontinue subscriptions to the paper must be in writing, delivered at the office and for the current quarter.

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

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BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

The supply of produce in the market was not quite so plentiful yesterday. The following are our quotations:—Oats, 1s 10d to 2s; wheat, 4s to 4s 2d; flour, L9 10s; Cape barley, 1s 10d to 2s; English do, 8s to 5s 1d; peas, 2s; sheaves, L1 15s to L2 5s; hay L2 15s to L3; straw, 25s to 30s; potatoes, L1 10s to L2; bran, 11d to 1s; pollard, 1s to 1s 1d; bonedust, L6 10s to L7.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Business in breadstuffs has been somewhat restricted during the past week, only a few small parcels of district grown wheat having changed ownership at 3s. 10d. per bushel, bags returned. Apparently there is but little likelihood of wheat falling much lower, and as one large buyer is about operating more freely it is possible that prices will remain firm at any rate for a few weeks. At S'well, 3s. 11d. to 4s. is being paid for good milling, and at Murtoa and Horshan, 3s. 9d. to 3s. 10d. are the present ruling rates. At Donald, 3s. 4d. only is being given; at St. Arnaud, 3s. 9d.; at Landsborough, 4s. 3d.; Hamilton, 3s. 9d. to 3s. 10d.; and Warrnambool 4s. to 4s. 3d. In the metropolis wheat is worth 4s. 4d. to 4s. 5d., but the market is not strong, and flour is moving quietly at L9 10s. to L9 12s. 6d. But little is doing there in flour, which remains at last week's quotations, L9 10s. per ton. At Warrnambool flour is quoted at L10; at Hamilton, L10 to L10 10s.; Landsborough, L9; St'well, L8 15s. to L9; Donald, L8 15s. Oats, if anything, are a little firmer and good samples fetch 2s. per bushel. Hay has declined a little and any quantity is offered at our figures, whilst straw is unusually plentiful. Potatoes have not been forward so freely as for some weeks past, but remain unaltered as to price. Peas come in slowly and are in demand at 2s. 8d. per bushel. In Warrnambool the prices quoted on Saturday were 22s. 6d. to 23s. per ton. In dairy produce, in consequence no doubt of the abundance of feed, both fresh and potted butter have been very liberally supplied and are quoted at 10d. and 9d. respectively. Bacon is very scarce and would make sales at 9d. per lb. Eggs are also scarce and would meet a ready market at our price. We quote as under:—Wheat, 3s 10d bags returned; oats, new, 1s 9d to 2s; pollard, 1s 2d; bran, 11d; barley, 2s; maize, whole 3s 6d, crushed 4s; flour, L9 10s; potatoes, Warrnambool, L2 15s; Ballarat, L2 5s; fresh butter, 10d; potted butter, 9d; hams, 1s; bacon, 9d; cheese, 6d; eggs, 1s 3d; hay, sheaves, L2; trussed, L2 5s. to L2 10s; straw, 25s to 30s; chaff, 3s; onions, 5s 1d; carrots, 3s; peas, 2s 8d; rye, 5s.—Advertiser.

GEELONG WOOL AND STATION MARKETS.

Messrs. GEORGE HAUGE and Co. report: Wool.—There was a lively market to-day for all descriptions. We submitted a small catalogue and sold all.—Greasy fleece, 7d to 9d; greasy lambs, 6d to 8d; greasy pieces, 4d to 6d; soured inferior to medium, 10d to 12d. Sheepskins.—We had a full attendance of buyers at our sale to-day. Biddings throughout were lively, and prices for all sorts ruled firm. We had a large supply, and effected an entire clearance. Hides.—There is an excellent demand for all kinds, and buyers are anxious to operate at very full figures. We had a large supply to-day, the whole of which was placed readily at firm rates. Tallow.—This market still continues weak, with no immediate prospect of improvement. Grain.—The wheat market is again a shade weaker, with very little demand, even at reduced quotations. Prime milling now is only bringing from 4s 4d to 4s 5d. In feeding grains very little is doing, but we have been able to clear some fair parcels of feeding oats at 2s to 2s 3d. We quote:—Wheat, prime milling, 4s 4d to 4s 5d; medium to good ditto, 4s to 4s 3d; oats, good feed, 2s to 2s 3d; prime seed, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel; Cape barley, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel; peas, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel.

NEW INSOLVENT.

Charles Summers, Beaufort, journeyman miller. Causes of insolvency—Adverse judgment in the County Court at Beaufort, and seizure of house upon Crown lands and of furniture by secured creditor. Liabilities, £99 7s. 3d.; assets, nil. Mr. W. D. McKee, assignee.

The "Sydney Daily Telegraph" publishes the following account from a correspondent at Denman (N.S.W.) of a plague of mice which is at present causing much annoyance in that township. The writer says:—"We are suffering at present from a plague of mice. The fields are full of them, so that the horses' feet stick in the burrows ground. They are racing over the ground in hundreds; 150 of a night is nothing unusual to catch, but there is no sensible diminution. They eat into drawingroom furniture, mattresses, &c. I cannot sleep at night because every now and again I have to drive them from my pillow. On awaking from an hour's sleep last night I saw no fewer than five on the bed-cover, and they jumped to the floor in all directions when I moved. The plague has come down the country 50 miles, but has not yet extended to Musswellbrook, 15 miles from this. Cats are of no use. They can eat half-a-dozen whenever they choose to take them. Some persons think that, like a plague of locusts, they will pass on, but I cannot see it in that way. Is it not strange? They will nibble your best bonnet, and do all manner of mischief. What is worse, they get into the pianos. One hundred and fifteen were caught in one night without any proper appliances, and there is nothing special to attract them here."

The Sydney International Exhibition, which was opened on the 17th September, 1879, was closed on Tuesday (says the "Argus"), by Lord Augustus Loftus, by whom also the opening ceremony was performed. It was announced that 7070 awards had been made, that the admissions to the Exhibition had numbered 1,022,000, and that the receipts, though not reaching the original estimate of £50,000, would probably meet the working expenses.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AND NEWS-PAPERS.

Bell and Ross, Messrs.; Blackmore, P.; Bryne, Patrick; Ball, Wm.; Briery, W.; Callaghan, M.; Cloverley, Mr.; Chapman, P. W.; Duffin, Miss E. or Mrs.; Dutton, W.; Ellis, Miss; Evans, E.; Funston, Mrs.; Grant, Mary Mrs.; Gunn, D.; Humphreys, R.; Hancock, Mr.; Jones, John; Kelly, M.; Lytle, Joseph; Manners, Thos. and W.; Missours, F.; M'Gregor, A.; Nothnagel, J.; Nicholson, G.; Provis, Wm., junr.; Smith, Mrs.; Saunders, John; Schmidt, Mr.; Schofield, Mr.; Stewart, E. A. Mrs. and J.; Sooll, Jns.; Wilson, G.; Westbrook, Mrs. R.; White, D.; Wright, W. B.; Walden, M. A. B. M. Mrs. E. M. KILDAHL, Postmistress. Beaufort, 23rd April, 1880.

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A CORRESPONDENT of the "Argus," who signs himself very appropriately "Porridge," puts a very pertinent question, the reply to which is of just as particular moment to producers in this district as it is to the heads of families in the metropolis. The correspondent in question writes:—"Can you inform me why the price of oatmeal is not, like flour, regulated by the cost of the raw material? I am induced to put this query because I find that a 14lb bag is still charged at 3jd per lb, about which price it has been for the past three years. Surely there ought now to be some substantial reduction of it, and I certainly think, in common fairness, the millers should give the consumers a moiety at least of the benefit derived from the present low price of oats. I don't know the cost of manufacture, but the margin between oats at 3d and meal at 3jd is an unaccountable but disagreeable fact." We do not find that the editor of the "Argus" attempts to solve the problem, and if the correspondent of that journal had put the query to ourselves we should have been unable to give him a reply, for the why and wherefore of such a disparity, as "one of those things which no fellow can understand," as my lord Dundreary significantly puts it, and yet the explanation is one for which we are just as anxious as "Porridge" can possibly be. The quantity of oatmeal consumed annually is something very considerable, and some one must derive a commensurate profit, amounting to extortion, from the great disparity existing between the cost of the raw material and the manufactured article; but why such a disparity exists or why benefits we want to find out. It seems out of all reason that with oats at 2s or 2s. 6d. per bushel the price of oatmeal should be the same as when 3s. 9d. or 4s. per bushel is given for the cereal, and we cannot believe that the cost of manufacture is an inverse ratio to the cost of the raw product. If then the miller charges the same for the production when he buys oats at a high figure as he does when that figure is only about one half, it follows that with a cheap market he maintains an exorbitant charge, which the consumer should resent; but if, as is not improbable the case, the miller makes the ordinary rebate, then the sin of extortion falls on the storekeeper. The question is one which it is to the interest of both parties to decide. If the miller be the extortionist it is clearly the duty of the storekeeper to make this known, so that the consumer may know to whom to attribute the blame, while on the other hand, if the miller is more sinned against than sinning, his duty to the public and himself is equally clear. Having in this territory many mills, which, we suppose, put a good quantity of oats annually between the stones, we should not have to wait long for the solution of the question put by "Porridge," and as a consumer of porridge ourselves we shall on our own behalf and that of others similarly situated await the decision to the query, "Why is this thus?"

The English mails will be despatched from Melbourne on Wednesday next, 28th April. The mails will close at the Beaufort Post Office on Tuesday, 27th April, as under:—Registered letters, 3 p.m.; ordinary letters and newspapers, 5 p.m. Money orders on the United Kingdom will be issued up to 3 p.m. Attention is drawn to the regulations that letters and newspapers for transmission via Brindisi must be so endorsed, and must bear the full rates of postage, viz.: Letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight will be charged 6d.; every additional half an ounce or portion thereof, 6d.; newspapers, 1d., each; packet not exceeding an ounce, 1d.; two ounces, 2d.; four ounces or portion thereof, 4d.

We have received under cover of the "Chicago Tribune," a pamphlet setting forth the advantages of the audiphone, a new instrument invented by Richard S. Rhodes, of Chicago, for enabling the deaf to hear through the medium of their teeth. According to the pamphlet, which contains many extracts from contemporary journals, the instrument is most effective for the purpose for which it was designed, and should prove invaluable to the afflicted. The "Tribune," which accompanies the pamphlet, narrates the detection of a fraud on the inventor of the audiphone by the sale of an instrument called the telephonic, but the supremacy of the former is acknowledged. Persons interested can see the two publications at our office.

We have experienced a very heavy down-pour of rain here during the past week. On Wednesday afternoon it rained incessantly from morning till night. The creeks and drains were flooded, and water is now plentiful everywhere.

The heavy rain on Wednesday last stirred up the cobs in the old reservoir, and a large number were caught in the byewash. One pair of fishermen captured five, which turned the scale at 40lbs. In fact, as one bold fisherman described it, they fairly came out on the grass to graze.

The members of the local fire brigade are now actively engaged practicing for the forthcoming Fire Brigades' Demonstration at Sandhurst. The men are said to be in good form, doing their work excellently. Great things are expected of them on the day, and it is to be hoped that they will be successful. At no time have our representatives done very badly, but this year they are said to be in better form than they ever were.

We were in error last week in stating that the usual monthly police court would be held on Thursday last. It should have been Thursday next, the 29th inst.

Particulars of tenders for various works in the shire, returnable at the ordinary monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council on the 6th May, will be found in our advertising columns.

A general meeting of the members of the Beaufort Athletic Club will be held on Tuesday evening next, at Loth's Railway Hotel, when matters in connection with the Easter Monday gathering will be wound up.

Mr. Joseph Frusher, jun., butcher, of Waterloo, informs us that the dogs have made sad havoc among his sheep during the week. From a notice which appears elsewhere it will be seen he has decided to lay poison for these canine marauders.

A Local Land Board will be held in the Court-house, Beaufort, on Tuesday next, at half-past 1 o'clock.

Public attention is directed to the following business announcements, which appear in this issue:—Messrs. Wotherspoon Bros. and Co., Mrs. J. Moore, Messrs. Franklin and Hall, and A. Crawford (of Ballarat).

The public are again reminded that Mr. W. E. Nickols will sell a valuable allotment of land at Trawalla by public auction on Monday next, at the Trawalla Hotel, at 4 p.m.

The fortnightly number of the "Sketcher" is to hand. It is up to its usual standard of excellence, and contains a number of interesting sketches, together with a complete budget of the news of the month. The principal subjects illustrated are as follows:—"The Governor laying the Foundation Stone of St. Paul's Cathedral"; "The Intercolonial Boat Race"; "Interior of St. Paul's Cathedral"; "Victorian Grain in the Railway Goods Shed, Spencer street"; "The Dunedin Tragedy: Portraits of the murdered Dewars and of the accused"; "Night Work on a Farm Clearing"; "Burning off"; and several others of merit. Mr. Henningson is the local agent, from whom copies may be obtained.

A meeting of those persons favorable to the formation of a football club at Beaufort was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Commercial Hotel. There was a good number present, and it was unanimously agreed that a club should be started, to be called the Beaufort Football Club. About thirty members were enrolled in the room, and the annual subscription was fixed at the modest sum of 2s. 6d. The colors of the club to be as follows: blue jumper and knickerbockers, cap and stockings red and white. The following officers were elected:—Committee: Messrs. T. King, M. Crouch, J. V. Wilson, M. Murray and S. Jones. Hon. secretary—Mr. M. Crouch. Practice captains—Messrs. M. Cronch, and J. A. C. Wilson. Mr. J. Wotherspoon has consented to accept the office of President of the club, and practice has already been commenced, every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon being the times appointed for that purpose.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Coursing Club was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Golden Age Hotel. Two accounts were passed for payment, and Mr. J. B. Humphreys was appointed hon. secretary pro tem. It was also resolved to call a general meeting for the 4th May to decide as to the advisability of winding up the affairs of the club or otherwise. It seems beyond a doubt that the club will die a natural death under the existing surroundings. To the first place the subscription is far too high for this district, and the entry money is beyond the reach of the majority of owners of greyhounds. If another club was started on a completely new footing and on a much more moderate scale, we have no doubt that a very good club could be inaugurated.

As will be seen from a notice which appears in another column, the members of the Beaufort Brass Band intend holding their usual quadrille season during the ensuing winter months. The quadrilles will be held fortnightly, and the first takes place on Thursday evening next.

Mr. J. A. C. Wilson has been appointed agent at Beaufort for Charity's Geelong Art-union, which includes a number of valuable oil-paintings and water-color drawings. A specimen picture is now on view at the office of the local agent, in Lawrence street, and the tickets are 5s. each.

It is intimated elsewhere that poison has been laid on the Trawalla and Lillie runs. Sportsmen with dogs are also warned against trespassing.

A son of Mr. W. Cotton, 11 years old, died in the Glenelg baths on Saturday owing to his bathing too soon after partaking of a meal.

The death rate of sheep at Wooroonook near Charlton, is enormous, through the wild dogs. Twenty per cent. is the average number killed in each flock after shearing.

Captain Standish, the chief commissioner of police, unveiled yesterday at Mansfield a monument erected in memory of the three police officers shot by the Kelly gang in October 1878. He made an excellent and feeling speech upon the occasion. He regretted that the outlaws were still at large, but expressed the hope that the day was not far distant when their capture would enable justice to be satisfied. He believed that this public testimony to the worth of the deceased men would have a beneficial influence on the whole of the police force, the members of which, in some places, carried their lives in their hands.—"Argus."

An extraordinary game of chess is stated to have occurred lately at Prague. Four young officers divided a billiard table with chalk into 64 squares, and used bottles of wine for the men. A bottle of champagne stood for the king, one of Bordeaux for the queen, other descriptions represented the rook, knight, etc., it being stipulated that the player who made the move should drink the bottle of wine touched. It is needless to add that few moves had been made before the players were all under the table. We need hardly assure our readers that the actors in this disgraceful affair could have known nothing of the noble game but the moves.

A man of eccentric habits named Lyne, (says the "Bolton Evening Guardian"), recently died at Wigan. Feeling some time ago that his dissolution was not far distant he walked into an undertaker's shop and had himself measured for his wooden suit. The coffin was prepared and embellished according to his own instructions, and paid for down on the nail, Lyne declining to be buried on credit or by parish authorities. This piece of furniture having been constructed according to the directions of his yet living tenant, Lyne wrote out his funeral cards, intimating the day and date of his demise, and requesting the attendance of his friends. Everything being in readiness for his death, the man quietly laid himself down and died. How he managed to die it is difficult to say, although it is certain the man laid no violent hands on himself.

The "Colne Reformer" says:—"The number of swagmen now on the tramp is surprising. Not a day passes but ten camp till sundown under Dean's Creek Bridge, so that they can make a raid on the neighboring stations, and camp for the night. At one station near Colne, it takes over two hundred and ten sheep per week, besides four and other rations, to supply the tramps with food."

The New South Wales Government have been informed by Sir Daniel Cooper that he has, on behalf of New South Wales, presented Her Majesty the Queen with the first gold, silver, and bronze medals of the Sydney International Exhibition. Her Majesty was graciously pleased to accept the medals, and expressed her interest in the success of the Exhibition.

A hawker well-known in Invercargill (says the "Southland Times") and the surrounding districts, has had some little difficulty lately in collecting sundry small sums of money owing to him. He, however, made an example of a "young man without incubance" a few days ago. The hawker is in the habit of travelling round the country every seven or eight weeks, and often "trusts" persons, especially station hands. On one occasion he looked a suit of clothes to a young fellow who promised to pay in a month. At the expiration of that time the hawker asked for his money. The man who was wearing the clothes when asked for payment, replied that he had no money, and intended "flying." This was too much for the hawker, and the saying is, he "went for him." He hitched up his horse, taking off his coat and hat, stepped up to the debtor and ordered him to take off his clothes. This request of course was not complied with. The hawker then gripped his man, and tore the clothes completely off him, and left him remaining among the tussocks with a full receipt. There are several more to be treated in the same way.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—The Anchor of Hope.—If there be one description of human knowledge superior to all others it is the knowledge of the means of preserving or regaining health—wanting which, existence is a mockery—death a relief. Holloway's (twin medicinal) supply this great desideratum. In all diseases they are beneficial because they purify the blood, from which every portion of the body must inevitably be renewed. The Ointment, by brisk friction, relaxes, penetrates, and then exerts its regulating and wholesome influence on the skin and underlying organs. In this way the stomach, lungs, liver, and kidneys, can be effectively reached and invigorated, especially if Holloway's Pills be simultaneously taken to aid in the work of purification and regeneration.

Solomon Bray, the Tasmanian executioner, is nearly 70 years of age, and has put to death more criminals than perhaps any other man in the world. He has occupied his present position for 45 years, and is still fit for duty. In the old times he had frequently to hang up seven or eight men in the morning. He is a man of some little property.

An Irish gentleman who was fortunate in securing 40 acres of land in Bullarook shortly after landing into the colony, and who is now a selector of means in this district, in addition to being landlord of the block mentioned, on returning last week from a visit to the forest, described the crops of this season as follows:—"Spuds, 16 and 17 tons to the acre; white, 45 to 50; barley, 50 to 60; peas, 55 to 70 bushels to the acre." "Five yields," remarked the wife of a neighboring Saxon, "I wish Pat, we could get such good crops here—but what about the oats?" "Oh! he jabsers, my tinnant got that many bags off 18 acres he couldn't count them."—"St. Arnaud Mercury."

It has been reported to the "Benalla Standard" that some of the Kelly gang visited the last Whorony races. There is now but little doubt, says that journal, that Ned Kelly was at Glenrowan a few weeks ago. In fact from what has transpired the police are confident that the whole gang have been almost constantly in the vicinity of their haunts ever since the murders. But if the police or the blacktrappers, in their uniforms, expect to capture the Kellys, or even catch sight of them they make a great mistake, for they have a much larger number of spies and friends than the police, and are twice as cunning.

The man Coulthard, who, on the 23rd January last, gave himself into the custody of the police on a confession of having murdered his wife in England, still remains confined in the Yass gaol, and no information has been received by the local authorities as to the steps taken to ascertain the truth or falsehood of his statement. Up to the present time, states the "Yass Courier" of April 16, Coulthard affirms the truthfulness of the confession he made in January last, and anxiously inquires as to whether confirmatory evidence has been received from England. A few weeks hence we suppose the regular course by post will bring particulars as to his guilt or otherwise. He spends most of his time reading, and when spoken to in no way appears to shun reference to the terrible crime with the perpetration of which he has charged himself.

BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE ART-UNION.

As previously announced, it is the intention of the committee of the local Mechanics' Institute to hold an art-union, for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of several necessaries required by the institute, more particularly a new stock of books. The committee have purchased a valuable collection of oleographs from Messrs. Arthur and Co., of Glasgow, which they intend offering as the prizes for the art-union. Each picture is elegantly framed in an Alhambra frame, of very superior finish, and the collection is valued at £200. The sizes of the pictures vary from 25 by 40 inches to 18 by 27 inches. The art-union is to be made up of 650 shares of 5s. each, tickets for which will be ready for sale at an early date. The pictures are now on view at the institute, and will repay a visit. The following is a brief outline of the subjects dealt with:—"To the Hunt" and "Return from the Hunt" are the subjects of Nos. 1 and 2, and serve to display a hunting party of the olden times, the light and shade in the avenue of trees being very effective; these pictures were presented to the committee by Messrs. Arthur and Co. No. 3, "Windsor Castle," is undoubtedly the best picture in the collection as a landscape. "Balaoral Castle," No. 4, is not nearly so taking to the eye. No. 5, "The Clyde, near Greenock," is a good picture. No. 6, "The Isle of Man," is also a nice scene. "A Lady and Swan," No. 7, arrests the attention for a moment as being very natural, when we come to No. 8, "Parole d'Honneur," and No. 9, "Question d'Amour," whose titles explain themselves. No. 10, "Eugenet hovers," comes next, and No. 11, "The Punch and Judy Show," discloses an old English scene of a travelling show exhibiting on the roadside. No. 12, "The Carousing Warriors," follows, and then we come to a perfect gem entitled "Susannah," which requires to be seen to be appreciated. No. 14, "The Doer Hunt" and No. 15, "Girl with Parrot," do not take the eye, when we come to No. 16, "Paddy waiting for the Ferry." The expression on Paddy's face as he stands holding a cool attached to a cow, is excellent. No. 17, "A Snowstorm," is a splendid picture. No. 18, "Something Wrong," discloses a village shop, with a customer leaning over the desk of the proprietor, who wears a dubious look while pointing to his ledger. No. 19, "A Poser" derives its name from the fact that the draught player depicted seems stuck for a move. "The April Fool," No. 20, discloses an old man lifting the dish cover from an expected roast of beef to find a bundle of sticks tied together, while two young ladies are smiling through the open door. No. 21, "Winning the Gloves" displays an old man asleep, while several young ladies are "winning gloves" in the orthodox fashion. No. 22, "View of the Rhine," No. 23, "Versailles Park," and No. 24, "The Two Princes in the Tower," come next to Nos. 25 and 26, "Baby at Play," which reminds us of "Helen's Babies." In one the infant has got the globe of gold fish between his legs, while he is fishing with a watch. In the other he is depicted as having the case of the watch open and pouring some ingredients into the works with a spoon. No. 27, "Winter Scene in Holland," and No. 28, "A Kiss for a Guinea," display no special features. No. 29, "Modern Maids," depicts two maids taking advantage of the absence of "missus" to use her powder and decorate themselves in front of the dressing-room mirror. No. 30, "Palmont Hunt," is a scene of the old English pasture of lawking. No. 31, "Pilot Boat near Ramsgate Harbor," and No. 32, "Lugger of the Kentish Coast," are two excellent sketches. No. 33, "Somebody's Darling," is a very neat picture of a little hare-legged girl with a sweet expression on her face. Nos. 34, 35, 36, and 37, are descriptive of the four seasons of the year. No. 38, "Village Politics," displays the interior of a village smithy, with the smith reading the paper to a number of yokels. No. 39, "Return from the Horse Fair," is a taking picture. No. 40, "Caught," displays a boy holding up his hand with a lobster, laughing tenaciously to his finger and No. 41, "Not caught yet," displays Reynard waiting anxiously for the nearer approach of a number of fowls feeding at a distance from him. No. 42, "Lady on the Lake," is a miniature of No. 7, and No. 43, "Lady on the Ice," is a skating scene. Nos. 44 and 45 are pictures after Landseer, entitled "The Challenge" and "The Sanctuary." No. 46, "The Broken Jug," is a good picture, the facial expression of the young girl as she gazes down at the shattered crockery being excellent. Nos. 47, "Peace," and 48, "War" are comparison pictures. The first depicts a cat and her kittens at peace, and in the other the kittens have got foot of a terror, who is holding on to one of their number by the tail, while in the distance a kitten is seen disappearing at a good pace. No. 49, "Cattle in the Shed," and No. 50, "Sheep on the Lawn," are both good scenes from nature.

An "Argus" telegram from Mansfield on Thursday says:—"At the Police Court this morning, before Messrs. Kitchen, Tomkins, and Shaw, J.P.s, Edward Monk, late of the Wombat, who, it will be remembered, caused much sensation by declaring that he had been shot at by some of the Kelly gang, and whose saddle was pierced with a bullet, but about which Mr. Panton, P.M. reported unfavorably, summoned Sub-inspector Tooley, for illegally detaining the saddle referred to. Mr. O'Leary, barrister, appeared for Monk. Mr. Tooley who had to come from Emerald-hill, was present. Inspector Sadler and Sub-inspector Pentworth were also present. The case created great excitement, and the court-house was crowded. After a very patient hearing, the bench ordered the saddle to be restored, and awarded Monk 26s. costs. Mr. O'Leary applied for 15 guineas.

At the Creswick race meeting on Thursday last there was a good attendance of the public, and the several events were well contested. The following are the results of the racing:—Selling Handicap Race—Janet, 1; four starters. Maiden Plate—Tribune, 1; eleven starters. Handicap—Norus, 1; six starters. Spring Hill Selling Stakes—Quimbo, 1; two starters. Handicap Trot—Nelly, 1. Selling Hack Race—Quimbo, 1.

The Premier promised a deputation of Melbourne booksellers on Thursday that the postage on newspapers to the neighboring colonies should be reduced to the Victorian inland rate of 3d.

BEAUFORT MINING ITEMS.

Waterloo Consols.—Washed a machine of dirt on Thursday, which yielded 6oz. 19dw. Another machine will be washed to-day (Saturday). Washdirt faces still continue to look well. The water is light, and the ground good for working.

Hobart Pasha.—Yield for five days 46oz. 6dw. Wash is looking well going south and east the reef drive is still in good ground. The other faces are about the same.

New Victoria.—Had not washed off yesterday's machine when our reporter called, but the yield for week was estimated at 100oz.

New Perseverance.—Main drive in 60 feet from shaft, and a good wash, with heavy boulders, still above the laths. A pan of dirt taken from the end of the drive gave a fair prospect of gold. Have opened out westward for the purpose of getting up into the wash. Water increasing considerably. Expect to commence puddling next week. Are now busy getting sluice-boxes ready.

Victoria No. 2.—Have started a rise, and expect to be high enough to open from it about Wednesday next.

Royal Saxon.—Both engines are ready for work. Some of the shingles for roofing engine-house were delivered on the claim yesterday (Friday). The remainder of shaft sinking from a depth of 90 feet has been let to another party of contractors.

South Victoria.—The drain for carrying off the water from around the machinery is finished. The poppet legs are being hoisted, and the dingles are being secured. The state of the weather during the past week has considerably retarded the work of erecting the pumping engine, which is very nearly finished.

Beaufort.—Have driven 34 feet during the week. The drive is now in 334 feet from the shaft towards the gutter. A third bore was put up during the week, at a height of 18 feet (the same height as the previous bore), and broke through into a good strong wash. Ballarat and Beaufort Consols.—The work of fitting in horses for the puddling machines is being proceeded with, but owing to the wet weather slow progress has been made.

Telegraph (co-operative).—The storm water broke through into the drives from the surface on Wednesday last, when there was 30 feet of water in the shaft. The pumps were set to work, and in twenty-four hours, the water was got out.

MELBOURNE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT. Thursday.

The outbreak of diphtheria, measles, and scarlet fever has of course created quite a sensation, and also no small amount of anxiety amongst the parents of children who are attending school or associating with other children. It may, however, be stated once for all that with the exercise of a little more than ordinary care attacks of these maladies may be either warded off or reduced to a mild form of the disease. In the first place thorough cleanliness, good ventilation, bathing, and a strengthening diet will help materially to reduce the danger of an attack. Should any of my readers or any of my friends be suddenly attacked with diphtheria they will find it wise, prior to the arrival of the doctor, to observe the following simple directions:—First and foremost use the hot foot bath, get the patient into a perspiration, and maintain it. Control the vomiting and allay the thirst by a little cold water, or still better, allow the patient to suck small pieces of ice every five or ten minutes. Should the arrival of the doctor be delayed the throat should be swabbed with carbolic acid one part, pure glycerine six parts, water six parts; also add of this mixture twenty drops to a glass of water and give internally one teaspoonful every two hours. Inhaling steam from water to which a few drops of the oil of peppermint has been added is also serviceable. The use of blisters, caustics, mercury, and bleeding should be avoided. Throughout the whole course of treatment the strength must be supported by the most nourishing diet, as well as by tonics and stimulants. Beef tea, milk, milk punch, quinine and brandy should be freely administered. In districts where medical men are difficult to secure, this treatment may be adopted with success, but a doctor should be called in immediately the first symptoms present themselves. In cases of measles the principal object is to determine the disease to the surface. To effect this sweating teas are proper, and the skin should be bathed every day with a warm alkaline bath. Sometimes, when warm drinks fail in bringing out the eruption, drinking largely of cold water and keeping warmly covered up in bed, will accomplish it. Every care must be taken to prevent taking cold. In cases of scarlet fever the following will be the best plan to adopt until the doctor arrives warm alkaline baths are proper, and catnip pennyroyal tea should be given to drive the rash to the surface. A mild alkaline drink is suitable to allay the thirst, nausea, and fever. A tepid bath twice a day is good. As a prevention of scarlet fever three drops of the fluid extract of belladonna in two ounces of water should be given at the rate of a teaspoonful twice a day. I would again remind parents that this disease is one that requires the attendance of the family physician, and great care should be exercised during recovery that no bad results follow.

A most interesting lecture was delivered at the lecture hall of the Rev. Mr. Green's Chapel, Lennox street, Richmond, last night by Dr. Rosely, of New Zealand, the subject being "Popular Astronomy." The hall, notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather, was well filled, and the lecture attentively listened to by the audience. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Dr. Rosely for his capital lecture.

Dr. Blair, the surgeon to the Alfred Hospital, in consequence of the renewed interest which has manifested itself with regard to the paying hospital project, has re-published a capital little pamphlet which he wrote some three years ago. Yesterday's "Argus" says:—"We are sorry to state that a report was received by the Central Board of Health yesterday that diphtheria is extensively and fatally prevalent about Belfast. Intelligence has also been received of a death from measles at Sorrento. Mr. Barton of Richmond, reports two more cases of measles in his district but states that in each instance the malady is of a mild type."

DOINGS IN GENERAL.

By "SPLITTER."

I have been told that I am dead, but who ever put that rumor about will find that like a good many more rumors that go round Beaufort, it has no foundation, except it is a conglomeration of old women's brains, accelerated by a cup of strong Pokoe. But, Mr. Editor, old women get the credit of spreading a great number of yarns of which they are quite innocent. I could put my hand on several so-called men walking about Beaufort, who seem to take a delight in hatching yarns. Men in public positions too, men who are thought to know a thing or two, men who are in business; and yet they are infinitely worse than the veriest "old woman" that ever attended a scandal meeting. These men fancy because they say such is the case it must be true; they are infallible; they can't lie. As an instance here is a yarn which was told me in confidence:—The Sunday school teachers at a certain Sunday School not a hundred miles from Beaufort doted on the high-toned game called croquet. They had a box stationed in this said Sunday school in which the youthful attendants of the school deposited their spare pence, under the impression that the pennies were to be devoted to the teaching of the benighted heathen. The year rolled round, when at last the time arrived for opening the treasure-box. The contents were counted, and it was decided by an overwhelming majority that the coin should be liquidated in purchasing a complete set of the materials used in playing croquet. The heathen was left in his darkness, (which color most heathens are), and the enlightened Australians now enjoy the summer evenings on the lawn of a private residence playing that little game they call croquet. This is the yarn as told me, but for its truth I cannot vouch.

If there is one man more than another that I pity it is an old man named Soper, who wanders about Beaufort in a state of partial starvation. He receives the munificent sum of 1s. 6d. per week from the Beaufort Dorcas Society, or, rather, he does not receive it, but goods to that amount. Far from me to it say a word against so estimable an institution as the Beaufort Dorcas Society, but I really do think that 1s. 6d. is rather little to expect a man to live on. The old man is now quite despondent from nothing else but the want of a proper amount of food. Want of funds is perhaps the cause of giving so little, but I think if the ladies were to curtail a little in other quarters and enlarge the sum allowed this old man it would be indeed an act of charity.

Mr. Editor, I don't altogether agree with the style in which the bills of the shire have been distributed. Had the Council called for tenders or applications from competent persons to fill the offices of thistle and dog-spreator, and collect the agricultural statistics it would have given another man a chance of living. As it is they have given Mr. Jackson more than he can do, and they have added to the salary of a man (I mean the herdsman) who has a good billet. If they were to raise the dog commission 50 per cent, and give the three duties to one man it would be almost a living for him. No matter what salary you give a man, if you give him more work than he can do in order to make him earn his salary it is waste of money, and unfair to other capable men. Under the present system the work will never be done satisfactorily, and it will end in unpleasant results to the Council.

Several communications have been received from Mr. John Grenfell, the head teacher of the Beaufort State school, addressed to the President of the Riponshire Council, regarding the charge made for a supply of water to the above-named school. If my memory serves me rightly I think the first sum charged for the supply of water was £4, then in response to an application from Mr. Grenfell, it was reduced to £2, and now that gentleman has stated that, out of the sum allowed him by Government for incidental expenses, he cannot afford to pay more than £1. Now, Sir, my opinion is that as the water is used by ratepayers' children attending the school, the water committee should let them have a supply free of charge. It does seem to me to be making a great deal out of a very little by creating such a fuss over supplying a public school with that most useful element. The committee ordered the water to be cut off unless the rate demanded was paid. Their children do not attend the school, so that is easily accounted for. If the Council can afford to make the Agricultural Society a present of £25, and pay for labor in preparing their grounds for the show, surely it is not too much to expect that they will give our children, while attending school, a free drink of water.

To some of the local preachers who hold forth in the local Primitive Methodist Church, I would commend the following extract. In reading a collection of Dickens' letters I dropped across the following, which was penned by that immortal writer in defence of his portrait of "Stiggins," on the Pickwick papers:—"The design is to show that sacred things are degraded, vulgarised and rendered absurd when persons wholly incompetent to teach the commonest things take upon themselves to expound such mysteries, and how, in making mere cant phrases of divine words, these persons miss the spirit in which they had their origin. I have seen a great deal of this thing in many parts of England, and I never knew it to lead to charity or good deeds. That every man who seeks heaven must be born again in good thoughts of his Maker I sincerely believe. That it is expedient for every bound to say so in a certain snuffling form of words, to which he attaches no meaning I do not believe. I take it there is no difference between us."

Yesterday's "Argus" says:—The Crown Lands bailiff at Charlton has reported to the Lands department that over a million of rabbits have been killed by the exterminators under his charge. He remarks, however, upon the enormous fecundity of the rabbit, and points out the desirability of selecting and others being compelled to destroy them in the animal on their holdings, believing that in the absence of an act for that purpose, rabbits will never be exterminated. The exterminators at Wooroonook are considered to be doing their work most satisfactorily.

It has been definitely ascertained by scientific men that poison enough is taken into the system by an habitual smoker to cause death in 157 years.

Respecting the diptheria scourge at Hamilton an "Argus" telegram yesterday says:—"No fresh cases of diptheria have been reported since Friday last, tending to the belief that the disease is dying out. The cases in the fever ward are progressing favourably on the whole, though one case—that of the girl Reumfrey—took a change for the worse this morning. The patient rallied towards evening, but it is considered a rather doubtful case. Gorman's son, suffering from diptheria and measles combined, is progressing as well as can be expected. Convalescent tents are in course of erection, and three patients are sufficiently recovered to be placed in them. Gorman's son is the only case of measles that has manifested itself here up to the present time. The local board of health is taking measures to improve the sanitary condition of the town, and to carry out the recommendations contained in Dr. Youl's report."

Impoundings.
BEAUFORT.—Impounded at Beaufort.—Brown horse, BZ near shoulder. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold on 24th April, 1880. Bay mare, no visible brand; white horse, ES near shoulder; bay mare, 22 over + near shoulder; brown colt (blaze) blotch brand, like H W near shoulder, hind feet white; iron grey mare, no visible brand; iron grey foal, progeny of mare; bay filly (stripe), JS near shoulder, near hind foot white; black mare, JB off shoulder, like S near shoulder. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold on May 1st, 1880. Yellow and white cow, W P near rump; red and white calf, strap on neck; yellow steer, N off rump; red and white cow, W P off rump; red and white steer, near ear slit, W over near loin; yellow steer, near ear slit and belly, W over near loin; red steer, white face and belly, W over near rump. To be sold on the 8th May. W. G. STEVENS, Poundkeeper.



GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENTS.
NOTICE is hereby given that a LOCAL LAND BOARD will be held at the Police Court, Beaufort, on TUESDAY, 27th April, 1880, at 1.30 p.m., for hearing of the following, and for other purposes:
Applications must appear personally.
No. 307.—Showing Cause against Forfeiture—Alexander Nicholson, 20 acres, Trawalla.
T. GREENE, Land Officer. Survey Office, Ballarat, 23rd April, 1880.

SHIRE OF R I P O N.
TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing 5 per cent. deposit, will be received till 11 a.m. on Thursday, 6th May, for the following works:—
NORTH RIDING.
No. 307.—Making and metalling with quartz 17 chains of the west side of Havelock street, and building two small timber culverts, etc.
No. 308.—Graveling 40 chains (more or less) of road east of Stately's farm, Eurambouco.
No. 309.—Forming and graveling 27 chains of the Beaufort and Shirley road, west of the three-chain road; also 10 chains between the school and bridge.
EAST RIDING.
No. 309.—Forming and graveling 6 chains of road, and building a small culvert between Ferguson's and J. Nutty's farms, Moorchaunt.
WEST RIDING.
Making a small dam at north side of Ritchie's Hill, Stream and Eurambouco road.
Plans and specifications can be seen at the Shire Office, Beaufort; and those for the East Riding at the Greyhound Hotel, Snake Valley.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
H. H. JACKSON, Shire Engineer.

For Sale,
320 Acres land near Baungor, being allotments 23-34 A and 34 B, in the parish of Colvishby, belonging to Mr. A. Gilmour.
CHAS. VAUGHAN and Co., Ballarat.

Beaufort Athletic Club.
A GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club will be held on Tuesday Evening next, April 27th, 8 o'clock, at Lot's Railway Hotel. Business: Receive Balance Sheet, and general.
JOHN B. HUMPHREYS, Hon. Sec.

Beaufort Coursing Club.
A GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held at the Golden Age Hotel on Tuesday, 4th May, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of winding up the club, or otherwise, as the meeting may decide.
By order,
JOHN B. HUMPHREYS, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

Charity's Art-Union
IS the best in the Australian Colonies, distributing a magnificent collection of 93 Oil Paintings and 11 Water Color Drawings, to the full value of £1000. First prize value £100, lowest prize value £10. Tickets, 5s. each.
Beaufort Agent: J. A. C. WILSON.

POISON.
WILL be laid in my paddock near the Victory Reef, Waterloo, after this date.
JOSEPH FRUSHER, jun.
Waterloo, 24th April, 1880.

NOTICE.
POISON Laid on Trawalla and Lillirie runs during the lambing season. Any person or persons found coursing with dogs after this date will be prosecuted.
ALEX. M'KENZIE.

Dancing! Dancing!
THE Members of the Beaufort Brass Band beg to intimate that they will open their usual QUADRILLE SEASON on Thursday, 29th April, and will continue every alternate Thursday till further notice.
C. W. TOMPKINS, Hon. Sec.

NOTICE.
IT has been found necessary to LAY POISON on the Eurambouco Estate during the lambing season.
FRANCIS BEGGS.

POISON
WILL be laid in the ranges east of Waterloo Flat during the lambing season from this date.
April 10th, 1880.

HIGHEST PRICE given for SHEEPSKINS, HIDES, TALLOW, &c. WM. SMITH, Butcher, Beaufort.

T R A W A L L A.

MONDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1880.
At Four o'clock.

SALE BY AUCTION.
At the Trawalla Hotel. By Order of the Mortgagee. **FREEDOM LAND.** For Positive Sale.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, instructed by the Mortgagee, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION as above:
All that piece of Freedom Land, in the colony of Victoria, being Crown allotment 14 F, parish of Trawalla, county of Ripon, containing 80 acres 2 rods and 38 perches or thereabouts. This property is known as Mr. Donald Nicholson's paddock, and has a frontage to the main Ballarat and Ararat three-chain road.
Terms at Sale.
N.B.—Monday, 26th April, inst., at Trawalla Hotel, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.
For further particulars as to title, etc., apply to T. F. Mann, Esq., Solicitor, Lyndard Street, Ballarat.
W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer, Beaufort.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, AUCTIONEER, King street, Beaufort, and Queen street, Ararat. Estate and Financial Agent, Arbitrator and Valuer, Wool, Grain, and Money Broker. Estates managed for Absentees and Others. Correspondent and Valuer for the Ballarat Banking Company, Limited. Agent for the Victoria Fire and Life Insurance Companies. Agent for the Mutual Assurance Society of Victoria, Limited. House and Land bought or sold. Rents and Debts collected. Trust and Agency Business of all kinds attended to.

Note the Address: **W. EDWARD NICKOLS, AUCTIONEER, BEAUFORT.**

BEAUFORT HOUSE.
IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Large Arrival of New Goods for the Winter.

MRS. GUNN
HAS much pleasure in announcing the receipt of a LARGE and WELL-ASSORTED STOCK of GENERAL DRAPERY, MILLINERY AND BOOTS for the SEASON. Jackets, Ulsters, Dress Materials, Pompadour Prints, Velveteens, Gloves (spring fasteners), Hosiery, Flannels, Furs, Blankets, Quilts, Umbrellas, Matting, Etc., Etc. Hats and Shapes, Reversible Ribbons, in all the New Leading shades; Alencon Lace, Lisse Filling, Hat Ornaments, Flowers and Feathers. Tweeds, Overcoats, Trousers and Vests, Shirts, Hats, and Scarves in Great Variety.

These Goods have been bought very advantageously, and will be offered at correspondingly low prices.
GROCERIES, WINES, AND SPIRITS Of the Best QUALITIES.

WARRENAMBOOL POTATOES ALWAYS ON HAND.
Office of the Union Insurance Company. JAMES CATHIE, AGENT.

W. REID NICOLL, Accountant and Commission Agent. OFFICE: HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

ASSISTANCE given in obtaining Crown Grants, Leases, and winding up estates of deceased persons. Valuations and arbitrations efficient. Money to lend, in large or small sums, at moderate rates of interest. LIVERPOOL STREET EAST. Agencies of all kinds attended to. Branch Office of the Royal Insurance Company. Office hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TO LADIES!!
DR. BURDETT'S FEMALE PILLS (Registered) REMOVE all Difficulties, Sickness, and Complaints. Post free. To be had only from Dr. Burdett, late Surgeon of Steamships Otago and Himitary, 200 LIVERPOOL STREET EAST, Opposite Young street. Near Oxford street. SYDNEY. Ladies can be accommodated during acquaintance at above address.

J. W. HARRIS, MINING AGENT AND **SHARE BROKER,** BEAUFORT, Member of the Ballarat Stock Exchange.

JOHN BRITAIN, STOCK AND SHARE BROKER, AND **GENERAL MINING AGENT** 4 MINING EXCHANGE, BALLARAT.

Notice to Farmers.
COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND. Capital, £2,000,000. UNLIMITED LIABILITY.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS and all kinds of **AGRICULTURAL RISKS** are insured by this Company. Agent for Beaufort District **JOSEPH BRUCE.**

On Sale AT **JEREMIAH SMITH'S TIMBER YARD,** CORNER OF LIVINGSTONE & WILLOBY STREETS—

American shelling boards
Do lumber do
6 x 1 T and G Scotch flooring
6 x 4 do lining
6 x 3 do flooring
American and Baltic deals, all sizes
4 cut pine weatherboards
G do do
American clear pine
3in., 3in., 1in., cedar, wide and narrow boards
Cedar and legs, all sizes
French casements, doors, sashes
Mouldings, architraves, skirtings
Iron palings and shingles
A stock of all sizes of hardwood always on hand
Also, GERLONG LIME.
NEXT TO POLICE STATION

JOSEPH FRUSHER, jun.

DEGS to inform the residents of Waterloo, Beaufort, and surrounding district, that he has commenced business as a butcher at Waterloo, and is prepared to sell MEAT of the Choicest Qualities at the following reduced prices:—
BEST ROAST BEEF, 3d. to 4d. per lb.
STEAK, 4d. do.
MUTTON, 2d. to 3d. per lb.
LAMB, 1s. 6d. to 2s. per quarter.
CORNED BEEF, 2d. to 3d. per lb.
SAUSAGE, 5d. per lb.
And other small goods at equally low rates. Skins and Hides bought for CASH.

Stranger asks: Who is F. Male? Where does he live?
Citizen: Come on, and I'll show you his establishment, where you can get what you want in first-class style.

FRUITS, CONFECTIONERY, BISCUITS, FANCY GOODS, PERFUMERY, TOYS, STATIONERY, GARDEN SEEDS, TOBACCO AND CIGARS.
COLONIAL WINES, at all Prices, from 1s. per bottle upwards.
TEA AND COFFEE LUNCHEON
Is also provided at shortest notice.
The Address is: **NEILL STREET,** Next Wotherspoon Bros. and Co.

Important to Ladies.
MRS. J. MOORE, having engaged a First-class MILLINER and DRESSMAKER, with an extensive City experience, begs to inform the ladies of Beaufort and district that she is prepared to execute orders with promptness and despatch.

To the Inhabitants of Beaufort and Surrounding District.
LADIES and GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, do hereby beg to return our sincere thanks for the favors we have received during the short space of time we have been in business, and we trust, to still merit a fair share of your patronage; and now, as the fruit season is fairly set in, we will be able to supply all demands in accordance with the season, and any orders entrusted to us will be despatched with all promptness.

We would also draw the attention of parents and friends to the fact that they can obtain Fancy Goods for presents at Ballarat Prices.
NOTE—We also beg to inform the public generally that we have reduced the price of shaving to 3d.; hair-cutting, 6d.; and you can have a splendid shampoo and hair-cutting for 1s. 6d.
We can supply the best brands in Tobacco, Snuff, Cigars, and Meerschaum Pipes at Ballarat Prices.
Note the Address: **W. NOLES & CO.,** FRUITERS, TOBACCONISTS, ETC., HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

LONDON AND LANCASHIRE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Established in the Colonies 1862.
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