

# The Riponshire Advocate

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## The "Riponshire Advocate,"

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY,

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

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

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order as to the number of insertions, will in all cases be continued until countermanded, and no advertisement can be withdrawn without an order in writing, delivered at the office by 10 a.m. on the day previous to publication.

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

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

Orders for advertising space 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.

All advertisements coming under the heads of Wanted, Missing Friends, For Sale, Rewards, &c. not exceeding twenty-four words, will be inserted for no shillings and sixpence.

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Of the Wertheim Sewing Machine Manufacturing Company, a GNOME.

Representing the Dwarf of German Fable, in a sitting posture, with a mallet resting on his shoulder, and long flowing hair reaching to his feet.

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The extract regulates the action of the kidneys, cures dysentery and diarrhoea, and is the surest curative agent and preventative of contagion in scarlet, typhoid, and intermittent fever. For particulars see testimonials accompanying each bottle. Sold at 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d. per vial.

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Artesian, Oil Well, Coal, and Mineral Tool Set, including the 5, 7, 9, and 11 inch Augers, with drills, bars, jars, and rods, and everything complete, to bore 350 feet deep, with piping tools, 47 lbs. Weight, 278 lbs.

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All money remitted must be sent by Post or New York, San Francisco, or some American city. Money may also be sent by express. All tools will be carefully packed, and shipped the same day the order is received. We will contract for the sinking of Artesian wells, Coal, and Silver shafts, in any part of Europe on the most favorable terms.

## References.

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With the advance of the season, still nevermore more elegant novelties have been secured for all the leading departments. The beautiful and new combinations of color adapted in all classes of goods this season are a marked and special advance in public taste. A Crawford has secured for his numerous customers a grand selection of the pick of all the colonial importations, which for style and cheapness will be found to excel all up-country establishments.

## THE DRESS DEPARTMENT.

Contains the most varied and complete stock to be found in the colony; everything that is new will be found in it, and at the lowest possible cash prices. There is no old stock to select from, all is new, choice, and fashionable, with abundance of materials from which to make a selection, and at every possible price.

Home-made costume, tweeds, which are not capable of being spoiled by rain or dust, neither can they be destroyed by being crushed; they make the best of all seaside or picnic dresses; 4/4, 6/4, 1s. 6d. and 2s. per yard. A fresh lot of the new autumn tweeds, the favorite and useful house-dress material, a splendid line for style and cheapness. New summer serge in all the leading colors, a magnificent quality at 1s. per yard; worth 2s. Colored lustres—A number of cases in 10 to 12 makes and most fashionable colors, from 6/4 to 3s. 6d. per yard. This line is a special make, noted for superiority of finish, fineness of texture, beauty of color, combined with great durability, which renders them not only a most ready-made, but also a thoroughly useful dress. An entirely new stock of Fondador's silk, satin cloths, satin melange, silks, satins, velvets, etc. Tricot lustres, Cashmere satins, old gold material, plain, figured, and brocaded. Four cases new black lustres, 18 in. wide, 1s. 2d. and 1s. 6d. per yard. The lines at 1s. and 1s. 6d. per yard cannot be equalled in the colony; they are marvels of cheapness.

## MOURNING DEPARTMENT.

This department receives special attention. The goods are carefully selected, and particular skill is exercised in purchasing goods only of a deep permanent black. Crapes and crapes cloths, French merinos, Barranmats, Barchinas, Italian cloths, black homespun and serges, Persian and Russell cords, black diagonals, etc., etc.

## NEW SILKS.

A magnificent stock of black silks, from 1s. 11d. per yard and upwards to the most magnificent Lyons silks manufactured. Colored silks—A job lot of colored silks in various styles will be cleared out at 1s. 6d. per yard. These goods would cost to manufacture more than double the price. New Pompadour silks in cream, gold, heliotrope, and Tuscan ground. A new line of a grand assortment, including black, Spanish lace, point d'Angouleme, Languedoc, de Russie, etc., etc. in all the newest shades, cream, gold, heliotrope, and Tuscan ground. Plain and fancy ribbons, black, blue, and green, gold and silver, cream, and heliotrope, etc., etc. Volle de 1 1/2 inch scarves, plain and embroidered; foulard scarves, in elegant patterns, embroidered, and trimmed with lace. A splendid stock of red lace collars, squares, and handkerchiefs. Spanish Lace, for dress trimmings, all widths.

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The most magnificent stock of millinery goods to be seen in the colony. Millinery bonnets, and hats in the latest styles from models by the best European milliners, which for choice and elegant styles are unequalled. Feathers, flaps and plumes in white, cream, gold, heliotrope, etc., etc. The variety of French flowers, and the best English made are not to be surpassed in the Australian colonies. Bonnet trimmings and qualities, from 10/6 per yard. Bonnets in all the most novel designs. Bonnets and wreaths in black, gold, cream, Tuscan, heliotrope, etc., etc. Millinery orders executed with promptitude and taste; the most perfect satisfaction guaranteed. A splendid stock of red lace collars, squares, and handkerchiefs. Spanish Lace, for dress trimmings, all widths.

## NOVELTIES IN PRINTS AND SATINES.

The grandest selection in the colony to choose from. Pompadour Prints, beautiful patterns from 4/6 per yard, equal in appearance to the best French Cambrics. Pompadour Satines, the most choice goods of the season, in all the latest styles, from 10/6 per yard. A splendid stock of beautiful costumes of the season are being made up from these choice goods during the past summer in Europe. These elegant goods were worn by the most fashionable ladies, and formed costumes which received the highest admiration from ladies of all ranks of society. French Cambrics, new designs.

## MANTLES AND COSTUMES.

A magnificent stock of Ladies' Costumes, from 10s. 6d. each in Pompadour, and upwards to the most magnificent silks for evening costume, richly trimmed with real lace. Ladies' skirts in all the newest styles, Cashmere and Silk Dolmans, Lace and Jet Fichus, Cashmere Embroidered Fichus in a great variety of styles. Girders given for dresses receive the utmost attention, a perfect fit guaranteed, and trimmed and finished equal to the highest style of art practised in London and Paris.

## SHEETINGS, FLANNELS, HOLLANDS, TABLE LINEN, CRETONNES, HOUSE LININGS, ETC., ETC., at the Lowest Cash Prices.

Bedhangings made to order in the most Fashionable Styles.

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A fresh importation of Brussels and Tapestry Carpets. Tapestry carpets from 2s. 6d. per yard. Brussels carpets from 4s. 11d. per yard, velvet pile carpets, 6s. 6d. per yard. Linoleums—A magnificent selection of choice patterns. Paper felt—Warranted moth and damp proof. This splendid material gives a velvet-like tread when placed under linoleums, floorcloths, and carpets; it renders them damp and moth proof. Floorcloths, all widths; from 18 inches to 15 feet wide. Quills and Counterpanes—A splendid stock, all sizes. Alanmore quilts from 1s. 11d. each. Honeycomb quilts from 3s. 11d. each. Dormant, Hearthrugs, Woolmats, Window Poles. Window Curtains in Nottingham lace, not applique, Swiss net, harness, Book, Swiss muslin, &c. &c. 600 pairs to select from. Carpets cleaned, re-laid, and altered at the shortest notice.

## TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

The stock of new tweeds is the most complete in the city. They comprise a beautiful selection of Ballarat, Coleridge, West of England, and German goods. The qualities and styles are carefully examined by the most experienced tradesmen, gentlemen thoroughly qualified by their perfect and practical knowledge of the goods to judge accurately of the merits and value of each piece of goods. The fitting, cutting, and finish of every garment being under the personal supervision and care of Mr. Wells, the cutter in charge, whose extensive experience in the best London houses and the colony gives a guarantee of perfect fit and first-class workmanship. Summer coatings and vestings in endless variety. A splendid stock of blue serge for gentlemen's and boys' suits. Special attention given to the best manufacture of boys' clothing. Orders executed with promptitude. Patterns sent to the country, with directions for self-measurement, accompanied with list of prices.

## READY-MADE CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

The stock prepared for the summer trade has been manufactured on the premises, under the supervision of Mr. Wells. They are fashionably cut from the best materials, and are equal in quality to the best imported garments. No shop anywhere is better supplied with gentlemen's ready-made goods to give orders will find a splendid assortment of Trousers and Vests, from 12s. 6d. to the best Goring and Ballarat at 19s. 6d. made on the premises. Material work guaranteed. Paper, 2s. 6d. Beaufort, and Frock Coats of all kinds of coatings at the lowest cash prices. Summer Vests and Coat Coats. New styles of dress and Oxford Shirts. Men's and Boys' Hats of all descriptions, 3s. 6d. Gentlemen's Portmanteaus and Carpet Bags.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

The stock of summer goods for ladies, children, and gentlemen is unequalled in Ballarat. The stock is positively selected from the best makers' goods only, and everything that is first-class and new in the trade will be found in the department, at the lowest possible prices.

## DRESSMAK

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET.

There was a very good attendance at the market to-day, an excellent business being transacted, and a large amount of produce being brought in.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

The business of the produce market has not been characterised by anything of special consequence during the past week, and prices have not materially altered.

GEELONG WOOL MARKETS.

Messrs GEORGE SYKOR and Co. report:—A large and good catalogue was submitted by the brokers at Mack's Hotel to-day.

November 30.

Messrs. GEORGE HAGUE and Co. report:—We held our usual weekly sale at Mack's Hotel to-day, when we submitted a catalogue of 903 bales.

The "Police Gazette" contains the following interesting report:—"Stolen from the dwelling of Mary McKay, Ercildoune, near Barrumbet, on or about the 24th November, a colonial gold brooch, size of half-crown, four leaves in centre; a pair of gilt earrings, small band on end."

Holloway's Pills.—Weary of life.—Deregulation of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases and the most prolific of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself.

We can't repress a sob of sympathy for the Irishman who said that he ran away from his father the very minute he discovered he was only his uncle.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AND NEWS-PAPERS.

Boyd, Mrs. Jane. Cerine, Mrs.; Cummings, T. C. Dunnet, James; Davies, F. Ellis, Miss; Exel, Elizabeth; Emmerton, T.; Etherton, Wm.; Marshall, J. H. Grant, Eliza. Greene, Helen. Humphreys, Mrs. Mannes, T.; McIntosh, N.; McCabe, Mr.; Miller, A.; Macadam, Mrs. Padder, Louisa; Payne, R.; Proctor, Charles. Richardson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. J.; Stiley, Mrs. White, M. Young, Hugh.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1880.

The English mails will be despatched from Melbourne on Friday next, 10th December. The mails will close at the Beaufort Post Office on Thursday, 9th December, as under:—Registered letters, 3 p.m.; ordinary letters and newspapers, 5 p.m.

We observe in the report of the wool sales held by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Melbourne, on Friday, November 26th, that a small parcel of washed wool, fleeces, sent from here by Messrs. Wetherpoon Bros. and Co., realised the highest price obtained in the colony this season, viz., 27s. per lb.

The unfortunate man Gilbert Fisher, who it will be remembered, was thrown from his horse at the Southern Cross on the 10th November, succumbed to the injuries he then received at his residence at Waterloo early yesterday morning.

The public are again reminded that the anniversary services of the Beaufort Primitive Methodist Sunday School will be celebrated on Sunday and Monday, the 12th and 13th inst. Particulars will be found in posters displayed around the town.

The "Temperance News" for the current month is to hand. It is full of interesting reading matter to the public generally, and also contains a large amount of useful information to members of the temperance lodges.

We have received the "Temperance Year Book" for 1881, published by Messrs. Dunn and Collins, Melbourne. It is a very interesting book, being replete with short anecdotes, illustrated, besides a mass of useful information. A sheet almanac, as also a most comprehensive plan of Melbourne, accompanies the book.

"Hutchinson's Illustrated People's Almanac" is the title of a neat and interesting publication, published by M. L. Hutchinson, of the Glasgow Book Warehouse, Melbourne. It is profusely illustrated, and contains a large amount of interesting and useful reading matter. The published price is 3s.

Mr. A. Stevenson, of Raglan, met with a somewhat serious accident on Thursday night, while riding from Beaufort to Raglan. It appears the horse he was riding suddenly stumbled and fell. Mr. Stevenson was thrown violently to the ground, his right arm being dislocated at the shoulder joint.

The committee appointed by the Beaufort Fire Brigade to carry out the proposed sports on Boxing Day are hard at work maturing the arrangements for the day's sport.

The Railway Department announce that holiday excursion tickets will be issued from all stations to Melbourne from the 1st to the 15th December, both days inclusive, available for return for thirty days.

The "Sketcher" for the fortnight is to hand. It contains a number of interesting sketches, including portraits of the Australian Eleven, as also of the late Judge Barry and Mr. W. S. Lyster.

The "Australian News" for December is a good number, containing a choice selection of sketches of the most notable events of the month. A supplement, containing the portraits of the Australian Eleven, accompanies the number.

A cricket match will be played this afternoon at Waterloo between eleven chosen from the East Waterloo and Trawalla clubs.

Publicans and others interested are again reminded that to-day is the last day for receiving tenders from persons desirous of renting the George Hotel, Beaufort.

Special attention is called to the price-list of the Rodanow Manufacturing Co., of Boston, published in these columns. All those wishing to secure an excellent and correct time-keeper are recommended to address themselves to this old and reliable firm.

The wife of Mr. E. H. L. Swift, the well known mining manager, of Ballarat, died very suddenly on Monday morning last. A post mortem examination revealed the cause of death to have been apoplexy, caused by an accumulation of bilious matter in the throat, while the deceased was suffering from an epileptic fit.

A terrible tragedy is referred to in a telegram to the "Argus" from Wellington, New Zealand:—"Miss Mary Dobie, an artist, attached to the 'London Graphic,' who was on a visit to some friends at Opunaki, in the Taranaki district of the North Island, was ravished and then murdered while out taking a walk to make some sketches. There are signs of a fearful struggle in the vicinity of the spot where her body was found. Her throat was cut, the head being almost severed from the body.—[A Maori named Tahi, arrested on suspicion, has confessed his guilt.]"

It is said that the Rev. Charles Clark, the eminent and popular orator, lecturer, and preacher, will again visit Melbourne in 1881.

The Hon. William Hignett, who was a member of the Legislative Council of Victoria for a number of years, died at his residence at Richmond on Monday last, after five hours' illness.

The Earl and Countess Ellesmere arrived by the mail steamer Bokhara on Tuesday.

Mr. W. Samrin Lyster, manager of the Melbourne Opera-house, died on Saturday last. He was universally respected, and a useful colonist.

Mrs. Byrne, and her sons Patrick and Denis, were arrested at the Woolshed on Monday, charged with stealing a saddle, the property of Aron Sheritt. They were brought up at Beechworth, and remanded for a week.

A Chinaman named An Gooye hung himself in the Ararat Gaol on Saturday last.

The Stawell correspondent of the "Ararat Advertiser" says:—"An exhibit in the window of the O.C.D. is now attracting the attention of juvenile smokers, and amusing the senior votaries of the weed. It is a very diminutive pile of new duty tobacco labelled—'Little Benjamin, son of Graham.'"

It is reported that M. Ketten, the eminent pianist, who leaves for New Zealand on Saturday next, has netted £8000 by his performances in Victoria.

The Sandhurst correspondent of the "Argus" writes as follows on Monday last:—"A small girl named Ellen Maloney was sent to gaol for three weeks by the City Police Court Bench this morning on the charge of damaging a fence, the damage consisting in a panel being taken out of a paddock belonging to a farmer at Strathfieldsaye, in order that some cows belonging to the child's widowed mother might pass through the paddock and save a detour of seven miles. The girl who was only 12 years of age, was allowed the option of a fine; but her mother could not pay it, and the accused had to go to gaol."

On the motion of Cr. Thomas, seconded by Cr. Oddie it was resolved—"That the auditors' report be received, and that their attention be called to Sections 450 and 450 of the Local Government Act, where special provision is made for grants to public libraries and fire brigades. The business of the ordinary meeting was then proceeded with."

From David Davies, Snake Valley, Carraghan, asking the Council to favor him with line of road for building purposes.—The information to be furnished.

From the Secretary of the Bangor and Shirley Farmers' Union, requesting the Council to take steps to impound all stray cattle and sheep found on the roads in the shire without some person in charge of same.—Cr. Smith moved, and Cr. Wetherpoon seconded.—That the Council take action as requested, to be confined to Erambean and Woodnaggerak. The motion was lost.

From the Under Treasurer, stating that the excessive charge of endowment made by this Council (£2 6s. 2d.) must be paid to the Receiver and Paymaster, Melbourne.—Received.

From the Beaufort Cricket Club, applying for a donation.—No action taken.

From the Shire of Glenlyon, advocating a horse tax in substitution for tolls.—To be informed that this Council is in favor of tolls.

From the Government Statist, informing Council that the agricultural statistics for next year, except live stock slaughtered, will be collected by the staff employed to take the census.—Received.

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 1880.

Present: Crs. Forrest, (president, in the chair), Wetherpoon, Oddie, Thomas, Adams, McKenzie, Smith, and Lewis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

DEPUTATIONS.

Cr. Thomas moved the suspension of standing orders, in order to hear Mr. R. Boyle, of Lake Goldsmith, who complained of a cov of his having been drowned in a hole sunk by the Council at Lake Goldsmith for water purposes. The hole was bottomed on rock, and consequently no water was struck.

Mr. F. Wilkins, of Chute, appeared to complain of the bad state of the road between Chute and Waterloo, more particularly that portion of the road between Waterloo and Mr. Brown's. On the motion of Cr. Lewis, seconded by Cr. Oddie, the matter was left to the North Riding members.

Mr. Brown, of Chute, complained of a bad crossing between Messrs. Harris and Troy's paddock and Mr. Aldrich's, at the Graveyard Hill, near Chute. On the motion of Cr. Wetherpoon, seconded by Cr. Thomas, it was resolved that the work be done at once.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The secretary and treasurer presented the annual balance sheet and auditors' report.

The auditors reported as follows:—"Shire Hall, Beaufort, 1st December, 1880.—The President and Councilors of the Shire of Ripon, Gentlemen.—We have the honor to report that we have this day completed a careful examination of all the books, accounts, and vouchers connected with the shire for the year ending 30th September, 1880, and found them correct with the following exceptions:—1. We find no vouchers for the £25 expended on the Vice-Regal visit to the Beaufort Agricultural show in March last, and we do not think any section of the 'Local Government Act, 1874' warrants such an expenditure. 2. We could not find any section of the 'Local Government Act' authorising donations to either fire libraries or fire brigades. 3. The £500 lent by the Government for Beaufort water supply purposes has been placed to the credit of the municipal fund. We do not know by whose authority this has been done. 4. The officers' guarantee premiums produced to us are correct, but we find that your engineer and Messrs. Barnes and Ryan, god inspectors, hold no guarantee policy. 5. The arrears of rates extending back for five years should have been brought forward as has been done in previous years, or otherwise written off. 6. We think if separate accounts were kept of the water supply accounts and municipal fund, this would do away with cross entries, it would simplify the audit, and make the accounts more clear.—We have the honor to be, gentlemen, yours obediently, J. W. BROWN, Government Auditor; W. R. NICOLL, Local Auditor."

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The business of the ordinary meeting was then proceeded with.

From David Davies, Snake Valley, Carraghan, asking the Council to favor him with line of road for building purposes.—The information to be furnished.

From the Hon. F. Longmore, re the re-establishment of toll gates, informing the Council that he will not be able to assist them in the matter.—Received.

From the Secretary of the Bangor and Shirley Farmers' Union, requesting the Council to take steps to impound all stray cattle and sheep found on the roads in the shire without some person in charge of same.—Cr. Smith moved, and Cr. Wetherpoon seconded.—That the Council take action as requested, to be confined to Erambean and Woodnaggerak. The motion was lost.

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From a number of ratepayers at Skipton, asking the Council to repair and fence the main road at that place.—The applicants to be asked what part of the road is referred to.

The Hon. F. Longmore, informing the Council that he had found Patterson's lease.—Received.

REPORTS.

The valuer reported as follows:—"I have the honor to report that with the aid of clerical assistance I have finished the valuation of the shire, and made the return in the usual form. Valuation for the year 1881:—North Riding, £19,645; East Riding, £17,401 10s.; West Riding, £26,704; total for the shire, £63,750 10s.

The engineer reported as follows:—"I have the honor to report that I have examined the road by Stevens' and Ball's land at Raglan, and find that a culvert and two chains of approaches are required, as the water from a blind creek lies in a pool across

the road, knee deep in wet weather. The work on the various contracts now in progress are being carried on in a satisfactory manner. Tenders are invited for a dam at Skipton, and for road work near the State school, Carraghan, to be sent in this day."

FINANCE.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Engineer, Secretary, Mrs. Taylor, J. W. Browne, W. R. Nicoll, Mrs. J. Faulane, E. Whiting, Charitable Donations, Government (endowment), Weighbridge fees, Plus, W. G. Stevens, Dr. Stewart, Henningsen and Klunder, Robert Nice, G. Marks, Hawkes Bros., Surface labor, Michael Sheehan, R. Gemmill, W. Gould, J. F. Watkin, P. Page, R. Humphreys.

TENDERS.

The tender committee recommended the acceptance of the following tenders:—Contract No. 244—Making a small dam in the township of Skipton. A. and J. Slater £60 0 0. Contract No. 245—Making 13 chains of gravelled road near the State School, Carraghan. John Sheehan £34 19 0.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The improvements required at Raglan, between the farms of Messrs. Stevens and Ball, referred to in the engineer's report, were left in the hands of the North Riding members.

A slaughtering license was granted to Mr. Phillips, of Carraghan, on the motion of Cr. Wetherpoon seconded by Cr. McKenzie.

An approximate estimate of receipts and expenditure for the year 1881 was read and approved by the Council, on the motion of Cr. Wetherpoon, seconded by Cr. McKenzie.

Some discussion took place as to what paper the annual balance sheet be published in. Cr. Wetherpoon moved, and Cr. McKenzie seconded—"That the balance sheet be advertised in the 'Ballarat Star,' 'Courier,' and 'Riponshire Advocate.'"

On the motion of Cr. Lewis, seconded by Cr. Smith, the secretary was empowered to give notice of the Council's intention to make a rate of one shilling in the pound at noon on Thursday, 6th January.

Cr. Adams gave notice of his intention to move that the rate be nine pence in the pound.

Cr. Thomas moved—"That the entrance to the council hall, as also the interior of the hall, be painted and generally renovated. Cr. Lewis seconded, and it was carried. The Council then adjourned."

LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Dr. Stewart, health officer of the East Riding, stating that he had been asked by the inspector of nuisances to report on certain cases of sickness, for which he had charged according to the terms of his agreement. He also asked the Council to define the duties of the health officer, as also the amount of remuneration. The president said he was of opinion that the health officer should not report on any cases of sickness without first consulting a member for the riding. On the motion of Cr. McKenzie, seconded by Cr. Lewis, it was resolved—"That the inspector of nuisances do not incur any expense in calling upon the Officer of Health to report on trivial cases, and in no case will payments be made for two reports in one family."

BEAUFORT MINING ITEMS.

New Discovery.—North and south drives still being continued, both in wash.

Homeward Bound.—Shaft down 14 feet last evening, and slabbet up. Everything is now ready for going on with the sinking.

Flery Creek.—At about 30 feet from the shaft new country was encountered on Thursday. The wash is heavy, carrying coarse gold, with a soft reef. About 2dwts. of gold was washed from a dish of dirt on Thursday, and yesterday, we were informed, the wash was still improving, and the sample of gold getting coarser. Experienced miners say that there can be but little doubt but that a splendid lead has been struck, but its extent has yet to be proved.

Beaufort.—The tributors got below on Tuesday, cleaned up, and commenced puddling on Thursday. There will be nothing washed off this week. Gold is visible in one of the faces, and the water is falling off a little. There is a little more cleaning up to do. The tributors are working amicably, and with a will, and it is to be hoped they will meet with success.

New Perseverance.—Busy erecting additional machinery. The works below are suspended pending the erection of a new puddling machine.

Hobart Pusha.—Yield for five days, 55oz. 11dwt. No alteration in the faces since last report. South reef drive still being continued.

Victory (quartz).—Have re-let contract to Harris and party for breaking quartz, but as they only completed the party yesterday, not much stone came up this week. Have two men on breaking quartz in the 200 and 300 feet levels. Have let 100 feet of eastern crosscut to Gibb and company, also contract for water race to take the water from the shaft to the crushing dam. Will clean up on Thursday next. Good payable stone, showing gold.

Frusher's Freehold.—Still continuing the drive towards the reef. Heavy good looking wash has been met with, and from prospect tried is improving. A machine was washed off yesterday.

Waterloo.—In No. 3 crosscut drive the wash has run pretty level for the last 20 feet, but has now started to dip. The wash was

3 feet below back of laths yesterday morning; water coming very strong. No. 1 main level has been passing through some very soft reef, with a large quantity of water.

South Defiance.—A call of 6d. per share is due in this company on Wednesday next, the 8th inst.

PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS.

(From the "Argus") The Legislative Council on Tuesday adjourned till next day as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Hignett.

The land tax debate occupied the time of the Assembly on Tuesday. The Ministerial proposals were carried by 35 to 26.

In the Legislative Council on Wednesday, the Railway Construction Bill was read a second time unanimously after a brief debate, and it was resolved, against the wishes of Mr. Reid, to take evidence on the following lines before proceeding with the bill in committee:—

—Branchholme to Casterton, Elmore to Kerang, Inglewood to Charlton, and Richmond to Alphyington. Mr. Reid himself condemned the selection of Horsham as the starting point for the Dimboola railway. These are the only lines about which there seems to be any diversity of opinion in the House. The Dower Bill, Passengers, Harbours, and Navigation Laws Amendment Bill, and Duties of the People Bill were each read a third time.

The select committee of the Legislative Council on the Betting Prevention Bill on Wednesday submitted their report. They state they have examined 16 witnesses with the view of obtaining evidence as to whether or not it is desirable to sanction, or express legislation, the use of the totalisator. Being fully impressed with the deplorable extent to which gambling and betting have attained in the colony, they are of opinion that legislation should take place to mitigate, and as far as possible control, the resulting evils.

As betting on horse races cannot be prevented, they consider it desirable, with a view to diminish the evils arising therefrom, to assent to the measure referred to them. That measure is, they observe, proposed merely as an experiment, from which, however, the committee have reason to believe satisfactory results in the interests of morality will ensue.

Amongst the most important of these results the committee anticipate (1) the obliteration of the crowd of small bookmakers who attend races, and who belong to a considerable extent to the criminal classes; (2) the diminution of the amount of credit betting with the less objectionable members of the ring; and (3) the lessening of the temptation of employes to rob their masters, inasmuch as ready money must be staked where the totalisator is used. The chief objection made to the introduction of the machine was that it would tend ultimately to lessen horse-racing, as owners of horses would not be able to bet large sums on their horses if the bookmakers were seriously interfered with; but the committee do not consider that objection should have much weight with the House.

In conclusion, the committee express their belief that the passing of this measure would be beneficial in the interests of morality, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House. It may be added that this report was adopted on the casting vote of the chairman, Dr. Dobson.

Mr. Berry made a bitter complaint at half-past 1 o'clock this (Friday) morning that his members, now that they are paid, are reluctant to work. They waste time, he says, while they are in the House, and they either pair off or insist upon leaving early. Mr. Service expressed the hope that the country would note this statement.

Cable News. (FROM THE ARGUS CORRESPONDENT.) LONDON, Dec. 2.

Earl Granville, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has despatched a circular note to the Great Powers regarding the unfulfilled portions of the Treaty of Berlin.

In this note it is proposed that the combined fleet now in the Adriatic Sea should not at present be dispersed, and Earl Granville urges that the European concert should be maintained until the remaining clauses of the treaty, which have reference to the Armenian and Greek questions, are executed.

In consequence of the representations of the authorities in Ireland the Government have given orders for the further strengthening of the forces at present in the country.

A considerable number of marines are accordingly about to proceed to the disturbed districts to reinforce the military and constabulary.

The importation of arms by the Fenians continues to increase.

Communications have recently been exchanged between the British and United States Government regarding the murder of an American citizen in the Fiji Islands. The latter Government has now resolved to endeavour to obtain redress for the crime.

A most remarkable accident befel a child, aged three years, the son of Mr. Christopher Kelly, of Thistle street, on Thursday (says the "Bondigo Advertiser.") The servant in the employ of Mr. Kelly very foolishly asked the child to bring a large carving-knife to her from the next room, and in doing so the child fell, and the knife, which it was carrying, entered the cheek below the right ear, and, passing upwards, severed the flesh from the bone and protruded several inches above through the upper part of the head. The knife was as soon taken out, and Dr. Penfold, who was at once possible called in, attended to the injuries inflicted. The knife was a large one, measuring over an inch across, and the escape from a most painful death was a miraculous one. The accident shows how foolish it is for children of such tender years to be entrusted with the handling of such dangerous articles.

In a cricket match recently played between eleven from the Dimboola, and Mount Arapiles Clubs, a player named Armstrong was given out "arm before wicket," and had to retire.

The Barry testimonial fund which was commenced some time ago for the purpose of erecting a statue to the late Sir Edmund Barry, will now be re-opened and the original intention carried out. The sum of £1000 is already in hand.

The Australian Eleven arrived by the s.s. South Australian yesterday from Adelaide. They landed at the Queen's Wharf, and were welcomed there by a large number of friends...

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A. ANDREWS, M.P.S.V., Pharmaceutical Chemist. NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT. (By Examination) BEEOS to inform the public of this district that he has purchased the business lately carried on by Mr. H. A. Glyde, and hopes, by strict attention to the same, to merit the support accorded his predecessor.

SPECIAL CARE AND ATTENTION given to the dispensing of Physicians' Prescriptions and Family Recipes. In the preparation of which a faithful adherence to the formulae of the British Pharmacopoeia will be strictly observed, and the utmost purity of all Drugs and Chemicals guaranteed.

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HORSE, CATTLE, and DOG MEDICINES. WANTED KNOWN. WHAT in consequence of my Tailoring Business having increased beyond my expectations, I am determined to SELL the rest of my Ready-made Clothing, Trousers and Vests, Men's and Boys' Suits, etc., At a Greater Reduction still; in fact NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED.

Fashionable Suits made to order at £3. NOTE THE ADDRESS: G. SCHUTZ (Late W. FINLAYSON), 27 AND 29 STURT STREET, Opposite 'Courier' Office, BALLARAT.

POISON. POISON is laid in our paddocks adjoining Stockyard Hill during the lambing season. St. Enoch's, May 2nd, 1880. New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, WOOL and GRAIN BROKERS, STATION AGENTS.

Wool, Wool, Wool. GEORGE SYNNOT & Co., GEELONG. Wool Brokers, Hides, Skin, and Tallow. Salernum, Stock and Station Agents.

Washing Liquid. MRS. GILLOCH begs respectfully to inform the residents of Beaufort and district that she is manufacturing a "Washing Liquid," which will be found to materially lessen the labor of Washing Clothes, besides giving the clothes a good color.

Colonial Insurance Company of New Zealand. Capital £2,000,000, with Unlimited Liability of Shareholders. THIS being an Incorporated Company of Unlimited Liability, offers great security to insurers.

Startling Fact. ARCHD. A. HALL having determined to clear out his Stock of BOOTS and SHOES, will offer the same at COST PRICE on and after SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1880.

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To the Inhabitants of Beaufort and Surrounding District. LADIES and GENTLEMEN.—I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the favors I have received at your hands during the short time I have been in business, and trust that a fair share of your patronage will still be bestowed upon me, and beg to state that all orders entrusted to me will be attended to with promptness.

I would also call the attention of the public generally to the fact that they can obtain at my establishment a First-class Cup of Tea or Coffee, and a Scotch Pie, for the Small charge of Sixpence.

As the season is favorable, I am now in a position to supply the wants of the district with the following Delicacies—Fresh Pork, Sausages, Savellys, Black Puddings, German Sausages, with which I can supply my patrons twice a week quite fresh from Ballarat.

NOTE.—Also Fine Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, and Fancy Goods at Ballarat Prices. Tobacco (cut and plugs) of the best brands and Pipes as Ballarat Prices.

W. M. NOLES, FRUITERER, TOBACCONIST, ETC., HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT. To Squatters, Mining Managers, Timber Merchants, and other Consumers of Timber.

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.

Important for Everybody. THE Rodanow Manufacturing Company, (limited)—Capital 2,000,000(lb.), Boston, (America), will forward, hereafter, even one single watch to any part of the world at wholesale price, i.e., 35 per cent. cheaper than any watchmaker, as none of them is manufacturing watches himself, but only buying them from here. We call the particular attention of every one intending to purchase a first-class reliable watch to our following price list—

Key-winding Watches. Crystal Glass, seconds hand ... £ s. d. 0 10 0 Hunting Case, engraved, highly finished ... 0 14 0 Skeleton movement, Extra Jeweled, stout double cover ... 1 0 0

Keyless Watches. The Keyless mechanism to a watch is one of the great modern improvements in watch work, it does away with the old-fashioned key, with which so many persons have ruined their watches. The watch is wound by turning a milled knob, placed on the handle or ring, instead of the ordinary means; the hands are set in the same way. The advantages of these improvements are obvious, the case, which never need be opened in winding, is made air-tight and dust-tight, thus preserving much longer the fluidity of the oil, and greatly prolonging the intervals between the necessary cleaning of the watch.

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WOTHERSPOON & BROS. & CO. Have much pleasure in advising the arrival of their FIRST SPRING SHIPMENTS, EX LOCH VEYNACHAR.

65 CASES AND 26 BALES OF NEW AND FASHIONABLE DRAPERY GOODS, Which are now opened out in preparation for their FIRST SPRING SHOW, FIXED FOR SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

When the PRINT, DRESS, and FANCY DEPARTMENTS will be found. Specially Attractive with all the Leading Novelties of Style and Fabrics in vogue in London and Paris, and the Stocks of all other Departments thoroughly assorted, and of FIRST-CLASS VALUE.

OUTFIT DEPARTMENT. This Department is now well assorted in Men's and Boys' Clothing made from the Newest and most Fashionable Materials, both in Imported and Colonial Goods.

100 Pairs Men's Geelong Tweed Trousers and Vests, 12s. 6d. to 16s. 6d. 250 Pairs Men's Colored Mole Trousers, 5s. 6d. 75 Men's Tweed Coats from 9s. 6d. 196 Men's Fashionable DB Paget Coats, from 24s. 6d.

Novelties in Hats and Caps. 20 Dozen Boys' Youths', and Men's Straw Hats, 1s. each. Wool-growers are informed that W. B. and Co. are still Agents for Hastings, Cunningham, and Co., and may rely upon receiving full value for all Wool consigned to them. Woolpacks, 8s. 9d. each.

IRON STORE, NEILL-STREET, BEAUFORT. ARRIVAL OF SUMMER STOCK. J. MOORE. Begs to intimate the arrival of a Complete and Varied Stock of Summer Drapery, which will be offered to the Public at Extremely Reasonable Rates. The Stock comprises all the Newest Novelties in MEN'S, WOMEN'S, and CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, and all other Necessaries for Summer Wear. Inspection is invited.

BOOTS AND SHOES. In great variety, and only the best maker's are kept in stock. A Large Stock of GROCERIES WINES AND SPIRITS Of the Best Brands at Lowest Prices.

CROCKERY, LAMPS, GLASSWARE, OILMEN'S STORES. THE TIMBER YARD. A Branch of which J. M. has just opened at WATERLOO, Is replete with all kinds of Softwood, Doors, Sashes, Mouldings, Skirting, and Hardwood building and mining purposes.

THE UNION FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND. CAPITAL subscribed ... £2,000,000 PAID UP ... 75,000 RESERVE FUND ... 20,000

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders. VICTORIAN BRANCH: 64 COLLINS STREET WEST, MELBOURNE. CLEMENT E. JARRETT, Manager.

Mr. JAMES GATHIE, of Beaufort, having been appointed AGENT for the above Company for BEAUFORT and District, via Mr. John Reidy, is now prepared to accept Fire Risks of all descriptions at lowest rates. The Company's Fire policy covers losses arising from lightning, explosion of gas, and bush fire.

VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY Limited. United Capital: £1,000,000. HON. H. MILLER, CHAIRMAN. FIRE, MARINE, LIFE, and GUARANTER. DEPOSITS RECEIVED AT INTEREST. STAKES INSURED. Offices—Market-street, Melbourne.

JOSEPH COLLIE, Secretary. Agent for Beaufort—W. E. NICKOLS. Agent for Chepstowe—THOS. TINDALL. LONDON and LANCASHIRE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. Established in the Colonies 1862. Capital, £1,500,000 fully subscribed.

The undersigned having been appointed Agent for Beaufort, is prepared to receive Proposals for all descriptions of Insurance at the LOWEST CURRENT RATES. Risks accepted on Thrashing Machines, Stocks, and Agricultural Produce. H. P. HENNINGSEN.

H. KROEGER, VICTORIA PARADE HOTEL, Corner of Victoria Parade and Napier Street, FITZROY. FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION. Also, Wines, and Spirits of the best quality & brands BATHS, BILLIARDS.

THE THOROUGHBRED STALLION LEO Will STAND this SEASON at CHEPSTOWE. Terms—£5 6s. THE ARAB ENTIRE SERANG, Imported. Will STAND this SEASON at CHEPSTOWE. Terms—£5 6s.

THE THOROUGHBRED STALLION TROUBADOUR Will STAND this SEASON at my place, SOUTH PURRABETTE. TROUBADOUR is a bay horse, four years old, 15 hands 3 inches high, by Lew, dam Kimball, by Heinrich, net dam Lambourne, out of Tim Can, by Rory O'More, etc. See Stud Book. Terms—£25 s.; guaranteed, £4 s.

Good grassed paddocks, with plenty of water. Every care taken, but without responsibility. NOTICE.—Mares will be received on Saturdays at Messrs. Ethernank, Easton's Saleyards, Ballarat. R. O. ODDIE, Proprietor.

JOSEPH FRUSHER, jun. BEGS 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. 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 prices and Hides, bought for CASH.

ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRS. Venetian Blinds Made to Order. Painting, Glazing, Paperhanging in Town and Country.

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

American shoring boards. Do lumber do. 6 x 12 and 6 Scotch flooring. 6 x 4 do lining. 6 x 3 do do flooring. American and Baltic deals, all sizes. 4 out pine weatherboards. 6 do do.

American clear pine. 4 in, 5 in, 6 in, 8 in, cedar, wide and narrow boards. Cedar table legs, all sizes. French casements, doors, sashes. Mouldings, architraves, skirtings. Broad panelling and shingles. A stock of all sizes of hardwood always on hand. Also, GEELONG LINE.

NEXT TO POLICE STATION. GREAT WESTERN VINEYARD. JOSEPH BEST INVITES Attention to his large and varied Stock of WINE:

CLARETS, HOOKS, BURGUNDIES, SAUTERNES. The following Prizes have been awarded to the wines, the produce of the above vineyard:— Paris Exhibition, 1875, silver medal. Philadelphia Exhibition, 1876, first-class certificate and medal.

LONDON International gold medal. Melbourne International, 1875, first prize medal. Melbourne International, 1873, silver medal. Also 32 first prizes, 10 second prizes, 3 third prizes honorable mentions, at Stawell, Ararat, Geelong, etc., places.

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. Houses and Land bought or sold. Rents and Debts collected. Trust and Agency Business of all kinds attended to. Agent for Beaufort on Mondays and Saturdays, or any other day by appointment.

Note the Address: W. EDWARD NICKOLS, AUCTIONEER, BEAUFORT. Established 1860. WILLIAM BAKER, BUILDER, CARPENTER, CABINET MAKER, & UNDERTAKER, Has on Sale— PAPERHANGINGS, PERAMBULATORS, CRADLES, BASKETS, BEDSTEADS, (Wood and Iron) CHAIRS, TABLES, SOFAS, ETC., ETC., At Less than Ballarat Prices.

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GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENTS.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Excursion Arrangements.

In connection with the Melbourne International Exhibition, HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all Stations (suburban lines excepted) to MELBOURNE only, from the 1st to the 15th December, both days inclusive. The usual CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to and from ALL STATIONS (suburban lines excepted), from the 16th December 1880, to 5th January 1881, both dates inclusive. Both of these tickets will be available for return for 30 days, days of issue and return and Sundays included, and the journey cannot be broken on them.

J. B. PATTERSON, Commissioner of Railways. Melbourne, 26th November, 1880.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Saturday Excursion Fares.

On SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER, and every succeeding Saturday till further notice, tickets will be issued to and from all Stations at SATURDAY EXCURSION FARES, available for return till the following Monday night. For further particulars see Sheet Time Tables for December.

J. B. PATTERSON, Commissioner of Railways.

Department of Public Works.

Melbourne, 18th November 1880.

TENDERS will be received, subject to the Conditions of Tendering, for REPAIRS to COURT HOUSE, Beaufort, until Twelve o'clock on Thursday, the 9th December, 1880.

Drawings and Specifications may be seen at this Office, and at the Police Station, Beaufort. The amount of the preliminary deposit to accompany the Tender is £3, and the amount of the deposit as cash security for the due performance of the Contract is 10 per cent.

The Board of Land and Works will not necessarily accept the lowest or any Tender.

G. D. LANGRIDGE, Commissioner of Public Works.

George Hotel, Beaufort.

TENDERS WANTED, at per week or month, from parties desiring of renting the above Hotel. Address undersigned not later than SATURDAY, 4th December next.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer, Beaufort.

Preliminary Notice.

BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1880.

THE USUAL ANNUAL SPORTS! SPORTS! SPORTS!

Will be held at Vowles' Richmond Hotel, Waterloo. On the above date.

Boxing Day Sports.

W. E. NICKOLS will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, the Booths and Gates in connection with the Boxing Day Sports to be held at the Casino of the Beaufort Fire Brigade, at the Camp Hotel, THIS EVENING, at 9 p.m.

W. G. STEVENS, Hon. Sec.

South Deafness Gold Mining Company, No-Liability, Sailor's Gully.

NOTICE.—A Call (No. 18) of Sixpence per share, has been MADE on the Capital of the Company, and will be due and payable to the Manager, at the Office of the Company, on Wednesday, 8th December, 1880.

W. M. ACHESON, Manager. Furnival's Chambers, Lydiard street, Ballarat, 1st December, 1880.

DR. LOCK

BEGS to notify that he has returned to Beaufort, and COMPLETED PRACTICE at his former residence. He will also be in attendance at Waterloo between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon, at Mr. Day's, until the 21st December. Vaccination FREE.

Wanted, A SERVANT. Apply to Mrs. WOTHERSPOON.

Ballarat District Benevolent Asylum and Lying-in Hospital.

THE following Contributions, received from Beaufort and District during the months of September and October are hereby acknowledged, with thanks:— Sir S. Wilson, £100.00; J. E. Collection by Mrs. Robinson, Reefs, Waterloo, £15.00; Mrs. King, 5s. 6d.; Gray, 1s. 6d.; Day, 2s.; Richard, Lewis, 2s.; P. Shannessy, 1s.; E. Drummond, 2s. 6d.; Mary Nixon, 2s.; R. Grayling, 1s.; Mrs. Thomas Robertson, 5s.; total, £1 6s. 6d. Collected by Mr. Peter McIntyre, Mavalloch, Beaufort—Peter McIntyre, £1 1s.; Annie McIntyre, 5s.; Wm. O'Neill, 5s.; C. Westbrock, 5s.; Indum, 5s.; H. Robertson, 2s. 6d.; Cameron, 5s.; total, £2 6s. Good Samaritan Lodge, Camargham, per Mr. J. Davies, £1. Collection from the employees of Mr. W. Lewis, Stoneleigh, Beaufort—Henry Charman, John Rowe, James Matheson, Thomas Cason, Henry Fust

THE EXHIBITION.

By COSMOPOLITAN. New Zealand—A self-sufficing colony—The Kauri tree—Gum blocks—A fern paradise—A mammoth coal-seam—The moa—Double-duty—Melbourne water—A perfect filter—Another Exhibition lottery—Two works of art—The Venetian gondola—A suggestion.

The visitor to the New Zealand Court cannot fail to be struck with the evidence afforded of almost complete independence of external aid; for all that makes life endurable, which this remote colony presents. We allowed our imagination to picture to ourselves the old country submerged in the Atlantic, the European continent also, and as such of the rest of the world as is necessary to illustrate our views. Then, New Zealand, could, notwithstanding such a dire catastrophe, get along very well without those venerable institutions. Looking round the exhibits, it is pretty clear that one might obtain almost anything, from a carriage to a canoe, from a pocket of hops to a bottle of soda-water; from a richly-carved, sideboard to a revolving bureau, or a new hat, and a fashionable bonnet made from the lace-bark of a New Zealand tree. The display of planned wood, from the principal forest trees is very remarkable—the kauri especially. One fine specimen measures ft. 6in. in breadth of plank, and the mottled varieties must be susceptible of conversion into beautiful art-furniture. Huge contorted masses of lava-like looking substance proved to be "gum," found, we are told, below the surface of the ground, the excretion of former trees, which has run down and congealed into these strange forms. We wonder whether the expletive "by gum," has any philological connection with this resinous substance? And such ferns! Were Mr. Heath here from England, he would dance a wild Highland fling at the bare sight of such beautiful varieties. The samples of grain are very numerous, finer, larger, and the yield, we are informed, is relatively very large.

But, perhaps the coal seams are the most surprising. Seams of two feet are considered large in Great Britain, but here we have coal-seams represented as 16 feet in measurement, and there is said to be one of no less than 40 feet, now being opened at Westport, on the West Coast of New Zealand. We learn that no less than 16,000 tons of New Zealand coal was consumed within the colony in 1878; and that those magnificent steam vessels, the Rotomahana, and the Wakatipu—of which two beautiful models are exhibited here—consume coal of home production. Few things astonish English visitors more than the sight of these magnificent ships, and the fact of their finding a sufficient field only in intercolonial transit. Two or three skeletons of Moa give an air of antiquity to the Court, still further increased by the display of prehistoric weapons, though only intended to illustrate their parity of use by modern savages.

The furriers cases, like Goldsmith's chest of drawers, "A bed by night, a chest of drawers by day," serve a double purpose, exhibiting to some extent the orthology of the colony, and some excellent work in adapting the feathered skins of the penguin, the paradise duko, the spoon-bill duck, molly-hawk, kiwi, pukako, and other birds to feminine uses.

There are few things more repelling to a stranger in Melbourne than being handed a glass of water, just as it is commonly used. Anyone, accustomed to the clear polluxid springs of old England feels a lump in his throat at once. With most of the filters introduced it has been overlooked that a necessity existed for replacing the filtering medium, which becomes foul in proportion to the turbidity of the water, and the water here can boast of a maximum of turbidity. Dr. Bernays, of St. Thomas Hospital, in London, some time ago discovered and introduced the "Manganous Carbon Filter," which meets this want of some perfect purifying medium, which can be easily and readily renewed. Charcoal is the best of all purifying agents. When mixed with manganese bioxide, and strongly heated out of contact with air, the efficiency of the charcoal for filtering purposes is greatly increased, as the water is brought into contact with more powerful oxidizing agents than would be the case with charcoal alone. The hydrogen contained in all charcoals is in part oxidized, and the charcoal from its greater purity acquires increased efficiency. By a most ingenious arrangement Messrs. Doulton and Co., of Lambeth Pottery fame, manufacture a stoneware filter, which is both ornamental and useful, reducing the trouble of renewing the manganese carbide to the most trifling effort. Dr. Bernays' filters appear to be almost a provision of nature for Melbourne water, and will doubtless come into extensive use.

Are we to have a lottery as in 1878 at Paris? Will some honorable member put the question to the Chief Secretary at the earliest opportunity? By all means let us send round the "lucky bag," and keep all unsold exhibits. Who would not invest for the chance of a carriage or a steam plough, a mammoth bridge, or a ton of carbonate of soda, Charles S'—'s motto is, "Lycous and Hyper-nestus" or the Aborigine group in the South Australian court.

But, seriously, does not Victoria mean to acquire any portion of all the works of art she has gathered together from the four corners of the earth? Adelaide has made large purchases, Sydney also. So far Victoria makes no sign, and yet there will be the huge building to furnish in some sense—If only as the nucleus of another South Kensington museum—when all is over, and the visitors gone and the lights put out.

The charge of 3d. for access to the roof and parapet of the Exhibition building is proving a considerable source of income to the Commissioners, a large proportion of the visitors availing themselves of this means of gaining a panoramic view of the town and suburbs. We take the liberty of suggesting that the Venetian gondola lying idle by the lake in the grounds might be made available for another "extra." It is, however, incomplete in its present state, and should be fitted with the false central little black structure seen in all gondolas in the native home. It serves both as a protection from the sun and the rain, secures privacy when desired, is a delicious little retreat for flirtation, or serious converse; and is to the gondola what a summer-house is to a garden-land, or the oriel window to a saloon. Brooding amid the scene of one of its best and most dramatic lyrics, floated "In a Gondola," and who that has floated in one of those fairy-like structures amid the scenes so beautiful and so strange

that Venice presents can ever forget it? A gondoler might easily be arranged for; there are plenty of Italians here who would enact this part, or teach a man how to propel a boat in the Venetian fashion for a consideration. We predict a large access of "threepences" for a row on the lake—round and round. Remember Arthur Clough's delightful lyric!

What else is like the gondola? Ah, How light it moves, how softly! Ah, How could life be like the gondola! Unweary with quarrels, crimes and cares, And moral duties and affairs, For ever thus—thus glide along! (How light we move, how softly! Ah, Were life but as the gondola?)

GARDENING FOR DECEMBER. KITCHEN GARDEN.—Sow seeds of cabbage, cauliflowers, savoy, etc. in shady places; peas, French beans, turnips, and materials for salad may also be sown. Plant out celery in trenches and attend to watering. Take up early potatoes, storing those that are required for table in some cool shed where the light can be excluded by a covering of straw, those wanted for seed may be greened by exposure to the light. Keep growing crops clear of weeds.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Dahlias can still be planted out to flower late. Attend to weeding and watering. Lift bulbs as they mature, storing them in dry sand in some cool place with their names attached.

FARM.—Harvesting will be general in most districts, and as soon as grain crops are off the ground commence ploughing.

The death of Mr. Tyerman, the spiritualist, is announced.

A narrow escape, coupled with a striking instance of female determination, is recorded by the "Bendigo Independent."—A lad about nine years old named Rule, had a very narrow escape from drowning on Thursday. He was passing near a large water-hole, close to the No. 10 railway gate, Peg-leg Gully, when he slipped and fell in. His cries attracted the attention of Mrs. Busdon, the gatekeeper, who ran to his assistance with a long pole. The hole, however, is about 14 feet deep, and has 5 feet of water in it, and it was only by kneeling down and grasping the stick at the end that she could reach him. For about half an hour, and until quite exhausted, she remained in this position with him clinging on to the pole. The sides of the hole were caved in, so that even a full-grown person could not have ascended without help. Ultimately she was noticed by Mrs. Martin, who relieved her, and then with the assistance of a Miss Smith, a ladder was obtained and lowered into the hole, and the boy released from his uncomfortable position.

Holloway's Pills.—Weary of life.—Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases and the most prolific of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of those noted Pills act magically in dispelling low spirits and repelling the covert attacks made on the nerves by excessive heat, impure atmospheres, over indulgence or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the falling memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills and obediently putting them in practice the most despondent will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.

An amusing practical joke is thus described by the "Narracoote Herald."—A few nights ago the men in one of the huts out at the railway saw mills received a shock to their nerves, and fancied that the successor of Ned Kelly had come to practice hall-firing on their unfortunate bodies. They were awakened by a man who clicked something in his hand, which their imagination conceived to be a seven-shooter of the approved bushranger type, and told to bail up. They bailed up. Their visitor mercifully spared their lives, but said he was in want of tobacco, and he must have some or he'd know the reason why. Every ounce of tobacco in the house was without argument given to the midnight ranger, who left the place, to the immense relief of his victims, whose mind soon thought of revenge, capture, trial, and imprisonment. They procured and then cautiously searched for the blood-thirsty bushranger, whose ferocious fierceness was growing alarmingly with each fresh of the sticking up. The search was a protracted and futile one; the pursuers returned weary and disappointed, and anticipating a series of outrages that would make Narcocote notorious. The next morning they were greatly confused and perplexed when a fellow-workman confessed that he was the terrible villain who had broken their slumbers. He had taken a common purse with a snap, and this made an excellent and efficacious revolver; after he had got the tobacco he went back to his own bed, and enjoyed the thought of a crowd of men taking healthy exercise in the night air, amid the swamps. The arduous of these men for hunting bushrangers is now somewhat less than it was.

Oxygen is Life.—Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne—Multitudes of people are hopelessly suffering from Debility, Nervous and Liver Complaints, Depression of Spirits, Hypochondria, Timidity, Indigestion, Failure of Hearing, Sight, and Memory, Lassitude, Want of Power, &c., whose cases admit of a permanent cure by the new remedy, Phosphodyne (Ozonic Oxygen), which imparts new energy and life to the enfeebled constitution, and rapidly cures every stage of these hitherto incurable and distressing maladies. Sold by all chemists and druggists throughout the globe. CAUTION.—Phosphodyne is sometimes sold in the form of Pills and Lozenges; it should be generally known that every form where solid particles of Phosphorus are in combination is dangerous. It is therefore necessary that the public should be cautioned against the use of any form of Phosphorus not perfectly soluble in water.

Beaufort Post Office.

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Victorian Railways.

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FARE TABLE.

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CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE. TRADE MARK "BLOOD MIXTURE."

THE GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER. For cleansing and clearing the blood from all impurities cannot be too highly recommended. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Skin Diseases, and Sores of all kinds it is a never-failing and permanent cure.

It Cures Old Sores, Cures Ulcerated Sores on the Neck, Cures Ulcerated Sores on the Legs, Cures Blackheads, or Pimples on the Face, Cures Scabby Sores, Cures Cancerous Ulcers, Cures Blood and Skin Diseases, Cures Glandular Swellings, Clears the Blood from all Impure Matter, From whatever cause arising.

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

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WONDERFUL CURE OF ULCERATED SORE LEGS OF 18 YEARS STANDING.

Messrs. C. Minnie and Company, Pharmaceutical Chemists, Gosport, write as 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.

J. 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, but have had no relief, 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.

The Great Pain Annihilator.

PROFESSOR SCOTT'S MAGIC BALM. Cure Toothache Instantly and Permanently. Diphtheria in One Night.

Is the only medicine that will... Nourishes, Relieves, and Instantly... Headache, Rheumatism, From 1 to 7 days, Sciatica, From 1 to 14 days, Lumbago, From 1 to 7 days, Earache, Instantly and Permanently, Colic, Cramps, and Spasms; In 10 minutes, Diarrhoea and Dysentery, From 1 to 12 hours, It heals Cuts, Burns, Scalds, Bruises, etc., and for all kinds of internal and external aches and pains it NEVER FAILS TO CURE, AND HAS NO EQUAL.

THE WONDERFUL MAGIC BALM. In a boon to Society; it has never been known to fail when properly applied in accordance with the printed directions, and only requires a trial to prove its wonderful efficacy. It is now a household word, and is extensively used throughout all the Australian and New Zealand Colonies.

TESTIMONIALS—Which are genuine. WONDERFUL CURE OF SEVERE PAINS IN THE HEAD. Consultation of the United States of America at Auckland, N.Z., 1st August, 1878.

Professor Scott, Dear Sir,—I take great pleasure in testifying to the efficiency of your wonderful balm, the "Magic Balm," which I have used for severe pains in my head from which I have been a great sufferer for some time past. I have made but one application of the "Magic Balm" and can truly say that I have felt no pain since, which I am very thankful for, and can recommend it with pleasure. The "Magic Balm" is the best medicine I ever used for pains, and in fact, will state that it is the only medicine I ever used that does me any good whatever. Very truly, your obedient servant, GEO. W. ROOSEVELT, U.S. Consul.

WONDERFUL CURE OF NEURALGIA. Royal George Hotel, Ballarat, 10th May, 1880. To Professor Scott, Craig's Hotel.—Dear Sir,—I have been a great sufferer from neuralgia for some time past, and I used some of your wonderful medicine, "THE MAGIC BALM," last night which gave me instant relief, and I am very happy to say, I have not felt any pain whatever since the application. I am a firm believer in "THE MAGIC BALM," and can, with confidence, recommend it to all who suffer with neuralgia, as I am sure they will receive great benefit from its use, as I have already done. You may use this letter in any way to your advantage you may think proper. I am, Dear Sir, yours respectfully, E. THURLING.

WONDERFUL CURE OF TOOTHACHE. [Sworn Affidavit.] Grahamstown, N.Z., July 20th, 1878. I hereby certify that I have been suffering terribly with my teeth for several years past and had tried all known remedies, within my reach, all of which failed to give me any relief whatever; two months ago, while working in a mine, my teeth ached so bad that I was compelled to knock off work. I was advised to call and see Professor Scott (who was then visiting Grahamstown introducing his "Magic Balm") I found that gentleman at his hotel, stated my case, and he immediately applied the wonderful medicine, which gave instant relief, and from that time to the present, I have not a pain whatever, and can eat my meals with the greatest ease. I can safely recommend Professor Scott's "Magic Balm" to all who suffer with their teeth.

Signed—WALTER WHITE, Miner. Witnesses—W. FRASER, Resident Magistrate, C. CURTIS, M. L. A., Pacific Hotel.

WONDERFUL CURE OF RHEUMATISM. PROFESSOR SCOTT.—Dear Sir,—I have been using your "Magic Balm" for a severe case of chronic rheumatism, from which I have long suffered. I was almost a cripple; could hardly walk, and was in constant pain. The disease was located principally in my lower extremities, and I was unable to do any work whatever. On seeing your advertisements relative to your great medicine, the "Magic Balm," I purchased a package containing a dozen bottles, and commenced the treatment as per directions. Great was my astonishment, before I had finished the second bottle to find that the pains were passing away, and now having used some nine bottles I feel quite another man, in fact I consider the "Magic Balm" has completely cured me. You have my permission to use this letter in any way to your advantage that you may think proper. I am, dear sir, yours respectfully, MATTHEW HOGAN, Miner, Ballarat West.

WONDERFUL CURE OF NERVOUS HEADACHE. PROFESSOR SCOTT.—Sir,—After suffering acute pain last evening for several hours from nervous headache, accompanied with severe palpitation in the region of the temples, I was induced to try your "magic balm," as a curative agent. In justice to you, and in testimony of the virtue possessed by the "balm," in this instance, I may state that a free application of the same where the pain was most severe, afforded relief in about 10 minutes. Previous to applying the "balm" I was unable to distinguish one letter of print from another but after relief I read with ease for three hours. As I was to a considerable extent sceptical regarding the efficacy of the remedy prior to trial, I feel pleased in thus tendering my thanks to you, and remain, yours obediently, HIRAM CRISP, Evening Post Office, Mail street, Ballarat, 10th June, 1880.

No Person or House should be without it. For Sale by all respectable Chemists and General Storekeepers.

CAUTION. Be sure and ask your Chemist or Storekeeper for Professor Scott's "Magic Balm," and be sure you are not induced to accept any other preparation. It has no equal in stock, and can easily procure it for you by sending to the Main Agency, at—

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ALTHOUGH the modern Materia Medica includes many valuable remedies for human afflictions, it is a matter of certainty that in all cases where the animal vitality is falling, Phosphorus is decidedly superior to every other remedy at present known. It will work effects such as nothing else will produce, and it possesses the great advantage of not causing, when its use is relinquished, the slightest reaction or depression.

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The New Curative Agent, and only Reliable Remedy for Nervous and Liver Complaints.

This Phosphoric combination is pronounced by the most eminent members of the Medical Profession to be unequalled for its power of replenishing the vitality of the body, by its supplying all the essential constituents of the blood and nerve substance, and for developing all the powers and functions of the system to the highest degree. It is agreeable to the palate, and innocent in its action, while retaining all its extraordinary properties; and, as a specific, surpassing all the known therapeutic agents of the present day for the speedy and permanent cure of Nervous Prostration, Shortness of Breath, Liver Complaints, Trembling of the hands and limbs, Palpitation of the Heart, Impaired Nutrition, Dizziness, Nausea in the Head and Ears, Mental and Physical Depletion of Energy and Appetite, Consumption (in its first stages only), Female Complaints, Eruptions of the Skin, Impaired Sight and Memory, Nervous Fancies, Inappetence for Study or Business, Nervous Debility in all its Stages, Lassitude, Premature Decline, and all morbid conditions of the system arising from indigestion. The action of the Phosphodyne is twofold—on the one hand increasing the principle which constitutes nervous energy, and on the other the most powerful blood and nerve generating agent known, it creates a marvellous medicine for restoring impaired and broken-down constitutions. It quickly improves the functions of assimilation to such a degree, that were for years an emaciated, anxious, and nervous individual, his constitution has existed, the flesh will rapidly increase in quantity and firmness, and the whole system return to a state of robust health. The Phosphodyne acts electrically upon the organization; it excites the nature to generate heat, but human electricity which renews and rebuilds the osseous, muscular, nervous, membranous and organic systems. It operates on the system without exciting heat, it is sought upon the individual as to the process. It moves the lungs, liver, heart, kidneys, stomach, and intestines, with a harmony, vigour, yet mildness unparallelled in medicine.

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Both the Ointment and Pills should be used in the following complaints: Bad Legs, Fistulas, Sore Throats, Bad Breasts, Skin Diseases, Burns, Inguinal Swell, Scurvy, Blisters, Hæmorrhoids, Stomachic Disorders, Chapped Hands, Piles, Ulcers, Corns (Soft), Rheumatism, Wounds, Contracted and Sore Nipples, Scalds, Itch.

The Pills and Ointment are sold at Professor Holloway's Establishment, 533, Oxford Street, London; also by nearly every respectable Vendor of Medicine through out the Civilised World. The smallest box of Pills contains four dozen; and the smallest Pot of Ointment one ounce.

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"Lives of great men all round us We can make but a poor subtitle; And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time."

THE above is read with great interest by thousands of young men. It inspires them with HOPE, for in the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as failure. They say, "my mind is not so good as that which regard to the youth who has never abused his strength—and to the man who has not been 'passion's slave.'" But to that youth—to that man who has wasted his vigor, who has yielded himself up to the temporary, licentious pleasures of vice, who has given unbridled license to his passions, to him the above lines are but as a reproach. What HOPE can he have? What aspirations? What chances? Leaving behind him a record of shame and of time? For him, who has not been "passion's slave," but to that youth—to that man who has wasted his vigor, who has yielded himself up to the temporary, licentious pleasures of vice, who has given unbridled license to his passions, to him the above lines are but as a reproach. What HOPE can he have? What aspirations? What chances? 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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET.

Thursday, 9th December. There was a fair supply of produce brought into the market on Thursday. The following are our quotations:—Oats, 2s 6d; wheat, 3s 9d to 4s 2d; Cape barley, 1s 9d to 2s; English do., 2s 9d to 3s; flour, L9 to L9 5s; sheaves, L1 10s to L2 2s 6d; manger hay, L3 10s to L3; potatoes, very plentiful; 9s to 10s; straw, 20s to 22s 6d; peas, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; rye-grass, 2s 6d to 4s 6d; ryan, 9d to 8d; pollard, 8d to 8 1/2d; bone-dust, 1d to 1 1/2d.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

A steady business in the produce market has been reported for the past week. Sales of wheat have been light, a few small lots having changed hands at 3s 6d to 3s 8d per bushel, and flour has had a demand at L9 per ton. Before the end of the month this season's wheat may be expected to arrive from the Wimmera district and this causes buyers to restrict operations to the satisfying of immediate wants. The ruling price in the Wimmera market is 3s 9d, a slight decline having taken place during the week. In the metropolitan wheat is a little firmer, sales are made at 4s 4d; flour selling freely at L9 10s to L9 12s 6d. As was the case last year, the question of tonnage will be an important one for the grower. Already a rise has been taken place for wool, and as there is not a great quantity of shipping in the bay, this may have a very depressing effect. Oats maintain their improvement, and meet a good demand at 2s 2d. Feeding samples have had sales in Melbourne at from 2s 3d to 2s 6d, and as the great bulk are, it is said, held by one firm, and some time must elapse before the new crop is ripe, a further rise is not improbable. Hay has suffered a further decline, and is now offered at 3s to L2. Growers have a great quantity of old hay on hand, having held back for a better market, and now that harvesting is commenced, this has been rushed in. A little new hay is being offered, but at present the old is preferred. Straw has also suffered, and is worth 15s per ton, and chaff has been similarly affected, and is quoted at 2s 6d per cwt. New potatoes are beginning to come in freely at 7s from Warramboul, whilst old Ballarat varieties are almost done. In dairy produce, fresh butter is still liberally supplied. Eggs are a little scarcer and are now worth 6d to 7d per dozen. We quote:—Wheat, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; oats, 2s; pollard, 10d to 11d; bran, 9d; barley, 2s; maize, none; flour, L9; potatoes, Warramboul, new, 7s per cwt; Ballarat, old, 20s; fresh butter, 6d; added butter, 5d; hams, 11d; bacon, 8d; cheese, 4d to 5d; eggs, 6d to 7d; hay, sheaves, 35s; trusted, L2; straw 15s; chaff 2s 6d; onions, 18s; carrots, 1s 9d; peas, 2s 8d.—Advertiser.

GEEBONG WOOL MARKETS.

December 7th. Messrs GEORGE STYXON and Co. report:—A good catalogue of wool was submitted by the brokers to-day. The attendance of buyers, though large, was not up to the general average, and biddings were by no means as animated as we could wish, consequently a large percentage was passed in at the auctions, and sold privately after the sale, owners having to make a slight concession on what we considered too highly reserved parcels. Fine crossbred lots realized good prices, but faulty and low wools were entirely neglected, and sold at very low rates. Lambs' wool sold extremely low, and we cleared out all lots in this way. We quote:—Greasy fleeces, to 114d; greasy lambs, 114d; mixed pieces, 74d; crossed pieces, 64d; bellies, 6d; locks, 34d. Scoured wool—fleeces, 18s; lambs, 20d. Our next sale will take place on Tuesday, the 21st inst.

Messrs. GEORGE HAGUE and Co. report:—Wool.—We held our weekly wool sale at Mack's hotel to-day, and submitted a catalogue of 710 bales. There was a full attendance of buyers, and competition up to a certain point was animated; but we noticed a decided inclination to lower values for inferior to medium qualities. Coarse crossbreds were very hard to quit, and all mixed and badly-sorted lots were neglected; but we have to report a good enquiry for superior light conditioned wools. Amongst others we sold Mr. Archibald Stewart's clip, marked AS over Wangan, at 114d for the merino, and 11d for the crossbred; and the WK over Gorrie crossbred (Mr. Wm. King's) at 104d. We quote:—Greasy fleece, superior, 104d to 134; greasy fleece, average to good, 9d to 10d; greasy fleece, inferior to medium, 7d to 8d; greasy lambs, 7d to 10d; greasy pieces, 4d to 7d; washed fleece, (cold water), 13d to 18d; washed lambs ditto, 10d to 14d; scoured, 13d to 17d.

Tuesday's "Ararat Advertiser" says:—A disastrous fire occurred near Crowlands on Thursday last, caused by the carelessness of a lad named Hobson, employed on Mr. Kinkead's farm, by which a large field of hay and a quantity of fencing were totally destroyed. Mr. Kinkead was engaged in cutting his crop, and had almost completed the work when Hobson, who complained of being tired, was sent away to mind the horses in another portion of the paddock. The lad threw himself down near the horses and taking out his pipe began to smoke, and thus originated the disaster. The day was unusually hot and a high wind prevailed, causing the fire to travel with amazing rapidity, and the men with difficulty saved the reaping machine. The entire crop of fifty acres was consumed, together with a field of five acres owned by Mr. O'Brien, and about forty chains of fence. The fire extended to R. James' paddock, destroying a lot of fencing, but as the grass was green the fire could not travel and ultimately it was stayed. Hobson, on seeing the damage he had caused, made off into the bush and has not since been seen. The custom of permitting men to smoke in the harvest field is always attended with danger and cannot be too strongly condemned, and it is a matter for surprise that farmers do not more strictly enforce the prohibition against smoking. In this instance a very serious injury has been caused by the careless act of one from whom no recompense can be obtained. A number of men from Crowlands and Woodlands by their exertions were the means of checking the conflagration.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AND NEWS-PAPERS.

Adamthwaite, Mr. Bracken, H. Cope, W. Davies, F. Exel, Elizabeth Miss. Greene, Helen; Gillies, Elizabeth Mrs. Hehir, P. Jones, Samuel. Kruse, A. P. Miller, J.; McDougall, Miss; Marshall, M. Stewart, John. Young, Hugh. E. M. KILDAHL, Postmistress. Beaufort, 10th December, 1880.

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Press of other matter has hitherto prevented us from noticing in detail Mr. Berry's new Reform Bill for the reform of the Legislative Council. A perusal of the leading principles of the measure shows that, while it is without doubt more moderate in its tone, and in many respects a great improvement on the other reform bills brought in by the present Chief Secretary, it is not calculated to accomplish the object in view, of bringing the two Houses into accord. It bears evidence of haste in construction, and we venture to assert that there is not the slightest chance of its finding its way into the Statute Book in its present form. Indeed, we doubt very much if the framers thereof ever expect it to pass the Council; at any rate, it may be regarded as certain that nothing will be heard of it in Parliament until next session. Mr. Berry has intimated what the order of business will be during the remainder of the session, and all that can now be effected before the rising of Parliament for its recess at Christmas, is the disposing of a few subjects of paramount importance, and demanding immediate attention. It is claimed for the new bill that there is but a small difference between the Government scheme and proposals contained in the bill sent to the Assembly by the Council, but a glance at the respective principles on which each are based will show the fallacy of such an argument. In eliminating the objectionable sixth clause and the double dissolution from the new bill, Mr. Berry has virtually acknowledged that he was on the wrong track before with his previous attempts at constitutional reform. There is no doubt that in times past the Council has occasionally been obstructive, but the attempts hitherto made in the direction of reform have been calculated to irritate the Council and widen the breach between the two branches of the Legislature. Now, while the bill under notice is a step in the right direction, as it aims at liberalising and popularising the Upper Chamber, it contains several objectionable features, such as will be apparent to every thoughtful mind. By adopting the ratepayers' roll, the line of demarcation between the two branches of the Legislature would be almost swept away, and this alone is of sufficient importance to justify the opposition to the bill. The qualification considered and passed by the members of the Upper Chamber will place all the elections for the Council on a sufficiently wide basis as to do away with the objection that the members of the Upper House only represent the wealthier, and consequently, more influential classes. There are other objectionable features in the bill, such as the proposal to reduce the number of provinces, etc., but we have not space at our command to wade through the 32 clauses which it contains. As stated before, the measure has evidently not received that complete consideration a subject of so much importance demands. It has evidently been conceived and brought forth in a hurry, as a stalking horse, and to stop the mouths of the extreme Radical Corner, Longmore, etc., who are so tabid in their desire to destroy the Upper House. We predict that Mr. Berry's latest bantling will share the fate of its predecessors—the waste-paper basket.

It has been found necessary to close the Lake Goldsmith State school owing to the prevalence of measles amongst the children attending the school. In the family of Mr. Hugh Cushing there are two cases of the disease. The annual balance sheet of the Shire of Ripon will be found in another part of this issue. On Tuesday last the manager of the Hobart Pasta Company at Waterloo sent into Beaufort for police protection owing to the unruly conduct of several of the miners engaged in the mine. The company has called for tenders for trucking and bracework, and this has apparently exasperated some of the men working in the mine. Constable Love was at once despatched to the scene, and his presence had the effect of preventing anything further than loud talk. A supplementary "Government Gazette," issued on Thursday, 9th December, contains the land tax register and valuation for Victoria, a most voluminous document. The public are again reminded that tomorrow (Sunday) and Monday the anniversary of the local Primitive Methodist Sunday School will be celebrated. The Rev. H. Heathcote will preach morning, afternoon, and evening, and on each occasion the children will recite and sing some choice selections. On Monday the usual tea meeting will be held, to be followed by a public meeting. We have received the eighth annual report of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society.

Most unseasonable weather has been experienced here during the past week—showers of rain and hail, accompanied with a cold wind.

From what we can learn the crops, generally speaking, will be light in this district this year. At Stockyard Hill and Middle Creek there are some exceptionally good grain crops, but taken as a whole the harvest will not be so productive as that of last year. As to the fruit crop, it is a decided failure. The trees blossomed beautifully, but very little fruit formed, and there appears to be a sort of blight which prevents the fruit from maturing. These remarks apply more particularly to stone fruit, as gooseberries, strawberries, apples, etc., do not appear to be so badly affected.

From the local journal we learn that a land sale in fee simple was held at Ararat on Tuesday last. Amongst other lots offered for sale were one lot in the township of Raglan, and two lots in the township of Beaufort. One of the Beaufort town lots was purchased by Mr. W. Schlicht at the upset price, but there were no offers for the other two lots.

From the "Argus" we learn that the tender of Messrs. Weeks and McKenzie, at £74, was accepted on Thursday for repairs to the Beaufort court-house.

We are informed that it is intended shortly to use horses below in the Hobart Pasta Company's mine at Waterloo. This is a new feature in mining in this district, as we believe we are correct in saying that this is the first instance of horses being used below on this goldfield.

Mr. Pynch, the sporting publican of Sydney, died on Tuesday.

During Wednesday night last an attempt was made to burn down the house of Mr. Crouch, Neil street, Soldier's Hill, with all its inmates. A large piece of matting, saturated with kerosene, was found under the house. The police have the matter in hand.

The R.M.S. Siam arrived at Albany on Thursday afternoon. She will probably reach the Bay on Wednesday.

A branch telegraph office was opened at the Melbourne Exchange buildings on Tuesday. All messages addressed Exchange, or Unit of Commerce will be delivered from the Exchange office. Office hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Special attention is called to the price-list of the Rodman Manufacturing Co., of Boston, published in these columns. All those wishing to secure an excellent and correct time-keeper are recommended to address themselves to this, and reliable firm. No further evidence of the invariable good quality of their manufactures will be required beyond the following facts: The firm was established in 1849, and since then have gained prize medals at the Exhibitions of London, Paris, Vienna, etc., for excellence of manufacture. They are appointed, by warrant, watchmakers to the Queen of England, Prince of Wales, the Emperor of Russia, and the Bey of Tunis.

Mr. Longmore expressed his intention in the Assembly on Tuesday of "chewing" Mr. Service up. Rather an interesting sight to witness we should think.

A man named Daniel McDougall was killed in a claim at Staffordshire Reef on Friday last, by the windlass breaking, and falling down the shaft on him.

The bones of a man have been found at Cape Otway, which are supposed to be the remains of one of the seamen lost off the Eric the Red.

A pointsman named Thomas O'Dea had his foot taken off by a number of trucks passing over it, at the Spencer street station on Monday.

A disastrous fire occurred at Mansfield on Monday last, resulting in the destruction of five business places and their contents.

The Post Office Department are issuing a new twopenny stamp.

A pedestrian named Hamley walked 55 miles in seven hours and three-quarters at Sandhurst, not including stoppages.

An "Argus" telegram from Beechworth on Tuesday last says:—Margaret and Patrick Byrne were brought before the police court this morning charged with stealing a saddle. On the application of Superintendent Sadler the charge was withdrawn, and the accused discharged, there not being sufficient evidence to warrant the case being proceeded with.

A London telegram, dated December 4th, states:—"The race, which was ordered to be rowed over again between Trickett and Ross, for £200 a side, came off to-day over the Thames champion course, and resulted in Ross beating Trickett, winning by five lengths."

It is stated (says the "Telegraph") that Mrs. Jones, the late licensee of the Glenrowan Inn, who was committed for trial by the Wangaratta magistrates on a charge of harbouring the Kelly outlaws, is in a precarious state of health—that, in fact, she is dying in Beechworth goal.

Mr. Follingsby, artist, is painting a full length portrait of the late Judge Barry in his chancellor's robes. He obtained two sittings of the judge some time before he died.

Immense quantities of dead fish are being thrown ashore in the neighborhood of Ulladulla, N.S.W. The sea birds are also dying in large numbers.

It took Edward Meyer, a French oculist, twenty seconds to remove a cataract from the eye of Baroness Rothschild, for which he received a cheque for £800. A Birmingham manufacturer, in October, received, from the vicinity of New Ross, an order for a coat of mail for an Irish landlord resident in the neighborhood. Decrepitude requires some sustaining power, just as the maimed limb needs a reliable support. The frosts of age indicate the waning of that vital flame, that burns with intense glow in earlier periods of life. It is to keep the spark unextinguished, that then becomes an imperative necessity, and this animal heat requires for its sustenance some active and potent tonic. UDOLOPH WOLFE'S SCHEDULED AROMATIC STIMULANTS, as it were, the "Promethium" tonic that can light relume. How do you pronounce s-t-i-m-u-l-a-n-t? The teacher asked a young gentleman nearest the foot of the class. And the smart boy stood up and said it depended a great deal whether it applied to a man or a bee.

The charge of infanticide brought against Ella Carrington, Lillie Reid, and Charles Taylor was investigated at the Hamilton Police Court on Monday. At an early stage of the proceedings the charge against Reid was withdrawn, and the evidence failed, in the opinion of the Bench, to make out a case for committal against the other two prisoners, who were therefore discharged.

The old adage, that murder will out, has been illustrated in a very striking manner lately. A murder of an atrocious character was committed nearly seventeen years ago, in Liverpool; the victim being a woman. The perpetrator of the foul deed left no trace behind him which might lead to his discovery, and the Scotland-yard detectives were completely baffled, and abandoned the idea of ever discovering him. About twelve months ago, however, they obtained a clue, and by working up a chain of evidence which they managed to collect they found the murderer had left for Australia, and here they were obliged to fall back on the detectives of the various colonies. A few weeks ago the man, answering to the name of the murderer and his description, was found in New South Wales in one of the lunatic asylums, a confirmed maniac, where he has been an inmate for some time past.

The "Western Mail" of Cardiff states that on the Bridgend Wesleyan Chapel being opened for the usual service recently, it was discovered that some miscreant had during the preceding night entered the building and tarred the whole of the sittings, the pulpit, the communion railings, the organ seat, and even the Bible in the pulpit.

An "Argus" cablegram, dated London, December 7, says:—There was a great demonstration on the departure of the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream Guards from London for service in Ireland. The authorities in Ireland have demanded more troops. If Mr. Parnell and the other Irish members of Parliament against whom proceedings have been instituted attend Parliament and ignore their trials, they will be arrested in the lobby of the House.

The Intercolonial Conference set again on Friday last. It was decided that the collection of revenue on the border between South Australia and Victoria should cease, and that a system of permits should be issued to persons engaged in carrying on trade between the two colonies.

Tenders were opened by the acting-Postmaster-General on Wednesday (says the "Telegraph") for the construction of a line of telegraph from Dinbough to Lochart, on the South Australian border, to meet the special line that the South Australian Government recently constructed to Border Town. The proposed line will greatly facilitate business between the two colonies. No tender having intimated his intention to withdraw shortly after the tenders being opened, but it is probable that one or other of those already sent in will be accepted during the week.

The "Argus" correspondent writes:—Dr. Pimock, who is the regimental surgeon to the Ballarat Rifle Corps, has conceived the happy idea of inviting the members of the corps to hear a course of four lectures on the treatment of wounded men in an engagement, and of men who have suffered from any accidents by flood and field. He gave his first lecture on Wednesday night, and it was received with very great satisfaction.

An "Argus" telegram from Neganbie on Thursday says:—"Mr. Cowdroy, the Government valuator, was here yesterday, and is at Murchison to-day paying the claims of the sufferers by the railway line on the 14th January last. Harvest having just commenced, the payment came very opportunely, and gave great satisfaction to all concerned."

The receipts on the Victorian railways for the week ending 2nd December, on 1186 miles of railway amounted to £29,637 17s 8d as against £26,177 3s 3d received on 1110 miles of lines during the corresponding period of last year. The aggregate amount of receipts to date from July is £533,056 13s 1d, as against £522,500 3s 10d during the like period in 1879.

Referring to the late Judge Barry the Melbourne correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald" says:—"About a fortnight previous to his death he gave a dinner party to some of his very oldest friends, and just when they were sitting down one of the servants whispered to him that there were thirteen at table. He made merry at the man's alarm, and probably the matter would have been forgotten, as such things usually are, if his death had not happened just thirteen days afterwards. Like a good many coincidences, this coincidence is at least curious."

The Melbourne correspondent of the "Ararat Advertiser" writes:—Although somewhat late in the day, I cannot but relate an episode of the late Geslong election, when Mr. Berry beat Mr. Andrews and Archdeacon Slattery. The Catholic party were so sure of victory that they had brass bands ready to march down Moorabool-street to play the "Dead March" after the declaration of the poll, which they expected would result in Mr. Berry's defeat. But they went further than this. A coffin had been made on which was inscribed Mr. Berry's political age and death with other interesting particulars, and this was to have been carried in front of the band and to have been pitched over into Corio Bay off the pier to appropriate music. Everything was ready when the poll turned out the wrong way, and Mr. Berry's band turned them into ridicule, playing "Goodbye, Charlie" (Charles Andrews) down the street. The question now is, what has become of the coffin? Geslong Conservatives say it is being reserved until the next election, when they are certain it will be used.

Mr. Norton, the police magistrate at Daboo, who was recently shot by a woman who had been his paramour, still lives, and the extraordinary nature of the case baffles all medical skill. The bullet is believed to be resting in the brain. The wounded man can eat and sustain brief conversations.

A total eclipse of the moon will take place on Thursday, the 16th inst. The first contact with the shadow will take place at 10.11 p.m.; and the last contact on the 17th, at 4.25 a.m.

It is said that Mr. Service is about to resign his seat for Maldon, preparatory to a visit to Europe, and that Mr. J. J. Casey will contest the vacancy.

BEAUFORT MINING ITEMS.

It is notified in the "Gazette" that the application of Mr. John Watson for 5 acres of land on mining lease, Market Reserve, Beaufort, has been refused.

Beaufort.—The manager reports:—"Tributors are making good progress, having driven 50 feet for the week in No. 1 drive, which is making to where the old Hope Company is making payable ground. Expect it will take another fortnight or three weeks to reach it, when they are sanguine of being paid for their labor. Two machines have been washed off this week, with about the same result as before. Machinery all working well. Water about the same." The shareholders are responding well to the calls made on them.

New Victoria.—Yield for the week, 73oz. Homeward Bound.—Shaft down 28 feet yesterday (Friday) afternoon. A call of 3d. per share has been made, payable to the manager at the company's office, Ballarat, on Wednesday, 8th inst.

Hobart Pasha.—Yield for five days, 47oz. The south main drive is being continued. No alteration in the appearance of wash in the gutter.

Fruisher's Freehold.—The drive across the flat is being continued. Prospects tried about the same as last week.

New Perseverance.—The erection of machinery is being pushed forward rapidly, and it is expected to complete the work in a few days, when work below will be resumed. Forfeited shares in this company will be sold at the Victoria Hotel, Beaufort, on Saturday next.

Waterloo.—No. 1 east crosscut has been extended 23 feet during the week. The wash is still at the points of the laths. The wash has increased one stroke per minute on the pumps. The main level has been extended 25 feet, and is now in strong reef, with better working ground.

Victory (quartz).—Cleaned up on Thursday. Result, 41oz. of smelted gold from 18 tons of stone, which was got from three levels. This yield will probably be improved during the next fortnight.

Fiery Creek.—The men are now engaged in putting in the chamber, after the completion of which all underground work will cease pending the erection of the pitting machinery, tenders for which have been called. The wash has proved to be 50 feet wide, from reef to reef, and about 7 feet high.

PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS.

(From the "Argus")

In the Legislative Council on Tuesday, the orders of the day relative to the Betting Prevention and Rabbit Suppression bills were postponed until Tuesday next, in order that progress might be made with the Railway Construction Bill. The following lines were postponed, the remainder being passed:—Inglewood to Charlton, Borung to Boort, Elmore to Kerang, Shepparton to Numanrak, Benalla towards Yarrawonga, Horsham to Dinbough, Bransholme to Casterton, Richmond to Alphington. The committee began to take evidence about the postponed lines, beginning with that from Bransholme to Casterton.

In the Assembly on Tuesday the Estimates were taken. The police vote was passed, after a very acrimonious debate, as also a number of minor items.

In the Assembly on Wednesday the estimate was carried, and the Education vote was carried. The second reading of the Pensions Abolition Bill was also carried, but the measure did not meet with favor amongst the majority of members, and is not likely to pass its remaining stages.

In the Legislative Council on Thursday, in committee on the Railways Construction Bill, the evidence with regard to the competing routes for the Kerang line was finished. It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Reid, to take evidence concerning the Horsham to Dinbough Railway. As to the remaining evidence, Mr. Reid, intimated that he proposed to take the disputed lines in the order in which they stand in the bill.

In reply to Mr. Anderson in the Assembly on Thursday, the Attorney-General stated that the Bridges Art Union at Ballarat is taking place without his sanction. Mr. Anderson is to move next week that promoters of unauthorized art-unions be prosecuted as the law requires.

The Assembly was taken by surprise on Thursday by the tabling of a vote of want of confidence. Immediately upon the House meeting, Mr. L. L. Smith gave notice that on Tuesday he will move "that the actions of the Government are not satisfactory, and Ministers do not command the confidence of this House." After some unimportant matters had been disposed of, Mr. Barry rose and called attention to the motion, and asked Mr. Service to express an opinion upon it, as, if the Opposition disowned it, the Government would not feel called upon to interrupt public business by adjourning the House. Mr. Service replied that he had not been consulted; that he had not seen the motion nor heard it, therefore he could not express any opinion about it. Mr. Barry pressed Mr. Service further to endorse or disown the motion, and Mr. Service declined to make any statement one way or the other, but left the Chief Secretary to take his own course. Mr. Barry then moved that the House do now adjourn. Some remarks were made that Mr. Service ought to take up or repudiate the motion, and a case was pointed out in which Mr. Barry adopted this course. Mr. Kerferd, however, instantly turned up another case in which when Mr. Barry was appealed to, he declared that such a question was "unusual," and that the Government ought to decide for itself, using in fact the very language which Mr. Service had just employed. Mr. Longmore declared that Mr. L. L. Smith represented no one. "That's not true," said Mr. Smith. "Well," said Mr. Longmore, "you did not speak to me." "No," replied Mr. Smith, "the country knows you; it is sick of you." Mr. Longmore contended, however, that if the support of the Corner as a whole was expected the Corner should have been consulted as a whole, and Mr. Mearns applauded this remark. Mr. Nimmo and other members protested against the adjournment as a waste of time, and declared their belief that the motion is a "bogus" motion, but Mr. L. L. Smith averred that the Chief Secretary was acting a manly part in accepting the challenge. "I am well backed up," said the hon. gentleman; "and on Tuesday a result can be arrived at."

BOARD OF ADVICE.

The monthly meeting of the local board of advice for the North Riding of the Shire of Ripon was held at Scharp's Beaufort Hotel on Monday, the 6th inst., at which there were present—Messrs. R. Barnes (in the chair), Thomas, McDonald, Cumming, and Sinclair (correspondent).

From the Education Department, notifying that a tender had been accepted for the erection of a schoolmaster's residence at Sailor's Gully.—Received.

From Same, asking the board to forward a return of schools, other than State schools, within the school district.—Complied with.

From W. F. Vance, head teacher of State school at Waterloo, applying for a half holiday on the 15th November, the anniversary of the local Sunday school. The correspondent stated he had received the letter after the holiday was taken.—On the motion of Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was resolved that Mr. Vance be informed that in the future he must apply for a holiday before taking it.

From Mr. J. A. Lord, head teacher of the Raglan State school, explaining that Mrs. William Pitcher's children had been kept away from school principally through sickness.—Received.

A long list of truant cases were submitted by the truant officer, and proceedings were ordered to be instituted in the following:—James Nicoll, Walter Newey, William Welsh, Theodore L. Franc, and John Mullan.

Mr. Thomas drew attention to the fact that the fence surrounding the school was in a bad state of repair. The goats had almost taken up their abode in the porch, which was in a filthy state. He also stated that Mr. Grenfell, the head teacher, was suffering from illness, and consequently unable to attend school.

The chairman stated that tenders were about to be or had been accepted for repairing the school fence, and on the motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by the chairman, it was resolved to request the Department to appoint a head teacher for the school during Mr. Grenfell's absence.

The chairman having intimated that this was the annual meeting, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, resulting as follows:—Chairman, Mr. A. Cumming; Correspondent, Mr. W. C. Thomas.

The retiring officers having returned thanks for past favors, and the newly elected ones expressed their sense of the honour conferred upon them, the Board adjourned to the first Monday in February, 1881.

MURDER, ROBBERY, AND ARSON.

A horrible crime, involving robbery, murder, and arson, was committed on the Jindera road early on Tuesday morning. A man named Martin Meutz kept a roadside wine shanty near the Jindera Gap, about seven miles from Albany, where he lived with his married daughter and her infant. At 2 o'clock this morning the daughter was aroused by the report of firearms, and coming out of her room was confronted by a man, who presented a pistol at her and demanded her money. She gave all she had (15s.), and the miscreant then fired three shots at her, wounding her in the forehead, left breast, and hand. She managed to secure her child and leave the place, taking refuge with a neighbour, a quarter of a mile off. It is supposed the murderer must have before this killed the father, with whom he had a day or two previously had a quarrel. He now proceeded to set fire to the hut, and a swagman who had heard the shots fired, arrived on the spot only just in time to find the whole place in flames, among which he saw a man's body burning, just as it was to be Meutz's. The matter being reported to the Albany police they set out and from the description given by Meutz's daughter arrested a man calling himself Wilkinson, in a hotel at Jindera. The poor woman has identified the prisoner as the man who robbed and shot her.

A police investigation into the charge of murder, preferred against the man Henry Wilkinson was commenced on Wednesday. The remains of Martin Meutz, after being disinterred from the ruins of the burnt shanty, were brought into Albany, and subjected to a post-mortem examination. Two bullets were found embedded in the posterior lobes of the brain. These injuries, if they did not cause instantaneous death, must have rendered him insensible before he was consumed by the fire. The body, of which only the trunk and head remained, presented a horrible appearance, and was indelibly fixed by two sons to the extent that they swore to the shirt, of which portions lying underneath the body remained uncleaned, being one worn by their father. The evidence went to show that Wilkinson spent Sunday at the shanty, and slept there that night. Next morning he went on to Jindera, where he stayed at Meutz junior's hotel until 10 p.m. on Monday, and left then, saying he was going to Brookings station, which is in the opposite direction to the Gap. Young Meutz heard him start but stop within 50 yards, and immediately afterwards saw a man pass his door going on to the road to his father's shanty. He could not swear to prisoner, as it was dark. Prisoner returned to young Meutz's hotel at Jindera at half-past 5 o'clock yesterday morning, and went to sleep in the verandah, where he was arrested at 9 o'clock by the Albany police. A new silver plated revolver was found on him, four of the six chambers of which were discharged, the other two being loaded. It is supposed that the woman was too excited to be exact about the number of shots fired at her, and that her three wounds were inflicted by two bullets. The one in her hand was caused by her putting it up to save herself. She cannot recover, one of her lungs being penetrated, and a bullet being still in her temple. She again identified Wilkinson to-day as the man who shot her. Prisoner closely cross-examined every witness, and is evidently accustomed to the dock. He is a stranger in these parts, and his photograph should be taken and distributed in order to ascertain his identity. His age is about 65, height 5ft. 5in., sunken eyes, grizzly hair over face. He possesses a low type of countenance.—"Argus" telegram.

Cable News.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 8. His Excellency the Viceroy (Lord Ripon) continues to suffer from his recent attack, which has now been ascertained to have been caused by sunstroke.

Dec. 9. Telegrams received this morning from Allahabad report that the health of Lord Ripon is now improving.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 8. According to the latest intelligence from the seat of war the colonial troops have gained a further important success against the Basutos.

The tribe of the Pondomise having gathered in considerable force, an engagement took place, ending in the Basutos being routed with great loss.

LONDON, Dec. 9. The disaffection throughout Ulster continues to spread, and yesterday a murder was committed at Cookstown, County Tyrone, which is directly traceable to the present land agitation.

A halfling had proceeded to the place mentioned for the purpose of executing a decree of ejectment, and while he was performing that duty he was attacked by some unknown persons and murdered.

The murderers have not yet been arrested.

VIENNA, Dec. 8. Advice from Agram state that renewed and very violent shocks of earthquake have taken place at that town, causing a further great destruction of property. The panic among the inhabitants, who were beginning to regain confidence and to return to their homes, has again become intense, and they are again fleeing from the district.

Grave fears are entertained that the worst shocks have not yet been experienced, and others of still greater violence are predicted.

Sir Bryan O'Loughlin crossed the floor of the House on Thursday, saying he could be as good a Liberal on one side as the other.

There was an important case at the Narracoote (South Australia) police court on Wednesday morning (says the "Age"). Millar Brothers, the contractors for the Tattara railway, being anxious to complete the work, part of their men have been working on Sundays. William Smith and Martin Colaba were therefore charged by the police, under the Act 20, Charles II., with pursuing their ordinary calling on the Lord's day.

The evidence showed that the offence had been committed, and the police asked for a penalty. The defendants' counsel objected to the case being brought on without the production of the statute, which was said to be inoperative in Australia, and if it were operative, the magistrates could only inflict a fine of 5s. or order two hours' imprisonment in the stocks. As there were no stocks or parish beadle, the infliction of the penalty would be bringing the law into contempt, as defendants would refuse to pay the fine, and nothing could be done to them. The magistrate concurred, and dismissed both cases, saying he would obtain an opinion as a guide in the future.

Impoundings. BEAUFORT.—Impounded at Beaufort—Roan horse, B near shoulder. To be sold 1st January, 1881. Brown and white spotted bull, no visible brand. To be sold 3rd January, 1881.

Preliminary Notice. BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1880. THE USUAL ANNUAL

SPORTS! SPORTS! Will be held at Fovles' Richmond Hotel, Waterloo. On the above date.

Edward Sound Gold Mining Company, No Liability, Beaufort.

NOTICE.—A CALL (the 1st) of threepence per share has been made on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, on Wednesday, 8th December, 1880.

New Forewance (G.L.C., No Liability, Waterloo.

NOTICE.—All SHARES forfeited for non-payment of the 7th Call of Threepence per 8000th share, now issue, will be SOLD by public auction, at the Victoria Hotel, Beaufort, on Saturday, 16th December, 1880, at 10 o'clock p.m., unless previously redeemed.

SHIRE OF RIPON, Colony of Victoria.—Notice of Application for a Publican's License.—To the Bench of Magistrates at Beaufort.—J. WILLIAM HIRST, of Waterloo, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting apply for a Publican's License for the half-way house situate at Waterloo, containing six rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

SHIRE OF LEXTON, Colony of Victoria.—Form of Notice of Application for a Publican's License.—To the Bench of Magistrates at Beaufort.—HENRY SHEWARD, of Waterloo, in the Shire of LEXTON, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held on the 24th day of December, 1880, in the Shire of LEXTON, containing eight rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

SHIRE OF RIPON, Colony of Victoria.—Notice of Application for a Colonial Wine License.—To the Bench of Magistrates at Beaufort.—J. PHILIP BLACKMORE, of Waterloo, near Beaufort, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting apply for a Colonial Wine License for a house situate at the junction of Beaufort, Waterloo, and Travalla roads, containing six rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

SHIRE OF RIPON, Colony of Victoria.—Form of Notice of Application for a Publican's License.—To the Bench of Magistrates at Beaufort.—JAMES NOLAN, of Beaufort, Publican, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting apply for a Publican's License for a house situate at Beaufort, and known as the Commercial Hotel, containing twelve rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

SHIRE OF RIPON, Colony of Victoria.—Form of Notice of Application for a Colonial Wine License.—To the Bench of Magistrates at Beaufort.—STEPHEN PROVIS, of Waterloo, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting apply for a Colonial Wine License for a house situate at Waterloo containing six rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.



GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENTS.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Excursion Arrangements. In connection with the Melbourne International Exhibition, HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all Stations (suburban lines excepted) to MELBOURNE ONLY, from the 1st to the 15th December, both days inclusive. The usual CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to and from ALL STATIONS (suburban lines excepted), from the 16th December 1880, to 31st January 1881, both dates inclusive.

J. B. PATTERSON, Commissioner of Railways. Melbourne, 26th November, 1880.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Saturday Excursion Fares. On SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER, and every succeeding Saturday till further notice, tickets will be issued to and from all Stations at SATURDAY EXCURSION FARES, available for return till the following Monday night.

J. B. PATTERSON, Commissioner of Railways. Melbourne, 1st December, 1880.

NOTICE.

Rule to administer the Estate of HENRY KILGUS, late of Nerrang, near Beaufort, miner, deceased, intestate, has been granted to me, and all persons owing money to or having claims on such Estate are requested to send in particulars to my office on or before the 31st January, 1881.

Lands Available for Selection, etc.

The following Application for land under The Land Act 1862 not having been completed by the applicant, owing to the non-payment of survey fees, is hereby declared abandoned, and the land returned to be available for selection on and after 3 o'clock a.m. on the 24th December, 1880, subject to such public or other objections as may be recorded on the plans of the Department of Lands and Agriculture.

District Survey Office, Ballarat, 7th December, 1880.

For Sale, The Allotment and Premises in Neil street, formerly the "Riponshire Advocate" Office. Title, Crown grant. Apply to P. HENNINGSEN.

WASHING LIQUID.

MRS. GILLOCH begs respectfully to inform the residents of Beaufort and district that she is manufacturing a "Washing Liquid," which will be found to materially lessen the labor of Washing Clothes, besides giving the clothes a good color. Warranted not to injure any article, or whatever description or texture; it will also take out paint, and improve colored articles.

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BALANCE SHEET

COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF RIPON, For the Year ending 30th September, 1880.

Table with columns RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE. RECEIPTS: To Endowment, General Rates, Water Rates, Sale of Water, etc. EXPENDITURE: By Balance from last Audit, Salaries, Commission on Dog Registrations, etc.

MUNICIPAL FUND. STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES and ASSETS.

Table with columns LIABILITIES and ASSETS. LIABILITIES: To Bank of Victoria, Sundry Accounts. ASSETS: By Victorian Railway Department, Treasurer, Balance.

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET.

Thursday, 23rd December. There was a fair supply of produce brought into the market on Thursday. The following are our quotations:—Oats, 2s 8d; wheat, 3s 9d to 4s; Cape barley, 1s 9d to 2s; English do., 2s 9d to 3s; flour, L9 to L9 5s; sheaves, L1 15s to L2 10s; mangel hay, L3 to L3 10s; potatoes, very plentiful, 10s; straw, 30s to 32s 6d; peas, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; rye-grass, 2s 6d to 4s 6d; bran, 8d to 8 1/2d; pollard, 8d to 8 1/2d; bone-dust, L6 to L7.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Few sales have been recorded in the wheat market for the past week, and our prices of 3s 6d to 3s 8d may be regarded merely as nominal. No new wheat has yet reached us, indeed in the Wimmera district it is not expected before the 24th. At Horsham, the market has, we learn, been slightly improved, 3s 9d per bushel being obtainable for fair milling samples. At Jung Jung and Murtoa, new wheat is coming forward in limited quantities, the price being 3s 6d to 3s 7d per bushel; old 3s 8d to 3s 9d. At St. Arnaud, new wheat is quoted at 3s 6d, and at Donald, where a large quantity is already being delivered, prices are 3s 1d. On Saturday the Stawell figure was 3s 9d for old, 3s 7 1/2d for new. In the Melbourne market prime new wheat can be purchased at 4s 1d, at which price millers are operating slowly. Flour finds sales at L9 7s 6d to L9 10s. In the local market, there is little doing in flour at L9 per ton. Oats meet a good demand at 2s to 2s 3d per quarter, whilst good samples at Stawell are worth 3s. During the early part of the week new Warramboul potatoes were slow of delivery and 6s was demanded, but on Saturday a more liberal supply reduced the figure to last week's quotations of 5s, the price at the port being L1 2s to L1 5s. Old varieties from Ballarat are little enquired for at 20s per ton. A good supply of hay has been forward at last week's rates. In dairy produce both fresh and bottled butter is abundant, and the former very still is quoted at 5d. One or two loads of cheese were disposed of at our quotations. Eggs are scarcer and a good demand exists. We quote:—Wheat, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; oats, 2s to 2s 3d; pollard, 10d; bran, 9d; barley, 2s; maize, none; flour, L9; potatoes, Warramboul, new, 5s per cwt.; Ballarat, old 20s; fresh butter, 5d to 6d; bottled butter, 4 1/2d; hams, 11d; bacon, 9d; cheese, 4 1/2d; eggs, 6d to 7d; hay, sheaves, 35s; trussed, L2; straw 15s; chaff, 2s 6d; onions, 12s; carrots, 1s 6d; peas, 2s 8d.—"Advertiser."

GEELONG WOOL MARKETS.

December 21st. MESSRS GEORGE SYMOND and Co. report:—We offered a fair catalogue of wool at Mack's Hotel to-day, and all the buyers were well represented. Competition was good throughout, and we are in a position to cleanse all lots submitted at market rates. Fine crossbreds and good merino sorts were most sought after, and brought the highest prices. Strong crossbreds were entirely neglected, and prices in this class were very low. We sold as under:—Crossbred from 7 1/2d to 10 1/2d; merinos, to 11 1/2d; cross lambs, 9 1/2d; merino lambs 10 1/2d; crossbred lambs to 6 1/2d; cross hollies to 5 1/2d; cross locks to 3d; merino locks to 3 1/2d; scoured pieces, to 13d; scoured cross countings, 15 1/2d.

MESSRS GEORGE HAYES and Co. report:—We held our usual wool sale at Mack's Hotel to-day, and submitted a fair catalogue. There was a full attendance of buyers, and competition for all good to superior lots was animated, but for inferior to medium sorts, more especially coarse crossbreds, biddings were slack, and prices ruled it anything a shade under last sale rates. We effected a good clearance and quote as follows, viz:—Greasy fleeces, 7 1/2d to 11d per lb.; do. lambs, 6d to 11 1/2d; do. pieces, 4d to 7d; do. locks, 1d to 3 1/2d; scoured, 9d to 17 1/2d.

AUDITORS' FEES.

At the District Court on Wednesday the president, councillors, and ratepayers of the Shire of Wimmera were sued by Mr. W. Downey, one of the special auditors appointed by the Government to audit the accounts of that Shire for three years ending 30th September, 1879. The amount claimed was £144 15s, being for fees and expenses of the audit, which amount was, by a "Gazette" order of the Governor in Council, dated 22nd November last, directed to be paid out of the municipal fund to the said William Downey, in pursuance of section 247 of the Local Government Act 1874. The council refused to pay this claim on demand, and intimated through their secretary that payment would not be made until February next, but on being served with the summons, the amount, with 5s. costs, was paid into court. Mr. McKean, who appeared for plaintiff, appealed to the Bench for further costs, pointing out that this was a special case, beyond the ordinary jurisdiction of this court, viz., £20, and should have exceptional consideration. The Bench made an order for three guineas cost over the amount paid into court.—"Argus."

Not a bad way of "raising the wind" is the following from the "Kyneton Observer." A young man wanted to get married, he had fixed upon a fair maiden for his future wife, and obtained her consent, but he lacked funds to pay for the furniture, which the couple would require in setting up house-keeping. He at last hit upon a plan to get the necessary money to start in married life. He kept secret the fact of his engagement from his friends and associates, to whom he went round and in course of conversation, began to talk about marriage, and after the subject had been discussed pretty freely, he offered to make a wager that he would be married before any one would take him up. Knowing that he was in receipt of a small salary and had never saved any money his bets, varying in amount from £10 to £1, were readily taken up. In this way he had about £200 on bets. He soon got married, and ordered furniture for his house, and when the bills came round he collected his bets and paid the tradesman.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AND NEWS-PAPERS.

Blackmore, John.; Black, John, Brackon, H. Dodd, R. H.; Dickson, Mr. Elliott, Edwin. Farrell, Kate. Grant, Mrs.; Gillies, Elizabeth. Hellyer, John.; Holbrook, Lieut. Jones, Robert. Kruse, A. P. Marshall, Mr.; Maxwell, A.; Miller, Helen. Roycroft, Richd. Stahl, Peter. Vowles, Wm. Wyober, E. R. E. M. KILDAHL, Postmistress. Beaufort, 24th December, 1880.

Bank of Victoria.

THIS BANK will be CLOSED on Saturday, 25th and Monday, 27th inst., for the Christmas Holidays, and on Saturday, 1st January, for the Half-yearly Balance. W. A. JENNINGS, Manager. Beaufort, 17th December, 1880.

Riponshire Advocate.

Published every Saturday Morning. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1880.

THE direct shipment of grain is a matter of great importance to the farmers of Victoria at the present moment when prices are so low, and we think we may be doing a good turn to farmers in the district by calling attention to the operations of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company in this direction. We learn that that company has secured premises in Collins-street west, Melbourne, suitable for carrying on in Melbourne the business of wool and grain brokers upon a similarly extensive and extending scale to that which has been done in New Zealand. A feature claimed by this company is its long established arrangements in London for the reception of wool and grain consigned for sale by the colonial producers direct. With regard to the wool section of the business, we are supplied with figures which go to the extent of stating that the company exported this year 83,972 bales as compared with 65,368 exported last year. And it must be remembered that these figures are taken from a firm having the first place—in fact, the first business business firm engaged in this line of business. It may not be amiss to point out that one of the specialties claimed by this company is the dealing with small clips such as those of farmers who combine grazing with their tillage, and who chose to send them home direct instead of selling here. There is no doubt, in our mind, that there is a splendid scope of business open for a company such as we have sketched in Victoria. There is, in truth, no limit to the business in this direction which might be done in Victoria, and in proof of this we have only to quote the significant fact that whereas the separate registered sheep brands in Victoria some few years ago did not number more than 600,000, they now exceed 1,200,000. We do not want to puff the company, but we think that in the interests of the farmers in this neighborhood we would not be doing our duty if we did not call special attention to the facilities it offers for the direct shipment of wheat. We are assured, and from personal knowledge we believe it, that the company is well represented in London by practical men, and it is only necessary that farmers who propose sending wheat to the London market for sale, should attend to the directions so simply and so plainly put in respect to perfect screening and putting it into new bags, while in addition they are directed to brand the bags with their names. Considering the low price of wheat in this colony, the question is fraught with interest to the farmers in the community, and we hope they will study our remarks on the exportation of grain with care.

BEAUFORT MINING ITEMS.

Friday Evening. Beaufort.—The manager reports:—"Drivers still pushing on with a will. Driven No. 1 drive this week, up to yesterday, 41 feet. Put up a rise yesterday morning at the end of No. 1 drive, and found wash about 2ft. 6in. above back laths of a very promising nature, but dipping very fast, and the gold we got is of a better sample. Expect to get the wash in the face of drive in two or three more sets, but are now cleaning up and repairing drive, having struck a little water in the rise. No. 2 drive broke through to No. 1 jump-up, which has improved our air, and proved that portion of the claim. Washed about two-thirds of a machine to-day for 2oz. 9dwt. Water keeps about the same, and all machinery working well." New Discovery.—Three faces in washdirt, all of which are looking well. Obtained about 10oz. of gold. Homeward Bound.—Shaft down 46 feet, and the shaft all slubbed and centred up. New Perseverance.—Since underground operations have been resumed, three small machines have been washed, which yielded between 7oz. and 8oz. of gold. Frusher's Freshhold.—The drive across the flat is still being continued. The wash looks well, and is about 4 feet in depth. The water is very strong. Waterloo.—Main level has been extended 32 feet during the week. The south cross-cut got into a splendid looking wash, with payable ground on one side of the drive, on Saturday last. There is now payable ground nearly the whole width of the drive. A machine was washed off to-day from this drive, and there will probably be between 4oz. and 5oz. of gold when cleaned; the sample is good. The water has decreased considerably in the eastern faces.

It is notified elsewhere in this issue that Dr. Hopper's old English Milk Punch may be had at the Golden Age Hotel. We had the pleasure of sampling some of this most delicious beverage, and can thoroughly recommend it. Mixed with water it makes an excellent summer drink.

The presentation work for 1881 of the Art Union of Victoria will be entitled "Orara," a magnificently illustrated volume, containing a poem by Henry Kendall, and 13 full-page engravings. A proof of the engravings may be seen at the business place of Mr. H. P. Henningsen, the local agent. The subscription is one guinea per annum.

There is no scarcity of sports in this neighborhood on Boxing Day. At the Agricultural Show Yards the Beaufort Fire Brigade will hold a variety of sports, and a dramatic performance and ball at night, the proceeds to be devoted to the building fund of the brigade. At the rear of Mr. Vowles' Richmond Hotel, Waterloo, there will also be sports provided, consisting of footracing, etc. At Scott's Commercial Hotel, there will be a pigeon match, rabbit coursing, footracing, etc.

The half-yearly meeting of the Progress Unit, No. 43, Beaufort, took place on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., when the election of officers for the ensuing six months was proceeded with, resulting as follows:—W. C. F. Thomas, C.R.; D. C. Cameron, D.R.; W. Chalmers, Secretary; J. W. Ingram, Treasurer; John Day, W.S.; W. T. Dungey, M.S.; W. Cochran, Levite; J. Tanner, Guard; W. C. Thomas, P.C.R.

Mr. W. Lewis, of Stoneleigh, with his usual kindness, presented the children attending the Stockyard Hill State School, with a choice collection of fruit before breaking up for the Christmas holidays. The kindness was duly acknowledged by the children giving three hearty cheers for the donor.

The proposed change of the Dimboola railway from Jung Jung to Horsham has been negatively by the Council.

Mr. A. K. Smith, M.L.A., is not likely to recover.

The following singular occurrence is chronicled in the "Border Watch":—"A few days ago the wife of Mr. J. Kelly, Woolong, noticed one of her husband's bullocks staggering about apparently very ill. She let it out on the road, and shortly afterwards it was found dead. Mr. T. Bate opened the beast to see what was the matter, when strange to say, he found a snake about a foot long in its windpipe. The bullock had recently picked up the reptile in a mouthful of grass, but whether it was bitten or choked it is hard to say."

A rascally proceeding is referred to in the following Sydney telegram in the Age:—"George Shying, son of a well-known undertaker, has been fined 20s for stealing a coffin in which a still-born child should have been buried. The evidence disclosed a common practice among undertakers to remove the bodies of children from coffins and bury them in rough boxes."

A fearful narrow escape from death was experienced a few days back at the Lord Nelson mine, St. Arnaud, by one of a party of tribulators. He was ascending the shaft in a truck, and was in the act of reeling up the surface (with his back to it) when unfortunately the engine of the truck to continue its ascent, completely capsizing the man. He escaped falling down the shaft—700 feet—by little less than a miracle, for one of his shoes was caught at the ankle by the iron edge of the truck, and he hung for a moment head downwards over the "jaws of death." Happily the engine was stopped, and the same instant the ladder (Mr. W. Golding) seized the suspended one and dragged him to the brace, none the worse, but very much shaken in his nerves, and very thankful for his deliverance.—"St. Arnaud Times."

The match between the Australian Eleven and Eighteen of South Tasmania was concluded on Tuesday, and resulted in the Eleven winning by five wickets.

An accident, which has resulted fatally, occurred on Saturday in Skipton Street, Ballarat. Nehemiah Barnes, a telegraph line repairer, was climbing a pole and when near the top it broke, and by the fall Barnes sustained concussion of the brain, from which he died in the Hospital on Sunday evening. He leaves a widow and six children.

The season is at hand when a whole family will carry their dinner three or four miles into the woods, and sit down among the ants and bugs to eat it. They call it a picnic.

The latest telegrams from Tenora state the news is still promising. Nuggets continue to be found in considerable numbers and the washdirt looks well.

BEAUFORT LICENSING COURT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 1880. (Before H. J. Alley, Esq., P.M., and H. Cushing, Esq., J.P.)

The following renewals of licenses were granted:—Beaufort.—Jeremiah Smith, Golden Age Hotel; William Lot, Railway Hotel; Joel Tompkins, Camp Hotel; Phillip Mitchell, Family Hotel; James Nolan, Commercial Hotel; Wilhelm Schlicht, All Nations Hotel; Wilhelm Scharp, Beaufort Hotel; J. W. Browne, George Hotel; E. Ingram, Victoria Hotel. Nerrang.—Wangler, Mary Geertsen. Main Lead.—Elizabeth M'Leod. Raglan.—Helen Prince. Waterloo.—Joseph Frusher, Joseph Frusher, John, William Hinchecliffe, Thomas Witherden, Thomas Vowles, E. R. M. Scott, Alexander Hutton. Chute.—Charles Loft, Joseph Woods. Eurambone.—M. Kelly, W. Briery. Stockyard Hill.—R. Kirkpatrick. Trawalla.—Mark Barnes.

Billiard table licenses were granted to the following:—W. Loft, W. Schrup, E. Ingram, J. Smith, T. Witherden.

A colonial wine license was granted to Frederick Male.

A wholesale wine and spirit license, as also a grocer's license, was granted to Messrs. Woberspoon Bros. and Co., and Helen Gunn. A grocer's license was granted to C. Leadbeater, of Waterloo.

The following applications for new publican's licenses were refused:—Henry Sheward, Waterloo; Frank Hosking, Beaufort; John Lutherford, Waterloo; William Hurst, Chute; P. Blackmore, William Provis, Waterloo.

The applications of Phillip Blackmore and Stephen Provis, both of Waterloo, for colonial wine licenses, were refused.

Joel Tompkins applied for a temporary license for the Beaufort Fire Brigade sports on Boxing Day, which was granted.

The following transfers of publican's licenses were granted:—J. W. Browne to H. Inchebold; J. Nolan to G. Manners.

BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

FRIDAY, 24TH DECEMBER. (Before H. J. Alley, Esq., P.M., and H. Cushing, Esq., J.P.)

Roach v. Callaghan.—Mr. Kelly appeared for the complainant. This case had been adjourned from last court day, in order to obtain the evidence of a disinterested party as to the height of a certain fence in dispute. This witness was not present, and the complainant's counsel asked the bench to postpone the case till next court day, which request was granted, the complainant to pay the expense of the witnesses of the day.

Police v. W. Hinchecliffe.—Suffering liquor to be drunk in his licensed house on a Sunday. Constable Mumford deposed to visiting Waterloo on Sunday, the 12th inst., and on entering the bar of defendant he found three men drinking in the bar. The defendant was present. The defendant stated that the persons drinking in the bar were lodgers. Fined £1, with 2s. 6d. costs.

Police v. Duncan McAllister.—Resisting the police while in the execution of their duty. Constable Mumford deposed to going to defendant's residence at Raglan on the 14th inst. for the purpose of executing a distress warrant. The defendant would not allow him to take away two horses upon which he seized, saying that if he did so it would be over his dead body. Fined 3s, with 2s. 6d. costs, to be levied by distress, in default fourteen days imprisonment.

Tenant Inspector v. John Mullan.—Neglecting to comply with the compulsory clause of the Education Act.—Fined 2s. 6d., with 2s. 6d. costs.

Same v. William Newey.—Similar charge.—Fined 5s, with 2s. 6d. costs.

Same v. William Gibbons.—Similar charge.—Fined 2s. 6d., with 2s. 6d. costs.

Same v. William France.—Similar charge.—Fined 2s. 6d., with 2s. 6d. costs.

Same v. W. R. Nicoll.—Similar charge.—Dismissed.

Shiro of Ripon v. Dyke.—Rates, £4 1s.—Settled.

T. Kery v. J. Watson.—Work and labor done, £3 3s.—Settled.

A temporary publican's license was granted to William Grieve for the Botanical Reserve, Stawell, for the 25th inst.

The Court then adjourned till the 27th January, 1881.

BEAUFORT FIRE BRIGADE SPORTS.

The following are the nominations and handicaps for the principal events to be contested for at the above sports on Boxing Day:—

MAIDEN RACE.

\* T. Kingston. P. Buchanan. E. Dawson. P. O'Brien. T. Adamthwaite. E. Adamthwaite. R. Sinclair. F. Stanley.

OPES HANDICAP 100, 200, and 300 yards. Chas. Loft, ser., ser., ser. P. O'Brien, 1 yard, ser., ser. E. Adamthwaite, 2, 3, 3 yards. T. Buchanan, 4, 6, 9 yards. R. Sinclair, 4, 6, 11 yards. E. Dawson, 4, 6, 11 yards. Thos. Adamthwaite, 4, 6, 12 yards. C. Clarke, 4, 6, 12 yards. \*Thos. Richards, 5, 7, 11 yards. \*Frank Stanley, 5, 8, 13 yards. \*Fred Kingston, 6, 8, 12 yards. E. Moore, 7, 9, 13 yards.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' RACE, 200 yards.

H. Stewart, ser., ser. S. Baker, 2 yards. H. Thompson, 4 yards. G. Day, 5 yards. E. Carter, 6 yards. D. Cameron, 7 yards. R. Urwin, 9 yards. R. Barnes, 16 yards. \* Assumed names. J. M'KEICH, Handicapper.

Two falls of stone have occurred recently at the Edinburgh mine, Eaglehawk, in the South-east district. On Wednesday morning another fall occurred, which was nearly attended with loss of life. Four of the men were entombed in the mine till nine o'clock in the morning, when they were rescued with considerable difficulty.

THE EXHIBITION.

By COSMOPOLITAN.

Victoria.—The Hostess and her Guests.—A Happy Family.—A Change of Front.—Art at the Antipodes.—A Colonial "Big Ben"—"F" Sharp.—"A Crusher"—South Australian Copper and "Examiner" Tea.—"Ten," as a high art—"High-tea"—Five o'clock flirtations.

Victoria, as a matter of course, fills the largest place in her own big house erected at Carlton, and all around are the guests and visitors, arranged as comfortable as possible, having due regard to rank and importance. Her respected parent has the next largest place; and her brothers and sisters follow, in proper order, according to age and size. Her foreign visitors are left free to follow their own devices. Germany has erected a magnificent pavilion at a cost of nearly a thousand pounds in the gallery opposite the principal entrance. Italy festoons her national flags, and commemorates royal birthdays in the gallery over the Nicholson-street entrance. France keeps state in her own departments above, and spreads the "Red, White, and Blue" of the République Française, while smaller states make themselves at home elsewhere. A happy family! Equality and Fraternity is the order of the day; and, but for the mendacious newspapers, no one would believe that any of these people a few years ago were lying at each other's throats. However, let bygones be bygones. Let the war-hatchet be buried deep in the Southern Ocean, and let them smoke the pipe of peace filled with Cameron's best Two Seas in the gardens of Carlton and Fitzroy.

We had proposed to ourselves the systematic tour of inspection of all the productions and manufactures of Victoria; but a cursory survey inclines us to meditate a complete change of front, and rather seek out what is not produced or manufactured in the colony.

We are greatly interested in one subject, which may be summed up in all its varieties under the term of "Art at the Antipodes," for which we are ever on the look-out. An epergne of colonial workmanship attracted us to-day in the case of exhibits displayed by Mr. T. Gaunt, of Bourke-street. The *fauna* and *flora* of Australia in electro-plated silver made an effective tableau. Ferns and foliage, in several varieties, served as the *point d'appui* of a whole menagerie and aviary of beasts, birds, and all manner of creeping things, presided over by an aboriginal with a luxuriant black thatch, as master of the ceremonies. The beautiful green emu eggs appear to admit of numerous combinations of ornament, and are utilized in all kinds of ways, and the head also—for example, a charet jug with an emu's head, forming spout and cover—is exhibited by this firm, and a very original and elegant work it is.

While authors, poets, and painters sigh for distinction, watch and clock makers seem to ensure for themselves a sure road to immortality. Why is it, we have been asked, that the names of our great English manufacturers, such as Dent, Benson, and others, are so much more impressed upon our memory, than those of manufacturers in other walks? Well, their names are borne on the faces of those useful instruments that measure out the time allotted to men, and on every occasion, hour after hour, day after day, year after year, that we look at the dial, we at the same time cannot help seeing the maker's name, until it becomes indelibly engraven upon the mind. "T. Gaunt, Melbourne," is a name that will outlast our fleeting generation, borne on the face of numberless servants of Old Father Time. What says the French author who inspired Longfellow—"Détournés est pendule, dont le balancier dit et redit sans cesse ces deux mots seulement, dans le silence des trombeaux: Toujours! jamais! jamais! toujours!" The Emerald Hill Council have been wise in their generation by allowing Mr. Thomas Gaunt the requisite extension of time to permit of his exhibiting at the International Exhibition for six months, the eight-day striking clock for their new Town Hall, as, by that means, they have had their clock much more highly finished than the contract called for. Mr. Gaunt having spared no expense to render his large exhibit as perfect as possible. It strikes the full hours on a large bell of about thirty cwt. cast and exhibited by Langland's Foundry Company. The escapement is that known as Demson's improved six-legged gravity escapement, with two second pendulum. At present it shows the time on only one dial, sixteen feet in diameter, looking down the central avenue of the main annex. The clock is throughout very highly finished, and runs with the greatest smoothness, but the small train of wheels and pinions that lead from the great going-wheel to the escapement and pendulum, and on which depends the time-keeping accuracy of the clock, is as beautifully and accurately finished as any ship's chronometer, and is well worthy of the warmest praise as a work of colonial production. The remarkable fact to a stranger is, that every joint of the clock, except the lines for the weights, was entirely made and produced in Victoria.

These visitors who cannot spare time to go up country to Ballarat, may see what quartz-crushing is, by a journey to the bottom of the central avenue, and proceeding to the exterior sheds attached to the main building. The Langlands Foundry Company have placed there a large quartz-crushing battery of stampers which may be there seen in full work. It claims the merit of being strongly, easily erected, simple in design, and thoroughly efficient. We have not the least doubt of it! We should certainly not enjoy the prospect of sifter its strength or efficiency being tried upon ourselves. Jack the Giant-killer should have had one of these machines to grind the bones sad, by the legend, to form his bread. This firm also made the great bell for the Emerald Hill Town Hall clock—the largest bell yet cast in Australia, weighing—let us be exact—1 t n 2 cwt 3 qrs., and struck with a hammer 65 lbs. in weight, on the outside. For the benefit of the musical world, we may state that the note is "F" sharp, and the ball was found to have the note correct when cast, without the note being reduced or altered. Most bells have to be turned on the "Sound Bow" until the proper note is produced. It was made from Australian copper and Tasmanian tin, so that, as in the case of their engine and railway wagon wheels of wrought-iron, we have again to remark, it is purely of colonial production.

Mr. Ruskin is never tired of denouncing machine-made ornament, in stone or in wood, but immediately opposite the big clock a large show case of the Oriental Tea Company may be seen, rich in wood-carving done in Melbourne by a Chinaman in the employ of the company. Some of the carving greatly resembles the gothic work on the windows of the Doge's Palace at Venice. It is all free-hand work, grapes, leaves, figures, and birds. Each single is different, and it is extraordinarily well executed. The Oriental Tea Company was established to import tea on a large scale, and of such numerous varieties, that judicious "blending" (which, by the way, requires profound knowledge and experience, scarcely to be acquired or practised effectively unless by persons concentrating themselves, as in this case), on the production of a single article of commerce should result in a superior mixture at a minimum price, and that mixture should be maintained at the high standard described, by placing it out of the possibility of deterioration, or adulteration. It is, therefore, only issued to the retailers in waterproof paper packages fastened up, and at a fixed uniform price. This has not been very congenial to the tradesmen who like to do their own "spiriting" and blend their own "peculiar" mixture, as well as expand or contract their profits according to circumstances. But the public wisely are not to be persuaded into exchanging their better for worse, and the Company's returns for the past year showed that they had sold and exported some 14,000 half-chests of that fragrant leaf which is made the "cup that cheers, but not inebriates." A good cup of tea is a desideratum, which now holds a very lofty place in modern society. "Aesthetic tea"—"five o'clock tea," are all modern inventions. "High-tea" means really tea-dinner, "five o'clock tea" and "aesthetic tea" are often rolled into one celebration. For this particular institution, the company's "Royal" is the correct brew. "In London, five o'clock tea is the most popular of institutions. It means pretty china, beautiful women, artistic surroundings, intellectual and informal chat, music, flowers, flirting; delicious odours, marvellous colour-combinations, professional beauties, "Mrs. Langtry's" arrangements "a la Whistler," or "Brown-Jones," and anything delightful that can be caught in the hostess's elysian five o'clock flirtation!

On Saturday afternoon the Exhibition was more crowded than ever in the principal avenues and picture galleries. Costumes of the latest mode, and ravishing bonnets and hats, were displayed by people got-up regardless of expense. The Australian band discoursed sweet music for the delectation of the promenaders, and the passages around the pianoforte recitals were impossible. People are already beginning to speculate upon what a void the Exhibition will leave when it is over and gone—where all things go—into the limbo of the past!

THE ENDOWMENT QUESTION.

An important deputation representing the Municipal Association of Victoria waited on the Chief Secretary on Tuesday, on the subject of the subsidy to local bodies. They were introduced by Mr. Dow, M.L.A., and were accompanied by a large number of members of Parliament belonging to both sides of the Assembly. They submitted that the local bodies could not carry on their functions under existing circumstances unless the subsidy was continued, and urged that the vote for the half year should be increased from £100,000 to £155,000, its former amount. A number of the delegates also advocated a *pro rata* distribution. Mr. Berry, in replying, twisted the conservative members of Parliament present with countenancing an application for an increase of expenditure when the leaders they delighted to honor declared again and again that we were on the verge of national insolvency. Mr. Bent said he had been invited to attend by the chairman of the association on the distinct understanding that the deputation would be of a non-political character. He regarded the remarks of the Chief Secretary as an insult, and having expressed himself to that effect he left the room. Mr. Berry, on returning, said that the Commissioner of Public Works and himself were trying to vary their scheme of distribution, so that the excluded shires might receive a proportion of the subsidy, and if that gave them satisfaction, the only question which would then remain would be as to whether the cities, towns, and boroughs, should be exempted. If the vote was increased, fresh taxation would be necessary. In conclusion he expressed an opinion that the delegates did not represent the feeling of the local bodies on the proposed scheme of distribution to consider which they had as yet had no opportunity, and he therefore held that Parliament was the proper arena for discussing the question.—"Argus."

PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS.

(From the "Argus")

In the Legislative Council on Tuesday several hours were devoted to the consideration of the Betting Prevention Bill, Railways Construction Bill, and Rabbits Suppression Bill. With regard to the former, the debate took place on a motion moved Mr. Louman, in the absence of Mr. Dobson, for the adoption of the report of the select committee on the bill. The report was rejected by a majority of three votes, and this will doubtless decide the fate of the bill. In committee on the Railways Construction Bill some of the postponed subsections of clause 3, specifying the proposed lines were proceeded with. The Shepparton to Narrurkah and Bendalla towards Yarrowonga lines, opposition to which had been withdrawn, were passed. Mr. Reid then proposed the postponed Richmond to Alphington line. Considerable opposition was shown to this line, but a motion for its postponement was negatived on division by 12 votes to 11, and the line was then passed. Clause 10, which provided that the Railway department need not fence lines, and which had been postponed, was moved. After several requests that it be further postponed, in order to enable an amended clause to be prepared, providing that where the lines are not fenced the Government should be responsible for damage caused by the absence of fences. This request was opposed by several members, who objected altogether to the clause, on the ground that the Government ought to be compelled to fence all the lines. A division was taken on the question of postponement, and the numbers being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote for postponement. It is very doubtful, however, whether a decision

on any of the three lines still in dispute, namely, those from Braunholme to Casterton, Ingleswood to Charlton, Elmore to Kerang, will be arrived at before the Christmas recess.

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Pigeon Shooting, Rabbit Coursing, Quits, and all other English Sports.

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Can be obtained at Smith's Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort, and the Manufactory, Snake Valley, Carangham.

At the Beaufort Police Station. MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 1881. At 12 o'clock.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, will offer for SALE by AUCTION, as above, Nine Figs, various ages.

Beaufort Fire Brigade.

THE undersigned Donations to the Sports Fund of the brigade are hereby acknowledged, with thanks—Carlton Brewery, one hoghead of beer; Mr. John Wooterspoon, one five-bottle revolving crane stand; Leggo and Son, 21 lbs. Mr. John Lamey, fat sheep; Mr. G. T. Ingh, sheep and lamb; Mr. Harting, fat sheep; Mr. K. Urwin, fat sheep; Mr. W. Smith, two fat pigs; Mr. W. C. Thomas, two fat pigs; Mr. W. Schiess, a cheese; Mr. J. P. Francis, frying pan and kettle; Messrs. Ingh and Coghlan, barrel of oil.

Beaufort, at the Police Station. MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1881. At 12 o'clock.

SALE BY AUCTION.

In the Estate of Henry Kruse, late of Nerring, near Beaufort, miner, deceased.

Freehold Land, Farming Implements, Dray, Harness, &c., &c. W. EDWARD NICKOLS is favored with instructions from the Executors, to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, as above.

Found.

A SILK DUST COAT, marked "George Aitken." Owner can have same on paying cost of advertising. Apply Once at this paper.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

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 January, for the following works:

NORTH RIDING. Contract No. 326—Supplying 400 cubic yards of gravel on the Beaufort and Cator's Gully road.

Contract No. 327—Clearing, forming, draining and metalling with quartz, 30 chains of road round Waterloo.

Contract No. 328—Clearing 150 chains of road between Haglan and Graveyard Hill.

Contract No. 329—Making a log culvert and approaches near Aldrich's land, about Cole.

Contract No. 330—Clearing 387 chains of road from Chesstone to Tarnes land at Northrup.

Contract No. 331—Forming and graveling 27 chains, 30 links of the Snake Valley and Northrup road by Haglan's.

Contract No. 332—Forming and graveling 2 1/2 chains of road between Carangham Station and Wilkinson's farm, and building a culvert.

Contract No. 333—Forming and metalling 38 chains of road in various short pieces about Lake Goldsmith, and supplying 104 yards of maintenance metal.

Specifications may be seen at the Shire Offices, Beaufort; and those for the East Riding at the Greyhound Hotel, Snake Valley.

The lowest and any tender not necessarily accepted. H. H. JACKSON, Shire Engineer. Beaufort, 22nd December, 1880.

Schedule A.—[Rule 4.] NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A GOLD MINING LEASE.

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereby give notice that, within six days of the date hereof, we will leave with the Warden of the Mining Division of Raglan, an application for a Gold Mining Lease, the particulars whereof are hereunder set forth:

Name in full of each applicant—Henry Davis, Beaufort; Walter J. Johnson and Walter J. Johnson and Co., Beaufort; and George Price, John Ball, and James Gillingham.

Extent of ground applied for—30 acres; below the surface, or both, or a lode.

Name of each person (if any) who is in occupation of the land—None.

Minimum number of men to be employed—For the first 6 months, 6 men; subsequently, 10 men; to full work, 20 men.

Precise locality of the ground—Adjoining the south-west boundary of the Forty-acre Company's Lease.

Term required—Fifteen years.

Time of commencing operations—On grant of lease.

Amount of money proposed to be invested, and in what manner the land is to be worked—£10,000; by manual labor and steam machinery.

Whether the boundaries of the land applied for will include any river, creek, deposit of permanent water, spring, artificial reservoir, public road, or subject to any public rights—None.

General remarks—None.

HENRY DAVIS & CO. Date and place—18th December, 1880; Raglan.

Impoundings.

BEAUFORT.—Impounded at Beaufort.—Roan horse, 3 near shaggy. To be sold 1st January, 1881. Brown and white spotted bull, no visible brand. To be sold 8th January, 1881.

W. G. STEVENS, Poundkeeper.

GRAIN. GRAIN. MELBOURNE WOOL AND GRAIN WAREHOUSES.

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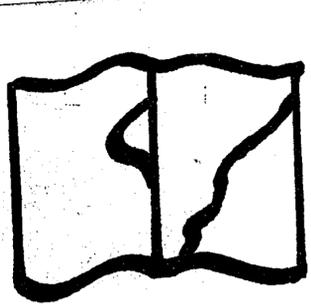
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COMMERCIAL. BALLARAT WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET.

Thursday, 30th December. There was a fair supply of produce brought to the market on Thursday. The following are our quotations:—Oats, 2s 8d; wheat, 3s 9d to 4s 2d; Cape barley, 1s 10 to 2s; English do., 2s 9d to 3s; flour, L9 to L9 2s; sheaves, L1 15s to L2 10s; manger hay, L3 to L3 10s; potatoes, very plentiful, 10s; straw, 30s to 32s 6d; peas, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; ryegrass, 2s 6d to 4s 6d; bran, 9d to 9 1/2d; pollard, 8d to 8 1/2d; bone-dust, L6 to L7.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

The produce market, no doubt owing to the holidays, was somewhat neglected last week, and only a few unimportant sales have to be recorded. No alteration is noticeable in either wheat or flour in the local market. 3s 6d to 3s 8 1/2d, but as yet no great quantity has been brought in. At St. Arnaud, where a large area is under cultivation, and the strippers so far show an average of about thirteen or fourteen bushels to the acre, this cereal continues to come forward plentifully, and realises from 3s 5d to 3s 6d per bushel. In the metropolis the closing rates for the holidays were 4s to 4s 1d for good shipping parcels, and 3s 9d to 3s 11d for medium quality sorts; flour being worth L9 5s. Oats, which last week were quoted at 2s to 2s 3d have been in good demand, and close with a firm market at the latter figure. Potatoes have come in up to demand, and remain as priced. A quantity of new hay has been carted in and met with business at 30s per ton; old being bought at L2. In consequence of the heat of the past week the supply of butter fell off, and fresh is now quoted at 6d, with potter 5d; the market met with a short supply of good fresh. In no other article have prices changed. —Wheat, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; oats, 2s to 2s 3d; pollard, 10d; bran, 9d; barley, 2s 3d; maize, none; flour, L9 potatoes, Warrnambool, new, 5s per cwt; Ballarat, old 20s; fresh butter, 6d; potter butter, 5d; hams, 11s; bacon, 9d; cheese, 4d; eggs, 7d; hay, sheaves, 3s; trussed, L2; straw 15s; chaff, 2s 6d; onions, 12s; carrots, 1s 6d; peas, 2s 8d.—Advertiser.

A PLUCKY ACT.

The following instance of pluck and fortitude is from the "Inauguration Times" (New Zealand) of a recent date:—"An accident which, owing to the presence of mind and pluck of one of the men concerned, fortunately did not result in any serious consequences, occurred in the Energetic mine. It appears that the report in the winding shaft is out of repair, rendering it dangerous to descend in the cage, which has been the usual custom. The men have, therefore, been ordered to go down to their work by means of ladders which are erected for a distance of 200 feet in a small shaft used for the purpose of access to the lower part of the mine. As the day shift was going down the ladders, the candle carried by the topmost man, Richard Charles, burnt his hand and caused him to let go his hold and tumble down the shaft. The next man, about 20 feet below him, hearing the scream of Charles' falling, immediately descended the ladder, and at the same time risked to himself, threw his own body across the shaft in such a manner as to stop the further descent of him. Being a big and powerful man, he succeeded in his plucky attempt, and prevented the falling man from passing him. Had not this been effected, the mishap would probably have resulted not only in the annihilation of Charles, but would also have caused the destruction of five or six others below him, who would not have been able to withstand the force of the increased momentum, but would have been swept off the ladder and precipitated to the bottom, about 180ft. As it was the integrity of Hawkins saved the lot, and he escaped himself, as did Charles, with only a few scratches."

The King of Dahomey recently summoned the European residents in Whydah to attend him at Dahomey, there to witness the annual "custom" in honour of his late father. As this "custom" involves the pitiless massacre of hundreds of captives the British residents had refused to attend.

The "Clarence Examiner" describes the peculiar effects of a stroke of lightning as disclosed at an inquest held in Ulmarra on the body of a young man named Michael Brown, who was killed by an electric discharge on the 20th instant. The force of this particular discharge must have been very great, as everything within a radius of fifty or sixty yards felt its power. The plough which deceased had been working with was struck by it although distant about a chain and a half, and the iron which had been brought into use were left as if subjected to the action of the fire. All the metal buttons upon deceased's clothing were torn off, and the apparel itself cut into shreds, with the exception of a flannel shirt. A strange circumstance in connection with this case is that while one of the boots was all ripped and torn the other cannot be found. The second horse, which escaped, lay for a considerable time as if killed, but has since apparently quite recovered the effects of the shock.

"This strange but true, for truth is always stranger than fiction." On Friday morning, as the workmen were going on the first shift in the Eldorado Company, at Smythesdale, the shaft, now being down upwards of 70 feet, one of the workmen said "Oh, light, my pipe before going down." He accordingly lit a pipe, and as he proceeded to cut his tobacco, when the edge of the knife came in contact with some hard substance, and a little further development displayed a lady's gold ring set with a mosaic or some valuable stone, fully imbedded in the tobacco like the frags we read of in solid rocks. The workmen were astonished, and the curious may see the ring by calling on Mr. J. Dalton, in Brook street, Castlemaine on the subject, and pretend—like the fly in amber, that the ring was not there, but they will not be able to deny it of there."

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AND NEWS PAPERS.

Bracken, H.; Blackmore, J.; Ballantyne, Mrs. Cummings, Thos. Gillies, Mrs. E.; Glenister, W. H. Humphreys, R. Jones, R. Kruse, A. P. Lewis, E. Marshall, J. H.; Manners, Thos. Nothnagel, Jacob. Roycroft, R. Stewart, J.; Stahl, Peter. Wejober, E. R. E. M. KILDAHL, Postmistress. Beaufort, 31st December, 1880.

Deaths.

Byss.—On the 29th December, at his residence, Burnambou, Francis Byss, in his sixty-ninth year. —On the 29th December, at his brother's residence, Somerset street, South Yarra, Frank Beeton Martin, formerly of Beaufort, aged 36 years.

Bank of Victoria.

THIS BANK will be CLOSED on Saturday and Monday, 1st and 2nd January. W. A. JENNINGS, Manager. Beaufort, 30th December, 1880.

THE Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1880.

By the time this issue reaches our readers the year 1881 will have been ushered in, and the old year will have passed away. Looking back over the events of the year that is just expiring we have little cause to complain as a community either socially or commercially. Blanks have been made in our social circle—faces have disappeared, never to be beheld this side the grave. Now faces have come amongst us, partially filling up the blanks made by old time. Commercially the district may be said to be improving, although but slowly. Many willing hands are now searching for the precious metal, and it is to be hoped that ere another year is sped we will have to chronicle continued successes in the several mining ventures now but in their infancy. The festive season is now almost over when friends meet and exchange friendly greetings, and families are united, and once more sit down together round the paternal hearth. While thanking our patrons and friends for past favours, and hoping they have enjoyed a Merry Christmas, we wish them one and all a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The English mails will be despatched from Melbourne on Friday next, 7th January. The mails will close at the Beaufort Post Office on Thursday, 6th January, 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; newspaper, 1d, each; packet not exceeding an ounce, 1d; two ounces, 2d; four ounces or portion thereof, 4d.

We are informed by the general manager, that at a meeting of the board of the Victorian Co-operative Dress Supply Association Limited, held on Thursday last, the directors accepted the offer of Mr. Washington Rivers, to release the Company from all liabilities whatsoever for the sum of £250. At the same time a legal document, prepared by the solicitor of the company, was signed and sealed, and the amount was handed to Mr. Rivers, so that he has no present or prospective claim whatsoever on the company. It was stated that Mr. Rivers has not now, and never has had, a single share in the company, neither has he anything to do with its management. The general manager reported that applications for shares are being registered daily, and that numerous promises of support have been received.

We regret to learn that Mr. Francis Beggis departed this life at his residence, Burnambou, on Wednesday, the 29th December. Mr. Beggis has been suffering for a very long time from a painful disease. The deceased was a member of the Riponshire Council, but through protracted illness he was compelled to resign his seat. General regret was expressed in the township when the sad news was made known.

The secretary of the Beaufort Fire Brigade desires us to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations:—Victoria Fire Insurance Company, £2 2s; South British Insurance Company, £1 1s; Mr. W. A. Jennings, field-glass and "History of the Sea."

The "Sketcher" for the fortnight, just to hand, contains a number of interesting sketches, together with a complete summary of news. Copies may be obtained from Mr. Henningsen, the local agent.

We have received the Christmas number of the "Austrian News," which is a splendid production. It contains a colored supplement, entitled "The Teamsters' Christmas Eve," as also a number of excellent woodcuts, those most noticeable being entitled "Decorating the church for Christmas," and "Naughty Puss," from a painting by Mons. Farasyn, in the Belgian Gallery at the Exhibition. Mr. Henningsen is the local agent for the paper, and copies may be obtained from him at 1s. each.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council will be held on Thursday next. Particulars of tenders for works in the shire, returnable on that day, will be found in our advertising columns.

Monday next has been proclaimed a public holiday. Handwriting and other sports will be held on Monday (New Year's Day) at the rear of the school, Wood's Hill, at 10 o'clock. Some good and a German squadron was to be despatched to the Pacific.

We have received the following memo from the local post office:—On New Year's Day, Saturday 1st January, and Monday 3rd January, 1881, all post and telegraph offices will be closed at 10 a.m., the first delivery only by letter carrier will be effected. Mails will be received and despatched as usual, and telegraph offices will be open from 8.30 till 10 a.m., and from 6 till 7 p.m.

Public attention is directed to the auction sale in the estate of the late Henry Kruse, of Nering, which will be held by Mr. V. E. Nickols at the police station on Monday, 2nd January. Particulars will be found in another column.

A supplement to the "Government Gazette," published on Thursday, contains the regulations under the Land Act 1880.

The intercolonial cricket match between Victoria and New South Wales was concluded on Wednesday, resulting in a win for Victoria. The game was played on the Melbourne cricket ground, and was certainly one of the most interesting that has taken place for some time, demonstrating the possible chances of the game. On Monday Victoria put together 207 in their first innings, and New South Wales 79, and the probability of a one-innings defeat was freely speculated upon. On the following day the visitors made a splendid stand, eight wickets falling for 247, and on Wednesday were added to their score, making their total 251. Of these D. Gregory put together 85, Evans 51 and Massie 42. The total of the two innings for New South Wales was consequently 330, Victoria eleven times the total of the match with a loss of eight wickets, making a grand total of 334, and thus winning the match by two wickets and four runs. Horan put together 36, when his wicket fell to Jones; Allan batted well for 36 not out, and Elliot made 20 not out. This is the twenty-fifth intercolonial match.

The "Ararat Advertiser" says:—"An impudent robbery was perpetrated one night last week at the farm of Mr. H. Kenyon, Balgana. On a portion of his land Mr. Kenyon has permitted a large quantity of wattle trees to grow, expecting next year to be able to strip them. In one corner of a paddock close to the fence some of the trees had attained an unusually large growth, and it has been found that some one had taken advantage of a bright moonlight night and the distance from the house to denude them of their bark. A cart had been driven up to the fence, the lower portion of the trees roughly stripped, and it is calculated that about a ton and a half of bark stolen. The tracks of the cart were traced for some distance, but as yet no clue has been obtained to the perpetrators."

Our "Talbot Leader" Lexton correspondent, writing from Lexton on Monday, says:—"Terrible bush fires have been raging west of Lexton for the past three days. The fire this morning is abating, but the wind blows from the north again it will be very severe, as trees and legs are burning on the margin of the burnt ground, just outside the township. Great fears were entertained for the safety of the township during the early morning of yesterday, but the whole of the community turned out and worked with a will for many anxious hours. Messrs. McPhee, Nicholls, and Parnment are the greatest sufferers by the fire, they having lost many acres of grass and fencing. Had it not been for the heavy manure in which the townspeople worked, the loss would have been much heavier, and the destruction of the town would have resulted. The wind on Sunday changing to the south, was the means of staying the fire, which, during the following day, considerably abated, and caused less anxiety."

The match between the Australian Eleven and eighteen of the northern district of Tasmania was concluded on Friday last, and resulted in a victory for the eleven by one innings and 222 runs.

The grace before meat pronounced the other day at a certain hotel in Collins street was rather rough on "mine host," who was present. "For what we are about to receive, may the landlord charge as moderately as possible."

A carpenter named Addis was engaged in putting an upstairs floor in the kitchen of the Rainbow Hotel, Hargreaves-street, Sandhurst, when one of the beams supporting the floor broke under him, precipitating him to the ground, a distance of about 12ft. At the same time a heavy hardwood plank fell from above and struck him on the head, rendering him insensible. He was immediately removed to the hospital, where he died soon afterwards.

The "Ararat Advertiser" says:—"A rather novel match for £1 came off on Wednesday, on Mr. Carter's farm, at Ross's Bridge, between two binders named Hope and Lynch respectively. Each binder had eighty sheaves to bind in a workmanlike manner; time, tightness of sheaf, and lost straw left about, to be equally taken into account. Lynch bound his eighty sheaves in the wonderfully short time of sixteen minutes. Hope taking twenty-six and a half minutes. The judges, however, gave the prize to Hope, considering his work by far the best, and his time, though much slower than the other, far quicker than that of the ordinary run of binders."

Yesterday's "Argus" says:—"An anonymous letter, containing £3, was received yesterday by the commissioner of Customs. Enclosed was also found a memo, in a lady's handwriting, to the following effect:—"Conscience money, £3, for articles received under a misapprehension as to the Customs law." The envelope bore only the Melbourne post-mark."

The "Argus" thus summarises the latest cable news:—"The news from the Transvaal is of an alarming nature. A large portion of the country appears to be in the possession of the Boers, and the whole of the Buffalo river, which separates the Transvaal from Natal is patrolled by the rebels, who also occupy the roads between the Transvaal and the Cape, and strong forces of British troops are advancing into the interior, which was seized by the Boers. Sir Hercules Robinson is leaving England for the Cape. Great military precautions are being taken in Dublin, where the authorities seem to apprehend danger. The Richelieu, one of the three 'Vaisseau Cuirasses' of the French navy, has been burnt at Toulon. The Richelieu was launched at Toulon in 1875, after having occupied six years in construction. She was heavily armed with a fitted with central and side turrets. An official demand has been given to the statement that a German squadron was to be despatched to the Pacific."

The "Horseshoe Times" records the occurrence of a singular accident, by which a boy, nine years of age, Mr. James Mallis, lost his life. The boy having occasion to leave the premises some time, locked the door, and following very common custom, put the key on the inner window sill. The little boy came home, opened the window, but knocked the key down. He endeavored to get it, while so engaged the window sash fell on his neck, completely pinning him down, strength being unequal to the task of raising the window, and he could not aid himself by means of his hands. The consequences were that the weight of the sash strangled him.

The Kaariba correspondent of the "Nagambie Times" writes:—"The farmers here have formed a company for the purpose of exporting their own wheat. The company decided on placing 2000 bags of wheat on the London market."

The demand for fowls at the present time (says the "Mount Alexander Mail") is most extraordinary, nor is the fact of the exhibition sufficient to account for it. It appears that the immense vessels of the Orient line are fitted up with a refrigeration room, and they carry, on account of their cheapness here, sufficient poultry to answer the return journey. The district, at the rate sales are now going on, will soon be denuded of everything in the shape of fowls.

Over two years ago Kenneth McDonald, a sheep-farmer at Dartmoor, in the Western District, was arrested for cattle-stealing, and was committed for trial. On the 10th October, 1878, when awaiting his trial in the Hamilton Gaol, he effected his escape. His brother was convicted for aiding him in his escape, but until now the original offender has evaded the hands of justice. About three weeks ago, however, he was heard of in Riverina, and on Tuesday (says the "Argus") a telegram was received announcing his arrest at Mount Gipps Station, near Deniliquin.

The following remarks upon the subject of Poultry Feeding are taken from the "Poultry Monthly," an American journal:—"It is not such an easy matter for the uninitiated to feed fowls in a judicious manner, and, after all, there is not a heedless youth in the country but who thinks he can do it in a becoming way. Feeding is one thing, and feeding that will produce the most eggs, flesh and fat, on the least possible expense, is another thing to be thought of. It is a very easy matter to incur expense and serious loss without much benefit, where a large number of fowls are kept, by injudicious feeding. The lazy man either wholly neglects them or gives them proreder enough at a time to last them a couple of days. He seldom puts himself out of the way to get a variety, but gives the first to hand, and that is usually corn in the ear. The ignorant keeper, full of self conceit, makes a pot pourri of worthless stuff, in which cold water seems to submerge all the other ingredients—this with a flourish, he pronounces good—a great saving of trituration in the gizzard. Now we have done with these, and turn to those who know something about feeding well. All kinds of fowls should have sufficient food given them regularly two or three times a day. If confined they should be fed oftener than when at liberty. Full-grown fowls should have sufficient food given them as they will readily eat and no more. The food should consist of oats, ground and unground, barley, meal and corn, middlings, bran and back-wheat, pieces of bread and vegetables of all kinds, scraps of meat chopped fine; bone meal, and milk, either fresh or thick, will fatten or make hens lay if there is any fattening or laying in them."

The "Argus" Echuca correspondent writes:—"Not long since a crop of wheat was stripped at Wharfedale; the same day the millers' carts brought the wheat into Echuca. By evening it was turned into flour and sold to the bakers; next morning it was sold and consumed—the whole course of operations (from the time the corn was growing till consumed) not taking 16 hours to accomplish."

A man named Samuel Fischer has been fined £10 with 2-6d costs for falsely pretending to be a doctor of medicine. Fischer imposed on a barmaid at Sandhurst by pricking her with needles behind the ear to cure tooth-ache. Instead of cure the quack's treatment caused an eruption similar to what would be produced by croton oil.

It is expected that Mr. Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent of the "Daily News," will arrive in the colony in May next on a lecturing tour.

Pilot Gannon was accidentally drowned at Queenscliff on Sunday.

Three deaths by drowning occurred at Sandhurst on Christmas Day and the day following. On the first day William Crowie, an engine-driver, met his death whilst trying to recover a duck he had shot in a swamp. On Sunday two young men Ernest and John Foster, went to bathe in a dam and were found drowned. The eldest, Ernest, was recently appointed teacher in a State school at Moynah, and was home spending his holidays.

A most useful invention for nursery use, called a "Baby-washer," is announced by an American paper; and the inventor describes his infant machines as follows:—"You simply insert the begrimed and molasses coated infant in an orifice, which can be made of any material, and in four minutes you have a clean baby with electric attachments. The child glides gently down a highly polished plane. His lips are met at its termination by an india-rubber tube from which the purest can draw actual nourishment of the purest and most invigorating character, secured for the special purpose at a great expense, from a choice breed of the Alderney king raised on the estate of Her Majesty the Queen in the Isle of Wight. While in this compartment which has plate glass mirrors, the perturbed spirits of the infant are soothed by its frantic efforts to demolish its own image reflected in the glass with a nickel plated comb tooth-cutter, nail knife, rattle and tack hammer, which is thrust into the baby's hand by an automation monkey. Fatigued by its destructive efforts, the infant falls to sleep, while the organ attachment plays softly the ravishing melody of "Put me in my little bed." Then it slips into the third compartment. Her body is washed. Another small tube administers a dose of soothing syrup, and the infant glides from the machine. Its nails are pared and its hair combed, if it has any, ready for the hairbrush rendered necessary by the fall of our first parents."

begins again in a new field, with new actors and fresh accessories; but the themes, with some variation, are all pretty much the same. Some of the actors live only to acquire wealth—make it their religion almost from the nursery to the grave; others live only to spend it. The people who possess brains and those who possess money often change places and set to other partners. The best men often fail; the worst succeed. There is always the villain of the piece, and as some fall through the trap-door of oblivion, others enter by the side scenes, and pass across the world's stage in the same fleeting fashion. There is always the same set of characters, good and bad, virtuous and vile, and love—"Time's fool"—provides new performers in the shadowy drama. The transition from childhood to youth is not marked by such changes as those which accompany the transition from youth to manhood; and, judging by its infinite possibilities, of which there is abundant evidence spread around, Victoria will undergo great changes in the next few years, and crystallise into new and unlooked for shapes undreamed of in the past. With food at the low figure it is here, and labour so high, and 34 millions of people in the old country, where meat is on, shilling per lb., and human flesh and blood so cheap, as sung by Tom Hood, it is not likely the present performance can run many years longer; and unless we are able to read the signs of the times, the present Exhibition will greatly accelerate the impending changes. The sooner the better! There are too many skulls on the wheel of progress, and young Victorians, above all, should travel and see the world. We should like to see and read some of the weekly reports of the foreign commissions and exhibitions sent home. It does people good, as the poet Burns has put on record, "to see ourselves as others see us." People devoted aspirants, may acquire a wealth, and they should not begrudge the extra twopenny in the school estimates for the teaching of manners. England has got to the stage when she can no longer produce a third of the food required to feed her population, and that difficulty is daily increasing, in so small an island. As an American remarked, "It is a very nice little island, but I was always afraid of falling over into the sea." Well, the Exhibition has taught us that the world will not have to wait centuries to see Australia take her place among nations.

In pursuance of our self-imposed task, we have not yet made much progress in finding out what is not manufactured in Victoria. We have, however, satisfied ourselves that at present they do not manufacture "papers" or "workhouses." Neither do they make top-boats, nor breech-loaders. We have generally remarked that those nations which excel in one field, are usually pre-eminent in the other. May had legislation and high civilization never conducted us to that great consummation? We find, however, which could hardly be anticipated, that among the Victorian manufacturers are railway locomotives, first-class American saloon cars, elegant construction Pullman cars, steamrollers, and all kinds of telegraphic apparatus and agricultural machinery, and among their altars, the nucleus of a museum of antiquities, in the form of the first plough used in the colony. This patriarch among ploughs bears the marks of age and rough service entailed in its pioneering mission, and should be preserved in a glass case for future generations. Such things as parquet flooring, china, pottery, bronzes, and embroidered ecclesiastical vestments, are amongst the Victorian exhibits. What would the gold-digger of a by-gone day say to the last-named? What Captain Castigan said of the gold-patched, de-decorated, staff officer, probably, on the occasion of his first beholding that glittering passageway—"How I should like to part with him!"

After seeing only the finished result in Victorian exhibits, we thought it well to see the *modus operandi*, and Messrs. Swallow and Avelin first showed us behind the scenes at their factory at Sandridge. Everybody knows the great English manufacturer of Huntley and Palmer at Reading, with its 3000 employees. Mr. Swallow graduated many years ago in that *Alma Mater*, and here we have an Australian Huntley and Palmer fast growing up. The factory already covers a large space of ground. We know not how many tons of flour, butter, etc. per week are not consumed. 700 dozens of eggs per diem are used, and a reserve stock, preserved in line, of some 40,000 dozens is kept up. 65 lbs. of butter are used for "cake" alone, per day. The famous plum-puddings are boiled by steam; 250 plum-puddings boiling at one time (what a sight for school-boys) or 800 cwt. per day. The ocean of trawls which flows from Messrs. Swallow's premises is all purified by animal charcoal, prepared in all its stages on the spot, as indeed is everything throughout the establishment, even to the tin-boxes used for packing and storing; and the cooper's work in the making of barrels, etc. We expected to see myriads of flies in the trawle department, instead of which there was not one. Perhaps that article is too strong for them! More than 300 work-people are employed on the premises.

Mr. F. Bennett's parlor gymnasium at the Exhibition reminds us that we remark in young Victoria a tendency to run to legs and arms, in other words, unequal development. That such things can be counteracted by proper means, or developed by circumstances, Dr. Darwin has shown conclusively enough. The curious configuration of the giraffe being the result of generations of neck-creeping after their proper food which grows at a lofty altitude. It is invaluable to people of sedentary pursuits, invalids, or for use in bad weather; it takes up no more space than an eight-day clock and can be set up anywhere. Young ladies who desire to develop the just proportions of a Greek Venus, to say nothing of health, should try one.

The jurists are so numerous—about 400—that the accommodation is insufficient, and it also "has been found necessary" to fix the maximum of the cost of their luncheon at 2s.

An entertainment was given in the evening, in the Beaufort Societies' Hall, by the members of the Waterloo Historical Club, who volunteered their services. The first piece presented was the burlesque entitled "Bomastars Furioso." With the exception of Mr. Gibb, not one of the members knew their parts, and the result was most disastrous—in fact the whole thing was a failure. The second piece, "Don Paddy De Bazan," was very little improvement on the first, the only gentleman who knew his part being Mr. Gibb, who, with fair play, would give a very good rendering of the character of Don Paddy. The entertainment was disappointing, to say the least of it, and it is to be hoped the members of the Waterloo Historical Club will not appear in public again until they have some idea of the text of the characters they portray. At the conclusion of the entertainment a ball was held, which was very largely attended, and those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the members of the Beaufort Brass Band supplying the music.

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ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

The produce market, no doubt owing to the holidays, was somewhat neglected last week, and only a few unimportant sales have to be recorded. No alteration is noticeable in either wheat or flour in the local market, 3s 6d to 3s 8d being standing quotations. New wheat is selling in the Wimmera district at 3s 6d to 3s 8d, but as yet no great quantity has been brought in. At St. Arnaud, where a large area is under cultivation, and the strippers so far show an average of about thirteen or fourteen bushels to the acre, this cereal continues to come forward plentifully, and realises from 3s 5d to 3s 6d per bushel. In the metropolis the closing rates for the holidays were 4s to 4s 1d for good shipping parcels, and 3s 9d to 3s 11d for medium milling sorts; flour being worth L9 5s. Oats, which last week were quoted at 2s to 2s 3d have been in good demand, and close with a firm market at the latter figure. Potatoes have come in up to demand, and remain as priced. A quantity of new hay has been carted in and met with business at 30s per ton; old being bought at L2. In consequence of the heat of the past week the supply of butter fell off, and fresh is now quoted at 6d, with potted 5d; the market met a short supply of good fresh. In no other article have prices changed. We quote:—Wheat, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; oats, 2s to 2s 3d; pollard, 10d; bran, 9d; barley, 2s 3d; maize, none; flour, L9; potatoes, Wimmera, none, 5s, per cwt; Ballarat, old 20s; fresh butter, 6d; potted butter, 5d; buns, 11d; bacon, 9d; cheese, 4 1/2d; eggs, 7d; hay, sheaves, 35s; trussed, L2; straw 15s; chaff, 2s 6d; onions, 12s; carrots, 3s 6d; peas, 2s 8d. Advertiser.

A PLUCKY ACT.

The following instance of pluck and fortitude is from the "Inangahau Times" (New Zealand) of a recent date:—"An accident which, owing to the presence of mind and pluck of one of the men concerned, fortunately did not result in any serious consequences, occurred in the Energetic mine. It appears that the report in the winding shaft is out of repair, rendering it dangerous to descend in the cage, which has been the usual custom. The men have, therefore, been ordered to go down to their work by means of ladders which are erected for a distance of 200 feet in the lower part of the mine. As the day shift was going down the ladders, the candle carried by the topmost man Richard Charles, burnt his hand and caused him to let go his hold and tumble down the shaft. The next man, about 20 feet below him, hearing the scream of Charles, attempted to regain his hold of the ladder, instantaneously mistook the situation, and, at immense risk to himself, threw his own body across the shaft in such a manner as to stop the further descent of him. Being a big and powerful man, he succeeded in his plucky attempt, and prevented the falling man from passing him. Had not this been effected, the mishap would probably have resulted not only in the annihilation of Charles, but would also have caused the destruction of five or six others below him, who would not have been able to withstand the force of the increased momentum, but would have been swept off the ladder and precipitated to the bottom, about 180ft. As it was the intrepidity of Hawkins saved the lot, and he escaped himself, as did Charles, with only a few scratches."

The King of Dahomey recently summoned the European residents in Whydah to attend him at Dahomey, there to witness the annual "custom" in honour of his late father. As this "custom" involves the pitiless massacre of hundreds of captives the British residents had refused to attend.

The "Clarence Examiner" describes the peculiar effects of a stroke of lightning as disclosed at an inquest held in Ulmarra on the body of a young man named Michael Brown, who was killed by an electric discharge on the 20th instant. The force of this particular discharge must have been very great, as everything within a radius of fifty or sixty yards felt its power. The plough which deceased had been working with was struck by it although distant about a chain and a half, and the iron which had been bright with use were left as if subjected to the action of the fire. All the metal buttons upon deceased's clothing were torn off, and the apparel itself cut into shreds, with the exception of a flannel shirt. A strange circumstance in connection with this case is that while one of the boots was all ripped and torn the other cannot be found. The second horse, which escaped lay, for a considerable time as if killed, but has since apparently quite recovered the effects of the shock.

"This strange but true, for truth is always stronger than fiction." On Friday morning, as the workmen were going on the first shift in the Eldorado Company, at Snytheville, the shaft, now being down upwards of 70 feet, one of the workmen, said to be Hill, light my pipe before going down. He accordingly sat on a heap of dirt and proceeded to cut his tobacco, when the edge of the knife came in contact with some hard substance, and a little further development displayed a lady's gold ring set with a mosaic of some valuable stone, duly imbedded in the tobacco like the frogs we read of in solid rocks. The workmen were astonished, and the curious may see the ring by calling on Mr. J. Dalton, in Brook street. Conjectures are being made as to the origin of the ring, but it is not clear how it got there.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AND NEWS PAPERS.

Bracken, H.; Blackmore, J.; Ballantyne, Mrs.; Cammings, Thos.; Gillies, Mrs. E.; Glenister, W. H.; Humphreys, R.; Jones, R.; Kruse, A. P.; Lewis, E.; Marshall, J. H.; Manners, Thos.; Notnagel, Jacob; Roycroft, R.; Stewart, J.; Stahl, Peter; Wojober, E. R. E. M. KILDAHL, Postmistress. Beaufort, 31st December, 1880.

Deaths.

BEGGS.—On the 29th December, at his residence, Burnambon, Francis Beggs, in his sixty-ninth year. MARTIN.—On the 28th December, at his brother's residence, Somerset street, South Yarra, Frank Beaton Martin, formerly of Beaufort, aged 38 years.

Bank of Victoria.

THIS BANK WILL BE CLOSED ON Saturday and Monday, 1st and 2nd January. W. A. JENNINGS, Manager. Beaufort, 30th December, 1880.

THE Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1880.

By the time this issue reaches our readers the year 1881 will have been ushered in, and the old year will have passed away. Looking back over the events of the year that is just expiring we have little cause to complain as a community either socially or commercially. Blanks have been made in our social circle—faces have disappeared, never to be more beheld this side the grave. New faces have come amongst us, partially filling up the blanks made by old time. Commercially the district may be said to be improving, although but slowly. Many willing hands are now searching for the precious metal, and it is to be hoped that ere another year is up we will have to chronicle continued successes in the several mining ventures now but in their infancy. The festive season is now almost over when friends meet and exchange friendly greetings, and families are united, and once more sit down together round the paternal hearth. While thanking our patrons and friends for past favors, and hoping they have enjoyed a Merry Christmas, we wish them one and all a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The English mails will be despatched from Melbourne on Friday next, 7th January. The mails will close at the Beaufort Post Office on Thursday, 6th January, 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 which British 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.; newspaper, 1d., each; packet not exceeding an ounce, 1d.; two ounces, 2d.; four ounces or portion thereof, 4d.

We are informed by the general manager, that at a meeting of the board of the Victorian Co-operative Dress Supply Association Limited, held on Thursday last, the directors accepted the offer of Mr. Washington Rivers, to release the Company from all liabilities whatsoever for the sum of £250. At the same time a legal document, prepared by the solicitor of the company, was signed and sealed, and the amount was handed to Mr. Rivers, so that he has no present or prospective claim whatsoever on the company. It was stated that Mr. Rivers has not now, and never has had, a single share in the company, neither has he anything to do with its management. The general manager reported that applications for shares are being registered daily, and that numerous promises of support have been received.

We regret to learn that Mr. Francis Beggs departed this life at his residence, Burnambon, on Wednesday, the 29th December. Mr. Beggs has been suffering for a very long time from a painful disease. The deceased was a member of the Riponshire Council, but through protracted illness he was compelled to resign his seat. General regret was expressed in the township when the sad news was made known.

The secretary of the Beaufort Fire Brigade desires us to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations:—Victoria Fire Insurance Company, £2 2s; South British Insurance Company, £1 1s; Mr. W. A. Jennings, bell-glass and "History of the Sea."

The "Sketcher" for the fortnight, just to hand, contains a number of interesting sketches, together with a complete summary of news. Copies may be obtained from Mr. Henningsen, the local agent.

We have received the Christmas number of the "Austrian News," which is a splendid production. It contains a colored supplement, entitled "The Tenasters' Christmas Eve," as also a number of excellent woodcuts, those most noticeable being entitled "Decorating the church for Christmas," and "Nightingale from a painting by Mona Parsony, in the Belgian Gallery at the Exhibition." Mr. Henningsen is the local agent for the paper, and copies may be obtained from him at 1s. each.

The "ordinary" monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council will be held on Thursday next. Particulars of tenders for works in the "office," maintainable on that day, will be found in our advertising columns.

We have received the following memo from the local post office:—On New Year's Day, Saturday 1st January, and Monday, 3rd January, 1881, all post and telegraph offices will be closed at 10 a.m., the first delivery only by letter carrier will be effected. Mails will be received and despatched as usual, and telegraph offices will be open from 8.30, till 10 a.m., and from 6 till 7 p.m.

Public attention is directed to the sale in the estate of the late Henry Krug, of Nerring, which will be held by Mr. V. Nickols at the police station on Monday, 3rd January. Particulars will be found in another column.

A supplement to the "Government Gazette," published on Thursday, contains the regulations under the Land Act 1880.

The intercolonial cricket match between Victoria and New South Wales was concluded on Wednesday, resulting in a win for Victoria. The game was played on the Melbourne cricket ground, and was certainly one of the most interesting that has taken place for some time, demonstrating the possible chances of the game. On Monday Victoria put together 207 in their first innings, and New South Wales 79, and the probability of a one-innings defeat was freely speculated upon. On the following day the visitors made a splendid stand, eight wickets falling for 247, and on Wednesday they total 251. Of these D. Gregory put together 85, Evans 51 and Massie 42. The total of the two innings for New South Wales was consequently 330. Victoria eleven then came in, and made 207 with a loss of eight wickets, making a grand total of 335, and thus winning the match by two wickets and four runs. Horan put together 36, when his wicket fell to Jones; Allan batted well for 36 not out, and Elliot made 20 not out. This is the twenty-fifth intercolonial match.

The "Ararat Advertiser" says:—"An impediment robbery was perpetrated one night last week at the farm of Mr. A. H. Kenyon, Bulgiana. On a portion of his land Mr. Kenyon has permitted a large quantity of wattles to grow, expecting next year to be able to strip them. In one corner of a paddock close to the fence some of the trees had attained an unusually large growth, and it has been found that some one had taken advantage of a bright moonlight night and the distance from the house to denude them of their bark. A cart had been driven up to the fence, the lower portion of the trees roughly stripped, and it is calculated that about a ton and a half of bark stolen. The tracks of the cart were traced for some distance, but as yet no clue has been obtained to the perpetrators."

Our "Talbot Leader" Lexton correspondent, writing from Lexton on Monday, says:—"Terrible bush fires have been raging west of Lexton for the past three days. The fire this morning is abating, but if the wind blows from the north again it will be very severe, as trees and logs are burning on the margin of the burnt ground, just outside the township. Great fears were entertained for the safety of the township during the early morning of yesterday, but the whole of the community turned out and worked with a will for many anxious hours. Messrs. M'Phie, Nicholls, and Pamment are the greatest sufferers by the fire, they having lost many acres of grass and fencing. Had it not been for the hearty manner in which the townspeople worked, the loss would have been much heavier, and the destruction of the township would have resulted. The wind on Sunday changing to the south, was the means of staying the fire, which, during the following day, considerably abated, and caused less anxiety."

The match between the Australian Eleven and eighteen of the northern district of Tasmania was concluded on Friday last, and resulted in a victory for the eleven by one innings and 222 runs.

The grace before meat pronounced the other day at a certain hotel in Collins street was rather tough on "mine host," who was present. "For what we are about to receive, may the landlord charge us moderately as possible."

A carpenter named Addis was engaged in putting an upstairs floor in the kitchen of the Rainbow Hotel, Hargreaves-street, Sandhurst, when one of the beams supporting the floor broke under him, precipitating him to the ground, a distance of about 12ft. At the same time a heavy hardwood plank fell from above and struck him on the head, rendering him insensible. He was immediately removed to the hospital, where he died soon afterwards.

The "Ararat Advertiser" says:—"A rather novel match for £1 came off on Wednesday, on Mr. Carter's farm, at Ross's Bridge, between two binders named Hope and Lynch respectively. Each binder had eighty sheaves to bind in a workmanlike manner; time, tightness of sheaf, and loss of straws left out, to be equally taken into account. Lynch bound his eighty sheaves in the wondrously short time of sixteen minutes. Hope taking twenty-six and a half minutes. The judges, however, gave the prize to Hope, considering his work by far the best, and his time, though much slower than the other, far quicker than that of the ordinary run of binders."

"Yesterday's 'Argus' says:—"An anonymous letter, containing '23,' was received yesterday by the commissioner of Customs. Enclosed was also found a 'memo,' in a lady's hand, writing, to the following effect:—"Conscience money, £3, for articles received under a misapprehension as to the Customs law." The envelope bore only the Melbourne post-mark."

The "Argus" thus summarises the latest cable news:—"The news from the Transvaal is of an alarming nature. A large portion of the country appears to be in the possession of the Boers, and the whole of the Buffalo river, which separates the Transvaal from Natal is patrolled by the rebels, who also occupy the roads between the Transvaal and the Cape. A strong force of British troops is advancing on Utrecht, which was seized by the Boers. Sir Hercules Robinson is leaving England for the Cape. Great military precautions are being taken in Dublin, where the authorities seem to apprehend danger. The 'Richelieu,' one of the three 'Vaisseau' Cruisers of the 'French' navy, has been burnt at Pondicherry. The 'Richelieu' was launched at Toulon in 1875, after having occupied six years in construction. She was manly armed with a 12-inch main battery and side armaments. An official dispatch has been given to the statement that a German squadron was to be despatched to the Pacific."

The "Horsham Times" narrates the circumstances of a singular accident, by which a boy, nine years of age, Mr. James Mallis, lost his life. The poor fellow, having occasion to leave the premises, for some time locked the door, and following a very common custom, put the key on the inner window sill. The little boy coming home, endeavored to get it, and key down, he endeavored to get it, and while so engaged the window sash fell on his neck, completely pinning him down, his strength being unequal to the task of raising the window, and he could not aid himself by means of his hands. The consequences was that the weight of the sash strangled him."

The Kaaribora correspondent of the "Nagambie Times" writes:—"The farmers here have formed a company for the purpose of exporting their own wheat. The company decided on placing 2000 bags of wheat on the London market."

The demand for fowls at the present time (says the "Mount Alexander Mail") is most extraordinary, nor is the fact of the Exhibition sufficient to account for it. It appears that the immense vessels of the Orient line are fitted up with a refrigeration room, and they carry, on account of their cheapness here, sufficient poultry to answer the return journey. The district, at the rate sales are now going on, will soon be denuded of everything in the shape of fowls."

Over two years ago Kenneth McDonald, a sheep-farmer at Dartmoor, in the Western District, was arrested for cattle-stealing, and was committed for trial. On the 10th October, 1878, when awaiting his trial in the Hamilton Gaol, he effected his escape. His brother was convicted for aiding him in his escape, but until now the original offender has evaded the hands of justice. About three weeks ago, however, he was heard of in Riverina, and on Tuesday (says the "Argus") a telegram was received announcing his arrest at Mount Gipps Station, near Penitiquin."

The following remarks upon the subject of Poultry Feeding are taken from the "Poultry Monthly," an American journal:—"It is not such an easy matter for the uninitiated to feed fowls in a judicious manner, and, after all, there is not a hardier youth in the country but who thinks he can do it in a becoming way. Feeding is one thing, and feeding that will produce the most eggs, flesh and fat, on the least possible expense, is another thing to be thought of. It is a very easy matter to incur expense and serious loss without much benefit, where a large number of fowls are kept, by injudicious feeding. The lazy man either wholly neglects them or gives them provender enough at a time to last them a couple of days. He seldom puts himself out of the way to get a variety, but gives the first to hand, and that is usually corn in the ear. The ignorant keeper, full of self conceit, makes a pot pourri of worthless stuff, in which cold water seems to form one of the ingredients—this with a flourish, he pronounces good—a great saving of tripe and tallow in the gizzard. Now we have done with these, and turn to those who know something about feeding well. All kinds of fowls should have sufficient food given them regularly two or three times a day. If confined they should be fed oftener than when at liberty. Full-grown fowls should have sufficient food given them as they will readily eat and no more. The food should consist of oats, ground and unground, barley, meal and corn, middlings, bran and buck-wheat, pieces of bread and vegetables of all kinds, scraps of meat chopped fine; bone meal, and milk, either fresh or thick, willatten or make hens lay if there is any fattening or laying in them."

The "Argus" Educa correspondent writes:—"Not long since a crop of wheat was stripped at Wharfedale; the same day the millers' carts brought the wheat into Educa. By evening it was turned into flour and sold to the bakers; next morning it was consumed—the whole course of operations (from the time the corn was growing till consumed) not taking 16 hours to accomplish."

A man named Samuel Fischer has been fined £10 with 2s 6d costs for falsely pretending to be a doctor of medicine. Fischer imposed on a barmaid at Sandhurst by pricking her with needles behind the ear to cure tooth-ache. Instead of a cure the quack's treatment caused an eruption similar to what would be produced by croton oil.

It is expected that Mr. Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent of the "Daily News," will arrive in the colony in May next on a lecturing tour.

Pilot Gannson was accidentally drowned at Queenscliff on Sunday.

Three deaths by drowning occurred at Sandhurst on Christmas Day and the day following. On the first day William Crowle, an engineer, met his death whilst trying to recover a duck he had shot in a swamp. On Sunday two young men Ernest and John Foster, went to bathe in a dam and were found drowned. The eldest, Ernest, was recently appointed teacher in a State school at Housham, and was home spending his holidays.

A most useful invention for nursery use, called a "Baby-washer," is announced by an American paper; and the inventor describes his infant machines as follows:—"You simply insert the begrimed and molasses coated infant in a turbine, which can be made any required size by turning for four minutes a cog-wheel with electric attachments. The child glides gently down a highly polished plane. His lips are wet at its termination by an indiarubber tube from which the infant can draw actual nourishment of the purest and most invigorating character, secured for the special purpose at a great expense, from a choice breed of the Alderney kine raised on the estate of Her Majesty the Queen in the Isle of Wight. While in this compartment which has plate glass-mirrors, the perturbed spirits of the infant are soothed by its frantic efforts to demolish its own image reflected in the glass with a nickel plated combined tooth-cutter, nail knife, rattle and rattle hammer, which is thrust into the baby's hand, by the automation monkey. Fatigued by its destructive efforts, the infant falls to sleep, while the organ attachment plays softly the ravishing melody of "Put me in my little bed." Then it slips into the third compartment. Here the body is washed. Another small tube administers a dose of soothing syrup, and the infant glides from the machine. His hair is curled and his hair combed, if it has any, ready for the billions rendered necessary by the fall of our first parents."

The Beaufort Agricultural Society weather was cold and threatening rain, no doubt prevented a number of people being present. There was, however, a very fair attendance of the public, and the various sports were entered into with a spirit. The proceeds of the sports being in aid of the building fund of the brigade, the members were all busily engaged in catching the nimble shilling. An under and over table was presided over by an astute member and a wheel of fortune was also worked by a member with his eye to business. The results of these means of raising the fund were highly successful. The various foot races were confined to local talent, and some very close finishes testified to the ability of Mr. J. McKeich as a handicapper. The public's booth, which was managed by members of the brigade, also did a good business, and taking the sports as a whole the results were satisfactory to the public, and will, it is hoped, result in a pecuniary gain for the brigade. The Beaufort Brass Band was present on the ground during the day, and considerably added to the day's pleasure by some very good music. The following are the results of the various events:—

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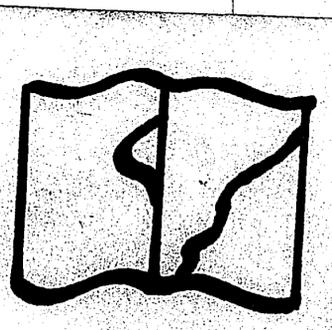
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The jurors are so numerous—about 100—that the accommodation is insufficient, and it also has been found necessary to fix the maximum of the cost of their luncheon at 2s.



GATHERINGS BY "A. RAG PICKER."

Oh! holiday times, what evils you are to a man that has neither money nor means. My occupation in the metropolis suddenly came to an end on the 23rd inst. by the man who supplies the carts locking his gates, resolving to give them a holiday and a new suit of clothes. I was thrown on the mercy of the world with nothing to do, and no money to spend, and I then decided to go upon the wallopy. After considerable trouble I succeeded in borrowing an old suit of clothes from an undertaker's man, and then went and interviewed our obliging Chief Secretary, representing myself as a pressman who was about to make a tour through the country to inquire into the beer and tobacco tax, and see if it could not be made a permanent source of revenue. Here let me digress, and say that I will give a tall report on this subject to the "Chief," as to how we (the people) are getting at the blooming publicans. They have not raised the price of beer, and the brewers are charging them with the full amount of the tax, with no returns allowed for, so that every pint of beer we drink adds so much to the revenue, and does not come out of our pockets; and I can assure you the publicans are suffering. No doubt they are snatching a much cheaper article, prepared by a peculiar process, which intoxicates very rapidly and excites thirst. When the beer gets laid it is sold at the rate of about 1s. per bucketful, to prevent the tonnage suffering a total loss. When our money is done the landlord obligingly pitches us out of doors, sends for a policeman, who carts us to the lockup, where we are kindly entertained by our country for at least 48 hours. There we show our zeal for the public interest. Now to return to the subject. The "Chief" immediately gave me an order for a free pass (1st class) over all the railways in the colony, which I duly accepted, and for once I, a rag-picker, was able to take my place with the highest in the land. Oh, wasn't it elevating! Just consider my tall hat, black suit, shiny boots, and gloves to match, reclining on a cushioned seat. When the compartment was full I soon found that the company was rather mixed, nearly all having free passes. There were Government employees travelling with their wives and sweethearts and servants; blacklegs with borrowed topcoats; foreign hangers-on to our Exhibition, ladies belonging to our members of Parliament, and all other grades of society; in fact to such an extent was this free-pass business carried on that I felt quite ashamed at having one obtained honestly in my possession. On my arrival at Ballarat from the number of compatriots I saw I concluded there would not be many things lying round unnoticed for me to pick up, so I resolved to go for Beaufort. Old fiery Greek, how well I remember you. There I gained my first laurels as a pressman by selling "Hags," "Hargues," and "Eralls," whilst going about packing up unconsidered trifles, attending the dancing saloons, acting as pilot to the sharks who divided the spoils, assisting the detectives, and receiving part of their pay. Well do I remember the glorious fight between Jonathan and Kelly, at which I made a little fortune by taking care of people's pockets instead of watching the fight. But, alas, what a change is visible now; it has dwindled down to a small roadside railway station, whose only source of revenue is a large wood track. On stepping on to the platform and presenting my free pass I became the envy of all the inhabitants whose only source of amusement is to watch the arrival and departure of trains. One inquisitive and well-dressed young man wanted to know my business. I told him I represented the fifth estate in the liberal interest, and was about to spend a week in the neighborhood. He immediately fraternized with me, and induced me to come and assist him in the great cause of liberalism by ruining the publican. While doing this he remarked that he would like to have a free pass, so I suggested that I could accommodate him for a pecuniary consideration. Seeing I meant business, he inquired my terms. I told him 5s. per day for a week, cash in advance, and he closed with me at once, paying me with money, as he told me, borrowed from a comparatively rich man I started to see the sights, and was soon enjoying myself considerably. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE IRISH QUESTION.

The "Argus" London correspondent writes as follows under date of November 19— "This is the season of Cabinet Councils. The time was when such meetings, the inevitable preliminary to a session, were simply chronicled in a brief paragraph, with the names of the Ministers who attended. In these days of lively political speculation, with an all-devoicing press requiring daily food, we are treated every morning to a disquisition on the "probable" subjects of discussion. Nor is this all. Attempts are made to penetrate the secrecy which belongs to these deliberations, and not only to forecast the result, but to indicate the steps by which it is reached. This week there has been sufficient reason to stimulate curiosity, if not a measure of anxiety. It is certain the Irish question must occupy a first place in the consideration of Ministers. Will the Government trust to the ordinary processes of a new set in motion, or will they attempt at an early date to take the Irish question to the House of Commons? Whatever its resolve there, it is to be framed, the remedial measures to which it is pledged, and this land question, as everybody recognizes, touches so many vital interests that it is likely to awaken great differences of opinion. A week the Cabinet will be unanimous? From the first there was sure to be discussion in a body in which the representatives of the different views of the Liberal thought. It was not surprising

Mr. Bright has expressed his own personal views on the Irish difficulty with small reserve in a speech addressed to his constituents at Birmingham. He described the evils under which Ireland is suffering to bad legislation in centuries past, as a consequence of which Irish patriotism now to a large extent consisted "in hatred of Protestants, hatred of landlords, and hatred of England." His language in relation to coercive measures has been contrasted with that of Mr. Gladstone of the Guildhall, and assumed to imply a greater divergence of policy than is necessarily the case. "Force is not a remedy," he said evoking loud cheers; "there are times when it may be necessary, and when its employment may be absolutely unavoidable; but, for my part, I should rather regard it rather discuss measures of relief as measures of remedy than measures of force, whose influence is only temporary, and in the long run I believe, is disastrous." He also strongly condemned "the violent and impossible schemes" by which tenants were to fix their own rents, and landlords to be got rid of and banished. As to the Irish farmers, after travelling for weeks among them, he believed them to be in the main industrious and honest; and he thought it possible to frame a measure which should withdraw them from the beneficial influences to which they are now subjected. The tenant wants security, and where landlords are willing to sell, the sale of land should be rendered easy. Further, Mr. Bright advocates the settlement of cottiers on the waste lands. Mr. Chamberlain, who also is a Cabinet Minister, spoke at the same meeting and avowed his general concurrence in these views.

"Seven years penal servitude," said the judge to a consumptive criminal. "Thank you, your worship, thank you," cried the man. "My fool of a doctor only gave me six months."

Returning from Queenshill the other night, the steamer was going very slowly. "Why is this?" said one of the passengers; "there is no fog. It is quite clear over-head." "Guess, stranger," said an American, "we aren't going that way."

A countryman who was charged with ten gallons of whisky thought the publican had sent him only an eight-gallon keg, said "He didn't mind the money overcharged so much as the strain on the keg."

Impoundings. BEAUFORT.—Impounded at Beaufort.—Room for horse, B near shoulder. To be sold 1st January 1881. Brown and white spotted bull, no visible brand. To be sold 5th January 1881. W. G. STEVENS, Poundkeeper.

For Sale. AT the Ballarat and Beaufort Consols G.M. Company's Mine, Windmill Gully, 1 1/2 m. from Ballarat, Flannery Block complete, 12 Trucks, 1 Cage. Apply at the mine.

SHIRE OF RIPON. NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Council of the Shire of Ripon, at a meeting to be held at this office on Thursday, the 6th day of January next, to MAKE a GENERAL RATE of One Shilling in the Pound upon all the rateable property within the Shire of Ripon, for the period commencing on the 1st day of January, 1881, and ending on the 31st day of December, 1881.

SHIRE OF RIPON. 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 January, for the following works:— NORTH RIDING. Contract No. 329.—Supplying 400 cubic yards of gravel on the Beaufort and Sailer's Gully road. Contract No. 327.—Clearing, forming, draining and metalling with quartz, 30 chains of road round Waterloo Swamp. Contract No. 328.—Clearing 150 chains of road between Haghill and Graveyard Hill. Contract No. 325.—Making a log culvert and approaches near Aldrich's land, Mount Cole. EAST RIDING. Contract No. 246.—Clearing 35 chains of road from Chepstowe to James' land, Morthelm. Contract No. 247.—Forming and gravelling 27 chains 36 links of the Snake Valley and Morthelm road by Ryan's. Contract No. 248.—Forming and gravelling 2 1/2 chains of road between Carnahan Station and Williamson's farm, and building a timber culvert. WEST RIDING. Contract No. 165.—Forming and metalling 33 chains of road in various short pieces about Lake Goldsmith, and supplying 154 yards of maintenance metal. Specifications may be seen at the Shire Offices, Beaufort, and those for the East Riding at the Greyhound Hotel, Snake Valley. H. H. JACKSON, Shire Engineer. Beaufort, 22nd December, 1880.

At the Beaufort Police Station. MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY 1881. At 12 o'clock.

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GARDENING FOR JANUARY.

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CAPITAL £100,000, IN 100,000 SHARES OF £1 EACH.

Issue of 20,000 shares of £1 each, to be paid as follows:—Five shillings per share on allotment, five shillings per share one month after allotment, five shillings per share three months after allotment, five shillings per share six months after allotment, thereby making the shares fully paid up, and thereupon shareholders cannot under any circumstances incur any further liability.

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It is proposed to devote a portion of the business premises to the purpose of providing a comfortable sitting-room for the use of Lady-shareholders, and for their convenience a Register will be kept of gossamer and domestic servants seeking engagement.

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As evidence and in proof of the foregoing statement, the following extracts from two leading London newspapers are quoted, with the dates of publication also indicated, viz:— London Times, November 28th, 1879.—"Mr. Charles C. Murray, a prominent member of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on July 23rd, 1879, appointed to inquire into the question of the Civil Service Co-operative Store, &c., &c., has been connected with the Society since its commencement, in the early part of 1868. The half-yearly meeting of the Society was held on the 22nd inst., at which a gross profit of £24,791, and the net profit of £12,225.

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I, Charles Laker, 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 of Government and private hospitals, but obtained no permanent relief, on hearing, three months ago, of your medicine, I was induced to try one, and, wonderful to relate, after having taken one large bottle of Blood Mixture, and applied two 4d. 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.

CHAS. LAKER, Late Surg. B. Engineers.

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

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Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—A frequent cause of gout and rheumatism is the inflammatory state of the blood, attended by bad digestion and general debility.

In the daily battle of life against disease victory is sure to follow where UDOLOPH WOLFF'S SCHEDAM AROMATIC SCHNAPPS takes the lead; while a medicinal beverage, delicately aromatized, it is a potent remedy for bladder and kidney ailments, incipient gout, rheumatic twinges, and withal, an incomparable corrective and restorative.

The London wheat market is depressed owing to several failures arising out of grain speculations in America.

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Issue of 200,000 shares of £1 each, to be paid as follows:—Five shillings per share on allotment, five shillings per share one month after allotment, and five shillings per share three months after allotment.

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It is intended to increase the Directors as soon as a sufficient number of shares are subscribed for, by the addition of at least three gentlemen who may hereafter become shareholders.

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It is proposed to devote a portion of the business premises to the purpose of providing a comfortable sitting-room for the use of Lady-shareholders, and for their convenience a Register will be kept of governesses and domestic servants seeking engagement.

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2. The Latest Fashions in every description of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dress, etc., etc., at very much lower prices than those usually charged by tradesmen.

3. After the shares of the present issue are allotted, it is proposed to charge premiums of 5s., 10s., 15s., and £1 per share respectively, on the four future issues, and the premiums so to be received will be divided as a Bonus amongst the shareholders who take up the present issue of shares.

As evidence and in proof of the foregoing statement, the following extracts from the two leading London newspapers are quoted, with the exact dates of publication also indicated, viz.:

London Times, November 24th, 1879.—"Mr. Charles C. Cox, principal clerk in the Printing Department, was examined before the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the 23rd, 1879, appointed to inquire into the question of the Civil Service Co-operative Society, &c., &c., which is a Director of the Civil Service Co-operative Society, Limited, in the Haymarket. He had been connected with the Society since its commencement, in the early part of 1868. At that time the gross profits amounted to £62,250, and the net profit to £12,225.

London Daily Telegraph, October 18th, 1879, appears to the following:—"No greater success has attended these institutions as an investment, than thousands of applicants have failed in obtaining shares in old-established associations, and one of them recently on making an issue of debenture bonds, for about £50,000, received applications for over three times the amount required. THE SHARES OF ANOTHER ASSOCIATION WITH ONLY 10s. PER SHARE PAID UP ARE NOW WORTH £50 EACH."

The following items are also clipped from the columns of the Times, from the issue of March 27th, 1879:—"It appears that the Army and Navy Co-operative Stores, during six months, sold goods to the value of over £510,000. Also that during the same period the gross profits amounted to £62,250, and the net profit to £12,225.

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Name in full \_\_\_\_\_ (State Title—Mr., Esq., Mrs., or Miss.) Address in full \_\_\_\_\_ Profession or Business (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Beaufort Post Office

TIME TABLE, 1880. Table with columns: Post Town, Mails arrive at Beaufort, Mails leave at Beaufort. Rows include Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat, Traralgon, Raglan, Chute, Waterloo, Main Lead, Sallor's Gully, Stockyard Hill, Ararat, Bunagar, Eranbeem, Shirley.

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Victorian Railways.

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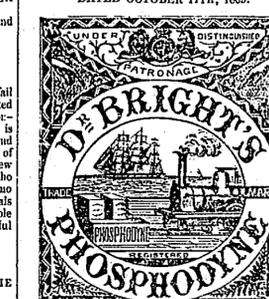
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