



COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Pat Cattle—286 head, chiefly consisting of medium and inferior descriptions, with a very small proportion ranging from good to prime, were penned for to-day's sales. There was an average attendance of the week's sales, whilst medium sorts were very dull of sale at a reduction on former values. Quotations:—Prime pens bullocks, 18 to 18 10s, extra to 19 12s 6d; good do, 16 to 17 10s; medium do, 15 to 16 10s. Store Cattle—130 yarded, all of which were disposed of at satisfactory prices. Fat Calves—55 penned, very few of which were of a good quality. Fat good demand, best selling to to-day's sheep—6616 were penned. Medium and inferior descriptions, a small proportion of good and prime, still sales (with the attendance of buyers, still sales of prime exceptions) for which late rates were realised were exceedingly dull, prices in some instances considerably under last week's values, whilst medium sorts were almost unobtainable, except at very low prices. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 10s 6d to 11s 6d, extra to 12s; good do, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 8s to 8s 10d; wethers, 7s 6d to 7s 6d; prime do, 6s to 7s; medium do, 5s to 6s 6d; merino ewes to 4s 3d. Store Sheep—4327 yarded, mostly inferior, for which there was hardly any demand; to effect a clearance very low rates had to be accepted. Lambs—3227 to hand, only a small proportion ranging from good to prime, for which the demand was hardly equal to last week, prices ruling a shade easier throughout. Quotations:—Prime woolly, 8s to 9s; good do, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; prime shorn, 7s to 8s; do, 6s 6d to 6s 6d; medium do, 4s to 5s; inferior to 1s 6d.

GEELONG WEEKLY MARKET.

Messrs George Hagen & Co report under date of 1st inst. Sheepskins—We offered a large supply to a full number of buyers. Quotations:—Butchers' fresh killed pelts, 10 to 12; medium, 8 to 10; full-woolled skins 4s to 5d per pound; 18 to 24 per pound; good, to 3d per pound; Timbuc, 3d to 4d per pound; good, 2d per pound; picked, 1d to 1 1/2 per pound; kip, 1d to 1 1/2 per pound; calf, 3d per pound.

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The Federal Bank stopped payment on Monday. It is expected that note-holders will be paid in full. The total liabilities are about two millions, and the stoppage has been caused by the withdrawal of deposits, owing to loss of confidence in the bank.

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The interest attaching to the sale of Treasury bonds to the extent of £750,000 by the Victorian Government reached its culminating point at noon on Tuesday (says the Age) when the tenders were opened in the board room of the Lands department in the presence of the Treasurer, Mr G. D. Carter, and a representative gathering of commercial men. There was little doubt that the full amount required would be subscribed, but in view of the uncertain state of the money market, great difference of opinion existed as to whether the price would reach par or fall considerably below it. The following are the results:—Total amount tendered, £1,147,100; average price, 108 7/10; actual amount tendered, £1,129,032 2s 9d. The associated banks were the principal tenderers, their offer being £500,000 each at 108; and the Australian Mutual Provident Society £100,000 at the same price. After fully going into details Mr Carter made up his mind to accept 10 tender where the price offered was below 109, but all at and above that figure will be accepted in full. The amount of bonds thus sold is £752,800 and the amount actually realised is £757,987 1s. All the Treasury bonds were allotted next day at 109 and upwards. The bank offers at 108 were rejected.

Beaufort Business Directory.

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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. Crooke) 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, FEBRUARY 4, 1893.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council takes place on Monday next. Tenders are invited for several contracts in our advertising columns.

We regret to state that Mr and Mrs J. E. S. Baker, of Beaufort, suffered a bereavement on Saturday last by the death, from dropsy, of their daughter, an infant nine weeks old. This is the second child they have lost in about 15 months.

A Shearers' Union ball and supper has been arranged for Friday evening, the 24th inst., in the Societies' Hall, Beaufort. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

The yields of gold obtained by the various co-operative parties last week (writes our Waterloo correspondent) were:—Stevens and party, 25oz 12 1/2 dwts; Lucky Co., 6oz 4dwts; Sneddon and party, 7oz 4dwts; Edwards and party, 3oz 5dwts; Vale and party, 5oz 1dwts; Carland and party, 3oz 4dwts; Firth and party, 4oz 5dwts; Martin and party, 1oz 16dwts.

St. John's Sunday School, Beaufort, celebrated its annual picnic at Burmbeet Park on Wednesday, it being estimated that about 150 scholars, teachers and friends attended. Despite the extreme heat, the trip proved a very enjoyable one. The usual games attendant on such occasions were indulged in. There was an abundance of provisions, and taken altogether the picnic will long be remembered with pleasure by the young folks.

Wednesday and Thursday last were the hottest days this summer. A slight thunderstorm broke over the town on Thursday evening, when 3 points of rain fell, which had a cooling effect on the atmosphere. The thermometer registered from 90° to 100° in the shade. A young man, named Robert Traitor, a resident of Waterloo, sustained a sunstroke whilst hunting rabbits in the bush on Wednesday. It was rumoured that Traitor had succumbed to the injuries received from the excessive heat of the sun, but we are glad to state that the rumour was entirely without foundation, as the sufferer is now pretty well recovered.

The Beaufort Presbyterian Church presented an unusually animated appearance on Sunday afternoon, when it was filled to overflowing, the attraction being a rare event here, namely, a Flower Service of a highly interesting nature. The sacred edifice had been beautifully decorated with choice flowers and evergreens, and scriptural mottoes. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Adam, M.A., who preached an able and appropriate sermon, several texts bearing on flowers and gardens being commented upon and explained. The hymns were specially chosen for the service, and whilst they were being sung bouquets of flowers were waved to and fro by the Sunday School teachers and scholars. A collection was taken up in aid of the Sunday School. The sum of £4 was realised, which has removed a heavy balance from the school finances. In the evening the Rev. R. Jackson preached a sermon, his remarks being more particularly addressed to the children, and Mr Adam conducted the service at the Primitive Methodist Church. The following day the flowers were very thoughtfully sent to the Ballarat Hospital to cheer the patients therein. This act of kindness was seconded by the railway authorities and Messrs Broadbent Bros. & Co., who carried the packages free of charge.

A deputation from the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society was on Wednesday introduced (says the Age) to Mr W. H. Minister of Agriculture, by Messrs E. Murphy and T. Murphy, M.L.A.; their object being to bring under his notice a hardship to which their society would be subjected by the reduction in the subsidy to agricultural holders. They stated that they had no desire to embarrass the Ministry in its work of retrenchment so far as future subsidies were concerned, but in the present instance they had given 300 or 400, prices in the expectation of receiving the usual subsidy. Their desire was that the subsidy should be continued on the same basis for the present year, as the price list having been made up prior to the introduction of a reduction, they would not have sufficient money to meet their liabilities. Mr. W. H. Minister, said that he generally approved of the societies getting the same amount this year as they had received the previous year, as he knew that in many cases their financial condition was such that they could not stand a reduction in the subsidies. He promised to consult his colleagues on the subject.

BEAUFORT UNITED COMMON.

A special meeting of the managers, attended by Messrs J. Humphreys, Flynn, and Browne, was held at the Shire Hall on Saturday last, to consider and deal with the following report submitted by the herdsmen:—

"I beg to report that I have been superintending Wilcox's laying of the poisoned grain, and find that he is not employing sufficient labor to get the job done in good time this season. He has made promises to employ more labor, but has not carried them out, there being only himself and a them out by the work up to the present time; consequently, he has done only a Gully and a part of Chate, which commands only a very small portion of the common. The poisoned grain, so far as it is, is doing good service.—Yours, &c., D. D. CROOKER."

After due consideration, it was resolved:—That in the event of the Wilcox Bros. not having put on more labor on Monday next to lay the poisoned grain, and to otherwise destroy the rabbits on the common, the herdsmen be, and is hereby, empowered to employ, at the expense of the contractors, the extra labor required; and that the herdsmen communicate this resolution to the contractors at once.

The meeting then closed. [The contractor has complied with the demand of the managers.—Ed. R.A.]

COERESPONDENCE.

We do not in any way identify ourselves with the opinion expressed by our correspondents. It is stated that letters to the editor shall be accompanied by the real name and address of the writer, not for absolute publication, but as a bona fide guarantee.

RACLAN WATER SUPPLY.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—The decision of the council, in reference to the above, challenges attention on a few points which need some explanation. For convenience of reference I will quote the resolution as reported.—Moved by Cr Lewis, and seconded by Cr Chisham:—That as this council is unable to give the guarantee required by the railway commissioners, that the supply of water to the railway will not be interfered with by the proposed scheme for supply to Raclan township, this council cannot see a way to carry out such scheme, but is willing to erect an overhead tank, with pump attached, on a suitable spot in Raclan. The mover of this resolution is generally regarded as a gentleman of liberal education and ripe experience in municipal affairs (ditto the mover), and therefore the council feels itself upon many of us that each must have—to use a colloquial phrase—winked the other eye when giving the reason recorded for denying the Raclan petitioners a wholesome supply of water. "What are the facts?" It was proposed to fix a pipe of 1 inch in diameter. This would be equivalent to four half-inch pipes. Now, the council readily grant to landowners along the course of the race the privilege of tapping the race with a half-inch pipe, which allows the water to run on the landowner's property, at the sum of £1 per annum. The Raclan petitioners asked for an equivalent of four such pipes and guaranteed to pay about £15 for the privilege. When it is considered that a patent stopcock could be fixed to a tank, or that the water would only be used when required if pipes with taps were laid to the houses, it will readily be seen that the water used would amount to that from two half-inch pipes, and not probably to that from one. What then does the fear of the council amount to? or of what value is the reason given? Is it to be supposed that for fear the railways cannot be supplied the council will henceforth refuse to allow landowners along the race to fix one or two more half-inch pipes? The council may reply, "But the water supplying the landowners may be cut off, and sometimes it is cut off for a short time, when there is fear of a scarcity." Granted. But the Raclan petitioners are not so unreasonable as to refuse to submit to the same treatment when necessity demands. The action of the council in this matter reminds me of the chess player who, finding the game going against him, and that he can not fairly checkmate his opponent, captures the board and so ends the game. What surprises us most is that the north riding members should refuse to take the responsibility of dealing with this question on its merits, delegating the duty to the west riding members, who, of course, cannot be expected to be strongly impressed with the necessities of a part of the shire over which they rarely travel. Of the west and east riding members often desire the north, to deal with works proposed in their own ridings? Be that as it may, it seems strange the north riding members should recommend nothing, and cordially agree with the resolution of rather the reason assigned. Let it not be supposed that we shall be glad to take what we can get, but when a good scheme is thrown over, which would give a supply of pure water in favour of one which provides impure water, and that only with the trouble of carting it, all we can say is "More's the pity!" It was said a splendid stream of water passes over doors, and no doubt in winter, when some of the councillors visited it, a good volume of water, as pure as could be wished, did course along half back high; but let the councillors now drive out in a hotly for inspection and they will see but a coffee-colored streak winding its way down the bank. Are the members of the Local Board of Health prepared to drink from this slimy streak or give it to their children? We should be glad if Councillor Beggs would return to his guns and endeavor to get his first proposal carried, namely, to erect a tank in the street connected with the race by a small pipe. When the tank filled the water would be shut off and

THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME.

THE PREMIER AT CASTLEMAINE.

The deliverance by the Premier of the Ministerial programme at Castlemaine on Tuesday night was in many respects a singular affair. Not only was Mr. Pater-son accompanied from Melbourne by per-sonally the largest company that ever attended a Premier on tour, but he was received with remarkable cordiality by his constituents. At Kyneton a large number of people who were not constituents cheered him on his way, and all stations thence to Castlemaine his electors mustered in force and gave him a good reception. At Castlemaine he was welcomed by the mayor and citizens. In the Theatre Royal, at which he spoke, the audience filled every part including the passages and platform. The mayor occupied the chair, and among the visitors were Mr. Gillies, M.L.A., Mr. Harpur, M.L.A., and Mr. Fitzgerald, M.L.C. Mr. Pater-son's speech was the shortest Premier's address on record. He led from the jump, as the sporting phrase has it, and his hearers had great difficulty in following him. In about three-quarters of an hour he was finished, and the audience would not have known what to do had it not occurred to someone that other members should speak. Accordingly Sir Bryon O'Loughlin, Mr. Gillies, and Mr. Fitzgerald delivered addresses. Mr. Fitzgerald's foot was on his native north, and as an elector of Castlemaine it fell to his lot to move the vote of confidence in Mr. Pater-son, which was carried by a large majority.

In regard to the proposed reductions in the public service, Mr. Pater-son said that the work must be undertaken by degrees. The tendency of a modern democracy towards bureaucratic government had in this colony caused the expenditure to be increased by leaps and bounds. The Government was determined, however, not only to stop the creation of new departments, but by the amalgamation of branches and other measures to considerably reduce the expenditure. One point specially deserving of attention was that the promotions in the service were not regulated by merit, and men went on receiving increases whether they deserved them or not. This practice should no longer be tolerated. The cost of controlling the Government service was also unnecessarily great. The Public Service Board was composed of men of reputation and standing, but the fact remained that under their regime the cost of the public service had increased to the extent of £2,000,000. It was the duty of the Government to reduce the cost, and it should be so arranged that the best man for each position should be selected. The Government would consider—and the Treasurer was working out some such plan—whether some scheme could not be devised whereby officers who were expected to remain in the service until they were 65 years of age might not be relieved by the Government at an earlier period by a computation of their claims.

The Premier began his speech by referring to his long connection with the Castlemaine district, and said that while it might be asserted that a leader who started upon his task full of hope, and with a confidence in the people and Parliament to pull the colony through its difficulties. Then he introduced in a happy and happy form the leading members of the Cabinet, laying stress on the inclusion of Mr. G. Downes Carter and Mr. R. Reid representing as they did the financial and commercial world. The references to Sir Bryon O'Loughlin were suggestive of some difficulty on the Treasurer's part to know exactly what to do with his quondam rival, but the result so far as good feeling and rhetorical skill are concerned was satisfactory. He also dwelt upon the representation of country interests in the Cabinet, and concluded on this topic by saying:—"With such colleagues and with such a country behind me I think I may be acquitted of presumption if, with a due sense of all that lies before me, I have ventured to undertake the task of guiding the destinies of this great country." He did not follow the usual practice of denouncing his predecessors, but dismissed noticeable on such occasions that they were to them with the remark that they were to be pitied rather than blamed on account of the position in which they found themselves; that they were overweighted and dismayed, and occupied too much time in appointing justices of the peace and studying which way the cat would jump.

Prefacing his references to the financial condition of the colony with the remark that the facts were unpleasant, the Premier read a balance-sheet up to date, which showed that for the part of the financial year ending January 21, £4,068,903 had been received, but probable further receipts £3,385,893, giving a total of £7,454,796. The expenditure was estimated to be £8,397,022. Adding to this the deficit balance of £960,188 brought forward from last year, the grand total would be £9,297,240. The receipts would be augmented by £750,000 from the sale of Treasury bonds, so that the deficiency at the end of the year would be £1,082,384. This Mr. Pater-son contended, showed that notwithstanding the increased taxation proposed by the late Government, the deficit done by Sir Graham Berry's plan, if followed, would be the late Government added to the deficit the amount standing to the debit of the land sales by auction fund, the gross deficiency at the end of the year would really be £2,248,000. Formidable as those figures were, however, we should not despair of the colony's great natural resources. He had no doubt that the pendulum of true prosperity would adjust itself. This remark, however, almost immediately following to the effect that the "Jamaica heretics" left by Mr. Shields to his successors was describable in three words—"Drift, deficit, and doubt." The deficit could be temporarily and gradually obliterated, but the debt must be at once removed by a determination that income and expenditure should balance. Sacrifices must be made by everyone in order that the drift might stop, and the electorate must understand, and every citizen in the present course that we were simply courting disaster. Retrenchment would be insisted upon, both in regard to grants and subsidies to the public service.

The most interesting part of Mr. Pater-son's speech was that in which he dealt with the question of future taxation. If retrenchment and the introduction of more liberal land legislation did not serve the purposes which he had in his mind, namely, to adjust the finances, it would be necessary for the Government to pursue a course of simple, comprehensive taxation. There are two proposals—one or both of which might have

ONE OF THEM.

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HOW YOUNG FOLK MISS LIFE'S PRIZES.

The following letter is reprinted, by request, from "The Pea's Journal" for the benefit of our young readers:—

"Six—Nothing strike one more than the crowd of young folks 'cannot get on.' Some are well educated, accomplished and smart, but from some little fault, defect, or some cause they cannot understand, they do not rise and have even difficulty in getting their work which is given to others. They seem 'go over their heads' they feel to be their inferiors. Now let this letter to those luckless seekers of fortune's smile a few things their friends see in them, but which they have not told them. 'Indolence' is one chief cause of your failure, young man! You do not rise in the morning, you are not at your work when you are due. You are always a little late, born as it were a quarter of an hour too late. You can hardly get down to breakfast. If you wish to rise in the world rise first of all out of bed! You should be an early bird—active, keen, fond of a cold bath, diligent, prompt, quiet a lot of fellows, like the servants of Terrochio when he suddenly arrived at his castle when he bride—they are not ready, not fit, not unshod, not clean, not available. Nathaniel's coat, sir, was not fully made. And Gabriel's puns were unjoked if the best! There was no time to color Peter's hat. And Walter's dagger was not come from the sheathing."

So it is with many of our luckless youth who swear at fortune. Colin Campbell was asked to go to India to suppress the Mutiny. The War Office asked him when would he be ready? He replied I shall go with the mail to-night. This week a splendid man in high office in an Indian Bank was the observed of all observers in a circle of brilliant men. His friend quietly said, Do you know to what he owes his influence and success? He said he was entirely to the London office he was a youngster in the London office and manager came to him with telegram and said an important post in India had been vacant. The bank would like you to take it, but it is of consequence that there should be no delay. "I can catch the mail," said he, "settle with my landlady; I will go now!" New! Is the word young man. Again, many young men miss the chance for want of good manners. A merchant likes a young man to be "like his work." There is a proper dress for every situation. A young man need not go in evening dress as a clerk, nor in a brushed mack, nor in workman-like appearance is half the battle. Now, my dear young man, just think! Would you, if you were an employe, have a man who smells of tobacco and beer, with dirty hands and yesterday's collar? No, nor would you have a young dandy with double superfluous English and the manners of a dancing master, Asia, went of treating in the firm rumpus promotion. The principal, after the train starts, is worth all himself. "That fellow 'son is worth all the rest, he knew the train, was apt on the spot, interested in his success. Silent, secret, loyal. I shall keep my eye on Tom." So with girls. If a girl must win her heart she requires extra care. Good manners are all important if she is to win a relative position, and to fulfill it. Womanliness, no crying, no fuss, but the happy, calm assurance of a good heart and a willing mind makes a girl useful and even beloved in a family. If, in her last place, a girl feels her heart that she blundered, she has now a chance at this new term of correcting her faults. To be perfectly clean is a great virtue. The housemaid can get a pair of old gloves when she does her grates, and all so keep her hands nice. The school should always have a fresh pair of best and smartest at their lock. Cobbett fell in love when his sweetheart was washing at his mother's door. Essential, of course, an excellence and thoroughness in the work one is paid to do. The spinner who leaves the frame covered with waste forgets that the oil is wasted by her neglect. The reeler who makes bad tell vexes her foreman, injures her employer, and makes trouble all round. The little things which make perfection. The ploughboy who has his harness bright, neat, and clean in his person, and, above all, who on market days shows his manliness and his self-respect by his temperance, wins the confidence of the farmer, smile, and of the land, and fortune herself smiles on the brave fellow. Others plod on, and wonder at their want of luck. In nine cases out of ten our misfortunes are of our own making. A young man who follows his mother, and wastes his talents, may think it does not matter at all. His father finds him young man who is a poor minister's daughter. The head of the firm called him into the parlour, and asked if it were so. He said, "This is outside business, and is my private affair." No, said the principal, with tears in his eyes. No! I can never trust a man who would do so mean a thing, and that was the hour of his downfall! Smoking too much of any article, and if it were the chief thing in life, being out of the way when wanted, too late in going to bed, indolent, frivolous, careless of companionships—these are the faults which really obstruct the progress of the youth who thinks it is a want of luck.

A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT.

A severe epidemic of small-pox has broken out in Manchester. The hospitals are crowded with patients, and proposals are being considered for the extension of the accommodation afforded to the sufferers.—Standard.

The New South Wales revenue returns for January show a decrease of £55,731 0s 10d as compared with the corresponding month of 1892. The Tasmanian revenue shows a decline of £14,300 in comparing the same periods.

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One would be a graduated income tax, which would be an annual income tax was unpalatable, but it might possibly turn out, but it was not likely that even with an income tax and retrenchment there would still be leeway to make. If that were so a small duty would be imposed on imports that were now free, which would be an annual measure. In 1892 goods to the value of £8,750,000 were admitted free of duty. Continuing with a clear foresight as to where we were going, the proposition suggested would more than amply meet all the necessities of the situation, however gloomy it might appear, and place us once more on the high road to prosperity by wiping out the approach that at present blurs our national reputation. In reference to public works, he said that relying on our own legitimate and internal resources, much could be done for the development of the colony. The spirit of the Railway Act would be preserved best by proposing only one line at a time, and having its merits quietly and calmly discussed. The amount of loan money available for railway purposes was £428,000, and proposals for country lines to absorb that amount would be made this session.

Mr. Pater-son intimated that the land reform is to be one of the main points of Ministerial policy. He said that at the end of 1872 seven million acres of land were available for occupation and eleven millions in the mallee. We had in the mallee a magnificent property. It cried out to us—"Cultivate me; tickle me with the stump-jump plough and I will grow wheat and become a magnificent territory, but let me alone and I will grow weeds and rubbish." Apart from the asset in land, upwards of £500,000 was due on account of arrears of rent, but the Government would not unkindly press the people to pay it, and further that the selector at present in possession would require to pay before they completed purchase £2,150,000. There were most extraordinary difficulties in the way of getting people on the land; but he did not know the Minister of Lands if that hon. gentleman did not make a resolution in the department, and substitute some business-like principle for the land board system, under which a man got the land who could tell the biggest lies and had the most wiles. The Government sympathised with men who really wanted work and desired to get on the land, but it had no sympathy whatever with, and would set its face dead against, those persons who wished to cause riot and incite people to trouble. This remark was received with loud cheering.

Some vague forebodings were given by Mr. Pater-son of a proposed reform in Parliamentary procedure. It is occurred to him that there is a great waste of effort in Parliament, and that full scope is not given to the special knowledge of members. He has in his mind a scheme which should deal with each section, and brought before Parliament. It was done during the business of the country would be accomplished in the course of the time now available. Using the same to his constituents, he said that the Government would not be content with a mere vote, but would be content to restore confidence. The country generally seemed to recognise that they were entitled to a fair trial in the matter. It has been a series of exposures and of fortunate falls. He, however, as a good stand-up fighter, and of the reason he had no doubt that the result—

Argus.

The cricket match, Victoria v. New South Wales, was won by Victoria with 232 runs to spare.

A shocking suicide occurred at North Brighton on Wednesday night, a girl named Elizabeth Olsen, aged 19, being decapitated by a train.

A terrible tragedy was enacted in the Chinese quarters, Adelaide, on Wednesday morning, when the wife of Goo Gull, a Chinese, was murdered by him. He also stabbed another Chinese, named Ah Dick Chuek, believing that the latter had been too frequent a visitor to his house.

At a meeting of the Commercial Bank shareholders on Thursday the general manager, Mr. Turner, expressed his belief that matters had now taken a turn for the better in the colony. A dividend of 12 per cent. was declared.

A sad accident happened at the Fitzroy State school by the overturning of a spirit lamp. The clothes of two girls became ignited. One escaped unscathed, but the other, Florence Wynnon, and her teacher, Miss Raby, were badly burned about the face and hands.

A fearful tale of suffering at sea is related. The Norwegian ship Tekla became disabled, and stranded while on the voyage from Philadelphia to Havana. Finding that the vessel was past recovery, the majority of the crew abandoned the vessel. Nine men, however, climbed the masts in the hope of rescue, but no help presenting itself remained for 13 days in their hapless position, exposed to very severe weather and totally without food. At the end of that time they resolved to decide who amongst them should be killed to provide food for the others. The first to be a Dutchman, who was according to which they existed for four days. When the survivors were rescued they were found to be mad.—Age.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you troubled with a sick child suffering with a fever of entering teeth? Go at once to the nearest chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Sore Throat Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly natural, quiet, and safe. It relieves the child from pain and the mother's anxiety. It makes the child cheerful, and the mother's heart is glad. It is the best known remedy for dysentery, cholera, whooping cough, and all other ailments. Mrs. Winslow's Sore Throat Syrup is sold by all Medicine Dealers everywhere at 1/4 per bottle.

A shocking case of lynching is reported from Texas, in the United States. A negro, who was charged with having outraged a child, was seized, bound, and handed over to a number of women for punishment. They first tortured him with hot irons, and afterwards poured kerosene over him, and set it on fire, the wretched man being burned to death.

ARARAT MINING BOARD.

The meeting of the above board, called by the Secretary of Mines for the 11th inst., for the purpose of electing a member of the board as its representative on the Prospecting Board, having been postponed by an Order-in-Council dated 22nd December, a special meeting of the board was held on Monday.

From the Borough of Ararat, to the effect that two members of the council will meet a like number of the managers of the Ararat Gold Field Common to consider matters in connection with the management of the common. The chairman of the board and Mr Foyster were appointed to meet two members of the Ararat Borough Council on the 2nd February, at 2 p.m.

From the Ballarat Mining Board, acknowledging the receipt of £1 as the board's contribution towards the cost of circulars of the proceedings of the last Mining Boards Conference. Received. From the Secretary of Mines, requesting to be furnished with reports upon the following applications to select land:—R. Wilkinson, son, R. Wilkin, son, and B. Rainey, Beaufort; Thomas Kewley, 20a, Langi-Kal-Kal (a petition accompanying the last named from miners and others in favor of the application.) Referred to the divisional members.

The report of the committee on the amended quartz by-law, as introduced by Mr Magee, was laid on the table and received. A notice of motion was received from Mr T. Foyster to rescind a resolution carried on the 15th January, 1892, with respect to the mode of election of a member of the Prospecting Board, but on being put the proposition was lost.

Mr Foyster then proposed—"That the clerk write to the Secretary for Mines as regards the procedure of the board in electing a member of the Prospecting Board for ten years instead of one." Seconded by Mr Browne, and lost.

From Esther Reid, Cathcart, requesting to be informed if the board have any objection against her applying for 20a of land under the Heaber Bell lease, under section 65 of the Land Act. Replied to that the matter must be referred to the board by the Secretary for Mines.

From the Ararat Borough Council, again requesting remittance of fees collected by the herdsman of the Gold Fields Common for goats depastured by Mr Hock. Refused.

From the Secretary for Mines, asking to be supplied with copies of the by-laws in force in the district. Attended to.

From the herdsman of the Ararat Gold Field Common, explaining that he had collected depasturing fees from Mr Hock at his request. Received. From the Secretary for Lands, asking if the surplus fees of the Stawell and Pleasant Creek Goldfield Common have been expended on the destruction of rabbits on the common.

Mr Williamson proposed—"That the Lands Department be informed that the managers of the common have not so far expended any of the surplus fees on the extermination of rabbits, because the portion of the township of Stawell, which contains a population of about 5000 inhabitants, is so much hunted over that it is kept clear and free. It is the intention of the management at an early date to make an inspection of the common with a view of ascertaining what steps it may be necessary to take, if any, to destroy the pest." Seconded by Mr Magee and carried.

From the Ballarat Mining Board suggesting that the board should hold itself in readiness to hold a conference at an early date. Received.

From the Secretary for Mines, forwarding a copy of a letter received from the Secretary for Lands in reference to selectors of auriferous lands not complying with regulations as regards erecting and painting posts to indicate that such land is open to the miner. To be replied to that the Crown Lands Bailiff had been instructed to take the necessary action to enforce compliance with the regulations, which are applicable to the 67th section.

From James Waller, complaining that his residence is included in Mary E. Worthington's 65th section holding and requesting the board to take steps to protect his property. This was erected on a residence area held by virtue of his miner's right.

From Charles Ho, to the same effect. Mr Foyster proposed—"That copies of the letters be sent to the Secretary for Mines with the request that the license be not renewed." Seconded by Mr Magee and carried.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Foyster, seconded by Mr Magee—"That the board direct the attention of the Minister of Mines to the fact that the cases brought under notice are examples of many if a similar nature, and clearly indicate the necessity of strict supervision over the occupation of land on the gold fields. The board regrets that their opinion and report has not been sought with reference to this selection. Had it been they would have strongly opposed its occupancy, for Port Curtis flat (on which the selection is situated) is well-known to be auriferous; has been mined on at intervals for many years and will continue to be mined on for many years to come. This board would earnestly desire to impress on the Hon. the Minister the desirability of keeping this description of land open to the miner, so that he can make his dwelling close to where he may also make his living."

From the Chairman of the Board, forwarding correspondence in reference

THIS AND THAT.

[By Robin Hood.]

Fred. Humphreys alias Clark, one time and not so very long ago "F. Humphreys, Esq., secretary of the Employers' Union." "How have the mighty fallen!" "It was ever thus from childhood's happy hours," and many other quotations, apophthegms, e.e., would apply to the case of "Fred. Humphreys alias Clark," who in his good days was a genial fellow and sought after by all sorts and conditions of men. One of the happiest of reprobates, he was amongst the worst of writers. No one could keep a social company in the best of humors like he, not even Artemus Ward, and no one could write a more unorthodox paragraph, not even Robin Hood. He was in spirit "A King's Jester," but at present he is only "Frederick Humphreys alias Clark," so his fall presumes no designation him. His sin was that he was found out. When Hanlon the sculler was a champion in "the almighty continent" he was by the press of his country designated "the American oceanman." When Beach defeated him in Australian waters he was immediately relegated to the position of "A Canadian sculler." History repeats itself in "Frederick Humphreys alias Clark."

No greater commentary on the state of the times has recently been given than that contained in the report read at the ordinary meeting of the Melbourne Gas Company. An evening paper, in its record of the proceedings, has the following among many other cross-heading lines—"A sign of the times.—Has the depression reached its lowest depth? The directors think so. Sweeping reductions from directors & junior clerks.—A twenty per cent. reduction.—Ten thousand vacant houses. This giant monopoly for years has been scooping in dividends of 20 to 25 per cent., but immediately the profits fall below that, its grasping and greedy managers raise the price of gas and make "sweeping reductions" in salaries. Eight and sixpence per share dividend in this year of everlasting smash they deem too small, so the usual course of endeavoring to increase it is to be adopted.

The fact that there are now 10,000 houses empty in Melbourne and suburbs materially interfere with their income, no doubt, but a great deal more so does their erratic meters and gas readers.

It matters not a whit how economically a family strives to be in their lighting bills—whether they use one burner instead of two—the account at the end of the month never varies, and there is no redress but to pay or have the supply cut off.

The consequence is that large numbers of small householders have resorted to kerosene with very considerable saving and a vastly improved light. Where it is not for the influence exercised by selfish large shareholders, Melbourne would long ago have enjoyed the luxury of the electric light in every house. The gas supply in the metropolis would be a disgrace to the meanest and smallest tip-country town.

The question of how to popularize the colonial wine trade within our own islands is again brought up for periodical discussion. There can be no two opinions about their excellent qualities, but it is the matter of their vending which is at fault. Of course, one can go to a wine shop and get an excellent article, but colonials do not affect wine vaults or saloons, and even in these the price is exorbitant as a rule. The publichouse keeper, on the contrary, does not care a jot about selling wine, and it is almost impossible in a publichouse to get a glass of it that is drinkable. The very poorest class only is kept in stock, and the bottle has generally been opened for days before it is used. Consequently, wine is rarely asked for in an hotel for that reason, and the wine industry must suffer until some means of supply to the average customer is devised. Again, the hotels are in the hands of brewers and spirit merchants, and their interests lie in pushing off questionable whiskies and alky beer.

Every institution of a public character or rather those connected with it seem desirous to wash their dirty linen in the full blaze of day. Even the church dignitaries have been unable to resist the infatuation, and so it is that we have reported in one day's issue two or three warring matches by the representatives of "the meek and lowly" St. Mark's church, Fitzroy, took the first. In the course of the annual dinner, it was made evident that the incumbent and parishioners were very much at variance. It is not their quarrels I want to relate, so much as the change of epithets used on these occasions. The vicar of St. Mark's, writing about his grievance, says—"I had a sweet but unexpressed dream that I might conscientiously remain in my pretty cottage home, and among mine own loving and loyal people, and evade the Fitzroy sordid streets, foulsome and low."

At the meeting of the parishioners of St. Mark's, St. Kilda, the Rev. J. H. Gregory remarked in poetic terms: He had plenty of faults himself, but never went up and down the parish "like a sacerdotal donkey" trying to thrust his whims and opinions down other people's throats, etc., etc.

Later on, in a breach with Mr Embling, M.L.C., the following equally choice remarks were exchanged:— "The Chairman, interrupting the speaker, said the meeting was called for a certain purpose and Mr Embling's remarks were out of order."

Mr Embling: I am speaking to the report; you can turn me out if you like.

The Chairman: You must obey my ruling, or sit down.

Mr Embling: I will not.

THE FEDERATION MOVEMENT.

COBRAM, Wednesday.

A public meeting was held last night to establish a branch of the Australian Federation League in this town. The meeting, which was very numerous, resolved to ask the executive of the League at Albany to furnish a branch at an early date; also to endeavor to induce Messrs. B. R. and Lyne, M.L.A.'s (Vic. and Wals.) and Messrs. James Campbell and Alfred Denkin, M.L.A.'s (Victoria), to attend and deliver addresses. The federation movement is spreading rapidly on both sides of the Murray, and is being taken up with great enthusiasm, for since the introduction of protection in New South Wales, and the prohibition of Victoria on stock, &c., the intolerable burden of the border duties, has especially in Victoria, paralysed trade to such an extent that the towns are slowly but surely declining. The farmers too are complaining bitterly, and in a large number of cases are preparing to emigrate.—Argus.

THE DAILY NEWS publishes what is apparently an inspired programme of the measures which the Gladstone Ministry has decided to submit to Parliament. The programme is an extensive one, and comprises the following subjects:—Home rule for Ireland; a reorganisation bill, providing for the abolition of plural voting, shortening the period of residence required as a qualification for a voter, and providing that all elections to the House of Commons shall be held in one day; a licensing bill, providing for local option; a bill for the formation of parish councils; a measure providing for the notification of the Government of London (at present divided between the city corporation and the London County Council), and allowing the London County Council to levy rates on property for the management and improvement of the metropolis; and a bill to amend the law relating to the liability of employers, abolishing the doctrine of common employment. The Daily News also announces that special attention will be paid to the wants of Scotland and Wales; that steps will be taken to prevent any further creation of vested interests in the Church of Scotland; and that a Royal Commission will be appointed to consider the agrarian system in Wales.—Argus.

MR. GLADSTONE'S PROGRAMME.

The Chairman said the speaker must not try to better or bull, and he should not bring the question before the meeting. If he had anything to say he should bring it before the meeting.

It is very evident that "churchianity" is not Christianity in its broadest sense.

The intention of the Government to suppress the advertising of sweeps in Victorian papers, is of course, known to you, as you will have received the circular note about it. Since then several recently-started consultations have, like the Federal Bank, closed their doors for want of sufficient capital. Of course, the cause does not affect Robin Hood one iota. His consultation has been so long and firmly established, and his honesty and probity so publicly known that it sails along serenely as of yore, unaffected by the storm that has swamped his contemporaries.

THE CRICKET MATCH BETWEEN THE TASMANIAN AND VICTORIAN TEAMS was concluded at Launceston by noon on Wednesday, the Victorians winning by four wickets and three runs.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling off, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER," for it will positively restore every color of hair to its original color, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on the scalp, where it has been neglected. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 2s. 6d. per bottle. Wholesale Depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

The Berlin papers tell the story of a most horrible "practical joke." The manager of the insurance office of the Gruneweg had given a party in honor of the eighteenth birthday of his only daughter, a beautiful girl, who was betrothed to an officer in the 35th Brandenburg Regiment. The young man could not be present, as he was detained by his military duties in the north of Germany. Two old school-fellows of the maiden determined to add to the merriment of the evening by playing off a practical joke upon her. They retired to another room and wrote a letter purporting to come from her distant lover. This was delivered to her by a servant whom they took into their secret. The young lady tore it open and read a few lines, when she suddenly exclaimed, "Oh my God! He has forsaken me!" The letter said he had found a lady whom he loved better, and must break the engagement. She rushed into the kitchen, seized a knife, and made a deep gash in the pulse of her left arm. The blood gushed up in a stream and the girl fell into senseless slumber. A physician was immediately sent for, but the help came too late, for the girl died from the loss of blood and the shock. Thus two foolish girls for the sake of a stupid joke have destroyed one life, made a father childless and robbed a promising young officer of his bride, and perhaps blighted his whole future.

BAD BLOOD.—The Editor of the Family Doctor says:—"We have seen hosts of letters in which the writers acknowledge the benefit they have received from Clarke's Blood Mixture, which as a curative agent cannot be too highly estimated, since it cleanses and clears the blood from all impurities. It is the best medicine for the blood, and it is certainly the finest blood purifier that science and skill have brought to light. We can with the utmost confidence recommend it to our subscribers and the public generally."—The Family Doctor, 16th July, 1892. For Scrofula, Scary, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, and Sore of all kinds, it is a specific and permanent Cure. It is the only specific for Gout and Rheumatic Pains, for it removes the cause from the blood and the bones. Of Chemists, &c., everywhere at 2s 6d and 1s bottles. Thousands of testimonials from all parts.

The sum which has been subscribed for the proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. H. Spurgeon now amounts to £10,000.

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Very little surprise was caused by the Hon. James Munro, recently Agent-General, giving his schedule. The liabilities are set down at £94,66; and a deficiency of £50,106 is shown. The Cabinet on its meeting on Thursday did not consider his resignation, but will probably deal with it next week. It is improbable that Ministers will make any fresh appointment at present.

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B & F PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, in either sex, acquired or constitutional; Gravel, and Pains in the Back, warranted free from mercury. Sold in boxes, 4d. each, by all Chemists and Grocers. Medicine Vendors throughout the World. Proprietors—THE LONDON AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Limited, England.

TENDERS are invited to be sent in by 11 o'clock, on the 14th inst., for BUILDING A WOODEN HOUSE for Dr. B. J. Adams, in Beaufort. Separate tenders will be received for Plumbers and Painters' work. Plans and specifications can be seen on application.

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TRAWALLA HOTEL.

SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1893.

SALE BY AUCTION.

At 2 o'clock on the premises, the Trawalla Hotel. M. BARNES, the proprietor, having left the above Hotel, and is leaving the district, has instructed the undersigned to sell by public auction on SATURDAY, the 11th FEBRUARY, next, a quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & EFFECTS, a large assortment of Carpenters', Blacksmiths' and other TOOLS, together with a lot of useful sundries too numerous to particularize. No reserve. Must be cleared off. Terms Cash. W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer.

SHIRRO RIPON. TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shirro of Ripon, and enclosing 5 per cent deposit, will be received on till 11 a.m. on MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1893, for the following works:— Contract No. 501.—Making 32 chains of quartz road and building culverts, &c., on the Waterloo and Chula road, by Cleland's farm. Contract No. 502.—Cutting channels and raising road at Allen Wilkinson's, and making 7 chains of road above Raglan, &c. Contract No. 241.—Supplying and spreading 1300 cubic yards metal on the Skipton and Streatham road, and other work. Plans and specifications may be seen at the Shirro Office, Beaufort. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. H. H. JACKSON, Shirro Engineer. Beaufort, 24th January, 1893.

MUSIC. MISSES S. and A. JACKSON (pupils of Herr Brun and Mr G. Herbert, R.A.M.) are solicited to receive Pupils for Violin and Piano. Terms, &c., at their residence, Stuart Street, Beaufort.

MISS STUART, Teacher of Singing. LEICHAARD STREET, BEAUFORT. (near English Church). Pupil to Mr D. J. Montague, A.C., Ballarat. Terms on Application.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE RAGLAN DIVISION OF THE ARARAT MINING DISTRICT. GENTLEMEN,— I beg to announce that I am a CANDIDATE to represent you at the Mining Board, the ELECTION for which will be held on SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1893, and would respectfully solicit your support. Yours faithfully, JOHN HUMPHREYS. Beaufort, 28th January, 1893.

Ararat District Mining Board Election. BEG to state that I am a CANDIDATE for a seat at the ELECTION to be held on the 25th FEBRUARY, for the Raglan Division. WILLIAM SNEDDON. Waterloo, January 25th, 1893.

NOTICE. ALL TRESPASSERS in pursuit of game PROSECUTED after this date. GEORGE LEWIS, Manager. Mawallok, 24th December, 1892.

Beaufort Athletic Club. A GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Mechanics' Institute on TUESDAY evening next, the 7th inst., at 8 o'clock. BUSINESS. Election of Officers for ensuing year and arranging for Easter Monday Sports. A full attendance requested. A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

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PRACTICAL JOINTINGS

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CALENDAR OF OPERATIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

The weather in this month, like January, is generally both hot and dry, and small quantities of vegetable seeds are sown before sowing seeds give the ground a good soaking with water.

Seeds should be sown at least four or five times as thickly as the distance they are finally recommended to be left in the rows, to allow for some of the seeds to establish themselves.

Beans (French) may be sown 2 in. deep; rows 3 ft. apart, 6 in. being left between the plants. In soils that are not very rich, it is better to cover the seed with 1 in. of soil and then a layer of 1 in. of the ground droppings of a horse.

Marrows should be sown in rows 3 ft. apart, 6 in. being left between the plants. The plants, which are liable to be broken off by the wind, are better to be supported. A cheap and effective way is to drive a 3 ft. biton, 3 in. by 1 in., 18 in. into the ground at the end of the row.

Spinage 1/2 of an inch and Turnips 1/2 of an inch deep, leaving 1 foot between the rows, and 6 in. between the plants. The Swede Turnip should be largely sown, skiving for stock and using for domestic use.

Tomatoes should be very heavily manured, and in dry weather well watered. Fruit will be produced without pruning, but it is better to prune. For early fruit, let two of the main shoots, or vines run sideways on the ground, pinching off from them any side shoots other than the fruit spurs.

For later fruit let three stems be trailed up a fence, trellis, or stakes 6 ft. high, pinching off lateral branches, but not the fruit spurs. At the end of the season the plants trained off the ground will continue producing fruit longer than those on the ground, as the soil gets soppier and colder with wet, while the atmosphere is sufficiently warm to ripen the fruit.

For Vegetables Marrow and the delicious Custard Marrow 1 in. deep, allowing 9 ft. between plant rows. The Custard Marrow can do with less, say 6 ft.

Marrows should be sown when the fruit is about a full size, and while the seeds are tender. The Marrows sown now requiring to mature will produce a late crop until out off by the frost.

Vegetable seeds sold by the ounce are forwarded post free for 6d per packet. Seeds sold by the pound require postage to be added.

Perennial and biennial flower seeds can now be sown, such as Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Auricula, Brachycom, Canterbury Bell, Carnations, Dianthus, Foxglove, Gaillardia, French Honeysuckle, Lohelia, Lupin (perennial), Forget-me-not, Pansy, Polyanthus, Stocks (Brumptown), Wall-flowers, and other favorites.

A dozen packets, costing 5s., will keep a garden in flowers for years. Sorrell is easily destroyed if tackled in hot weather. Plough the ground up in rough furrows, and let the sun play on it for a few days. Then crossplough and leave. Finally, harrow the ground. In a garden, fork the sorrell out. If the ground where sorrell grows is heavily manured, the plants run to one stem, instead of spreading, and can be easily pulled out. When growing soft, a sprinkling of salt will destroy. This cannot be used where other plants are growing.

We would be glad of suggestions as to what subjects would interest our readers. REMINDER OF HIS DEAD MOTHER. [EXTRACT FROM A PRIVATE LETTER]

It was the latter part of August 1891. A friend and I had come down from Rangoon to Almore, to see the venerable church which has been a thousand years old. I entered the church and found a new tablet on a new pedestal. It was a tablet to a man who had been a member of the church for many years. I was struck by the name of the man, and I felt that I had found a friend. I had never before seen a name like that. I had never before seen a name like that. I had never before seen a name like that.

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A young man, name unknown, who had been arrested for drunkenness at Newbridge, on the Loddon, on Monday night, was found dead in the water-bush this morning.

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"Tom" Tracey, the Australian light-weight boxer, who arrived in America with "Din" Creadon in the beginning of December, has fought "Billy" Gallagher for a purse of £300 at San Francisco. The fight was well contested, Tracey eventually winning in the nineteenth round. Gallagher was beaten by George Dawson, of Australia, a few months ago.

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BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET

Fat Cattle—300 head was the supply penned for to-day's sale, and consisted mainly of middling to prime. There was an average attendance of the trade, and owing to a few pens of excellent quality...

Quotations—Prime crossbred ewethers, 11s to 12s; extra to 13s 3d; good do, 9s 6d to 10s 4d; prime crossbred ewes, 9s 10d to 10s 4d;...

The following district sales are reported: By Messrs McE and Booth—3 calves for Mr David Browne, Clifton, 17s to 23s; and 1 for Mr Pagnell, Carrhill, Traralgon, at 10s; 98 crossbred wethers for Donald McDonald, Middel Creek, 10s 4d to 13s 3d;...

MELBOURNE GRAIN AND DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS. Wheat.—The market is decidedly weaker. Quotations are—Inferior and faulty, 2s 10d to 3s; medium to fair milling, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; and good, 3s 2d per bushel. Barley.—The demand for good milling is very active, and values have advanced. Quotations are—Cape, 2s to 2s 2d; thin English, 2s 6d to 3s; inferior to fair milling, 3s 6d to 3s 11d; and prime, to 4s 3d per bushel. Oats.—There is a better demand, and last week's rates have been fully maintained. Quotations are—Algerian, 5s 3d to 5s 8d; light to fair average feed, 1s 9d to 1s 11d; and prime stout to 2s 1d per bushel. Peas are in fair demand, with sales to 2s 4d per bushel. Maize is firmer, at 3s 4d up to 3s 7d per bushel. Bran and pollard are unchanged, at 8s 1d and 9s 1d respectively. Flour is in fair demand, at 1s 10d for stone, and roller 10s per ton. Cheese in short supply. Medium to good, 3d to 4d per lb; prime in demand, 4d to 5d. Fresh butter.—Owing to today being set apart for the grocer's picnic, the attendance of buyers was small, and supplies were quite equal to requirements. There is no alteration in prices. Prime dairies in good order, 5d to 9d per lb; medium to good, 4d to 5d; heated and inferior, from 3d. Factory butter is in inferior demand at 10s per cwt. Potatoes.—The demand at market rates. Potatoes.—Prime new, 8d to 8 1/2d per lb; medium, 6d to 7d; pastry sorts, from 8d. Eggs met with a brisk market from 8d to 8 1/2d per dozen. Hams, 8s to 8 1/2d. Bacon, 7d to 7 1/2d. Lard in bladders, 5d to 6d. Garden hog prime, 3d per lb. Beans, 10s to 10 1/2d per bushel. Young turkeys, 6s to 7s; 3-wk pair, 4s to 5s; 4-wk pair, 3s to 4s; 5-wk pair, 2s to 3s; 6-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 7-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 8-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 9-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 10-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 11-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 12-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 13-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 14-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 15-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 16-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 17-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 18-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 19-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 20-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 21-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 22-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 23-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 24-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 25-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 26-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 27-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 28-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 29-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 30-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 31-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 32-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 33-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 34-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 35-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 36-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 37-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 38-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 39-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 40-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 41-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 42-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 43-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 44-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 45-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 46-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 47-wk pair, 1s to 2s; 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THIS AND THAT.

[By Robin Hood.]

The licensing laws of the colony are full of absurdities. It would take an eight-page d.d. paper to enumerate one quarter of them, and as I have only a column at my disposal for all and sundry items, I will refer to one of them. Only by way of illustration I repeat the chestnut that hotels are not permitted to sell drink upon Sundays—nay, their proprietors are not even allowed to give it to their friends. But the ingenious always find a way out of a difficulty. The interdiction which applies to a licensed house does not do so to steamers, so that now we have floating public-houses. On Sundays a number of steamers are put on runs in the Bay, or round it, at nominal rates. On these you can get any drink you like—and, in the majority of them, of a very worst description. The consequence is that hundreds, unable to assuage their Sunday thirst or cut from their coats the cobwebs of Saturday's carousal, go on to one of these floating bars and get drunk just as quickly and at the same price as they can in any hotel where they must sneak in through a back door. The consequence is that on Sunday evenings dozens of men may be seen strolling round the streets, whose moustache-gait has been acquired upon board of one of these amers by something stronger than their chins and tossing. The result of this discredit of their conduct is ascribed to the publican into whose houses they, in their drunken frolicsomeness, are endeavouring to get, while the passer-by naturally imagines they have just been rowed out after being "lambled down" the landlady. It is quite time the citizens themselves appealed to the legislature on the subject. Another comforting belief has turned out to be a vulgar error. It was the moon idea, before the Federal Bank opened, that being one of the "Associated" Banks, no matter what happened, its partners would see it through its troubles. In like manner it would apply to either of the other institutions. But the public has been awakened by a rude shock. We are now told that "the Association" does not mean this, it does not mean that the associates should assist either of their co-partners out of a difficulty when a possible loss ensue. It only means that aid should be afforded when there was either no possible chance of a loss or that there would be spoil to be secured and divided.

Elaborate explanations of the term "Association" either from a dictionary or a bank's point of view, are of little consequence. The fact is that the Association is a trust to be taken to subtle distinctions. They were led to believe that their monies were in any one of the Associated Banks, and now they find that nothing of the kind was ever intended—it was only a mere juggling with words. The consequence will be serious now to the work of the banking institutions, because no one knows which is the rotten egg when it may sink, so that there is a great falling of the money among the smaller depositors who are not in the know of city doings and commercial intrigues. All they know is that if the banks won't help A, they won't help B, so that to them the term "Associated Banks" is a commercial Writ of the Wisp which many of them are not likely to follow any longer. It is needless to say that the successful issue of Treasury bonds has brought elation to the Government, and put money in the Government's purse, and lightened the hearts of the public throughout the colony. There are beaming faces in mercantile offices, and upon Change, and the dawn of the "Good days coming, boys," is declared to be breaking. With a new field upon which to draw capital, with right economy in the civil service, reforms in the railway and education departments, and the abolition of the "deficit" of the Public Service, "drift," "deficit," "doubt" are words which may be erased from our Governmental dictionary. Whether Mr Patterson can accomplish this large order, time alone will disclose. There can be no question, however, that the failure of the Federal and the doubt about the safety of leaving money in associated banks which appear to be in name only as above explained, materially assisted in the overplus of money for Treasury bonds which have the security of the Government and give a 4 1/2 per cent. dividend. A struggle for the suburban traffic has set in between the tram company and the Railway Commissioners, which is likely to prove fatal to the former if they are not very careful. It was only the other day the trains entered into a contest with the cars for the supremacy of the Carlton road by reducing fares to twopenny. Now they have a more formidable rivalry to meet. With a falling revenue and a reduction in receipts of a hundred thousand in twelve months, they are seeking to balance accounts by reducing wages. While they tenaciously stick to the three-penny fare, the Railway Commissioners are on the track of their best customers—the ladies. They are now offering to married ladies not in business (and these are the best patrons of the trams) the extra fare of a monthly ticket at half the rate. It is a tempting offer, and there are ways to be a brisk demand for these, and the receipts of the suburban railway will very likely be largely augmented from this source. Nothing can knock it into the heads of the tramway authorities to initiate penny sections, and so it is that three or four passengers long distances with are crowded from street to street when they would be on one on a hot, a dusty or a rainy day, travel afoot if they could ride for copper. As it is, they prefer a three-penny bear to brace them for the walk to administering to the exorbitant demands of Spring, Clapp and Co.

The amusement season has generally been a fairly prosperous one considering the times and so far as attendances go, the expenses of running a theatre are so enormously great that the managers have little more than their pains for their trouble. Salaries ranging from £1 to £50 per week for artists who have also to be found sometimes—many of them costing £50 a week—and gorgeous scenery worthy of any theatre in the world run away with the receipts and eat into the reserve funds. Of course that has nothing to do with the public. The Theatre Royal pantomime, "Robin Hood," has been the most successful for two seasons—one that the T.R. is the acknowledged home of pantomime, and the second that it has been a family pantomime, the children, who are its best patrons, being specially catered for. It terminates on the 14th inst. "The Forty Thieves" at the Princess is a gorgeous array of light and shade in colour, and wiser such as Lonnin, Szello, Lathbridge and Katie Barry are in the cast, it is sufficient to say that a very

brilliant and enjoyable performance is given. It closes on the 18th. Pills' Circus is a mammoth affair, and day and night its canvas walls are filled with the display of the kind that has been given in Melbourne. Everything is done upon a high scale; its performers are worthy of their continental reputation, and their collection of well-trained animals is in itself a wonderful display. Mr Pills is a past-master in his art, and Signor Agratti, whom everybody knows wherever a circus has been shown in Australia, in his Australian manager. The O'Gilla at St. George's and Tracey's Gaiety Company across the road are giving excellent shows to which the nimble shilling admits to the best parts. The Baby Show at the Exhibition on the 7th inst., has secured a large number of eyes, and an attraction in the shape of a boy with a full 1/2 inches long. The exhibition of this has, however, been prohibited.

BEAUFORT UNITED COMMON.

A meeting was held in the Shire Hall on Tuesday evening last. Present: Messrs Humphreys (in the chair) and Brown. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. As there was not a quorum present the reports were only read and received and the accounts passed for payment. The secretary (Mr J. W. Browne) reported as under with reference to the financial position of the common up to date:—Balance in bank, £32 13s 6d, cash in hand, £9 4s, making a total credit of £42 2s 6d, which is debtor £15 to rabbits guarantee fund. Fees received to date for past half-year £93 15s, unpaid fees due on stock registered £20 14s, making a total assessment for the half-year ended 31st ult., £114 9s, which compared with previous half-year shows a falling off of £11 9s. Percentage due to herdsman, £9 10s. Fees collected since last meeting, £19 12s. The herdsman (Mr Cameron) reported that since last meeting there has passed through the common 3900 sheep. He had been unable to get all the fees in for past half-year, there being a large amount of arrears on the books which he expects to get in shortly and will commence the branding of stock on Friday next (17th inst.) for current half-year. Willox has finished laying the new road which on the south side of the common, and is now laying it on the Shirley road side of the common, and will work from there up Main Lead and across to Winfields Gully and then on to Waterloo and Clute, and he reports finding a large number of poisoned rabbits. FINANCE. The following accounts were passed for payment:—Herdsman, £9 10s; Secretary, £2; Broadbent Bros. & Co., 6s 2d; Willox Bros. £8. The meeting then adjourned.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be greatly surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Bovril's Bronchial Trochies." These famous trochies are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s 1/2 per box. They are made with a "locking cough," a slight cold, or bronchial affections, cannot they too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary or Asthmatic Affections. See that the words "Bovril's Bronchial Trochies" are on the Government Stamp around each box. Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston U.S. European Depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, and England.

The Castlemaine election on Monday resulted, as was almost unanimously anticipated, in the overwhelming defeat of Mr Lougmore, who was put up to oppose the Premier's re-election. Mr Patterson obtained a majority, and generally 2 to 1, at every polling place in the constituency but two, and in gross he polled 1441 votes to Mr Lougmore's 617—a majority of 824. It may be remarked (says the Age) that when the general elections of April last took place there were 3307 votes on the electors' roll of the Castlemaine constituency, which returns two members to the Assembly. Send along your subscriptions to THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE. 3/6 per quarter is the rate. You will get good value for your money, and don't you forget it! As the constant dropping of water will wear away the hardest stone, so do the various processes of life wear out the physical organism; every motion of a finger, every breath inhaled, every thought conceived, and every word spoken causes destruction of some of the complex molecules which together form the human system. This results in formation of a quantity of waste matter called "waste products," which if retained in the system give rise to various diseases. If retained in the muscular tissue, they cause rheumatism, gout, &c.; in the lungs, consumption; in the blood, skin diseases, boils, pimples, blotches, and kidney diseases. The blood is purified and impurities expelled by the various processes of excretion, respiration, perspiration, micturition, and defecation. Where these functions are not properly performed such symptoms as headache, nervousness, palpitation, vomiting, diarrhoea, toothache, neuralgia, and constipation are frequent, and must have immediate treatment or serious disease will undoubtedly set in. If the first symptoms are attacked a cure is easy; if neglected a cure is sometimes impossible. If Clements Tonic is faithfully used quick relief is assured. This medicine quickly restores the normal action to any weakened or impaired organ; it purifies and strengthens the blood; it stimulates the kidneys and liver, and relieves the bowels of all impactions of fecal matter; it strengthens the nervous system generally. Its value is proved by such cases as that of Augustus Brown, Esq., Windsor, Victoria, who writes:—I have much pleasure in testifying to the benefit received from your Clements Tonic. It seems and does not seem to me to be a new discovery, but a great secret of my life. I could not bear to be touched; but your Clements Tonic cured me. It is especially beneficial in the "wear and tear" of business life, and enables one to keep going. It is a boon to the public, and for this reason I am quite willing for you to publish or do as you please with this communication. I have at different times given a bottle to "unbelievers," and they were simply astonished with results. As they could not afford to pay, it grieved me to see them run down for the sake of half-a-crown. Wishing every success to Clements Tonic—Augustus G. Brown, 164 Chapel Street, Windsor, Victoria, P.S.—Will be pleased to answer any inquiries by self.

SCHEDULE A.—[RULE 5 (b).] NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE. I, the undersigned, hereby give notice that, within six days from the date hereof, I will leave with the Warden of the Mining Division of Raglan, an application for a lease, the particulars whereof are hereunder set forth:—Name in full of applicant or applicants, and style under which it is intended that the business shall be carried on—Patrick Carland. "The Queen's Birthday Gold Mining Company." Full address of each applicant—Waterloo. Supposed extent of ground applied for, and whether on or below the surface, or both, or a lode—Three acres, both on and below the surface. Name of each person (if any) who is in possession of the land, so far as the applicant has been able to learn—Alice Kewley. Minimum number of men to be employed—For the first six months, five men; subsequently, when in full work, five men. Precise locality of the ground—Waterloo. Term required—Fifteen years. Time of commencing operations—On the granting of lease. Amount of money proposed to be invested, and in what manner the land is to be worked—£400; horse power and manual labor. 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—No. General remarks—Nil. Date and place—6th February, 1893, Waterloo. The minerals for the winning of which this application will be made are—Gold. The address for the service of all notices of objection or otherwise is—Waterloo. (Signature of Applicant) PATRICK CARLAND.

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GAZETTE NOTICES.

G. Stevens' application for a license under section 123 of the Land Act for 1400a, Mount Cole, has been approved. The renewal of the under-mentioned licenses under the Land Act have been approved:—Section 87—Jans Smith, S.A., Raglan West. Section 123—Chas. Dunn, 410a, Raglan; John Thompson, 4000a, Mount Cole State Forest; C. C. Tucker, 1, Monna, Raglan. The following applications for gold mining leases will be granted at the expiration of one month:—W. Stevens, Confidence Co., 1a, 3r, 24p, Waterloo Flat; W. Sneddon, Lass Chance Co., 2a, 1r, 6p, Waterloo Flat; C. Broadbent and another, 1a, 0, 10p, Waterloo Flat; W. Sneddon, Never Surrender Co., 2a, 0, 20p, Waterloo Flat. The Beaufort, Raglan, Chilton and Barambeen Common is about to be further diminished by deducting therefrom 21a, adjoining the south-east boundary of allotment 28, Waterloo. Applications for licenses under the Land Act have been approved as under:—C. G. Tompkins, 30a, Barambeen; E. S. Baker, 40a, Barambeen. Teners are invited for grazing block 4464—60 acres, the reserve adjoining and east of allotments 21, section 3, Mount Cole.

FLORILINE—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odours arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in part of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s 6d. of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot, 33 Farringdon Road, London, England.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR INDISTINCT VISION.—Norton's Camomile Pills are confidently recommended as a simple remedy for Indistinct vision, which is the cause of nearly all the diseases to which we are subject. Norton's Pills, with justice called the "Natural Strengtheners of the Human Stomach," act as a powerful tonic and gentle aperient, are mild in their operation, and safe under any circumstances. Sold in bottles at 1s 1/2, 2s 9d, 11s, by all chemists and druggists.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Those who have given these remedies a fair trial freely admit that they inherently possess every property suitable for healing and removing eruptions, ulcers, piles, abscesses, sores, bad legs, gathered breasts, and all disorders of the glandular system. When carefully rubbed in the Ointment relaxes the swollen muscles, diminishes inflammation, assuages pain, and even alleviates dangerous maladies which may have lasted for months, or even years. Holloway's excellent preparations are effective, largely, resistless in combination, and have been recommended by grateful patients to be resorted to in alternatives when all other means of regaining health have failed. Their action is temperate, not violent or reducing.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE. I, the undersigned, hereby give notice that, within six days from the date hereof, I will leave with the Warden of the Mining Division of Raglan, an application for a lease, the particulars whereof are hereunder set forth:—Name in full of applicant or applicants, and style under which it is intended that the business shall be carried on—Patrick Carland. "The Queen's Birthday Gold Mining Company." Full address of each applicant—Waterloo. Supposed extent of ground applied for, and whether on or below the surface, or both, or a lode—Three acres, both on and below the surface. Name of each person (if any) who is in possession of the land, so far as the applicant has been able to learn—Alice Kewley. Minimum number of men to be employed—For the first six months, five men; subsequently, when in full work, five men. Precise locality of the ground—Waterloo. Term required—Fifteen years. Time of commencing operations—On the granting of lease. Amount of money proposed to be invested, and in what manner the land is to be worked—£400; horse power and manual labor. 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—No. General remarks—Nil. Date and place—6th February, 1893, Waterloo. The minerals for the winning of which this application will be made are—Gold. The address for the service of all notices of objection or otherwise is—Waterloo. (Signature of Applicant) PATRICK CARLAND.

BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL EXHIBITION! THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1893.

The following PRIZES will be awarded for Agricultural and Dairy Produce, Fruit, Flowers, Wines, and Miscellaneous Exhibits:— Special Class for Sheep.

- 1. £1 for best Long-wooled Ram, over one year; certificate of merit for second best do.
2. £1 for best Long-wooled Ram, under one year; certificate of merit for second best do.
3. £1 for best Long-wooled Ewe, over one year; certificate of merit for second best do.
4. £1 for best Long-wooled Ewe, under one year; certificate of merit for second best do.
5. £1 for best Merino Ram, over one year and a half; certificate of merit for second best do.
6. £1 for best Merino Ram, under fourteen months; certificate of merit for second best do.
7. £1 for best Merino Ewe, over one year and a half; certificate of merit for second best do.
8. £1 for best Merino Ewe, under fourteen months; certificate of merit for second best do.
9. £1 for best three fat Long-wooled Wethers.
10. £1 for best three fat Merino Wethers.
11. £1 for best three fat Long-wooled Ewes.
12. £1 for best three fat Merino Ewes.
Special Prizes by E. H. Austin, Esq., M.L.A.—£1 for best Merino Ram; £1 for best Merino Ewe.

Class A—Grain.

- 1. 25s for best eight bushels Wheat; 15s for second best do.; 10s for third best do.
2. 25s for best eight bushels Tartarian Oats; 15s for second best do.; 10s for third best do.
3. 25s for best eight bushels Short Oats; 15s for second best do.; 10s for third best do.
4. £1 for best four bushels English Barley; 10s for second best do.
5. £1 for best four bushels Cape Barley; 10s for second best do.
6. £1 for best four bushels Perennial Rye Grass; 10s for second best do.
Note.—The exhibits in this class to be grown by the exhibitors, and to be of this season's growth, and an empty bag to be provided with each exhibit.

Class B—Roots, Hay, Fruit, &c.

- 1. £1 for best sample of Sheaf Hay, not less than one cwt.; 10s for second best do.
2. £1 for best sample of Trussed Hay, in one truss, not less than one cwt.; 10s for second best do.
3. £1 for best cwt. Potatoes; 10s for second best do.
4. 10s for best cwt. Carrots; 5s for second best do.
5. 10s for best half dozen roots Mangold; 5s for second best do.
6. £1 for best Collection of Vegetables; 10s for second best do.
7. 10s for best cwt. Onions; 5s for second best do.
8. 10s for best Collection of Apples; 5s for second best do.
9. 10s for best Collection of Plums.
Special Prize by E. H. Austin, Esq., M.L.A.
10. £1 for best Collection of Grapes.

Class C—Dairy Produce.

- 1. £1 for best 4lbs. Powdered Butter, put up in rolls as usually sent to the market, and without any print or private mark; 10s for second best do.; 5s for third best do.
2. £1 for best 25lbs. Salted Butter, made by the exhibitor; 10s for second best do.; 5s for third best do.
3. £1 for best 100lb. Spring made Salted Butter, made in the Spring of 1892; 10s for second best do.; 5s for third best do.
4. £1 for best Cheese, not less than 50lbs. weight; 10s for second best do.; 5s for third best do.
5. 10s for best Ham.
6. 10s for best Fitch Bacon.
Note.—The exhibits of Dairy Produce to be made up by the exhibitor. Salted Butter (section 2) to be delivered to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr George Wetherpoon, care of J. R. Wetherpoon & Co., and entered with the Secretary, not later than four weeks prior to the date of the Show. Spring made Salted Butter to be delivered at Show-yards on morning of Show.

Class D—Agricultural Implements.

- 1. £1 for best Single furrow Plough; 10s for second best do.
2. £1 for best Double-furrow Plough; 10s for second best do.
3. £1 for best Triple-furrow Plough; 10s for second best do.
4. £1 for best set of Harrows; 10s for second best do.
5. £1 for best Disc Harrow, with Seeder attached; 10s for second best do.
6. £1 for best Scarifier; 10s for second best do.
7. £1 for best Waggon for farm purposes; 10s for second best do.
8. £1 for best Dray for farm purposes; 10s for second best do.
9. £1 for best Wagonette; £1 for second best do.
10. £1 for best Seed-dresser; 10s for second best do.
11. £1 for best Chaff-cutter and Horseworks; 10s for second best do.

Class E—Swine.

- 1. £1 for best Boar, any breed; 10s for second best do.
2. £1 for best Sow, any breed; 10s for second best do.
3. £1 for best Boar, any breed, under twelve months; 10s for second best do.
4. £1 for best Sow, any breed, under twelve months; 10s for second best do.

Class F—Poultry.

- 1. 10s for best Brahma-pootra Cock and Hen; 5s for second best do.
2. 10s for best Houdan Cock and Hen; 5s for second best do.
3. Special Prizes by F. Byggs, Esq.—£1 for best Dorking Cock and Hen; 10s for second best do.
4. 10s for best best Spanish Cock and Hen; 5s for second best do.
5. 10s for best Cochon China Cock and Hen; 5s for second best do.
6. 10s for best Hamburg Cock and Hen; 5s for second best do.
7. 10s for best Plymouth Rock Cock and Hen; 5s for second best do.
8. 10s for best Malay Cock and Hen; 5s for second best do.
9. 10s for best Andalusian Cock and Hen; 5s for second best do.
10. 10s for best pair Turkeys; 5s for second best do.
11. 10s for best pair Ducks; 5s for second best do.
12. 10s for best pair of Geese; 5s for second best do.

Class G—Horses and Cattle.

- 1. £3 for best Draught Entire Horse; £1 for second best do.
2. £2 for best Colonial-bred Draught Entire, three years old; £1 for second best do.
3. £3 for best Draught Mare; £1 for second best do.
4. £1 for best two-year old Draught Colt; 15s for second best do.
5. £1 for best yearling Draught Colt; 10s for second best do.
6. £1 for best Draught Gelding; 10s for second best do.
7. £2 for best pair Plough Horses; £1 for second best do.
8. £1 for best Draught Gelding or Filly, under three years; 10s for second best do.
9. £1 for best Draught Gelding or Filly, under two years; 10s for second best do.
10. £1 for best Draught Foal; 15s for second best do; 10s for third best do.
11. £3 for best Blood Baiter; £1 for second best do.
12. £1 for best Blood Gelding or Filly, under three years; 10s for second best do.
13. £1 for best Blood Gelding or Filly, under two years; 10s for second best do.
14. £2 for best Thoroughbred Mare; £1 for second best do.

- 15. Special prize of £5 by Captain Bridges, R.N., for highest Jumper; £1 for second best do.
16. £5 for best Hunter, to carry not less than 12st., to be judged by hunting qualities; the jump to be 3ft. 6in.
17. £1 10s for best Hackney, mare or gelding, capable of carrying 13st.; 10s for second best do.
18. £1 for best Hackney, mare or gelding, capable of carrying 9st.; 10s for second best do.
19. £1 for best Lady's Palfrey, to be ridden by a lady; 10s for second best do.
20. £1 for best Delivery Horse, to be driven in cart; 10s for second best do.
21. £1 for best Buggy Horse, to be driven in buggy; 10s for second best do.
22. £1 for best Pony Stallion, under fourteen hands.
23. £1 for best Pony Mare or Gelding, under 14 hands, to be ridden in thering; 10s for second best do.

- 24. £1 for best Pony Mare, under 14 hands.
25. £1 for best Pony, under 12 hands.
26. £1 for best pair Buggy Ponies, 14 hands and under, to be driven in harness.
27. £1 for best pair Ponies, under 12 hands, to be driven in harness.
28. Special Prize by Mr Arthur Parker of £1 for best Foal at foot, the progeny of any Draught Stallion advertised in The Riponshire Advocate in year 1891.
29. £1 for best Bull, any breed; 10s for second best do.
30. £1 for best Dairy Cow; 10s for second best do.
31. Champion Prize.—Certificate of Merit for best Draught Horse or Mare, any age, in the yard.
NOTE.—Exhibitors in the above class, when making their entries, are requested to give the name of each horse or mare exhibited. Section 10.—The date of foaling of foals at foot to be given to the secretary when entries are made.

Class H—Miscellaneous.

- 1. £1 for best twelve bottles Colonial Wine, made in the colony and grown by the exhibitor.
2. 10s for best Collection of Jams; 5s for second best do.
3. 5s for best Collection of Sauces; 2s 6d for second best do.
4. 7s 6d for best Collection of Cut Flowers; 5s for second best do; 2s 6d for third best do.
5. 10s for best Home-made Bread, loaf not less than 4lbs; 5s for second best do.; 2s 6d for third best do.
6. 10s for best Home-made Socks, made of home-spun wool by the exhibitor; 5s for second best do.; 2s 6d for third best do.
NOTE.—A sample of the wool and worsted to be shown by the exhibitor.
7. 5s for best pair Darned Socks; 2s 6d for second best do.
8. 10s for best Knitted Quilt; 5s for second best do.; 2s 6d for third best do.
9. 10s for best Collection of Fancy Work; 5s for second best do.

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LOST: Bay or Brown MARE; well bred, hind feet weak white, snod, CT near shoulder. C. J. TYERS, Ararat. Beaufort Cricket Club.

A GENERAL MEETING will be held at the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on MONDAY EVENING next, the 13th inst. at 5.30 o'clock. W. C. PROMPF, Secy.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE RAGLAN DIVISION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY DISTRICT. GENTLEMEN.—I beg to announce that I am a CANDIDATE to represent you at the Mining Board, the ELECTION for which will be held on SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1893, and would respectfully solicit your support. Yours faithfully, JOHN HUMPHREYS, Beaufort, 28th January, 1893.

Ararat District Mining Board Election. I beg to state that I am a CANDIDATE for a seat at the Election to be held on the 27th FEBRUARY, for the Raglan Division. WILLIAM SNEDDON. Waterloo, January 26th, 1893.

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NOTICE. ALL TRESPASSERS in pursuit of game on MAWALLOK ESTATE will be PROSECUTED after this date. GEORGE LEWIS, Manager. Mawallock, 24th December, 1892.

£80,000 TO LEND on mortgage or otherwise, at an excellent rate of interest; lowest interest; no loan, no commission; strictest secrecy; no delay, personally or by letter. A. DAUNAY, 70 Queen-St., Melbourne.

TRAWALLA HOTEL. SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1893. SALE BY AUCTION At 2 o'clock on the premises, the Trawalla Hotel. Mr. BARNES, the proprietor, having let the above Hotel, and is leaving the district, has instructed the undersigned to sell by public auction on SATURDAY, the 11th FEBRUARY, next, a quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & EFFECTS, a large assortment of Carpets, Blankets and other TOOLS, together with a lot of useful sundries too numerous to particularise. No reserve. Must be cleared off. Terms Cash. W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer.

TENDERS are invited for BUILDING four BED ROOMS at MAWALLOK, and for GENERAL REPAIRS to the present HOUSE, for Philip Russell, Esq. Separate Tenders will be received for painters' work. Tenders to be sent to me by Tuesday, the 25th inst. Plans and specifications on application, and at the Town Hall Hotel, Beaufort. H. H. JACKSON, Architect. Beaufort, 11th Feb'y., 1893.

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CALENDAR OF OPERATIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

The weather in this month, like January is generally both hot and dry, and small quantities of vegetable seeds are sown.

Seeds should be sown at least four or five times as thickly as the distance they are finally recommended to be left in the rows.

Beans (French) may be sown 2 in. deep; rows 3 ft. apart, 6 in. being left between the plants.

Vegetable Marrow and the delicious Custard Marrow 1 in. deep, allowing 9 ft. between plant rows.

Marrows should be cut when the fruit is about its full size, and while the seeds are tender.

Perennial and biennial flower seeds can now be sown, such as Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Ariculas, Brachyocoma, Canterbury Bell, Carnations, Dianthus, Foxgloves, Gaillardia, French Honeysuckle, Lobelia, Lupin (perennial), Forget-me-not, Pansy, Polyanthus, Stocks (Brompton), Wall-flowers, and other favorites.

Correll is easily destroyed if tackled in hot weather. Plough the ground up in rough furrows, and let the sun play on it for a few days.

Row Beet (silver) 1/2 in. deep, 2 ft. 6 in. between the rows and 6 in. between the plants.

Borecole, Broccoli, Cabbage, and Cauliflower should be sown broadcast, 1/2 in. deep. Seeds should be mulched with a covering of 1/2 in. of round droppings of a horse.

Sow Endive 1-8 of an inch deep, thinning plants out to one foot.

Sow Carrots 1-8 of an inch deep, in rows 1 ft. apart, four inches being left between the plants.

The best soil for carrots is that which has been very heavily manured and a crop taken off it. If not available, then manure the ground with well-rotted manure, and well mix with the soil.

Sow Onions 1/2 of an inch deep, either in rows or broadcast, for young onions. Let ground be well manured. Let the ground be firm round the seed by tramping or rolling.

Sow Orache 1/2 of an inch deep, leaving 2 ft. between the rows and plants. Splendid spinach.

Sow Peas, such as Yorkshire Hero or other strong-growing variety, 1 in. deep, in rows 4 ft. apart. Birds, especially sparrows, frequently eat the young seedlings just as they are coming through the ground.

Plant Potatoes 4 in. or more deep, 2 ft. 3 in. between the rows, and 1 ft. between the sets, if weather is wet during the month.

In planting Potatoes in dry seasons of the year, and in dry districts, we recommend deep planting. The ordinary culture is to work the ground and plant the seed tubers about 4 inches deep, and earth up the soil as plants grow.

Our visit being virtuous, we called for a few moments at Mrs. Horst's home, 2 High Street, Minster, Kent, and then went our way back to Hantsgate.

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Sow Spinage 1/2 of an inch and Turnips 1/2 of an inch deep, leaving 1 foot between the rows, and 6 in. between the plants.

The Swede Turnip should be largely sown, Skirving's for stock and Laing's for domestic use. Keep well when stored for winter use.

Tomatoes should be very heavily manured, and in dry weather well watered. Fruit will be produced without pruning, but it is better to prune. For early fruit, let 2 of the main shoots, or vines run sideways on the ground, pinching off from them any side shoot other than the fruit spurs.

For later fruit let three stems be trailed up a fence, trellis, or stakes 6 ft. high, pinching off lateral branches, but not the fruit spurs.

At the end of the season the plants trained off the ground will continue producing fruit longer than those on the ground, as the soil gets sappy and cold with wet, while the atmosphere is sufficiently warm to ripen the fruit.

When the weather is too cold to ripen the fruit, the vines with the green fruit may be pulled up, and hung in a shed, when the green fruit, if sufficiently advanced, will ripen.

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The great floods in Southern Queensland has partly subsided, but communication by rail with Brisbane has not yet been restored, though it is expected that this will be effected this morning.

The particulars to hand have been transmitted from Iowoomba, which is 100 miles west of Brisbane. The disaster is the greatest which has ever visited that capital.

The water rose 9 ft. 6 in. higher than the great flood of 1890. It reached a height of 30 ft. in Stanley-street, which is an important business thorough-fare in South Brisbane, running parallel with the river and has left that street in ruins.

At the office of the "Brisbane Courier," which stands at the corner of Queen and Edward streets, in the heart of the city, the water rose so high that the machinery was still submerged to a depth of 10 ft. yesterday.

Victoria bridge, a splendid iron structure which crossed the Brisbane River on a line with Queen-street, and connected North and South Brisbane, has been swept away, and an almost equally costly iron railway bridge a few miles from the city has been destroyed.

Hundreds of houses have been carried away and hundreds of families left destitute. Many of the principal warehouses and shops have been submerged, and their contents rendered almost valueless.

The known loss of life up to the present at Ipswich and Brisbane does not exceed a score of persons, but the death-roll cannot be made up till the flood has entirely subsided.—Argus, Thursday.

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50 yds. 1s 6d per yd. Webbing, 10yd per pce. 18d. 10yd Silk Twist, 7d per doz. 10yd Sewing Silk, 10yd per doz.

DRESS MAKERS, NOTE THESE PRICES. Greenland Bone, 10s per cwt. Prussian Binding, 10yd per pce. Llama Braiding, No. 73, best qual. per pce. 1s 3d per pce.

OUR FAIR PRICES WILL BE A REVELATION TO THE TRADE.

The large show room devoted to the display of LAINES, &c., is literally packed with JACKETS, SUIT MANIFLES, a Serge and Cloth, and WRAPS of all descriptions, and the values we have put forward here are simply astounding. All in want of good Mantles and Jackets at annual prices, visit our FAIR.

THE UNDERCLOTHING and CORSET DEPARTMENT, assisted by the Ladies' Room, has been thoroughly renovated and beautified, and is now open with Show Cases and Mirrors, and forms beyond cavil the finest Show Room of its kind in the colony. BUYERS CONGREGATE where PURCHASING is a PLEASURE.

TAILORING DEPARTMENT. We have just completed a purchase of 4000 yards of fine ALL WOOL TWEEDS, which we will make up at the fair rate.

SAC SUITS TO ORDER. TROUSERS. SHIRT DEPARTMENT. Undressed White Shirts at 2s 3d.

SHIRTS. Men's Flannelette Shirts, at 2s 3d. SUITS. Boys' 2 1/2 Partments at 3s 3d. ZEPHYRUS. FINEST. QUALITY. 6s 9d.

FOY and GIBSON'S BOOT and SHOE DEPARTMENT. The Boot and Shoe Department is more than usually attractive by reason of the many thoughtful lines here displayed. Notwithstanding the cutters, we are determined to eclipse any former efforts in this Department.

IN OUR TAINTS we will create a FLUTTER, a TREMOR, a TINGHAM and GIUPP, CURTAINS will be put forward for Sale, and the PRICES are such that we anticipate an early clearance.

TABLE LINEN and NAP-KINS are down to prices that will induce a trial; and the only difficulty where everything is CHEAP is to make a choice in what to invest.

The unequalled success of our BEDSTEAD and BEDDING DEPARTMENT, which we have every confidence in stating the VALUE offered is undoubtedly the BEST in Melbourne.

FOY and GIBSON are the LARGEST MANUFACTURERS in VICTORIA. FACTORIES: OXFORD-LANE, OXFORD-STREET, COLLINGWOOD.

FOY and GIBSON'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENTS. In Furnishings we stand pre-eminent in the colony.

French Polished Solid Pine Bedroom Suite, consisting of wardrobe with mirror door, dressing table, washstand with towel rack, dressing glass, 2 chairs, £25 10s 6d.

Duchesse PAIRS, £5 10s. 3ft. 6in. Duchesse D. Table and 2 Chairs, £25 10s 6d.

HANDSOME SOLID WALNUT SUITE, 7 Pieces, £27 10s. 9 pieces Real Leather Suite, £10 15s. 6 ft. x 3 1/2 ft. MASSIVE SCREW EXTENSION TABLE, with polished top, 4 1/2 ft. x 4 ft. 7 1/2 ft. 6d.

BAMBOO FURNITURE. ROLL TOP DESKS, £10 10s. SOLID WALNUT HALL STAND, £2 10s 6d.

DININGROOM FURNITURE. Splendid suite, in real leather, 9 pieces, heavy, suitable, £10 10s. Massive Screw Extension Dining Table, 6ft x 3ft 6in, with polished top, 4 1/2 ft. x 4 ft. 7 1/2 ft. 6d.

4ft Bevelled Glass Sideboard, £2 7 1/2 ft. 6d. Dining Table, 1 1/2 ft. 6d. Gipsy Table, 1 1/2 ft. 6d. Bamboe Esels, 1s 6d. Bamboe Esels from 1s 6d. Large Vienna Rocking Chair, with upholstered seat, 2s 6d. American Platform Lockers, 15s 6d.

Solid Oak Roll Top Desks, Cabinet pattern, the most convenient, with automatic locking, £10 10s. A useful Solid Walnut Hall Stand, with bevelled glass top, 4 1/2 ft. x 4 ft. 7 1/2 ft. 6d. Also in larger sizes, at £4 15s 6d and £5 12s 6d.

DRAWINGROOM FURNISHINGS. All our stock of upholstered Suites have been liberally marked down to clear, and we have no hesitation in saying Furniture never was so cheap.

A splendid stock of corner and square Whatnots, plain or inlaid, 8s 6d, up to 50s. Brass Corniche Poles, 5ft long x 1 1/2 in. thick, complete, with rings and brackets, 4s 11d each; also same, 1 1/2 in. thick, 6s 9d each.

100 Gem Combination Chair, with upholstered seat, leather or rich velvet, 30s each. Inspect our stock before Purchasing elsewhere.

TWO ROLLER MANGLES, 5s. WRINGERS, From 17s 6d. NOTE PRICES.

MASON'S JARS: 3s 11d per doz. 4s 11d per doz. 5s 11d per doz.

GROCERIES. No. 1 A Sugar, per 70lb bag, 14s 5d. No. 2 Sugar, per 70lb bag, 13s 11d. Symington's Coffee Essence, 1s 3d per bot. Borden's Maltine, 1s 6d per bot. Henderson's Pickles, 5s 6d per dozen. Dramatica Lime Juice, quarts, 9d per bottle.

Our own make Raspberry Jam made and bottled on the premises in glass jars containing 1 1/2 lb net each, price 10s per dozen.

PROVISIONS. Finest Swiss Cured Ham, 7d per lb. Fine Mild Cheese, 5d per lb. BUTTER. TEAS at the FAIR. In 12lb tins, 12s. In 20lb tins, 20s. In 40lb tins, 40s. In 20lb tins, 17s 6d. In 12lb tins, 23s 6d. In 40lb tins, 23s 6d. In 20lb tins, 23s 6d. In 12lb tins, 23s 6d. A BLEND. In 20lb tins, 33s 6d. Write for samples of our teas.

HORSE-CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. Linen Suits, without roller, 18s 6d. Linen Suits, with roller, 27s 6d, 37s 6d. Super Serge Suits, without roller, 67s 6d, 80s. Rollers, from 2s 9d to 14s. Girths, 3s 3d and 4s 3d per pair. Girth Webbs, 10yd, 11yd, 12yd. Saddlery, 1s 30 each.

FOY and GIBSON'S SADDLERY. Gents' Saddles, complete, 39s, 45s, 55s to 75s. Ladies' Saddles, 60s, 70s, 80s. Bridles, 4s 2d, 4s 11d, 7s 3d, 8s 6d. Racing Bridles, 8s 5d, 9s 2d. Martingales, 7s 6d. Stirrup Leathers, 2s, 2s 4d. Cruppers, 1s 8d.

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Customers can purchase every Requisite for household or personal use under the one roof, and there are well appointed Tea and Luncheon Rooms for the convenience of our patrons.

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A wealthy London merchant is reported to have said: "I always feel happy when I am advertising, for then I know that, waking or sleeping, I have a strong, though silent orator, working for me; one who never tires, never sleeps, never makes mistakes, and who is certain to enter the households, from which if at all, my trade must come.

Established 1860. WILLIAM BAKER, UNDERTAKER, Lawrence Street, next Post Office, and Neill Street, opposite Stat. school.

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MONEY. TO FARMERS, LANDOWNERS & OTHERS. TO LEND, large and small sums of Trust & other Monies, for term of 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 years, or as agreed upon, on Freehold or Leasehold Lands, at lowest rates of interest. McEVY & CO., 21 Market Street, Melbourne. Business for 1891 exceeded £400,000. Borrowers are requested to place themselves in direct communication, when any information required will be furnished. All communications treated strictly confidential.

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For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases and Sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing and permanent cure. It cures Sores on the Neck, Cures Sore Legs, Cures Blackheads, or Pimples on the Face, Cures Scrofula, Cures Rheumatism, Cures Blood and Skin Diseases, Cures Glandular Swellings, Clears the Blood from all Impure Matter, From whatever cause arising, it is a never-failing and permanent cure.

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It removes the cause from the blood and bones. 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.

Translation of letter from Fiji. The letter of Jonathan to Mr. Mansford. "My Friend, I write to you to-day to tell you about my illness. I love you very much to-day because of the medicine you have given me. It is truly a wonderful medicine. I beg you, Mr. Mansford, give me one more bottle, as the mouth of boils is near. "Preparation Day (Saturday), Bus, Valua, Levu."

"In Fiji, at certain times of the year, both the European residents and natives are afflicted with a disease which, if not immediately seen to, not infrequently develops into terrible running sores. At these times I can conscientiously assert that I know of no better medicine than 'Clarke's Blood Mixture,' which I have used with unflinching success both among my white and black neighbors. The enclosed letter from Jonathan, a Christianized Fijian, speaks for itself. For three months he had been almost a cripple, and yet one of your large bottles completely set him up. In ordinary cases even a less quantity will effect a cure.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully, "T. EDWARDS DUNNOR, "46, Leicester-square, London, W.C. "21 June, 1892."

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Clarke's Blood Mixture. CAUTION.—Purchasers of Clarke's Blood Mixture should see that they get the genuine article. Worthless imitations and substitutes are sometimes palmed off by unprincipled vendors. The words "Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln England," are engraved on the Government stamp, and "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture" is blown in the bottle. WITHOUT WHICH NONE ARE GENUINE.

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THE WORLD'S FRIEND. A Cure for Piles and Fistulas. Diseases of sensitive parts may be relieved and cured by the proper and diligent use of this cooling and healing Ointment, whose action should invariably be assisted by judicious doses of the Pills—the anxious patient will soon experience wonderful ease from this treatment.

COUGHS, COLDS AND ASTHMA. The Ointment should assiduously be rubbed at least twice a day on the chest and between the shoulders, when the symptoms will quickly abate. No medicines are more efficient in chest complaints, none can be used with equal safety and certainty.

GOUT AND RHEUMATISM. These are undoubtedly BLOOD DISEASES, and the poison manifests its presence in all well known symptoms. The only certain means of cure consists in overcoming this depravity in the blood, which is rapidly purified by the use of the Pills. The Ointment, when rubbed upon the skin, penetrates through the pores, acts in unison with the Pills, and soon effects a cure.

DROPSY, SWOLLEN LEGS OR ANKLES. These remedies act directly upon the absorbent system with a power that no diuretic, however inveterate, can long resist. They regulate the circulation, they filter out everything that is morbid or injurious, and they regulate every function.

BAD LEGS, BAD BRUISES AND OLD ULCERS. This invaluable Ointment is an infallible cure for any wound, sore, or ulcer, of however long standing. For pimples, blotches, scald heads, and scrofulic humors, it is equally efficacious. Both the Ointment and Pills should be used in the following cases:—

Bad Legs, Cancers, Sore Nipples, Bad Bruses, Rheumatism, Skin Diseases, Burns, Gout, Ulcers, Chilblains, Itching, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Lumbago, Corns (Soft), Contracted and Rheumatic Feet, Swellings, Scalds.

The Ointment and Pills are Manufactured only at New Oxford St. (late 533 Oxford St.) London and are sold by all Vendors of Medicines throughout the Civilized World; with directions for use in almost every language. Purchasers should look to the Label on the Pots and Boxes. If the address is not 533, Oxford Street, London, they are spurious.

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COMMERCIAL. BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; oats, stout, 1s 10d.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat, 2s 11d; flour, stone-made, 17 1/2s.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET. Fat Cattle—250 head came to hand for to-day's sale.

Following sales are reported.—By Messrs. Hephurn, Dowling, and Crawford.—Sheep—300 merino wethers and ewes for Captain Bridges.

MELBOURNE GRAIN AND DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS. Wednesday. Wheat.—There is no alteration to report in this market.

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[A CARD.] DR. A. ADAM, M.B., C.M., May in future be consulted at his Private Residence.

DEATH. ARCHARD.—On the 15th February, at his parents' residence, Edwin James, the youngest son of the late Thomas George Archard.

THE Riponshire Advocate Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, FEB. 18, 1893.

It is a great many years since Mr Purves, Q.C., occupied a seat in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and when he did lend a hand in making our laws he cannot be said to have cut a very brilliant figure.

Local and General News. The statement of accounts of the Beaufort Cemetery for the year ending 31st December, 1892, is published.

A very pleasant, though rather one-sided, cricket match was played in the Beaufort Park on Wednesday afternoon between teams representing the "Shoppies" and "Outsiders."

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all like, it would doubtless gain size and potency in its march, and go lead to the expenditure of energy and intellectual force in the direction of striving to bring about separation.

For the next few days there will be on view at Mr Dolan's shop (opposite the Camp Hotel, Beaufort) an excellent specimen of his handiwork as a coachpainter.

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WATER FOR LAKE GOLDSMITH. TO THE EDITOR. SIR—I must trouble you for a little more space in the above.

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CORRESPONDENCE. THIS AND THAT. [By Robin Hood.] You, my readers, are blessed if you are not cursed with a very long, Melbourne name himself "M.O."

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impossible. He made a grand finale, and theatrical coup with a peroration on the subject of federation, and returned to his chair amidst the loudest plaudits of a crowded house.

Newspaper men are supposed, by reason of their training, to be of the world widely, and able to be galled by empyrean. Yet every now and then they are got at as easily as if they were young horn babes.

Now Professor Richard M.E., has had the press on toast, undertaking to do what the most learned and educated of scientists could not do, and to perform miracles which only the "good book" records.

German Syrup

For Throat and Lungs

"I have been ill for Hemorrhage about five years, had the best medical advice, and took the first dose in some doubt. This resulted in a few hours easy sleep.

The following speech of a female suffragist in America is given in the "Woman's Herald":—"Miss President, fellow women, amuse trust generally; I am here for the purpose of discussing woman's rights, discussing her wrongs, and curing the men.

The only decent thing was a rib, and that went to make something better. They threw in our faces about being the apple; but I bet five dollars Adam hoisted her up the tree, and only gave her the core.

Frontiers. For the best and bravest, a few drops of this tonic and preservative, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath.

The Best Remedy for Indigestion. Norton's Camomile Pills are confidently recommended as a simple remedy for Indigestion, which is the cause of nearly all the diseases to which we are subject.

Advice to Mothers. Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

At J. Smith Thomas, on resigning the presidency of the A.M.A. at Broken Hill on Thursday, said:—"Never can I believe that there is a more devoted, heavy, terrible, and tremendous as it has been, is to prove final. I cannot believe that the men of Australia will never rest until the maritime, the shearer, and the Broken Hill delinquents have been converted into triumphs.

Ararat Mining Board Election.

A POLL for the ELECTION of FOUR MEMBERS of the Ararat Mining Board will be taken at the under-mentioned place on SATURDAY, the 25th day of February, 1893, commencing at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, and closing at Five o'clock in the afternoon.

Division of Ararat—One Member. At Court House, Ararat; State School, Armstrongs; Shields' (late Ahrendts); Store, Cathcart; Court House, Meston; and State School, Opossum Gully.

Division of Pleasant Creek—Two Members. At Court House, Rees; D'Arcy's Shamrock Hotel, Stawell; Sweetman's Store, Deep Lead; and Mechanics' Institute, Great Western.

Division of Raglan—One Member. At Court House, Beaufort; Richmond Hotel, Waterloo; Main Lead Hotel, Main Lead; and Mitchell's Hotel, Sallee's Gully.

Beaufort Rifle Club. THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held at the Mechanics' Institute on THURSDAY evening next, 23rd February at 8 o'clock.

WANTED TO RENT or SELL, that comfortable 5-roomed COTTAGE, Land and Orchard, at Main Lead (two miles from Beaufort).

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

American shelving boards, Do lumber do, 6 x 12 Scotch flooring, 6 x 4 do lining, 6 x 3 do do flooring, American and Baltic deals, all sizes, 4 and pine weatherboards, 6 x 6 do, American Clear pine, 2 in., 3 in., 4 in., 5 in., cedar, white ash, sawn boards, Cedar table legs, all sizes, French casements, doors, sashes, Mouldings, architraves, skirting, Broad palings and shingles, A stock of all sizes of hardwood always on hand A.O. GIBLON LINE.

NOTICE. ALL TRESPASSERS in pursuit of game on MAWALLOK ESTATE will be PROSECUTED after this date.

SCHEDULE A.—[RULE 5 (b)] NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

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

NAME in full of applicant or applicants, and style under which it is intended that the business shall be carried on—Tom Davis Martin; "The Martin's United Gold Mining Company."

Supposed extent of ground applied for, and whether on or below the surface, or both, or a lode—About ten (10) acres. Name of each person (if any) who is in occupation of the land, so far as the applicant has been able to learn—James Brown and James McEwale, under grazing licences.

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NAME in full of applicant or applicants, and style under which it is intended that the business shall be carried on—Thomas Walter Foster; "The Golden Gate Gold Mining Company."

Supposed extent of ground applied for, and whether on or below the surface, or both, or a lode—Ten acres, both on and below the surface.

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NAME in full of applicant or applicants, and style under which it is intended that the business shall be carried on—William Firth; "No. 2 Standard Gold Mining Company."

Supposed extent of ground applied for, and whether on or below the surface, or both, or a lode—Twenty acres; both on and below the surface.

NAME in full of applicant or applicants, and style under which it is intended that the business shall be carried on—James Brown.

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BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL EXHIBITION! THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1893.

The following PRIZES will be awarded for Agricultural and Dairy Produce, Fruit, Flowers, Wines, and Miscellaneous Exhibits:—

- Special Class for Sheep. 1. £1 for best Long-wooled Ram, over one year; certificate of merit for second best do. 2. 1 for best Long-wooled Ram, under one year; certificate of merit for second best do.

- Class A—Grain. 1. 25s for best eight bushels Wheat; 15s for second best do.; 10s for third best do. 2. 25s for best eight bushels Tartarian Oats; 15s for second best do.; 10s for third best do.

- Class B—Roots, Hay, Fruit, &c. 1. L1 for best sample of Sheaf Hay, not less than one cwt.; 10s for second best do. 2. L1 for best sample of Trussed Hay, in one truss, not less than one cwt.; 10s for second best do.

- Class C—Dairy Produce. 1. L1 for best 4lbs. Powdered Butter, put up in rolls as usually sent to the market, and without any print or private mark; 10s for second best do.; 5s for third best do.

- Class D—Agricultural Implements. 1. L1 for best Single furrow Plough, 10s for second best do. 2. L1 for best Double-furrow Plough; 10s for second best do.

- Class E—Swine. 1. L1 for best Boar, any breed; 10s for second best do. 2. L1 for best Sow, any breed; 10s for second best do.

- Class F—Poultry. 1. 10s for best Brahma-pootra Cock and Hen; 5s for second best do. 2. 10s for best Houdan Cock and Hen; 5s for second best do.

- Class G—Horses and Cattle. 1. L3 for best Draught Entire Horse; L1 for second best do. 2. L2 for best Colonial-bred Draught Entire, three years old; L1 for second best do.

- 15. Special prize of £5 by Captain Bridges, R.N., for highest Jumper; L1 for second best do. 16. L5 for best Hunter, to carry not less than 12st., to be judged by hunting qualities; the jump to be 3ft. 6in.

- Class H—Miscellaneous. 1. L1 for best twelve bottles Colonial Wine, made in the colony and grown by the exhibitor. 2. 10s for best Collection of Jams; 5s for second best do.

Conditions. 1. All entries must be made in writing, and lodged with the Secretary on Monday, 20th March, not later than six o'clock p.m. 2. All exhibits must be forwarded by ten o'clock a.m., and must be kept on the ground till four o'clock p.m., on the Show day.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS. Auctioneer, Valuer, Arbitrator, General Commission Agent. AUCTION ROOMS:—BARKLY STREET, ARARAT, and NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat, 3s to 3s 1d; oats, stout, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; Danish, 1s 8d; Algorians, 1s 6d; peas, 2s 1d; barley, 4s 6d to 4s 8d; Cape, 2s 1d; hay, orme green, 11s to 11s 6d; mangel hay, 7s 6d; straw, 1s 5d to 1s 7s 6d; bran, 7s 6d to 8d; pollard, 9s to 9s 6d; flour, rollers, 1s 3; stone, 1s 7s to 1s 10s; potatoes, 12s 10s.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; flour, stone-mill, 17s 6d; roller-made, 17s 11d; 6d per ton; oats, 1s 7d to 1s 9d; pollard, 9d; bran, 8d; Cape barley, none; rye, 3s 9d; potatoes, Warranabool, to 2s 10s; hay, sheaves, 12s; hay, crushed, 12s 6d to 12s 5s; straw, 11d; chaff, 2s 9d per cwt.; onions, new, 5s per cwt.; carrots, 3s per cwt.; butter, fresh, 9d; butter, potted, none; hams, 11d; bacon, 10s; cheese, 6d; eggs, 8d.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Fat Cattle—314 head, including about 60 cows, were offered for to-day's sale, about one-third consisting of good and prime quality, remainder ranging from inferior to medium. There was an average attendance of the trade, and competition, more especially in the opening sales for Best Cattle, was brisk, at prices showing a slight improvement on last week's values, medium and other sorts meeting a dull demand at low rates. Quotations:—Prime pen bullocks, 19 to 19 1/2; extra prime and heavy, 19 to 19 1/2; good do, 17 to 18 1/2; medium do, 15 to 16 1/2; prime pen cows, 15 to 16 1/2; good do, 13 to 14 1/2. Store Cattle—139 yarded, all being disposed of at satisfactory prices. Fat Calves—12 penned, for which there was a fair demand, best selling for 35s. Fat Sheep—8372 were offered for to-day's sale, only a small proportion comprising good and prime quality, balance medium and inferior descriptions. There was a good attendance of buyers, all suitable trade lots meeting with a brisk competition at an improvement on last week's values, while other sorts, which included a large proportion of inferior quality, with difficulty disposed of at very low rates. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 11s to 12s, a few to 12s 6d; good do, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; medium do, 8s to 9s; prime crossbred ewes, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; extra to 11s 6d; good do, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; prime merino wethers, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; extra to 10s 6d; good do, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; medium do, 5s to 6s; merino ewes to 6s 1d. Lambs—1522 to hand, very few being suitable for the trade, which accordingly met with an improved demand at quotations:—Prime woolly, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; a few to 11s 6d; good do, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; extra to 8s 6d; prime shorn, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; extra to 10s; good do, 6s to 7s; medium do, 4s 6d to 5s 6d.

The following sales are reported:—By Messrs Hepburn, Dowling, and Crawford, Lambs—19 for Mr T. Greenbank, Snake Valley, at 10s 6d and 10s. By Messrs Fiskien, Valentine, and Co., 300 merino wethers and ewes for Captain Bridges, Trawalla, wethers to 8s 6d, ewes to 4s 3d. By Messrs McLeod and Booth—Sheep—110 merino ewes and wethers for Mr D. Carmichael, Shirley, to 4s 4d and 9s.

MELBOURNE GRAIN AND DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

Wednesday. Wheat.—The market is again weaker. Quotations now are:—Inferior and faulty, 2s 9d to 2s 10d; and fair to prime quality, 3s 1s to 3s 1 1/2d per bushel. Barley.—Values have slightly decreased since last week, and may be quoted:—1st quality, 2s to 2s 3d; 2nd quality, 1s 10s to 1s 11d; inferior to medium quality, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; and fair to prime, 4s to 4s 3d per bushel. Oats have experienced another slight decline. Quotations are:—Algorians, 1s 5d to 1s 8d; light to fair average feed, 1s 8d to 1s 11d; and good to 2s 1d per bushel. Peas are in demand at 2s 3d to 2s 4d per bushel. Malt.—Malt maintains a good firm demand. Quotations are:—Good red, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; and white to 4s per bushel. Bran and pollard remain at rates last quoted, 1s 1d and 9d respectively. Flour.—Country store is selling at 17s 10s, and finer to 18s 10s per ton.

Fresh Butter.—The export trade for this season having ceased there was a decrease forward to-day, mostly of factory supplies in consequence were easier. Factory butter from 81d to 82d per lb. Private butter—Prime in print brought from 9d to 9 1/2d; medium to good, 7d to 8d; and to 8d per lb; potted butter, prime, 1s 1d to 1s 2d per lb; pastry sorts, 4s 1d to 5s 1d. A good supply to hand, and for the most part well sold. Eggs.—A good supply to hand, and for the most part well sold. Eggs—A good supply to hand, and for the most part well sold. Eggs—A good supply to hand, and for the most part well sold.

GEELONG WEEKLY MARKET. Messrs George Hague & Co. report under date of 22nd inst. Sheepskins—100 offered to supply to a full muster of buyers. Butchers' fresh-killed pelts, small lambs, 6d to 10d; full-wooled skins 4d per pound; good to station pelts, 4d per pound; good to station pelts, 4d per pound; good to station pelts, 4d per pound.

Beaufort Business Directory. D. MASON, AGENT AND STATIONER. Opposite Post Office. To inform the general public that he has secured the premises adjoining his place of business.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF SPRING GOODS NOW OPENED.

J. McKEICH, Direct Importer, NEILL-STREET, BEAUFORT. GEORGE LORET, BOOT AND SHOEMAKER, Willoughby Street, near Shire Hall BEAUFORT.

W. M. SMITH & SON, FAMILY BUTCHERS, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT. Prime Meat kept. Special Goods always on hand. Orders called for daily.

THE CHRISTMAS TRADE NEW GOODS NOW OPENING. G. H. COUGLE, Direct Importer, BEAUFORT.

H. GILLOCH, FAMILY BUTCHER, NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

[A CARD.] DR. ADAM, M.B., C.M., May in future be consulted at his Private Residence (lately occupied by Dr. Croker), 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, FEB. 25, 1893.

The rainfall at Beaufort for the week ending yesterday morning at 9 o'clock was 10 points. The yield from the Jubilee Co. at Poverty Point for last week was 50z 5dwts.

Mr Hugh Briggs, of Eurambeen, and Mr Percy Smith, nephew of Mr McPherson of Nerrie, have recently taken up the Warranabool Estate, in the Sturtford district. Mr Geo. Pearson, of Buangor is about to take a trip to the Old Country for the benefit of his health. He sails in the Ophite on Saturday next, 4th prox. We wish him a pleasant voyage, and trust he will return to his friends re-invigorated in health and strength.

The team to represent the Avenue Cricket Club in a match with Lexton in the Park on Wednesday, will be chosen from the following:—Richard (2), Baker (2), Carver (2), Charlton, Cowell, Grant, Hill, Johnston, Lilley (2), Nicoll, Parker, Tromp, Welsh (2), Williams, White.

On Tuesday last, as Mrs John Jess was driving into Beaufort, having with her a son about 9 years of age, the horse fell when within a mile of the township, and Mrs Jess falling heavily, received a very bad shaking and some severe bruises, the worst being on the forehead and right arm. Two Misses Hearn coming up at the time, caught Mrs Jess into Dr. Johnston, who attended to Mrs Jess' injuries. It is expected that a week or two of rest will put Mrs Jess right again.

The following are the yields obtained by the various co-operative parties (written by Waterloo correspondent) for week ending 18th February:—Stevens and party, 23oz 10dwts; Lucky party, 9oz 12dwts; J. Edwards and party, 9oz 12dwts; Foster and party, 7oz 5dwts; Tromp and party, 7oz; Lewis and party, 4oz; Martin and party, 4oz 5dwts; Sneadon and party, 1oz 5dwts; Robinson and party, 4oz.

Mr W. Baker, of Beaufort, was the successful tenderer for building Dr. Adam's new house. We understand that the contract price is about £5000. The building is to be finished by 21st June next. Mr Baker has lost no time in getting to work; the foundations, which are of brick, are being laid.

We were on Wednesday upon a large and peculiarly shaped cor, grown by Mr G. Pearson at Buangor in soil that had been manured with bone-dust manufactured by Mr Wm. Smith, of Beaufort. The carrot, which was of the Shorthorn variety, had no less than 18 sprouts as thick as an ordinary carrot, and weighed 4lbs. 2oz.

Mr B'kaine, when returning home to Waterloo on Monday last, fell in getting out of Mr Vowles' cab, and hurt his right knee. He was brought into Mr Dr. Johnston, who found the knee very much swollen and inflamed. The sufferer was prescribed for, but it will be necessary for Mr Blunnie to have rest for a few weeks.

The secretary of the Beaufort Athletic Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations towards the Easter Monday sports:—Hon. R. Simpson, £2; Mr G. Lewis, £1; Hon. W. H. S. Osmond, £1.

A meeting of the Athletic Club is announced for Monday evening next at the Mechanics' Institute. The election of a representative of the Ararat Board for the Region division takes place to-day (Saturday). The candidates are Messrs John Humphreys (the retiring member) and Mr Wm. Sneadon. The poll, which opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m., will be taken at the Court-house, Beaufort; Richmond Hotel, Waterloo; Main Lead Hotel, Main Lead; and Mitchell's Hotel, Sailor's Gully.

A tea meeting and entertainment, in aid of the Presbyterian Church Fund, is to be held in the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Tuesday evening next. Addresses are to be delivered by the Rev. Mr McQueen, of East Ballarat, and local speakers. A very attractive programme of vocal and instrumental music—including recitations on zither and Chinese hymns—and recitations, has been drawn up, and there should be a large gathering on the occasion. The charge for admission to the tea and entertainment is 1s 6d, or 1s to the entertainment only. The Sunday School picnic takes place in the Park the following day.

FRUITERS IN THE BLOOD.—We have seen hosts of letters from all sorts and conditions of people, in which the writers acknowledge the benefit they have received from Clarke's Blood Mixture, which as a curative agent cannot be too highly estimated, since it cleanses and clears the blood from all impurities, and restores it to its normal condition. It is a good testimonial from the Family Doctor, which goes on further to say: "It is certainly the best blood purifier that science has yet discovered, and it can be used with the utmost confidence, and it is recommended to our subscribers and the public generally." Weekly Litigator.

THE SKIPTON AND BEAUFORT JUNIORS PLAY A CRICKET MATCH AT BEAUFORT TO-DAY.

A spark from the engine on the 7 o'clock luggage train last evening set fire to a truck of wood, which luckily was observed at the Beaufort station and extinguished before any damage was done.

It is pleasing to note that several parties continue to get payable gold at the Digg Digg, and it is a great drawback, and impedes the full development of the field. Whilst numbers have left in despair after sinking a few shafts, the more persevering have dropped upon better ground and obtained encouraging prospects. These are of opinion that something good will turn up yet. The ground is certainly being well prospected, as holes are being sunk in all directions, and it should soon be proved whether the field is merely a patch or not. Drivern and Abbott are nearly 300z. last week, and confidently received a large order, which a quantity of timber was put in hand, some prospecting work done. On Thursday alone they knocked out 15dwts. of gold, Chapman and Flowers, adjoining, had 13dwts. for the week. The prospectors, Williams and McDonald, got an oz. last week, and a little over that up to last night. They have sunk a new shaft, from the bottom of which 2dwts. were obtained. Some excitement was caused on Monday by Stuart and Martin cleaning up half a ton from the bottom of a shaft some 50yds. lower down, but they do not appear to be on the gold, as they have only succeeded in getting a few grains since. Neighboring allotments were quickly pegged out, but just as soon deserted. Pinnock and Thompson are it is believed, doing fairly well. The lead seems to be going up the gully, in a zig-zag fashion, two parties striking it this week, nearly 100yds. from the prospectors; C. Wright and another getting about an oz., with half a dtw. of the bottom, and Drivern Bros. and W. Humphries the better prospect of 1 dtw. of the bottom. On the whole the rush has improved. At Chapman's Gully Tromp and party, who bottomed last week, have since been opening out and driving. They took their tubs down yesterday, and from two tubs of wash dirt got half a dtw. of gold. The prospectors expect to bottom this morning.

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B 41 PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, either sex, acquired or constitutional, Gravel, and Pain in the Back, guaranteed free from mercury. Sold in boxes, 4s. 6d. each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the World. Proprietors—THE LANCET AND MIDLAND CONTINENTAL DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln, England.

The Assembly has now disposed of nearly all the work before it, but another sitting or two are required to wind up matters between the two Houses. There will be no sitting to-day (says Friday's Argus), but the House will meet again on Tuesday. The time for private members' business was occupied yesterday in passing a measure to allow wine to be sold in the evenings at the Wine, Fruit, and Grain Exhibition. The Heideberg and Eltham Railway Bill was passed after a brief discussion, and the bill to authorise the local loan of £1,000,000 and to provide for the redemption of the loan of £1,312,900 falling due in January was passed through its remaining stages. The Treasurer distinctly stated that the loan will not be regarded as an addition to the present borrowing powers, and promised that next session he will bring forward a bill to reduce the authority to borrow granted by the bill of 1891 by the extent of £1,000,000, but he declined to comply the present bill with such a provision. The amendment made in the Village Settlements Bill by the Council refusing power to the Minister of Lands to purchase land for the purpose of the bill was agreed to, and the new parts added by the Council embodying the principles of the New Zealand Homestead Bill, was disagreed with, and the Bill sent back to the Council. A retrenchment bill with regard to the registration of births, deaths, and marriages was passed, as was another providing that carrying firms, with agencies in various provinces, shall pay a license fee in each. The Water Act 1890 Amendment Bill was discharged. The Premier stated that the Mildura difficulty will be dealt with on Tuesday, and he hopes to be able to prorogue on Thursday. The House adjourned at 20 minutes to 11 o'clock.

A terrible tragedy is reported from Tevenson, 20 miles from Northampton, Western Australia. On Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Mr Wm. Charles Glass, aged about 50, a squatter, long resident in the district of Northampton, shot dead his two grown up daughters, and then shot himself. The motive for the crime was displeasure at one of his daughters deciding to marry without his consent, and at the other for encouraging her sister in her purpose. The greatest consternation exists at Northampton and Geraldton, where all the parties were well known. Mr Glass was a well educated and intelligent man, chairman of the Northampton roads board, and among the speakers at the recent banquet given to Sir John Forrest at Northampton. He leaves a wife and a large family, and was always regarded as a headstrong man, who could not be driven from his purpose.

FOR HEPATITIS. Dr. Fletcher's Pills are a sure cure for biliousness and liver complaints, hepatitis, headache, indigestion, heartburn, kidney ailments, and all other ailments. If you really want a good family pill, try Dr. Fletcher's Pills, the silent and delicate motor that purifies the human system of all accumulations of morbid, foreign, and poisonous secretions. They are as mild as a petal, as harmless as honey, as soothing as a spring rain. They do not, and are sure as a spring gun. They do not, and are sure as a spring gun. They do not, and are sure as a spring gun.

WATERLOO A.M.A. SPORTS. The annual sports gathering in celebration of the twelfth anniversary of the Waterloo branch A.M.A., was held on the Association's ground on Wednesday last. Fine weather prevailing, there was a good attendance, it being estimated that fully 300 people were present. The various officers worked hard in trying to keep the crowd amused. Most of the events were well contested, some of the finishes being close and exciting. The proceedings were further enlivened by "sweet strains of music" discoursed by a travelling musician named Dunn with a fiddle and Scotch bagpipes. The fiddler moved the most of us, dancing on the green being vigorously indulged in by lovers of the Teipsichorean art. There were three guardians of the peace on the ground, but they had nothing to do, the utmost good order prevailing. The publican's booth was in charge of Mr T. D. Martin, who also provided lunch for the stewards. The judging was done by Messrs Skene, Foster and Wills, and the handicapping by Messrs McKeich, Robinson, and Sneadon. As usual Mr Shaw was a most assiduous and obliging secretary. Taken altogether, the sports passed off very successfully. In the evening a dinner was held at Martin's Alhion Hotel, the catering being unbounded satisfaction. Several toasts were enthusiastically honored, and a very enjoyable time spent. A concert was also held at the Mechanics' Institute, the programme consisting of vocal and instrumental music, a stumpy speech, hornpipe, and farce, by local amateurs. There was a fair attendance. The ball afterwards was well attended. Dancing was kept up till daylight. Appended are particulars of the sports:—

MAIDEN RACE, value £1 10s; 130 yds. First prize 10s; second, 10s. Post entry, 2s. M. Rankin ... .. 1 E. Stephens ... .. 2 C. Warren ... .. 3 A splendid race. Four competitors. HURDLE RACE (handicap), value £3. First prize £1 10s; second £1; third 10s. 120 and 200 yds. 120 yards event. E. Stephens (4 yds.) ... .. 1 W. Flanagan (2 yds.) ... .. 2 C. Warren (5 yds.) ... .. 3 Five competitors. Won on the tape. 200 yards event. Rankin (12 yds.) ... .. 1 Stephens (4 yds.) ... .. 2 Flanagan (2 yds.) ... .. 3 A well-contested event, about 5 yds. separating the three at the finish. Stephens won the first prize, Flanagan and Rankin being equal, divided second and third prizes. GRAND ASSOCIATION HANDICAP, value £25. 100, 200 and 300 yards. First prize, £25; second £2; third 10s. 100 yards event. Flanagan (2 yds.) ... .. 1 Stephens (4 yds.) ... .. 2 Rankin (3 yds.) ... .. 3 Won rather easily. Five competitors. 200 yards event. Flanagan (2 yds.) ... .. 1 Stephens (4 yds.) ... .. 2 Rankin (3 yds.) ... .. 3 Flanagan won as he liked. The third event was only a walk-over. Rankin came first, Stephens second, and Flanagan third.

The first prize fell to Flanagan, Stephens and Rankin, dividing second and third. Boys' Race (handicap), under 12 years. First prize 7s; second 5s; third 3s. Post entry 6d. W. Rankin ... .. 1 W. Kewley ... .. 2 Smith ... .. 3 MEMBERS' HANDICAP (for financial members on the roll on 1st January, 1893), for trophies. First prize, trophy, value £1 10s; second, trophy, value £1; third trophy, value 10s. 100 and 200 yards. Post entry, 2s. Trophies or money if winners prefer; full value guaranteed by the association. T. Wills (4 yds.) ... .. 1 F. Pitt (2 yds.) ... .. 2 W. Wilcox (5 yds.) ... .. 3 Won comfortably by about 5 yds. Five competitors. 200 yards event. Wilcox (10 yds.) ... .. 1 Pitt (2 yds.) ... .. 2 Wilcox (5 yds.) ... .. 3 A close and well-contested race. The three being equal in points, agreed to divide the prize equally in points, according to the order of the race. T. Wills (4 yds.) value £7 10s. First prize £5; second £2 10s. Ten men able. Three teams or no pull. Any member of a team sitting in the middle of the race will be disqualified. Time allowed for the race, 10 minutes; at the expiration of that time the team having no pull to be declared the winner. Entrance 10s per team, post entry, to be in by 3 p.m. on the day of the race. Harradon's team beat the Stragglers (the pull being a farce. Harradon's team, Hewitt's teams then struggled for a little over two minutes, the former winning, and the two taking the prizes in the order named. A young man named W. Gardner fainting, but soon came round. Potatoes Race, 60 yards. Potatoes 15; first prize 15s; second 10s; third 5s. Post entry 2s. Webster, 1st; Stevens, 2d; Flanagan and Rankin tied and divided third. A very interesting event. It, however, caused great dissatisfaction, the general impression being that Flanagan and Rankin were not fairly run. An improvement on the Race of 100 yds. was run, A Broadbent coming first, and Pett second. HANDICAP RACE, 100 yds. First prize fat lamb (presented by Mr John Frutcher), value 10s; second, trophy value 7s 6d; third, trophy value 5s. Post entry 1s. Barry (5 yds.) ... .. 1 Gardner (2 yds.) ... .. 2 Broadbent (2 yds.) ... .. 3 Four competitors. Won by about 5 yds.

Hughes protest d against Barry on the grounds that he ran on the grass (inside the track) half way round, but the protest was dismissed. RUNNING HIGH LEAP (handicap), value £1 10s. First prize 10s; second 5s. Post entry 2s. K. Simpson (1 inch) ... .. 1 R. Bell (2 yds.) ... .. 2 Five competitors. Height cleared 5ft. Simpson beating Bell without the aid of his handicap. Bell afterwards negotiated the jump. Bell afterwards was the most interesting events of the day, and evoked much enthusiasm. A Quot Match also took place, the prizes being divided between five, as time did not permit its conclusion.

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BEAUFORT RIFLE CLUB. The half-yearly meeting of the above club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening. Present: Messrs Orde (president), McKeich, Brooks, Archard, Pedder, Chapman, G. Loff, F. Minchin, J. E. S. Baker, F. Troy, Vale, Jas. Harris, G. Carver, Nicholson, Cougle (captain), A. Tromp (secy.), W. Hill, W. Johnston, and Parker. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The secretary submitted the balance-sheet for the past half-year, showing the receipts to have amounted to £149 17s 6d, and the expenditure to £25 7s 10s, leaving a credit balance of £24 9s 10d. The assets were estimated at £28 17s 4d, and the liabilities shown to be £17s 6d. The auditors (Messrs J. R. Wetherston and G. Loff) reported as follows:—

GENTLEMEN.—We have this day examined the books and vouchers of your club and found them correct in every particular. We must congratulate you on the sound financial position of the club, and the very satisfactory manner in which the books have been kept. The secretary is deserving of the highest praise for the manner in which he has performed his arduous duties. We would like to call your attention to the fact that several of the members' subscriptions are still much in arrears, and we would recommend that the secretary be furnished with the names of the delinquent members, with no less than £1 paid out of his own pocket to the funds of the club to make up the deficit. This is a matter that needs the attention of the members, and we would recommend that the secretary be furnished with the names of the delinquent members, with no less than £1 paid out of his own pocket to the funds of the club to make up the deficit. This is a matter that needs the attention of the members, and we would recommend that the secretary be furnished with the names of the delinquent members, with no less than £1 paid out of his own pocket to the funds of the club to make up the deficit.

The election of officers for the year was held on Monday evening, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr Orde (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs G. Loff and Parker; captain, Mr T. A. Archard; vice-captain, Mr J. S. Brooks (re-elected); secretary, Mr F. Minchin; treasurer, Mr J. W. Harris (re-elected); auditors, Messrs J. R. Wetherston and G. Loff (re-elected); handicappers, Messrs G. Loff, Brooks (re-elected) and A. Tromp; committee, Messrs F. Troy, Chapman, Nicholson, A. Tromp, and Vale. Mr McKeich moved, and Mr Brooks seconded, that no average be counted unless a member fires in three matches. Carried. Mr Brooks moved that a bonus of £4 be voted to the retiring secretary. Seconded by Mr Chapman, and carried. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, on the motion of Mr M. Keich, seconded by Mr Carver; the mover stating that even one had done his level best to bring the club on the right side. Ex-Captain Cougle acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the proceedings.

GAZETTE NOTICES. A Local Land Board sits at Beaufort on Monday, 13th March. The following contracts for the supply of force have been accepted:—per cent.—Beaufort, M. O'Brien, Eurambeen, oats, 6s 3d; bran, 5s 10d; hay, 3s; straw, 2s 6d. An examination of candidates for certificates of competency as municipal auditors is to be held on the 28th March. The resignation of Mr John Ross, as Justice of the Peace, for the Western Bailiwick, has been accepted.

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