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Wheat, 3s 7d; oats, 2s 1d for stout, 1s 11d; Algerians, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; barley, 3s 6d to 3s 7d;...

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[A CARD.] DR. ADAM, M.B., C.M.

May in future be Consulted at his Private Residence (lately occupied by Dr. Croker)...

Messages left with Mr. Andrews conveyed by telephone.

THE Riponshire Advocate.

Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1892.

The rainfall at Beaufort for the past fortnight was 1 inch and 10 points.

The Secretary of the Beaufort Avenue Cricket Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £1 1s from Dr. Adam, as a trophy.

A public meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society, is announced for Friday evening next at the Societies Hall, Beaufort. The Rev. Samuel F. Kent will address the meeting.

A ball is to be held in the Buangor Hall on Wednesday evening next, in aid of the Buangor Athletic Sports.

Captain W. B. Bridges, R.N., of Trawalla station, has reported to the police that 85 sheep, valued at £50, were stolen from Nerring, near Trawalla, some time during September last.

We understand that Captain Bridges offers a reward of £5 for such information as will lead to the recovery of the sheep, and, if stolen, an additional £45 on conviction of the person or persons who stole them.

The cricket match between the Rupunyup and Beaufort clubs, to have been played in the Beaufort Park next Wednesday afternoon, will not take place now, owing to Rupunyup being unable to raise a team.

On Friday, the 28th ult., Master Vivian Hughes, aged four years, son of Mr E. W. Hughes, manager of the Bank of Victoria Limited, had the misfortune to break his arm just above the wrist. He was playing about the counter in the bank after business hours, and capsizing a stool upon which he was standing, fell to the floor, and fractured his arm as stated. We are glad to hear that the little sufferer is progressing as favorably as can be expected under the care of Dr. Adam.

The yields of gold obtained by the various co-operative parties last week (writes our Waterloo correspondent) were—Lucky Company, 11oz. 14dwts.; Vale and party, 7oz. 10dwts.; Tromp and party, 4oz. 8dwts.; Kitchen and party, 4oz. 5dwts.; Sneddon and party, 3oz. 4dwts.; Robinson and party, 2oz. 1dwts.; Kennedy and party, 2oz. 1dwts.; Firth and party, 1oz. 8dwts.; Handrahan and party, 1oz. 8dwts.; Lucky Consols, 1oz. 5dwts.

Mr Donald McDonald, the well-known farmer, of Middle Creek, has just had built to his order a very handsome and comfortable brick residence on his homestead, at a cost of between £1100 and £1200. The edifice, which is a very imposing one, contains ten rooms (independent of bathroom, pantries and linen closets), and has a spacious entrance hall, with two nice arches. The bricks were made in Beaufort, and competent judges avow that they are of excellent quality. The roof is composed of iron, which projects with a neat curve, forming a verandah 6ft. 6in. wide all round the building, and finished with a very pretentious iron frieze and brackets. The work was carried out in a highly satisfactory manner by Messrs Drew & Pollock, contractors, of Ballarat.

A full day parade of the 1st battalion of the Victorian Rangers will be held in Ararat on Wednesday next, the Prince of Wales' Birthday. Strong contingents (says the "Advertiser") are expected from C Company, Horsham, and A Company, Sawell, whilst it is presumed the local company will avail itself of the opportunity and be numerously represented. It is probable that Colonel Otter will be in command, as he has intimated he will attend the parade which gives promise of having the largest muster, and so far the 2nd battalion, at Bendigo, is considerably in the background.

Seeing that the Camp Hill is such a favorite resort for the young people of the town, it might be well to warn them that snakes appear to be very plentiful there this year.

We have already reported the killing of several, and on Sunday last three black snakes were dispatched. Messrs G. Loft, R. Thomas, W. C. Tromp, and A. A. Tromp were on the hill, and it is believed that a snake was killed by each of them. A snake was procured, and on the hill being dug out, three of the reptiles were found and killed. They measured from 3ft 6in to 5ft. A fortnight previous Mr G. Loft killed another in the same spot.

Martin O'Brien, a plasterer at Middle Creek, met with a nasty accident early on Monday morning (says Tuesday's "Ararat Advertiser") whilst engaged at the station yard. He was at work unloading some heavy sleepers from a truck, when one of these slipped, and he lost his balance and fell on to the top of the truck, which was full of sleepers, and sustained somewhat severe injuries to his head and neck. He was taken to the Ararat Hospital, where it was discovered that an extensive scalp wound, four inches in length, had been received in the fall, whilst the man had fractured his collar bone. Fortunately the injuries are not of a very serious character.

The following information from our Waterloo correspondent came to hand too late for our last issue. The yield of gold obtained by the various co-operative parties last week was—Lucky Co., 11oz. 14dwts.; Vale and party, 7oz. 10dwts.; Tromp and party, 4oz. 8dwts.; Kitchen and party, 4oz. 5dwts.; Sneddon and party, 3oz. 4dwts.; Robinson and party, 2oz. 1dwts.; Kennedy and party, 2oz. 1dwts.; Firth and party, 1oz. 8dwts.; Handrahan and party, 1oz. 8dwts.; Lucky Consols, 1oz. 5dwts.

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The following donations towards the funds of the Beaufort Cricket Club have been received by the secretary, and are hereby acknowledged with thanks:—Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., £1 1s; Hon. W. H. Osmond, M.L.C., £1 1s; Mr Geo. Lewis, £1; Captain W. B. Bridges, R.N., £1 1s.

A meeting of the Skipton Turf Club was held in the Mechanics' on Saturday night last, Mr Beckett in the chair. The secretary, Mr H. M. Elder, reported that there was a balance on hand from last year's meeting of £23. It was resolved to hold a meeting of £23. It was resolved to hold a meeting of £23.

Quite a commotion was caused in Neil-street on Wednesday evening, through a regular pugilist knocking three men out in the orthodox fashion. It appears that two parties of sheavers were on a drinking bout, and because a sailor, who had an ugly clasp knife stuck in his belt, refused to knife with them, they picked a row with him. He was set upon by three, but scattered them like ninespins. One, in particular, was fairly stretched out, and as he lay still for several minutes, the onlookers thought he was dead. However, he ultimately came round. Upon the police, ruffing in an appearance of the disturbance, James McHenry, who was arrested on a charge of drunkenness, and with resisting the police in the execution of their duty, was brought before Mr A. Andrews, J.P., next day, and mulcted in fines amounting to 10s. A magisterial inquiry was held by Mr A. Andrews, J.P., at Beaufort on Thursday touching the death of a Chinaman, named Yin Pin, who lived at the Yam Hotel in a dilapidated hut. He had been in the habit of calling at Mr Thomas's flour mill for money and food given to him out of charity, and he had not been there for a week. Mr Dungey went to his hut and finding him dead, reported the matter to the police. Dr Adam, who made a post mortem examination of the body, gave it as his opinion that the cause of death was an effusion of blood on the brain, induced by the condition of the kidneys and circulatory system, and accelerated by a blow on the face deceased had received by falling on some boxes when in a fit. A verdict was given in accordance with the medical evidence.

The repite of the Cup adjournment made members of the Assembly eager for work when they met yesterday, and the Government took advantage of the feeling and pushed the tariff through to the stage at which nothing is left to be done but to bring in the formal bill embodying the duties. Before so much had been accomplished, however, several attempts were made to secure alterations, increases and decreases being proposed equally. The House in the main, however, held to the previous decisions, and left the tariff much in the same condition as when it was reported from committee on Thursday. At 11 o'clock the business concluded, but on the motion for the adjournment half an hour was spent in discussing the proposed trip to the mallee, on which members are to start to-night. Mr Baker had a grievance against the Government. A special train and other conveniences are to be provided to allow members to inspect the mallee, but attention is to be chiefly given to the electorate of Borong, represented by Mr Dyer, a Ministerialist, to the exclusion of Lowan, for which he (Mr Baker) is member. He ventilated his grievance, and found considerable support on both sides of the House. A large number of members also took the view that the trip would be a sheer waste of time and money, since as the party is to return to Melbourne on Saturday evening little time would be given for inspection. The discussion was fruitless, however, and the House adjourned at half-past 11 o'clock until 3 this afternoon.—Argus, Thursday.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The second competition for "The Austin Trophies" was fired on the 26th and 29th ult., at 300 and 500 yards ranges. There were 34 entries. Mr F. Minchin secured a "leg-in." Appended are the scores:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Yds—300 500 H'd P't. F. Minchin 26 25 11 62. F. Troy 23 26 13 62. T. Nicholson 22 25 15 62. J. Chapman 21 32 6 59. A. Tromp 25 31 2 68. J. McKeich 25 32 37 67. F. Kendall 20 23 14 67. A. Wilson 17 19 18 54. G. Loft 17 24 13 53. H. VanderStoep 11 24 18 53. J. McRae 23 26 4 52. J. W. Harris 20 17 15 52. A. Allison 27 24 37 51. J. Watherspoon 28 16 7 51. J. Brooks 17 18 14 49. W. Hill 15 19 15 47. W. Tromp 19 26 2 47. T. A. Archard 17 28 2 47. R. G. Smith 16 14 17 47. W. Johnston 7 19 17 43.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Applications for Mining Leases Granted.—J. James and another, Jubilee G.M. Co.; A. 2r, 20p; near Poverty Point. F. Guyatt; 2a, Or. 25p; Waterloo Flat.

Mining Lease of Private Property Declared Void.—H. Gordon; 80a; parish of Woodnaggenk.

The Beaufort Co. United Common is about to be further diminished by de-quotting therefrom forty acres, more or less, of land in the parish of Eglen, being the portion for which a licence has been applied by William Callister.

SPARROW SHOOTING.

The recently formed Beaufort District Sparrow Club held its first members' sweepstake in the show grounds on Wednesday afternoon in the presence of a goodly number of sportsmen. A very lively interest was taken in the proceedings, and a first-class afternoon's sport resulted. The boundaries were fixed at 60 yds. round, the sparrows being allowed a 15yds. rise. There were nine competitors. Mr S. Boyle, of Lak's Goldsmith, proved himself the best shot, and killed six out of the seven birds allowed. He was closely followed by Mr G. Loft, who grassed five birds in good style. Messrs DeBaere, W. Hill, and W. Smith tied for third place with three birds, and in the fire off with first miss out, the prize fell to Mr W. Hill, who killed his first bird. Notwithstanding that 2s per dozen were offered for the birds a supply had to be procured from Ballarat; but as the club have made arrangements to get the sparrows locally, farmers and fruit growers should encourage the sport—a member's ticket is only 2s 6d—as it is quite evident that with a little practice an immense number of birds will be shot. A second sweepstake of 2s each was held, first miss out. Messrs W. C. Tromp, A. Tromp, and S. Boyle each shot one bird, and eventually the stakes fell to the first-named. The hon. secretary, Mr A. Parker, officiated as referee. The following are the scores:—

MEMBERS' SWEEPSTAKE.

of 2s 6d; 7 birds. S. Boyle, 0,1,1,1,1,1,1, 6. G. Loft, 1,1,1,0,0,1, 3. W. Hill, 1,0,1,0,0,0, 3. P. DeBaere, 0,0,1,1,0,0,1, 3. W. C. Tromp, 1,0,0,0,0,1, 2. J. Smith, 0,0,0,1,0,0,1, 2. T. A. Archard, 0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0. A. Wilson, 0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club was held at Maher's Farmers Arms Hotel on Thursday evening, when there were present—Messrs T. Welsh (in the chair), G. White, VanderStoep, R. Thomas, Ros, D. Maher, Sinclair (secretary), and Parker. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Sinclair tendered his resignation as secretary, stating that he could not spare the time involved in properly attending to the duties.

How was pressed on all sides to take the office for another twelve months, but replied that he had given the matter careful thought and must resign.

The secretary's resignation was then accepted with regret, on the motion of Mr Thomas, seconded by Mr White.

Mr VanderStoep proposed, and Mr Maher seconded, that Mr Parker be elected secretary and collector. Carried.

Mr Sinclair moved that the usual races be held on New Year's Day. Seconded by Mr Maher, and carried.

The same programme as last year was adopted, on the motion of Messrs VanderStoep and Thomas.

It was resolved to place the Trot before the Flying Handicap on the programme.

The following office-bearers were appointed on the motion of Messrs Sinclair and Ross:—Chairman, Mr A. Andrews; judge, Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A.; clerk of course, Mr R. Thomas; clerk of scales, Mr D. Troy; starter, Mr C. Loft; handicappers, Messrs Austin, Welsh, Andrews, Troy; treasurer, Mr A. Andrews; Mr P. Blackmore was appointed collector for Waterloo.

Mr Maher moved, and Mr White seconded, that the following gentlemen be appointed stewards:—Messrs M. Flynn, D. Maher, T. D. Martin, G. White, W. Hinchliff, W. Loft, G. Pearson, G. Topper, G. Watherspoon, J. R. Watherspoon, R. A. D. Sinclair, T. VanderStoep, D. Hayes, D. A. Ross, W. Bradshaw, G. Lewis, F. T. R., and H. B. G. Blackmore, W. Smith, B. Babington, and C. Vowles.—Carried.

Resolved that five form a quorum.

Resolved that the secretary get the same printing done as last year.

The secretary was instructed to write to the secretary of the V.R.C. and explain the condition of the club's finances with a view to finding out whether it can be run as a hurdle race or steeplechase.

It was passed to the secretary as petty cash, on the motion of Messrs Thomas and White.

Mr Welsh moved, and Mr Ross seconded, that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded Mr Sinclair for the good services which he had rendered the club during the time he had occupied the position of secretary. Carried.

The meeting then terminated.

A terrific thunderstorm, with heavy hail, passed over a portion of the mallee country to the north and west of Boort on Wednesday night, destroying many crops in its course. The aggregate area destroyed must be several thousands of acres. Some of the crops were battered down, so that it would be impossible to cut hay from them. Hail the size of walnuts fell, and in some places killed fowls.

The following unsigned circular is being distributed in Sydney:—"Destroy! Destroy! Dynamite and fire are the great destroyers of property. Once more the workers have justice. Once more has law and order triumphed. Throw up your hats, you worms, and wallow in the mire at your masters' feet; or, on the other hand, are you prepared to strike for freedom? Destroy property. This will destroy the powers of the oppressors. Destroy only the property of the rich. Fire their woolsheds; burn their granaries; fire their factories; destroy their banks; and freedom is yours. Remember Sleath and Ferguson. No more assaun."

I.O.R. CONCERT AND SOCIAL.

One of the best performances given before a Beaufort audience for a very long time was that in connection with the twenty-seventh celebration of the Progress Team, I.O.R., Beaufort, in the Societies Hall, on Friday, the 28th ult. It certainly deserved a better attendance. The entertainment opened with a glee, entitled "When evening twilight," by the Band of Hope Choir. There were about 30 voices, and under the conductorship of Mr J. Jackson, they blended most harmoniously together. The Rev. K. Jackson, who presided on the occasion, then gave an address on the drink traffic, quoting statistics as to the quantity and cost of the spirits consumed, making unfavorable comparisons between the number and in the manufacture of iron and steel, etc., and illustrating the misery and destitution caused by intoxicating liquors. Misses A. Greenwood and Troy skilfully manipulated a pianoforte duet, and were cordially received. They were equally well received in a second similar performance. Miss L. Stuart sang two solos in her well-known efficient style, and secured success for both. Her titles were—"Masquerade" and "Ora pro nobis." Mr

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1892.
Crs Russell (president),
Cameron, Murray, Beggs,

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Department of Lands and Survey, indicating that the reservation areas 22 parcels of land in the parish of Carngham, as a site for water-works, was granted on 7th ult.

From same, intimating that the Council's application to have certain land in the township of Beaufort reserved for the purpose of a recreation ground will be duly considered.—Received.

From Victorian Railways, acknowledging receipt of statement of receipts and expenditure on joint account between the department and the council for 12 months ending 30th September 1892.—Received.

From Secretary Board of Public Health, declaring diphtheritic croup a dangerous infection or contagious disease.—Received.

From same, forwarding copies of Dr. Russell's report respecting Asiatic cholera and small pox on R.M.S. boys, and requesting that one copy may be handed to the health officer for his guidance.—Received.

From Geo. Ellingsen, head teacher of the State school, notifying that Grace Hatfield was suffering from diphtheria.—Received; the secretary stated that Dr. Adam was attending the case.

From Secretary Ballarat District Benevolent Asylum, intimating that the Council's application for rations for two Chinamen at Jock's Gully had been complied with.—Received.

From Haunpleshire, asking council to agree to the expenditure of £200 for painting and repairing the Skipton bridge during the coming year, they having placed a similar sum on their estimates.—The engineer to report on the matter on the motion of Cr Murray, seconded by Cr Cameron.

From Alex. Allison, Raglan, forwarding a guarantee signed by 12 ratepayers in that township, to pay a water rate of 25s each annually, on condition that a pipe be laid by the council through the township, from which they may draw a supply of water by means of private pipes; they considered this sum sufficient to pay interest on the expenditure likely to be incurred.—Referred to next riding members.

From Senior-constable Gibson, in reference to the non-delivery of his report by the letter-carrier in time for the last council meeting, regretting the occurrence, and stating he would have the letters put into the box at the Shire office in future.—Received.

From E. W. Rose, acting-postmaster, Beaufort, stating that a letter posted by Senior-constable Gibson on the morning of the 6th ult., and addressed to the shire secretary, was overlooked by the letter carrier when going out with the first delivery, and was therefore not delivered till after the meeting of the council held that day; that he regretted the mistake had occurred, but more attention would be exercised in future.—Received.

From W. C. Trempp, secretary Beaufort Cricket Club, asking permission to make a pitch in the Beaufort Park by skimming the grass off to the roots the width of their matting, 4ft. 6in. x 60ft. long.

From G. Carver, junr., applying on behalf of the Beaufort Avenue Cricket Club for permission to make a wicket in the Park.

Cr Murray said that year after year he had taken exception to the north riding business taking up so much time. These little things should be thrashed out beforehand, and left out of the early times of the riding members' meeting to come a long distance, and in winter time it was 8 or 9 o'clock before they got home. Cr Lewis thought Cr Murray's remarks out of place. Cr Flynn also took exception to them. The councillors had been busy dealing with the tenders and finance early in the morning, and it could not be expected that Cr Bridges and Beggs would come in the night before to suit the convenience of the east riding members. Cr Murray pointed out that there was a resolution on the books to the effect that the north riding members should hold a special meeting to deal with the business. Cr Beggs thought Cr Murray was entirely wrong, as business had to come before the council before the north riding members could deal with it.

Cr Lewis moved that the applications be referred to the north riding members. Seconded by Cr Cameron and carried.

From Henry Wilcox, Chute, asking for some more rabbit-traps, as he had not sufficient for his work.—The secretary explained that N. McIntosh had had the remainder loaned for a long time, and written applications had not had any effect. He was instructed to get the traps returned and comply with the request on the motion of Cr Lewis.

From A. Parker, applying on behalf of the Beaufort Athletic Club, for the use of and right to charge admission to the Beaufort Park on Boxing Day, when a sports gathering is to be held.—Granted on the usual conditions on the motion of Cr Flynn, seconded by Cr Beggs.

From Matthew White and party, applying for permission to sink a shaft in the Beaufort Recreation Reserve, near the pound fence.—Cr Flynn moved, and Cr Murray seconded, that the letter lie on the table for a month, and that applicant be asked to furnish a plan. Carried.

From R. Humphreys, Beaufort, drawing attention to the lad supply of water he receives, owing to his residence being at the end of the southern supply

of the township, and asking to be supplied from the main which supplies the Recreation Reserve.—Referred to north riding members.

From Francis Craig, Snake Valley, asking that the surfacemen be instructed to level the approach on the main Snake Valley road, leading to his stables, and immediately opposite the police reserve; also asking permission to have the water laid on from the main pipe to his premises.—Referred to east riding members.

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 3s 7d; oats, 2s 1d for stout, 1s 11d; peas, 3s 1d; barley, 3s 3d to 3s 8d; hay, prime chaffing, L2 10s to L2 15s; medium, to L2 10s; L2 7s 6d; manger, hay, to L2 15s; straw, L1 10s to L1 15s; bran, 9d; pollard, 10d to 10s 4d; flour, roller, L2 15s to L2 20s; stone, L2 to L2 5s; potatoes, L2 10s to L2 15s.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 3s 3d; flour, stone-made, L2 12s 6d; roller-made, L2 5s 6d; cats, 1s 10d; pollard, 10d; bran, 9d; Cape barley, 2s 3d; rye, 4s 6d; potatoes, Warrnambool, L3 8s; hay, sheaves, L2 2s 6d; hay, trussed, none; straw, 25s; chaff, 3s 9d per cwt.; onions, 7s per cwt.; carrots, 3s per cwt.; butter, fresh, 7d; butter, pot, none; hams, 9d; bacon, 8d; cheese, 7d; eggs, 6d.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Fat Cattle—388 head were penned for today's sale, nearly one-half consisting of good and prime quality, remainder ranging from inferior to useful. There was an average attendance of the trade, still competition was hardly as active as the previous week, prices throughout ruling easier. Quotations—Prime pen bullocks, L10 to L11 5s; good do, L8 to L9; medium, L6 to L7. Store cattle—45 yarded, all of which were disposed of at satisfactory rates. Fat Calves—55 penned, a fair proportion being good and prime, for which there was a good demand, best selling to 80s. Fat Sheep—642 was the supply forward for today's sale a fair proportion being good and prime, balance chiefly medium. There was a large attendance of the trade and graziers, consequently competition throughout was animated although last week's extreme rates were not maintained. Quotations—Prime crossbred wethers, 12s to 13s 3d; good do, 10s to 11s; prime crossbred ewes, 8s 6d to 9s 6d, a few to 12s 6d; good do, 7s to 8s; prime merino wethers, 3s 6d to 10s 7d; good do, 3s to 9s; medium do, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; merino ewes to 6s 9d. Store sheep—381 yarded, which met with an improved demand, all being cleared at fair rates. Lambs—3170 to hand, a very small number being good and prime. Best descriptions were in request at earlier rates, whilst with the assistance of graziers, other qualities were disposed at a slight increase on former rates. Quotations—Prime, 8s to 9s; good, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; medium, 6s to 6s 6d; inferior from 3s 6d.

MELBOURNE GRAIN AND DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

Wednesday.

Wheat is in fair request, with sales up to 3s 8d for prime milling; medium, 3s 7d to 3s 7d; family, 3s 3d to 3s 5d per bushel. Oats remain about last week's prices, with a moderate demand. Quotations are:—Bright stout milling, 2s 2 1/2d to 2s 3d; medium stout (feeling), 2s 1d to 2s 1 1/2d; Tartarian, 2s; Algerians, 1s 10d to 2s 1 1/2d; white feed sorts, 1s 10d to 1s 11d. Barley—This market is dull, and no business of any importance has been transacted. Nominal quotations are:—Prime malting, 3s to 3s 3d; medium, 2s 9d to 2s 11d; thin sorts, 2s 2d to 2s 6d; Cape, barley, 2s 4d. Maize—Sales have been at 2s 8 1/2d for the inferior, 2s 5d to 2s 6d per bushel. Peas—The demand is very limited up to 3s per bushel.

GEELONG WOOL SALES.

4th November.

Messrs Denny, Lascelles, Austin and Company, report—We held our third sale of the season to-day, submitting a catalogue of 3565 bales of wool—the first representative show of Western district wool submitted this season. There was a large attendance of buyers, and competition throughout was very brisk. Inferior and medium wool ruled at a shade higher than last week, whilst the superior fleece maintained last week's improved rates, all the best lots going to America. Our top price was 12 3/4d for 28 bales super-combing merino, 34 bales realising 12 1/2d. Both of these lots were well grown and showy. In crossbreds, 4 bales went to 12 1/4d. In all we sold 9150.

GEELONG WEEKLY MARKET.

4th November.

Wool.—We held our third sale of the season to-day, when we submitted a catalogue of 1151 bales. There was a very large attendance of buyers present, and competition throughout the sale was exceedingly animated, prices for all descriptions being very firm. We offered some very superior wools, including Messrs Pickford Bros' combing fleece marked W P over Bannockburn, which realised 12 1/2d per lb; the merino of the same brand, bringing 11 1/2d. In cold-water washed wools we sold combing 12 1/2d, and X bred 11 1/2d; and in scouring wools we sold 1st combing fleece 13d, and merino combing 12 1/2d. Sheepskins.—A full number of buyers and keen competition enabled us to effect a clearance of an extra large supply at satisfactory prices. We quote—Butchers' fresh killed skins, country to medium, 20d to 25d each; good to superior, 36d to 48d each; and a few higher. Country and station skins—short, 1d to 2d per pound; medium, 2 1/2d to 2 3/4d per pound; good to superior, 4d to 4 1/2d per pound; extra 5d, Lamb skins, 2d to 3 1/2d per pound. Hides.—Exceedingly dull, and sales hard to make. We quote—Pickled, 1 1/2d to 1 3/4d per pound; good conditioned salted, 1 1/2d to 1 3/4d per pound; other sorts, 1 1/2d to 1 3/4d per pound. Kip, 1 1/2d to 1 3/4d per pound. Calf, to 2 1/2d per pound. Tallow.—A good demand at unchanged prices.

Beaufort Business Directory.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF SPRING GOODS NOW OPENED.

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DR. ADAM,

M.B., C.M., May in future be Consulted at his Private Residence (lately occupied by Dr. Crocker), also when necessary at his Consulting Room, near Mr. Andrews, Chemist.

Messages left with Mr. Andrews conveyed by telephone.

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The Broken Hill Miners' Strike has at last come to a termination. It lasted exactly 18 weeks, over 5000 men on the 3rd July having decided to go out on strike, and during the whole of that period the hitherto commercially busy town of Broken Hill has been plunged into a condition of business inactivity and into a talking pandemonium. The strike was unquestionably caused by the mine-owners. As our readers will remember the miners were given one month's notice of intention on the part of the mine-owners to cause the cessation of operations of the provisions of the agreements entered into between the parties in 1889 and 1890. This action at once raised the ire of the miners, and they asked that a conference should be held to fully consider these agreements. This proposal the mine-owners peremptorily refused to entertain and announced their intention of adhering to the decision they had arrived at. This attitude caused the miners to go out on strike. On Sunday, the 3rd day of July, this ultimatum was made known, and on the following day the activity of Broken Hill had ceased. From that time down to the present a feud, exceeding in bitterness anything previously experienced in this colony, has been waged between the two interested parties. The miners of Broken Hill stolidly adhered to their determination not to accept the conditions of work proposed by the mine-owners, and fought strenuously for the difference to be settled by means of a conference. The mine-owners declined to entertain any such proposal, claiming the right to work the mines in whatever manner they, in their wisdom, thought fit. Upon them devolved the necessity of working the mines to the best possible commercial advantage, and they could not brook any interference smacking of dictation on the part of the wage-earners. The capital and labor war continued until the antagonism reached a condition of warmth that necessitated a posse of warmth being taken to Broken Hill for the purpose of these guardians of the peace uniformed and ununiformed in flamed minds and spirits of those engaged must be familiar to everyone. Women paraded the streets in bodies, and deported themselves like veritable hyenas. They showed greater pug-nacity than the men, and exhibited how, under certain conditions, the name generally applied to them of the "gentler sex" is a misnomer! Then followed the prosecution of the strike leaders, their conviction for conspiracy, and the subsequent sentencing to various terms of imprisonment. In the verdict of the jury we heartily concur. It is certainly high time that men should be brought to a stop that they cannot combine to put a stop to the wheels of progress, in principle of all proportion to the enormity of the offence for which they were convicted. We predict that when the two years' incarceration—should no commutation of that excessive sentence be ordered—has come to an end, Messrs. Smith and Ferguson will be exalted to the eminence of labour martyrs. They will, if the labor party throughout Australia are true to their professions, receive an ovation on emerging from the doors of the Daniquin goal, such as has never previously been accorded any labour leader in any part of the world. Their entry into the New South Wales Parliament will be quite easy of accomplishment. The excessiveness of the sentences has most decidedly helped forward rather than retarded the labour movement's onward march. We are fully aware that the mine-owners, or those who have been in antagonism to the miners throughout this strike, are in no way responsible for the heavy sentences passed upon these leaders. To the caprices of the judge the responsibility must be attributed. The fact, however, is not in the least bit likely to weigh in the turning of this trial to practical account by the labor party. We are not, however,

concerned at present in the task of predicting what will be the ultimate gain or loss of either party, as arising out of this unfortunate strike. Our more immediate purpose is to express gratulation that it has terminated. The capitalists have certainly gained the victory, but at what an enormous cost. The heavy loss incurred by this strike, while falling with the greatest force upon the shoulders of the capitalists interested in the Broken Hill mines, has fallen heavily upon all Australia. The cessation of operations of such wealth-producing mines as exist at Broken Hill cannot take place, for never such a short period, without inflicting loss and injury upon some members of the community. Figures have been published which will give some idea of the extent of the injury sustained by some one. The receipts at the Broken Hill Customs for the quarter ending just prior to the commencement of the strike were £37,052, while those for the period ending 10th September, the strike being in progress all through that period, were £16,333. Here is a terrible falling off, and a roughly estimated loss of over £20,000 has been experienced. The loss to the colony of South Australia has been enormous, and this strike must certainly be held accountable for it. The exports of that colony prior to the strike were £273,494, and for the following quarter, and during the continuance of the strike, £127,488—or a falling off of £246,000. The exports from Broken Hill were £894,109, and during the strike £141,089, showing a falling off in the mineral exportation from that centre amounting to a sum of £753,020. These figures clearly demonstrate what a great loss has been sustained all round the country. Surely with these facts staring us in the face, everyone must feel thankful that the strike has come to a termination. The labor party will no doubt have learned the lesson that a warfare such as they have been waging is not by any means the best way of obtaining rightful recognition of their claims. We trust it will be a long time before a strike of either small or great magnitude again occurs to disturb the progress of Australia.

A PARLIAMENTARY trip has been made to the mallee, and the party during their trip will doubtless be well coached up in the advantages that the subdividing and selling of the mallee possess over the allotting of it to applicants by the Land Boards. The composition of the party is largely Trades-hall members, who should know something about landed property, although they may never have come within touch of the mallee, being conspicuous by their absence. To our thinking the hurry-scurry trip through the mallee is simply what Mr. McIntyre, in his blunt manner, when the matter was mooted in the House, called an absolute farce. Not one iota of practical good will come from it. To those who favor the subdividing of the mallee, and the granting of permission to sell it in small blocks, it may prove advantageous. Some members of mallee constituencies have strongly assisted the Ministry to pass their Trades-hall tariff through the House. It is only natural that they should look for some reward. Here comes an opportunity for the Trades-hall representatives to show their appreciation of these acts. Members of parliament cannot ignore the interests of their constituents in the manner many country members have done without gaining for them what the constituents may deem an equivalent, or more than an equivalent, for the heavy tariff burdens they will have to bear. Now comes the turn of the members for the mallee; speculators. In return for the assistance we rendered you in obtaining all you wanted in the shape of protection for the industries over which the Trades-hall casts a protecting wing, we want you to cast your vote in favor of allowing the cutting up and subdividing of the mallee to go on. The arrangement would be an exceedingly nice one, and easy to give effect to. Prior to gaining any knowledge of the mallee the Trades-hall members would be sorely best to give a reason why they should cast their votes in any particular direction. Having visited the mallee and held converse with those who work it, they will feel themselves competent to discourse as glibly about the mallee as they do about the languishing industries around Melbourne. It is of no consequence that they should have been primed with the views held by the advocates for sub-division and sale. That is precisely what their tutors aimed at accomplishing. Their votes are secured, and then the Crown lands of the colony can be made the medium of a speculation that will rival in its intensity the land boom in Melbourne. People are fond of saying that by looking up the mallee the progress of the colony is being retarded. Allowing that that is the case, the present injury will be small indeed in comparison to what will result in 10 or 12 years' time, when the land should revert to the State. We say, let the Government resume the land, and then allow selection to take place. The undertaking may be a costly one, but it will be a flea-bite in comparison to what will have to be paid when the State again seeks to assume proprietorship of the mallee lands. The mallee speculators of the Lascelles stamp are seeking to obscure the true condition of matters by wailing forth the cry that the wheels of progress are being blocked, and that the opening up of the colony is being impeded, by preventing them from cutting up and subdividing the allotments they hold. Better far that such should be the case than that the lands, which promise to be the great wheat-producing areas of Victoria,

should be larted away and made the instrument of speculation. If people are to grow rich from the mallee, let it be by means of the cultivation they engage in, and not by speculation. The fate of all measures seem now to be decided in caucus, and the little rolling and caucusing which has probably taken place during this mallee trip may cause irremediable harm to this done the colony in regard to this mallee question. It is a thousand pities that the matter cannot be threshed out openly and candidly in Parliament. There are so many little axes to grind, however, that we fear such a state of affairs will never come about—not at any rate during the life of the present Ministry.

Local and General News.

The rainfall at Beaufort for the year ending 31st October last amounted to 27 inches 29 points.

The secretary of the Beaufort United Common intimates, in our advertising columns, that if arrears of fees for depositing writs on the common are not paid forthwith, legal proceedings will be taken for recovery of same without further notice.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club is announced to be held at the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening next.

We are pleased to hear that Iredele and party obtained 40z 5dwts of gold from three sets of dirt last week at their claim on Poverty Point.

Save money by sending to Lincoln, Stuart & Co. Ltd., Flinders-st., Melbourne, the largest tailoring establishment in the city. A genuine all-wool suit to measure, 42s. Ask for their book on the "Theory of Dress," and you will receive, also patterns and instructions for self-measurement. (Adv't)

The yields of gold obtained by the various co-operative parties, on Saturday and Monday last (writes our Waterloo correspondent) were—Lucky Company, 100z 8dwts; Stevens and party, 12z; Vale and party, 60z 16dwts; Carland and party, 40z 16dwts; Trompf and party, 40z 16dwts; Kennedy and party, 20z 16dwts; Robinson and party, 20z 16dwts; Baxters and party, 20z; Fifth and party, 10z 16dwts; Martin and party, 10z 16dwts; Hamman and party, 10z 16dwts; and the "Priority License" system. The Lucky Company and Vale and party's shafts were flooded on Monday afternoon, owing to their ground subsiding and letting down their creek.

The denudation of State forests in the vicinity of Ballarat, Scarsdale, Carrington, and Linton has given rise to an enquiry, by Mr. L. H. Harris, Secretary for Mines, who recently visited the districts in question, with the view of making a recommendation on the subject to the Ministerial head of the department. Mr. Howitt was struck with the fact that a large quantity of young timber had been destroyed, especially in the Scarsdale forest, under which is known as the "priority license" system. He was interviewed by a number of the residents interested in the timber trade, who suggested that the old system should be reverted to, under which a person holding a license could cut timber wherever he liked, and was not bound to cut in blocks, cutting not to be allowed, as it would inevitably lead to the destruction of young timber, and he has therefore (says the "Age") recommended the Minister to apply the block system to the forests in question, under which timber can only be cut under the personal supervision of a forester.

About four a.m. on Saturday last a very heavy thunderstorm broke over the town, and for over two hours the rain poured down in torrents, and one inch 70 points were registered. The old creek running through the northern portion of the township overflowed, and Mr. Ord had a number of cows washed away. His house was surrounded by water, but the flood did not quite reach the floors. Some slight damage was done to the roads throughout the shire. At Trawalla and Waterloo the downpour was also very heavy, in the latter place especially. A dam made by the miners at the Swamp to conserve water for the summer, burst, and caused considerable inconvenience to several residents in the neighborhood.

The committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute met on Thursday evening, there being present—Messrs. A. Andrews (president), Dungey (hon. sec.), D. Cameron, J. Jackson, W. C. Podder, J. W. Harris, Welsh, Engles, and Parker. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A circular was read from the Under-Secretary, giving instructions as to how the grant-in-aid must be spent, 10 per cent. being devoted to building, 80 per cent. to the purchase of books, and 20 per cent. to maintenance and salary; and that if it is desired to spend it in any other way, application for permission to do so must be made. The secretary having stated that he would have to apply for 45 per cent. in addition to the 20 per cent. allowed for maintenance and salaries, as was done last year, Mr. Hughes moved to this effect. The secretary having stated that the books which were only obtainable with paper covers could be re-bound in half roan at 1s 9d each, he was empowered to get books bound in half roan when they are not bound in cloth. The following accounts were passed for payment on the debit side—Mr. Wilson asked the committee to make him an allowance, in his contract for removing trees and cutting them into firewood had not paid. It was pointed out that if the request were complied with an injustice would be done to the other contractors. No action was taken, a motion by Mr. Jackson, that 12s be allowed to him, was made. It was less than the next lowest tender, lapsing for want of a seconder. The meeting closed with avote of thanks to the chair.

A meeting of the Beaufort District Sparrow Club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening. Present—Messrs. Archibald (president), G. L. Boyle, and Parker. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The secretary intimated that the club had £3 2s to its credit in the bank, and that Captain Bridges, R.N., had kindly given him a donation of 5s. Accounts amounting to £2 1s 3d were passed for payment. It was resolved to hold a hen party on the 23rd inst. A number of birds to be arranged on the pound. Messrs. Archibald and Parker were appointed handicappers, on the motion of Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Loft. The secretary was instructed to try and obtain a supply of sparrows locally, as the price terminated.

Acting-guard Michael Ryan, who was in charge of the goods train recently at Beaufort when three trucks broke away and were afterwards run into and smashed, has been dismissed. He intends to appeal against the decision.

The Hon. W. A. Zeal has been elected President of the Legislative Council of Victoria, in the room of Sir James McEwin, deceased. The Hon. H. Cuthbert will probably succeed Mr. Zeal as leader of the Government in the Upper House.

The secretary of the Beaufort District Jockey Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a donation of £1 1s from Mr. Geo. Lewis, Stoneleigh, towards the New Year's Day races.

Mr. Grover Cleveland, the Democratic candidate, has been elected President of the United States by a large majority. "The Australian ballot," which was adopted in 35 states, proved a success. The election of Mr. Cleveland is very popular in commercial circles in England, and it is expected that it will lead to an early modification of the McKinley tariff. During the elections a tragic incident occurred in Anderson county, South Carolina, where four Democrats were killed by a Republican supervisor (scurriner).

Captain Bridges, R.N., of Trawalla, appears to delight in performing deeds of kindness by which the State School children of the district reap the benefit. Every now and again we hear of the scholars of this or that school being the recipients of his generosity; and now the girls attending the Beaufort State school have reason to be grateful to that gentleman for the erection of a first-class swing in the school-grounds. We understand that Captain Bridges also intends to provide a sea-bath for the boys.

On Monday morning at about six o'clock, two lads while fishing at Lake Wendouree, observed lying on the bank a man and woman in an unconscious condition, the former having a bullet wound near the top of his head, while the woman had been shot in the right ear as well as in the centre of the forehead. The injured couple were taken to the hospital by Constable Stallard, the woman being in a critical condition, but the man apparently not hurt seriously. The woman, on regaining consciousness, stated that her name was Lavina Harding, 25 years of age, and that she was the wife of a butcher residing at Toobrac in the North-Eastern district, also that her companion's name was James J. Johnson, 23 years of age, stonemason of Collingwood. It appears that Johnson and Mrs. Harding (whose maiden name was Price) had been acquainted for about three years, and that Mrs. Harding had only married Harding recently. After her marriage she corresponded frequently with Johnson, the result being that she left her husband last week and came to Ballarat with Johnson on Wednesday last, the pair taking apartments at the Royal George hotel, Lydiard street, as man and wife. On Sunday evening they walked out to Lake Wendouree, and nothing more was seen of them until found as described. The woman's statement is that after some conversation Johnson took a revolver from his pocket, shot himself and fell to the ground. Supposing that he was dead she took the revolver and shot herself first in the ear and afterwards in the forehead. Mrs. Harding, whose dying depositions have been taken, still lives. Her mother and husband have visited her at the hospital. Harding says he treated his wife well, and was very fond of her, but she did not return his affection.

There were 10,000 people present at Melbourne Bicycle sports on Wednesday. The Austral Wheel Race, of two miles. The principal event of the day, and the biggest prize offered in the world for cycles (£200), was won for the second time by H. H. Lambton, in the shortest time recorded for this annual event. Herman fell and five others came to grief over him. The time was 5 minutes 29 1/2 seconds.

A horrible occurrence is reported from Cranbourne. Last week a little child daughter of Mr. Jenies, while on a visit to its grandfather, Mr. Hall, was attacked by a dog, who bit its arm, and having once tasted blood commenced to tear the child to pieces, biting pieces out of its cheeks and eating the flesh. Mr. Hall rushed up as quickly as possible and with an axe despatched the dog. The child was at once attended to by Dr. Howard, who was a half an hour stitching up the wounds.

Over £20,000 of the Tattersall's sweep money comes to Victoria, winners in this colony being—Miss Wright, of Richmond, £1,800; J. Fulton, Government Printing Office, £2,700; S. Foy, Ballarat, £1,800; Harris and Loch, Fitzroy, £9,000; A. Woodhead, North Melbourne, £1,800; Mrs. Flannery, Bendigo, £2,700; G. Moody, West Melbourne, £1,800; Miss Abbot, Boonah, £792.

SHEEP-SHEARING BY MACHINE AT TRAWALLA STATION.

Taking advantage of the half-holiday on the Prince of Wales' Birthday, we paid a visit to the Trawalla woolsheds, the property of Captain Bridges, R.N., to note the progress being made this season with the Wolsley sheep-shearing machines, and as the inspection was in every respect a most pleasurable one, the few ideas which we were able to glean in connection with the character of the work performed to our readers. At this period of the year the country is seen at its best, and as one bows along the fine macadamised roads which Riponshire is particularly blessed, and Nature's lovely panorama unfolds before one's admiring gaze in all its majestic grandeur, one's thoughts are apt to wander into ethereal themes, and the noise of the corded cars, worries and vexations of life disappear, the peaceful surroundings and the picturesque scenes of rich pasturage and wooded dells conveying to the mind an indescribable sense of delight and happiness. But to refrain from poetising and to return to the matter of fact subject of this notice, in due time the woolshed is reached and acquaintance renewed with the genial and obliging manager, Mr. Todd, whose first care is to provide refreshment for the inner man. A healthy individual invariably thinks this the proper sort of treatment after a long drive in a balmy atmosphere, and appreciates the kind consideration which prompts it accordingly. By the time the shed is again reached, the men are also partaking of refreshments, and it affords Mr. Todd the opportunity of giving us an insight into the constructive parts of the machines. We cannot do better at this stage than to advise those interested in the very important industry of wool-growing who have not as yet seen the machines at work, to take an early opportunity of doing so, for we can safely guarantee that under Mr. Todd's charge they will be amply repaid by the knowledge gained. A person's impression can be far better appreciated than the perusal of a description of the work done. But for the benefit of those who are unable to inspect for themselves, we will briefly attempt to describe the *modus operandi* of a 7 h.p. portable engine, working in an engine-house at the end of the woolshed, gives motion to a line of shafting running the whole length of the building, with a shorter line of shafting running parallel thereto, where the floor is double. At regular intervals on these shaftings are fixed large wheels with vertical bevelled friction faces, which drive small leather friction bevelled wheels fixed on a hinged bracket, and can be instantly thrown out of gear by a spring lever. To a boss on this bracket, which revolves the leather friction wheel spindle, is affixed a flexible tube 6 1/2 ft. long, made of spiral steel wire and covered by canvas, and having a universal joint about 15 in. from the bottom end. Within this tube works a flexible spindle in the shape of a core made of sheep-wool. One end is attached to the spindle of the small friction wheel by a cast-steel hook; the other end gears the shearing machine by means of a bayonet joint, giving a revolving motion to a spindle running the length of the machine, and having a universal joint near the connecting end, and a crank, or eccentric, with friction ball on the extreme end, which operates on the centre of a lever fork fulcrumed at the end next the handle, the other end being made to carry a three blades cutter, which travels across the teeth of the steel comb by a reciprocating motion, both having cutting edges, and giving about six thousand cuts per minute per tooth. They are sharpened by patent machinery, in the shape of laps or discs, having somewhat convex faces on which are used every cloth, a fine one being used for the cutters a much rougher one for the combs. The cutter resemble a small three-pronged fork and with the exception that the prongs are wider. The cost of the machine is very soon repaid by the increased clip obtained.

As stated above the machines have been in use at Trawalla for three years, and the experience thus gained amply shows their vast superiority over the old hand system. Of course they are troublesome at first, but when once the shearers master them, the evenness of the clip and the immense difference in the length of staple stem them as an invention of the utmost importance to sheepbreeders. Capital work is being done this year, and it is really a pleasure to see how splendidly and expeditiously the shearing is accomplished. There is a total absence of that "second cut," which even the best shearers are unable to avoid, especially in going over the back of the sheep, and which naturally reduces the market value of the prime portions of the wool. The insignificant cuts made in the animals themselves is also a very prominent feature in comparison with the backing inflicted on the sheep under the old system. The argument so often applied by detractors of the machines, that the close clipping effected retards the growth of wool, seems to be a very fallacious one, for at Trawalla it has been quite the contrary. As a matter of fact the sheep shorn a month ago are now covered with fully half an inch of wool; and it was proved beyond a doubt during the second year that the machines were in use that the clip had very largely increased. This season's clip is also a very fine one. There are a few days still to go, but it is confidently estimated that from 30,000 sheep no less than 650 bales of wool will be obtained. The season, however, is an unusually favorable one. Then, again, there is considerably less of the lower-priced wool. As regards the shearers, the tallies are good, averaging within a fraction of 100 per man per

LAWN TENNIS.

A most enjoyable Tennis Match was played on the Beaufort court on the Prince of Wales' Birthday between the Ballarat City and Beaufort Clubs, which resulted in an easy win for Beaufort.

The Ballarat ladies made a very fair show, as they were only beaten by nine games, and the Ladies "weren't in it" from being beaten by more than six games. The Beaufort ladies accompanied by a number of gentlemen arrived by the 11.15 train and were met by the President of the Beaufort club (Mr. Hughes), Mr. Stoddart, the secretary (Mr. B. F. ...), and were then taken to the Hotel to change for the match. At that they proceeded to the court, an exceedingly nice luncheon was prepared for them; indeed, the club are due to the issue, and generously supplied the visitors with a programme of dancing, singing, and a rest they proceeded to the Ladies' Hall, and wound up a very successful day by an equally pleasant programme of dancing, singing, and time to leave by the last train for Ballarat. The Beaufort Tennis desire to thank Messrs J. B. W. Stoddart and Co. for the loan of the ware, glasses &c. Appended are scores:— Ladies—Miss Harris and Miss McKeloh (Beaufort) beat Miss M. and Miss McLaren (Ballarat) 6-1, 6-0, and 6-1. Miss McDonald (Ballarat) beat Miss M. and Miss McKeloh (Beaufort) 6-0, 6-1, and 6-0. Miss McLaren (Ballarat) beat Miss M. and Miss McKeloh (Beaufort) 6-2, and beat Miss Todd (Beaufort) 6-0, 6-1, and 6-0. Gentlemen—Dr. Adams and McKeloh (Beaufort) beat Mr. Stoddart and Mr. Clark (Ballarat) 6-4, 6-3, and beat Mr. Kerr and Mr. Neelham (Ballarat) 6-5, 6-4, and 6-3. Total games 135; Ballarat, 61; Beaufort, 74.

MAIN LEAD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

The anniversary services in connection with the Main Lead strike were held on Sunday last, and were excellent discourses were given by crowded congregations—first, by the Rev. R. Hosken, at 11.15 a.m., and evening by Mr. A. H. ... The annual Sunday School conference place on Monday on the Ground. Everybody thoroughly enjoy themselves, especially the children, for with a tug-of-war were going on such occasions. Mr. ... (the catering in his well-furnished factory style, and the ... so bountifully ... greatly appreciated, and the children and the 153 ... of the Rev. R. Hosken, ... singing and reciting of ... of a most creditable ... especially as they had ... for preparation. Messrs ... were accorded to Mr. ... George, and Rev. ... tables; to Miss George ... for collecting; to Miss ... for presiding at the ... in a manner; to Mr. ... make the anniversary ... Messrs John and Mr. ... children; and to Mr. ... concluding the ... very grateful for the ... M.L.A., and ... respectively. This ... successful services ... Main Lead, or 12s more than the

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He has resolved to REDUCE the subscription to the "ADVOCATE" (with which is published a 14-column supplement containing well-selected reading matter) to 2s 9d per quarter, and trusts that this concession will be largely taken advantage of.

The Advertising Rates have also been considerably reduced, and advertisers will find it to their benefit to avail themselves of the columns of the "Riponshire Advocate," which is the only newspaper that is printed and published within the boundaries of the Shire. As the action of the interests and the welfare of this district, it has a claim for a considerable amount of support, and has a greater scope for extended usefulness than any other journal or journals within a given radius of Beaufort.

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 3s 7d; oats, 2s 1d for stout, 1s 11d; peas, 3s; barley, 3s to 3s 8d; hay, prime chaffing, 12 10s to 12 12s 6d; medium, 12 6s to 12 7s 6d; mangrove, 12 10s to 12 11s; straw, 11 10s to 11 15s; bran, 9s; pollard, 10d to 10 1/2d; flour, roller, 18 10s to 18 15s; stone, 18s; potatoes, 12 to 13 1/2s.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 3s 3d; oats, 2s; rye, 4s 6d; potatoes, Warrnambool, 13 10s to 13 12s; hay, sheaves, 13 5s; hay, trussed, none; straw, 25s; chaff, 6s; carrots, 3s per cwt.; butter, fresh, 7d; butter, packed, none; ham, 11d; bacon, 8d; cheese, 7d; eggs, 7d.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday. Fat Cattle—429 head, being a much larger supply than usual, were penned for to-day's sale, the greater portion consisting of good and some choice material.

(cont.) over Rupanyup (from Wimmer) fat merino hoggets at 8 1/2d, and last merino at 6 1/2d. Fat in demand (from Donald) at 6 1/2d, and 1st merino at 6 1/2d, 2nd merino at 5 1/2d, and 3rd at 4 1/2d. Wednesday, November 16th. Sheepskins—Wool offered a good supply to full attendance of local followings and shipping buyers, and sold all as follows—Butchers' fresh killed skins, small to medium 21d to 20d each, good to superior 36d to 48d each, extra higher. Country and station skins, 1st to 2d per pound, medium 24d to 34d per pound, good to superior, 41d to 44d per pound, extra to 53d per pound. Lambskins, 2d to 3 1/2d per pound. Hides—Extremely quiet. We cleared a full supply as follows—Picked Heavies to 24 per pound, good conditioned 14d to 14 1/2d per pound, other sorts 14d to 14 1/2d per pound. Kip 1 1/2d to 1 1/4d per pound to 2 1/4d per pound. Tallow—We have cleared some good hands, and shipping orders at full prices, and our best weekly supply of oddments and country mixed parcels at current rates.

Friday, 18th November. Messrs Denny, Luce, Austin and Co. catalogued an attractive and usually large collection. In merino wools choice hands' were again headed the list, selling up to 13 1/2d for Greenacres, 13 1/2d for Carr's Plains Lambs. Fleeces sold up to 124 for Victoria Valley, a light conditioned, long, sound, silky wool. Other sales were—Greasy—30 to 35 per lb, Wiskie, 28 of 1st, coming at 11s; Austin over Elyer, Wooding, 8 of A and B at 10 1/2d, 12 at 8 1/2d. Noorndoo, Dunkeld, 39 of super cons. at 10 1/2d, 10 of A and B at 8 1/2d, 22 of broken fleeces at 7 1/2d, 13 of 1st pes at 6 1/2d, 19 of bellies at 6 1/2d, 1MP over Nerrin Nerrin, Strathgairn, 19 of 1st lambs at 10 1/2d, 7 of 1st at 9 1/2d, 16 of fleeces at 9 1/2d, 14 of fleeces at 8 1/2d, 16 of 1st pes at 7 1/2d. Austin over Boryallcocks, 25 of A, B, and C at 8 1/2d, 11 of A per at 7 1/2d. Greasy crossbred—Eyreuk, Mortlake, 19 of 1st lambs 12 1/2d; Goutuk, Camperdown, 16 of crossbred at 11 1/2d, 5 of A at 11 1/2d, 14 of C at 12 1/2d; P Bros over Werrook, 22 of comeback at 8 1/2d.

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THE SHIPMENT OF SPRING GOODS NOW OPENED. J. McKELOCH, Direct Importer, NEILL-STREET, BEAUFORT. M. SMITH & SON, FAMILY BUTCHERS, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT. D. MASON, NEWS AGENT AND STATIONER, Opposite Post Office.

MELBOURNE GRAIN AND DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

Wednesday. Wheat.—The market is weaker, fair milling selling at 3s 6d to 3s 8d; inferior and faulty at 3s 4d to 3s 5d per bushel. Oats.—This market remains unaltered, quotations being—Algerian, 2s 9d to 1s 11d; light to fair average, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; heavy, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; 2nd quality, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; 3rd quality, 1s 7d to 1s 8d; 4th quality, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; 5th quality, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; 6th quality, 1s 4d to 1s 5d; 7th quality, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; 8th quality, 1s 2d to 1s 3d; 9th quality, 1s 1d to 1s 2d; 10th quality, 1s to 1s 1d.

FURNITURE DEALERS AND IRONMONGERS.

BEAUFORT AND GEORGE. GEORGE LOFT, BOOT AND SHOEMAKER, Willoughby Street, near Shire Hall, BEAUFORT. GRAND SPRING SHOW, NEW GOODS NOW OPENING. G. H. COUGLE, Direct Importer, BEAUFORT. H. GILLOCH, FAMILY BUTCHER, NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

DR. ADAM, M.B., C.M.

May in future be consulted at his Private Residence (lately occupied by Dr. Crocker); also when necessary at his Consulting Room, next Mr. Andrews' Chemist. Messages left with Mr. Andrews conveyed by telephone.

THE Riponshire Advocate

Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1892. Ours atmosphere is clouded with financial scandals at present, more than enough to cause misgiving or rust in our crops which 'Heaven forefend.' Our country's morality—we begin to doubt if there is such a thing—has been most severely impugned, not only in Victoria, but in the opinion of the English capitalists, by the recent scandals connected with many institutions in Melbourne; and by none more than the Mercantile Bank, which had for its directors men occupying high social, and some the highest political, positions in the State. On the faith of their names, as being above suspicion, persons bought shares, made their deposits, and all went merry as a marriage bell, until the fact of certain indignant shareholders and depositors in England and Victoria went to know what has become of £800,000 odd, and no one knows! The chairman of directors and another said, at the Achaean meeting on 6th October, 'they trusted the manager'; and the manager (Millidge), as we gather from the London cables, retorts, saying that he protested against certain courses, etc., etc. The old story of the pot and kettle, and of course *les absents ont toujours tort*, and who is to discriminate? Enough that over three-quarters of a million have disappeared, and the luckless shareholders are being

forced to pay calls, with the object of relieving equally unfortunate depositors, who, even when shareholders are exhausted, will not be paid in full. What has become of the money? The deposits by English and Scottish investors were gold, not paper. Where is it? Riskless advances were doubtless made, but can they account for it? And if they do, then those who so grossly mismanaged a business as to bring its shareholders to ruin ought to give an account of themselves. It used to be our boast, or an English tradition, that one law sufficed for rich and poor alike; but now, if a hungry wretch steals a loaf, he is promptly sent to the gaol—but let a syndicate (magic name, which implies wealth and hence respectability) 'fiddle' some millions, and they are envied. Byron said, apropos of Napoleon—'One murder makes a villain—millions a hero.'

And Shakespeare, in referring to the pandering to vice in high places in his time, thus said, and the sharp lance of justice wounds breaks. Clothe it in rags, a pigmy straw doth pierce it. It is our morality so low in the 19th as in the 17th century! It looks like it! But it is remembered that the notorious Tammany ring in America, the recent Canadian scandals, where Ministers of the Crown were implicated, and not later than last week, when Abigail, an ex-Minister of the Crown in New South Wales, and McManara were respectively sentenced to five and seven years imprisonment for issuing a false balance-sheet, are some vindications of honesty, but not of Victorian honesty. No wonder that English capitalists regard with grave suspicion our loans, either for public or honest mining enterprise! A thorough investigation of all the affairs of this bank by the Supreme Court is imperative in honor of the country, and the fact that shareholders are so ruined—to vindicate not this alone, but the public honor of the country—demands the more particularly for reasons which are patent, but which we do not now comment on, but the development of which will be anxiously awaited.

Local and General News.

The third competition for 'The Austin Trophies' takes place on the Beaufort Rifle Club's day (Saturday) and Wednesday afternoon. The first eleven of the Ballarat Cricket Club have challenged 13 of the local players to a friendly match in the Beaufort Park on Saturday, 10th prox. We understand it is to be accepted. The local senior and junior cricket clubs will return match in the Park next Wednesday afternoon. A match has also been arranged with the Ararat Union Club for Wednesday, 7th prox., at Beaufort. The secretary of the Beaufort Cricket Club wishes to thank Dr. Adam for presentation of £2 2s as a trophy for the best all-round player during the season. A meeting of the Beaufort Cricket Club is announced for Monday evening next at the Mechanics Institute. Mr. E. H. Austin's horse, Enoch, was elected favorite, out of a field of 8, for the Sandhurst Cup, at 2 to 1, but he was never really dangerous, and Lovatian shooting out in the straight won in hollow fashion, Enoch being second. Or Lovat has given notice of his intention to move at the monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council on Thursday next. This in future the meetings of the council be held on the first Friday in each month, instead of on the last Friday, as at present. We would like to bring under the notice of councillors that if the alteration he effected it will be impossible for us to report their meetings as they are, as we go to press the same night. Could not any other day be just as conveniently selected? We would again remind those interested in the matter that the Licensing Court for the Beaufort and Burroughs district will be held at Beaufort on Friday, 9th December. Licensed victuallers who desire renewals, must leave their licenses with the clerk of the licensing court before the sitting of the court. In addition to the list of prizes given in our last issue, as having been won by residents of this district, we notice that Mr. R. Kirkpatrick, of Steeles Hill, came third with 'Bobby Dazzler' for jumping ponies. The secretary of the Beaufort District Jockey Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of 200 from Mr. Bridges, R.N., as a donation towards the funds of the club. A meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club is announced for Wednesday evening next, at the Mechanics Institute. The promoter of the entertainment arranged to be given on Boxing Night having unexpectedly to go to South Australia on business, the arrangement has been cancelled, and the meeting is called to see whether another source of amusement cannot be provided. The ordinary monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council takes place on Thursday next, the 1st prox. Tenders for several contracts are invited for that date in our advertising columns. The yields of gold obtained by the various co-operative parties last week, (writes our Waterford correspondent)—Stevens and party, 10oz 13 1/2 dwts; Firth and party, 7oz 13 1/2 dwts; Sneddon and party, 6oz 10 1/2 dwts; Garland and party, 5oz 14 1/2 dwts; Tromp and party, 3oz 14 1/2 dwts; Lucky Company, 2oz 14 1/2 dwts; Robinson and party, 3oz 6 dwts; Martin and party, 2oz 9 dwts; Kennedy and party, 1oz 17 1/2 dwts; Baxter's, 2oz. The remains of Mr. W. E. Gillies, formerly an inhabitant of the Beaufort, departed on Saturday last, the funeral procession comprising, in addition to deceased's relatives and friends, a number of members of the Progress Club, and the Primitive Methodist Church by the Rev. R. Jackson, who also read the burial service at the grave. 'Shall we gather at the river,' a favorite hymn of deceased's, was sung by those standing round the open grave. The Requiem funeral service was also read by Rev. Dunger. A very earnest prayer was offered up for the soul of Hammer. The coffin was covered with some very beautiful wreaths of flowers. A memorial service to be preached in the P. M. Church, Beaufort, on Sunday evening, the 4th prox.

MASONIC INSTALLATION AND SOCIAL.

The installation of Bro. J. Y. Harris, the W.M. elect of the Fife Creek Lodge, No. 157, V.C., for the ensuing twelve months, was performed on Wednesday evening last in a most impressive manner by the I.P.M., Bro. A. Allison, assisted by Bro. Toy, W.M. St. John's Lodge, Ballarat, Bro. Farge, W.M. Lodge of Ophir, Ararat, and Bro. T. B. Whelan, P.M. and secretary, St. John's Lodge, Ballarat; Bro. E. Baker, P.M. Orion Lodge, Ballarat, officiating as Master of Ceremonies. The W.M. then invested his officers, as follows:—S.W., Bro. A. Talloch; J.W., Bro. J. McRae; S.D., Bro. G. H. Cougle; J.W., Bro. E. J. Adam; I.G., Bro. W. C. Peddie; treasurer, Bro. H. H. Jackson; Tyler, Bro. T. VanderStoep. There was a large gathering of the craft, visiting representatives including members of the St. John's, Orion, Yarragon, and other lodges, and Citizens (W.M.) Lodges. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which were of a most solemn and impressive nature, the ordinary business was transacted, after which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed in a eulogistic and kindly spirit, and honored with the utmost enthusiasm.

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Proceedings in the Legislative Assembly yesterday afternoon were somewhat farcical. The speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock. Under the recently amended sessional order private business has precedence on Thursdays, and ever since that order was altered there has been trouble in making a House. Members as a body do not care much for private business. Yesterday the two first orders of the day were postponed, and the third, the Barristers and Solicitors Admission Bill, was further considered in committee. Sir Bryan O'Loughlin, who was the author of the measure, elected to limit it to one clause, providing that certain Australian-born young men who, before the professions were amalgamated, went to Great Britain to be trained in the law, should be admitted on their return. Then the rest of the orders of the day were rushed through in a maddening way, most of the members being absent. There were postponements in every case. The Law of Libel Bill among others being practically shelved by being deferred for four weeks. By 20 minutes to 4 all the private business had been disposed of, but under the amended sessional order Government business could not be called on until half-past 7. Mr Shiels endeavored to arrange so that it would be unnecessary to wait until that hour, but he was usually unsuccessful in attempts to secure the goodwill of the Chamber. No agreement could be arrived at, so the Speaker settled the matter by leaving the chair. He resumed his position again after dinner. An hour was occupied in a discussion on proposals subsequently agreed to for sitting at 3 on Wednesdays and allowing new business to be called on up to 11 o'clock. That price was usually accepted. The bill to repeal the Voluntary Liquidation Act of last session was read a second time and passed through committee. The House adjourned at 20 to 11—Argus, Friday.

Speaking of the last want of confidence in the Government, 'The Political Bowling Green,' says—'The Government have no room for crowing. They won by 13 votes—true! This is not a victory, however, but a reprieve. Mr Tucker holds the keys of the position. He leads a party of 13 votes so they say, and seven votes will displace the Government. Tucker voted for the Government on Tuesday because the Government would not pay his price. That price was that Tucker was to be Premier of the next Ministry. The Opposition jibed at that. Tucker was too much of a rascal, and Tucker said, 'All right' and called off his forces for a future occasion. There is one member of the Government whom no adversity of fate and no threatening of fortune can depress. The Premier may flinch and twitch with nervousness; Sir Graham may hide beneath his inimitable exterior the emotion that he feels; Mr Leelan may appear serious and concerned; but Peacock, the merry, voluble, rollicking Peacock, laughs spirit into them all. When the Cabinet were deliberating after Sir Bryan had fired his shot, Peacock's laugh rang out loud and long from the Minister's room with a gusto that would have sufficed to convince the whole Opposition that their assault was vain. The laugh of Peacock is worth £1000 a year to any Government.'

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The strike of the Allendale miners against the increase in the price of beer from 3d to 4d is one which will command widespread sympathy; this hot weather (writes 'Woolman' in the Argus) when the workmen strikes against work he is aided by his natural antipathies, and will refrain from doing anything for weeks or even months in the most patient manner. But when he strikes against beer, then, indeed, is the struggle a bitter one, for he is warring against his strongest impulses, and the very elements oppose of the bloated capitalist, and introduce a altogether unnecessary amount of heat into the controversy. It is no use appealing to unionists at a distance for funds, for the essence of the fight is that nothing must be spent. A picket may be trusted near a factory without any fear that he will be overcome by a temptation to rush in and go to work. But place him before a public-house on a hot day, and nothing but Divine grace can save him. One pathetic and touching incident of the struggle has reached me. The day was fiercely hot, and the publicans were moist and jubilant, whilst the miners were parched and downcast. Someone approached the room where the Defence Committee sat, and found the door locked. There was a sound as of heart-felt, piteous supplication inside. The visitor peeped through the key-hole, and saw the company of men, and saw the men, the offenders were laid off with a nominal fine of 5s and 2s 6d costs. Constable Bourke prosecuted.

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