

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat 2s 4d; Algerians 1s 6d to 2s...

DR. ADAM.

[A. GARD.] M.B., C.M., may in future be consulted at his Private Residence (next to Police Station)...

Riponshire Advocate.

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ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat, 2s per bushel, bags in; flour, stone-made, 1s per ton...

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET. Fat Cattle—416 head (including about 80 cows) penned for sale...

MELBOURNE MARKETS. Wheat placed at 2s 4 1/2 to 2s 5 1/2. Barley flour sold at 1s 7 1/2 to 1s 8 1/2...

CHRONIC WEEKLY MARKET. Messrs George Hague and Co. report under the following:-

Another dynamite outrage was committed in Paris yesterday (4th April). A bomb was exploded in the building in which the sitings of the Senate are held...

Beaufort Business Directory.

JAS. B. TOMPkins, PAINTER AND PAPERHANGER, BEAUFORT. CHARGES MODERATE. DRAPER Mr. HALF-PRIOR, BEAUFORT. SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS! NOW SHOWING. J. MCKEICH, TAILOR. WILLIAM SMITH, FAMILY BUTCHER. G. H. LOFT, BOOT AND SHOE MAKER. H. GILLOCH, FAMILY BUTCHER.

Charles Wood's application for a grant for 12a. 1r. 14p., Erambeer, under section 18 of the Land Act, has been approved.

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1894. Present—Crs. Bridges, (president), Lewis, Cushing, Murray, Beggs, Flynn, and Rys-well.

The Treasurer estimated that he would receive £1,710,231 for the first nine months of the current financial year...

The V.C.T.U. convention at Sydney has declared in favor of female franchise, on the grounds that "government of the people by the people and for the people should mean all the people, and not half."

The Full Court yesterday (says Thursday's "Argus") upheld the judgment entered by Mr Justice Hodge in the Speight v. Syme libel action...

An extraordinary accident happened on Wednesday morning at the Footscray West railway station, when a special excursion train from Adelaide ran into a goods train...

"FOR THE BLOOD OF THE LIFE" CLEANSING PREPARED BLEED MIXTURE is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities from whatever cause arising...

When His Excellency the Earl of Hopetoun accepted the position of Governor of Victoria he did so for a period of five years, which will expire in November next.

The third district meeting of the Wilby and District Butter Factory Company Limited, was held at Wilby on Tuesday.

The House of Commons last night (4th inst.) a motion in favor of Home Rule being granted to Scotland was moved by Mr J. H. Dalziel...

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responsible for this state of things, so that remedial action may be taken. Cr. Austin believed they could call on any landowner to make his land as high as the street.

From Mr. H. Wilson, Mt. Emu, stating that Mr. McIntosh is incorrect in implying that the station is responsible for the Mt. Emu reserve being overrun with rabbits...

From Dr. Champion, Ballarat, notifying that Tydill M. Jones, Snake Valley, Rudolph Gutache, Travalla, and Minnie Adams, Beaufort, were affected with febrile enteritis.—Received.

From John Daly, drawing attention to the state of the Skipton pound yard, the gates and a portion of the fence being out of order...

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RIFLE SHOOTING.

On Wednesday last the Beaufort and Amphitheatre rifle clubs fired a friendly match on the Mount Lonsdale ranges...

Table with columns: Name, Yds., Score. Lists scores for Beaufort and Amphitheatre teams and individuals.

The Beaufort riflemen, on returning, broke the journey at Chute, where Mr and Mrs Chas. Loft entertained them...

There are said to be whippers in political circles of a possible combination between Mr Deakin, and Sir Henry Wilson...

We are looking forward to an angry session, and possibly, a premature dissolution, though as a rule a Government is rarely defeated in the third session of Parliament...

The Prince of Wales was entering a railway carriage at Marseilles when the train started, but the promptitude of the driver in stopping the engine prevented a serious accident...

Mr R. Reid, Minister of Defence, who is now in England, has forwarded several offers for frozen meat to carry butter and frozen meat at lower rates than at present rate...

The expert can tell a good milk cow at a glance. She is small, boned and thin tail. Lean neck, large udder and thin tail...

The reasons for the high price of Danish butter in Europe are, first, its uniformity; second, its aroma or butter flavor, which our agent declares is secured through the use of an artificial ferment in the cream...

Fiscal reform was again urged upon the Tariff Inquiry Board by the witnesses examined at Dunolly on Wednesday. It was asserted that a moderate tariff would afford quite as much protection as was required...

As to the milk meeting, the following are the views of the speakers: Mr Williams, at banquet, any adjunct meant when the Government would be with man of opinion...

Don't Cough.—Relief can be obtained immediately. Use "KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES" well known as the most reliable Cough Remedy...

THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

Mr D. Wilson, the Government dairy expert, has furnished the Minister of Agriculture with an interesting report on the dairying industry in which he states...

Table with columns: Year, Value. Shows dairy export values from 1893-94 to 1898-99.

By including 220 tons of cheese, valued at £60 per ton, which have been exported this season the clear return to dairy farmers for the exports of dairy produce will reach £772,273 6s 8d...

The most careful supervision was exercised throughout the season at the port of shipment, and, judging from the character of Victorian butter samples with that sent from our other colonies, the quality of butter we export improves from year to year...

At 1d per lb. to London, the two companies under contract with the Victorian Government this season received £88,270 as freight. There is a widespread demand for a reduction on the present freight for butter to at least 3d per lb...

Every possible facility for the speedy transit of butter from Flinders-street to Port Melbourne has been extended to the officers of your department by the Railway Commissioners. From the factories, too, the commissioners, considering the means at their disposal, have tried their best to convey the butter to Flinders-street in the best possible condition...

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THE WEST AUSTRALIAN GOLD-FIELDS. News from Coolgardie dated 1st April, states that Lord Percy Douglas has obtained the right to prospect for the property of the Hampton Plains syndicate...

Captain Matthews, formerly manager of the Round Hill silver mine, has been appointed manager of Bayley's Reward in succession to Mr Beaglehole.

Water has been struck by the Reside's bore at Hauman's at a depth of 128 feet. There is a good supply, and it is only slightly salt, but highly mineralised.

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WORKS BY DR. LURZ, Melbourne.

Written on "Rheumatism," "Paralysis," "Neuralgia," "Joint Affections," and "Nervous Weakness," at ROBERTSON & CO'S, Flinders Lane.

Art Modelling and Painting. MISS MARIE QUINN'S CLASSES meet Monday evening at 7, Thursday morning at 11, Camp Hill, Beaufort.

Important Announcement. A. KILGOUR, PRACTICAL TAILOR, WILL COMMENCE BUSINESS on SATURDAY, 24th Inst.

On Sale at JEREMIAH SMITH'S TIMBER YARD, CORNER OF LIVINGSTONE & WILLOW STREETS.

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CALENDAR OF OPERATIONS FOR APRIL.

Generally, the country is suffering from drought, only a few districts having been favoured with more than light showers which have so far been the rule.

Winter feed for stock is one of the most important items for consideration, and now is the best time for sowing barley and tares.

Onions should now be sown largely for bullock and cow feed. In rows 12 inches apart, and plants 2 inches apart.

Turnips should be sown at once, 1/2 of an inch deep, in rows 18 inches and plants 6 inches apart. The young plants make a good spinaige.

Wheat.—Sow broadcast 1 inch deep, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 bushels to the acre. For moist districts white tussan for hay, 2 bushels to the acre.

The net arrivals at Fremantle, W.A., from ports outside the colony during the March quarter were 9318.

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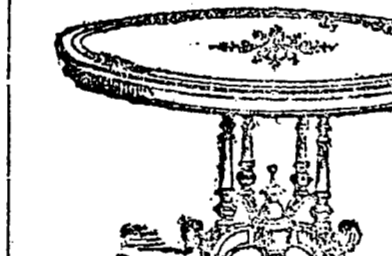
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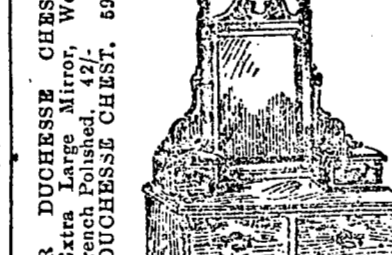


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BAHARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat 2s 4d; Almonds 1s 6d to 1s 7d...

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET

Wheat, 2s per bushel, bags in; flour, roller-made, 1s 7d per ton...

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET

Pat Cattle—228 head was the supply for today's sale, principally consisting of medium and useful descriptions...

MELBOURNE MARKETS

The Melbourne Woolgrowers' Association report: Wheat, 1s 10d in fairly good request, but at values that are little or no change on those quoted last week...

GEORGE WEEKLY MARKET

Sheepskins.—We had a very heavy supply today, including some large lines of superior station skins...

BEAUFORT BUSINESS DIRECTORY

- ASB & TOMPKINS, PAINTER AND PAPERHANGER; BEAUFORT DRAPERY, HALF PRICE; W. L. L. SMITH, FAMILY BUTCHER; H. G. ILLCOH, FAMILY BUTCHER.

DR. ADAM

May in future be consulted at his Private Residence (next to Police Station) also when necessary at his Consulting Room, next Mr. Andrews' Chemist.

MARRIAGE

ON 11th inst., at 11th inst., at St. Patrick's Church, Beaufort, by the Rev. William O'Neil, of Enoch West, to Margaret Jane (only daughter of the late Patrick McMahon, of Chestowes.)

THE Riponshire Advocate

Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1894.

Mr. Richardson, in reply to the numerous deputations that have waited upon him with respect to the reduction of grain freights, said that the reduction of one penny or so a bag on the freight of wheat would not benefit the farmers in the least.

The following are the yields of gold obtained in Beaufort for the week ending Saturday last:—White and party, 5 oz 6; E. Tromp, 3 oz 16 dwt 10 gr; Pringle, 1 oz 8 dwt; Lilly and party, 1 oz 1 dwt 3 grs, including a specimen of 10 dwt 14 grs, the gold (at Annie's Lead) being of a coarse nature; Parsons, 1 oz 1 dwt; Cross, 1 oz; Williams, 13 dwt 38 gr; Pearce, 10 dwt.

At the meeting of farmers held at Carver's hotel on Saturday afternoon, the chairman (Mr. G. G. Morton) complimented Mr. Austin, M.L.A., on his persistent efforts to secure the establishment of a compressed fodder industry.

The secretary of the Beaufort Football Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—Mr. N. Dow, £1 1s; Mr. E. W. Hodges, 5s.

The secretary of the Beaufort Tennis Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations:—Mr. J. G. Robertson, £1 1s; Mr. Jas. Russell, £1; Capt. Bridges, R.N., £1; Mr. F. Beggs, 10s 6d.

The very satisfactory intelligence has been received by the manager of the Beaufort Bitter and Cheese Factory and Creamery Co. Ltd., from the shipping agents, that the first consignment of the company's butter to London realised 107s per cwt.

The Beaufort and Ararat Union Cricket Club try conclusions on the ground of the former on Wednesday afternoon next, commencing at 2 o'clock sharp.

The following are the yields of gold obtained in Beaufort for the week ending Saturday last:—Stevens and party, 13 oz 4 dwt; Lucky Consols, 16 oz 12 dwt; Vale and party, 6 oz 6 dwt; Tromp and party, 4 oz 8 dwt; Kinley and party, 2 oz 18 dwt; Edwards and party, 2 oz 18 dwt; Carland and party, 2 oz 12 dwt; Lewis and party, 8 dwt; Blackmore, 1 dwt 8 grs.

It is announced in our advertising columns that Archdeacon Gwynne, M.A. (the Bishop-elect of Graham's) will conduct a Harvest Thanksgiving service in St. John's Church of England, Beaufort, at 7.30 p.m., on Friday, 20th inst.

On Thursday evening last a fine naggety colt, rising four years old, belonging to Mr. Sands, and which had been driven to Waterloo and back in Mr. Smith's cab, was killed in Havelock-street, Beaufort.

An interesting wedding was solemnized in the Roman Catholic Church at Beaufort on Wednesday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr. Richard O'Neil (only son of Mr. William O'Neil, of Enoch West, and for many years manager of the Mawallock Estate) and Miss Margaret McMahon (only daughter of the late Mr. Patrick McMahon, of Chestowes).

The following general order in reference to the Easter military encampment has been received from head-quarters by Captain Jenkins, D Company:—The Major-General commanding desires to convey to the forces under his command his entire satisfaction at the good work done by all corps and departments at the recent encampments at the Heads and at Langwarrin.

Mr Hyter, the Government statistician, for the season just past estimates the total area under wheat at 1,456,467 acres, yielding a gross wheat product of 15,045,520 bushels, or an average yield of 10.33 bushels per acre.

The operations of the Framingham and Ellerslie Cheese and Butter Factory Company have been attended by great financial success during the past twelve months, and the profit amounts to the substantial sum of £2,110 18s 8d.

The receipts from all sources amounted to £113,105 13s 3d, of which £113,901 1s 4d was received for butter.

We ("Argus") have received the following telegram from Mr. W. J. Benghele, late manager of the Bayley's Reward mine:—Wara working miners against going to Coolgardie in the hope of getting wages or work.

The ocean freights conference on Tuesday between the Premier and the mail steamers companies, had no definite result. The Premier insisted that the freights must be reduced from 1d to 0 3/4 per lb.—a reduction of 0 1/4.

Complainant deposed he was a constable appointed as inspector under the Vermin Destruction Act, and produced his appointment. Defendant's land, consisting of 323 acres, was situated at Beaufort.

Defendant said he was in the habit of going to the paddock once or twice a week. It was impossible to dig the burrows out, as they were under old roots and stumps, but by using ferrets, dogs and guns he kept the rabbits down.

Complainant deposed that he first visited the land, which was situated at Beaufort, on 3rd March. There were 20 acres, the soil also having 20 acres adjoining.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT

MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 1894. (Before Messrs Keogh, P.M., Cushing, Andrews, F. Beggs, and Captain Bridges, J.P.s.)

Contable Stephenson v. George Grick.—Charged with using obscene language on the night of Sunday, 18th ult.

It appeared from the evidence of complainant that defendant made use of several people at the Mechanics' Institute, where the Salvation Army was holding a meeting.

David Troy v. Joseph Frusher.—Goods sold and delivered, £12 18s 10d. A set-off covering the debt was put in for wood supplied, and which complainant swore had been given credit for.

George Bray, rabbit inspector, v. Francis Moss.—Charged under the 15th section of the Vermin Destruction Act with not having taken sufficient means to destroy rabbits on his land.

Same v. Robert Kirkpatrick. Similar offence. Sub-inspector Hamilton conducted the prosecution. Complainant deposed he was a constable appointed as inspector under the Vermin Destruction Act.

Don't Cough.—Relief can be obtained immediately. Use "KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES," well known as the utterly unrivaled Cough Remedy.

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Defendant said he did his best to keep the rabbits down. Two sides were wire-netted and they could not come any further. Three times he had cleared them out with ferrets and dogs.

Mr Mcintosh.—But I contradict it. Mr Keogh—I advise you to do all that is necessary, and other persons also, as you or they will not be left so lightly again. Fined £2.

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The motion was carried, Mr. Maher being able to pay something, they should certainly recognise it. Mr Parker seconded the motion, remarking that it was the last they could do in return.

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M.L. ASSOCIATION.

The fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort Mutual Improvement Association was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening...

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN MINES.

A telegram was on Wednesday received by Mr. W. D. M. Whae, manager of the Marriana Gold Mining Company...

NEWS FROM COOLGARDIE.

The latest news from Coolgardie, dated 8th April, states that the new rush, seven miles from White Feather, is reported a duffer...

ANOTHER RICH GOLD FIND AT DAYLESFORD.

Messrs White and Jackson discovered another very rich patch of stone in their claim at the Welcome reef to-day...

LARGE NUGGET DISCOVERED NEAR TALBOT.

Another nugget, weighing 44oz., was unearthed yesterday by Messrs Pollock and Lyle, the successors to Minna and party...

THE FIND AT TENTERDEN CONFIRMED.

News from Coolgardie states that the water question is again serious, and it is probable that traffic will have to be regulated according to supplies on the road...

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CRICKET.

BEAUFORT MINERS v. WATERLOO MINERS.

There teams played a match at Waterloo on Saturday last, resulting in a victory for Beaufort by an innings and 12 runs...

WATERLOO MINERS.

Woodfine, c. Tromp, b. E. Lilley 4; Pett, run out 4; Stephens, b. E. Tromp 0; Ballantyne, c. and b. E. Lilley 9...

WATERLOO MINERS—Second Innings.

W. Cochrane, b. Baker 4; Ballantyne, b. Baker 0; Woodfine, not out 0; Rutherford, b. Baker 0; Waker, b. Baker 4; Pett, b. W. Tromp 3; Robinson, c. and b. W. Tromp 0; W. Rutherford, c. and b. Baker 2; Trainor, c. White, b. W. Tromp 3; Charlton, b. Tromp 1; Bye 1...

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E. Lilley, run out 1; W. Tromp, c. and b. Ballantyne 5; L. Lilley, b. Woodfine 13; E. Tromp, c. Rutherford, b. Robinson 27; Baker, b. Ballantyne 0; Chessman, b. Woodfine 0; Loo, not out 15; Cathie, b. Woodfine 2; Byes 74...

Bowling analysis—Baker, 5 wks. for 4 runs; W. Tromp, 5 wks. for 15 runs.

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Bowling analysis—Woodfine, 4 wks. for 30 runs; Ballantyne, 3 wks. for 21 runs; Robinson, 1 wkt. for 12 runs; Cochrane, 0 wks., 7 runs.

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THEY SPOKE WITH HUMAN LIFE.

I'll give you the past acts in the case, and you shall help me to judge whether there was a mistake made or not.

ST. JOHN'S, BEAUFORT.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING, Friday, the 20th inst. Divine Service to commence at 7.30. Preacher, Archdeacon Green, M.A., L.L.D. (Bishop-elect of Graham and Armidale.) Collection in aid of Church Funds.

NOTICE.

DURING the lambing season POISE LAID in all the paddocks Erambees, East Estate. FRANCIS BEGGS.

WORKS BY DR. LURE, Melbourne.

Written on "Rheumatism," "Paralysis," "Neuralgia," "Joint Affections," and "Nervous Weakness," at ROBERTSON & CO'S, Flinders Lane.

Art Modelling and Painting.

MISS MARIE QUEBENS CLASSES meet Monday evening at 7.30, Thursday morning 10.30, Camp Hotel, Beaufort.

Important Announcement.

A. KILGOUR, PRACTICAL TAILOR, WILL COMMENCE BUSINESS ON SATURDAY, 24th Inst., in the Premises opposite the Post Office, in LAWRENCE ST., BEAUFORT.

Choice Collection of Tweeds and Costings always on hand.

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CORNER OF LIVINGSTONE & WILLOW STREETS—American shoving boards, Do lumber, 6 x 12 and Scotch flooring, 6 x 4 do lining, 6 x 3 do flooring, American and Baltic deals, all sizes, 4 out pine weatherboards, 6 do do, American clear pine, 4 in., 5 in., 1 1/2 in., cedar, side across boards, Color table legs, all sizes, French casements, doors, sashes, Mouldings, architraves, skirtings, Broad palings and shingles, A stock of all sizes of hardwood always on hand. A 50 BELONG LINE.

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PRINTED PAPERS.—For every four ounces (up to 3 lbs) ... 0.4... (Remarks such as, "A cheque will oblige," "With thanks," etc., will render accounts chargeable as letters.)

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PRACTICAL JOTTINGS.

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PACKETS. COMMERCIAL PAPERS.—For every two ounces or under (up to 1 lb) 0.1... (Such as acceptance, invoices, accounts, affidavits, examination papers (corrections only allowed), manuscript of books or for printing, legal documents (not in the nature of letters), bills of exchange, bills of lading, mercantile books, or cards connected with any society, pay sheets, powers of attorney, deeds or copies thereof, recognitions, specifications, stock sheets, scrips, receipts, and other similar articles.)

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CALENDAR OF OPERATIONS FOR APRIL.

Generally, the country is suffering from drought, only a few districts having been favoured by heavy thunderstorms which have soaked the soil.

At the Melbourne Observatory, there has been only 75 inches recorded, instead of the average of 573 inches, which is the average for the first three months of the year or a shortage of 4 inches.

This year has stopped the usual work of March and thrown it into April. Grasses should be obtained ready to sow as soon as rain comes.

While a large percentage of grass grows when shown on the surface without cultivation, yet a far larger proportion grows when the ground is well worked.

The ground should be brought to a fine tilth, the seed sown and covered by means of a harrow, and later covered with a roller. The delicate roots of the grasses get a better and deeper hold of the ground, and consequently start well and do better afterwards.

Winter feed for stock is one of the most important items for consideration, and now is the time for sowing hay and tares. Sow 3 bushels barley and 1 of tares to the acre, covering the seed not more than 2 inches. The hay or vetch is a most excellent milk producing feed.

Broad beans—Sow 2 inches deep, in rows 3 feet and plants 6 inches apart. 1 lb sows row 120 feet.

Thin out to 6 inches and transplant any spare 11 in.

Cabbage and cauliflower should be sown, varieties suitable for the season being put in. Sow seed broadcast 1/2 of an inch deep, 1 oz sows a b-d 4 x 20 ft. Young plants in seed beds should be watered with tar water, 1 lb tar mixed with 100 gallons boiling water to destroy the cabbage moth.

As the weather gets colder this pest will decrease. Transplant seedlings giving 3 feet between plants and rows. Carrots—Sow 1/2 of an inch, in rows one foot and plants 4 inches apart. As the carrot seed takes time to germinate, sow a few radish seeds, which grow at once, with the carrot, and mark the rows where the carrots are to come. We mix the seed when sown. Ground for all root crops should have the manure thoroughly mixed with the soil, otherwise the plants will rot.

Flower seeds should be put in at once and the ground kept regularly moist. The following seeds are supplied for 25 p per dozen, samples of 1/2 lb with labels, grow well. These seeds give a fine show in the garden and are suitable for the season.—Stocks, Wallflower, Mignonette and Sweet Pea, the latter a climber are all sweet-scented. White and lovely yellow, Argemone (beautiful flower), Calliopsis, Calthamus Poppies (brilliant colour), Chrysanthemum (annual), Dracen Pink, Gaillardia (very showy), Larkspur double (lovely shades), Lisianthus (lovely in the mist), Rhodanthus (lovely everlasting from Western Australia), and Tropaeolum a fast growing creeper with good foliage which is used as a cross, exquisite flower and seed. Vetches that will grow and supply an excellent pickle, when preserved in vinegar.

Ornamental grasses, which are so useful in making up bouquets, and for which a fashion is now existing, and which are well worth growing for their beauty, are Agrostis Nebulosa, Briza Geniculata (new), Briza Maximia (large quaking grass), and Briza Minima (the smallest variety). Bromus Macdonaldii (suitable for large dried bouquets, can be dyed beautifully), Eragrostis Maximia (very beautiful), Poa Amabilis (lovely new variety), and Schizanthus, the eight varieties supplied for 2s.

Letuce—Sow a few seeds 1/2 of an inch deep, in rows every foot. Let the strongest plant 12 in.

Oats should now be planted 2 inches deep, sowing broadcast, for hay 4 bushels of 40 lbs to the acre. Tardis is a oat for hay, Calcutta and seed for green feed, and Hopson oats a sowing seed for feed.

Onions should now be sown largely for bulking, sow seed 1 inch deep, in rows 12 inches apart, 3 bushels to the acre. 1 lb sows row 120 feet. 3/4 of an inch will sow an acre supply an excellent manure, or d-let blood manure and lime. The manure may be put along the rows and the seed sown on the manure and cover with a little soil. Firm the ground after sowing. Onions intended for pickling should be sown broadcast in poor soil. 1 oz sows seed 4 feet by 12 feet.

Parley—Beautiful varieties should be sown every year, in rows 18 inches and plants 12 inches apart. 3 oz sows row 120 feet. The seed takes several weeks to germinate. Parsnips—Sow early varieties, 1 inch deep in rows 4 feet, and plants 6 inches apart. Sow a seed ever, 3 inches and thin to 5 inches. 1 lb sows row 50 feet.

Radish—Sow 1 inch deep, in rows 1 foot, and plants 2 inches apart. It is a good thing to sow a few radish seeds amongst slowly germinating seeds, such as carrot and parley to mark the rows. Radish tops make a most excellent spinach, growing ready for use in a few weeks.

Spring—Sow 1/2 inch deep, in rows 1 foot and plants 2 inches apart. Ground should be well manured. The things may be boiled whole, the outer leaves being pulled off, the plants keep up a succession. 1 oz sows row 120 feet.

Turnips should be sown at once, 1/2 of an inch deep, in rows 18 inches and plants 6 inches apart. The young plants make a good spinach. 1 lb sows row 200 feet.

Wheat—Sow broadcast 1 inch deep, 1 1/2 to 2 bushels to the acre. For moist districts white tuscan for hay, 2 bushels to the acre.

We post free all vegetable seeds at 6d per packet with the exception of peas and beans which cost 6d per lb and postage, which is 9d for anything up to 2 lbs.

Cuttings should be put in of plants mentioned last month, which, however, was too dry. Antirrhinum, Gaillardia, Carnations, Pinks, Flossies, Penstemon, helleborus and delphinium plants generally. Roses, of which we supply cuttings, named, at 4s per 100. This is the greatest favorite and the hardest of our garden flowers, standing neglect but repaying at once.

Chrysanthemums, when attacked by the black aphid, should be sprayed with kerosene emulsion. To make the emulsion, cut up one ounce common soap into shavings and dissolve in one pint boiling water. When dissolved pour the boiling solution into a vessel containing one quart of kerosene and keep agitating the mixture by means of a stick on which has been screwed a board about 1 inch thick and 5 inches square. By moving this up and down rapidly for 5 minutes the whole is blended and when cool is the jelly. For use add 3 gallons of water. This is useful in destroying many forms of blight, lice on fowls, fleas on dogs, tick on sheep and so on.

We have been asked how to store apples and reworded that fruit be not pulled till several weeks past. Fruit must not be bruised in the slightest or it will rot. Pack the fruit into wooden fruit cases and stack in a cool room, examining the fruit every 3 weeks, remove any that have decayed. Fruit if placed in shelves, as is done in the old country, gets wizened.

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A proposal has been made by the Emperor William of Germany to the Czar of Russia, with the full assent of the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and King Humbert of Italy, urging the Czar to convene a congress for the purpose of considering on what terms the nations of Europe might disarm, but the proposal, coming through the pervers-forming triple Alliance, is regarded as one of the greatest political significance. The Czar does not see his way to comply with the request, and has declined to convene the congress.

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After being look'd up all night, the jury in the case of Hayes v the Australasian failed to agree, and a trial costing probably £3000, at the very least, has come to a lame and impotent conclusion.

A reduction in passenger fares and grain rates, and a classification of the whole of the railway freights is now in hand, and will be submitted to Parliament as soon as it assembles.

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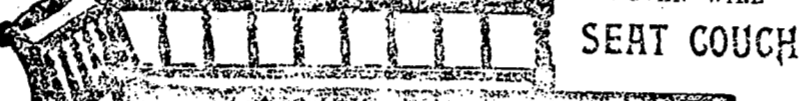
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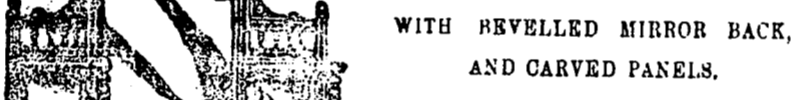
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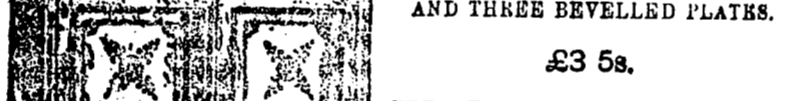
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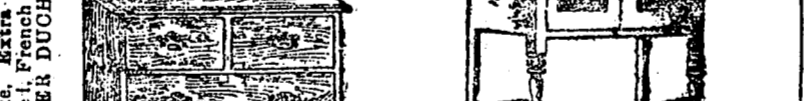
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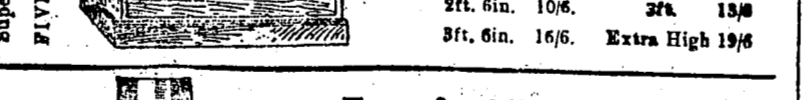
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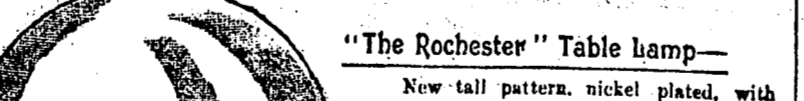
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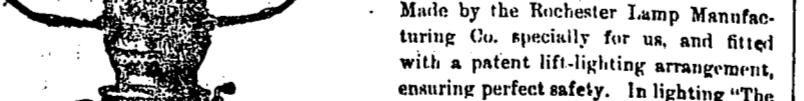
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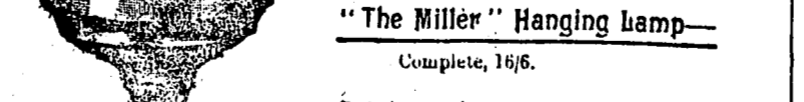
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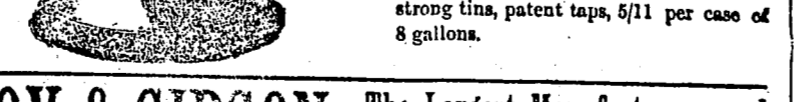
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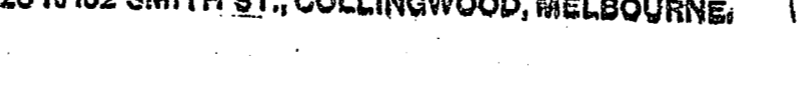
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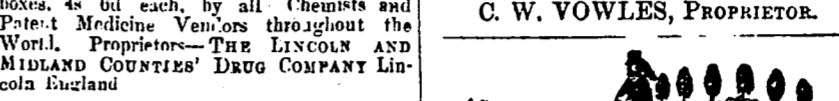
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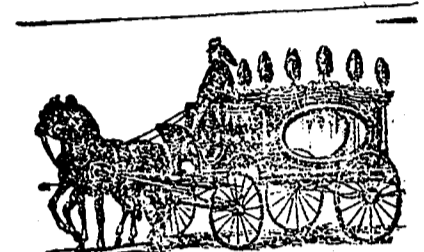
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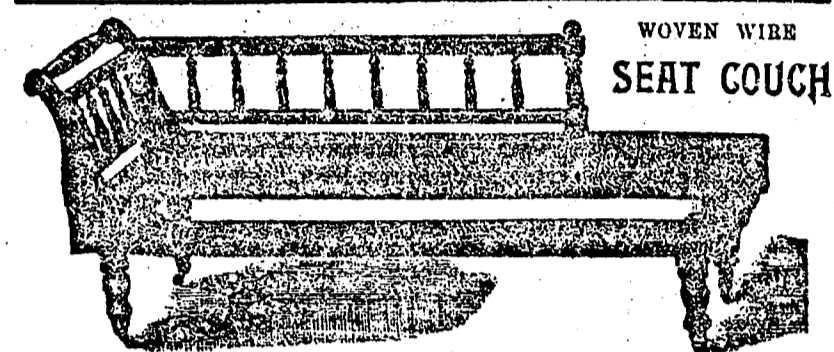
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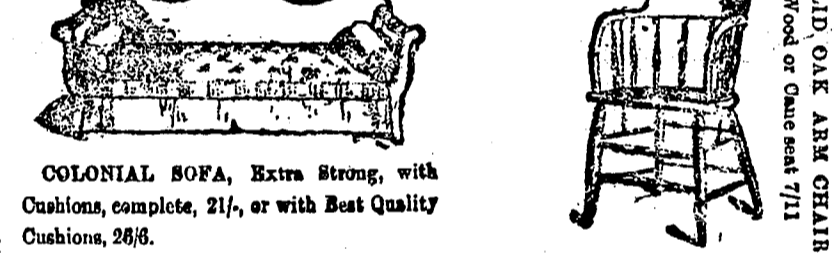
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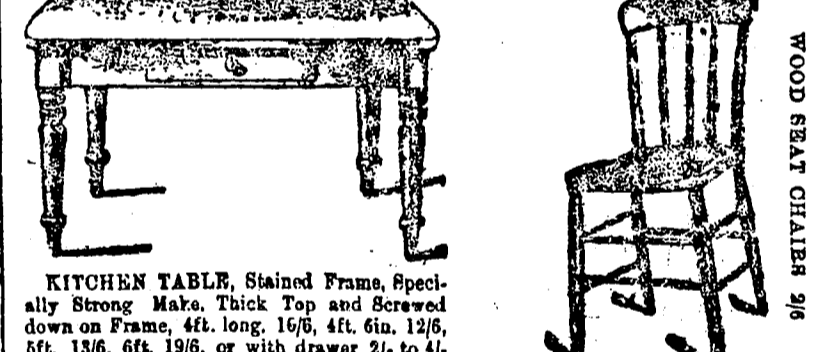
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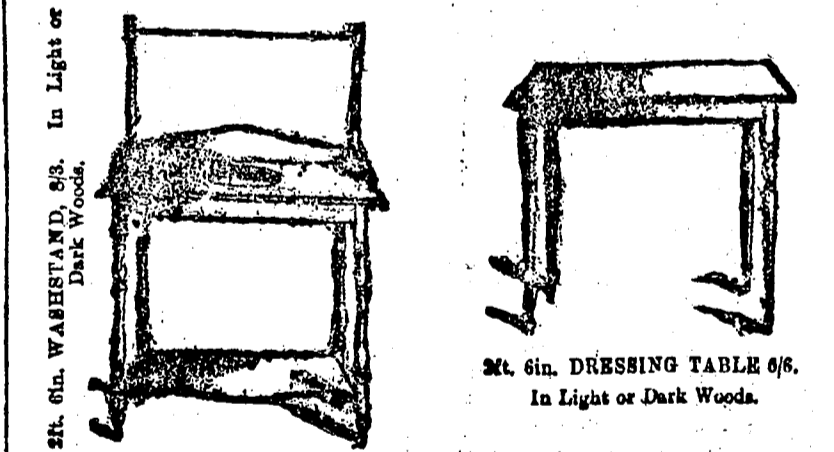
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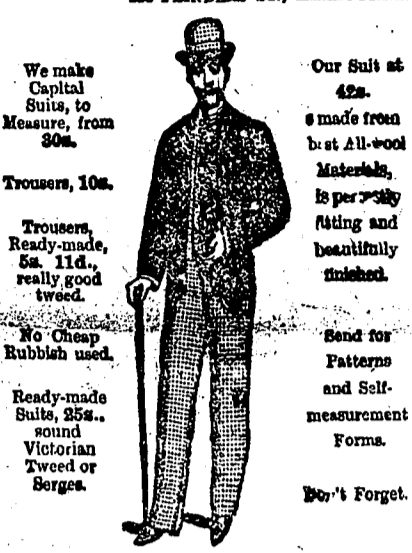


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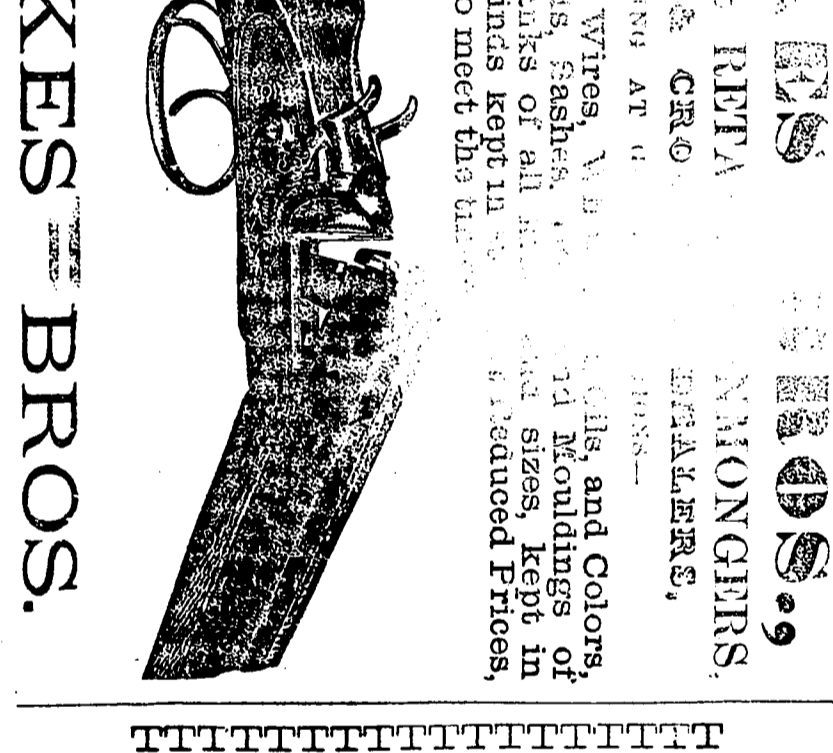
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Mr Allison having been top scorer on three occasions, formally called on the committee on Monday evening, when it was decided that the matter should be dealt with at a special general meeting next Monday night.

Two hundred thousand workman are on strike in the United States, where the coal mines alone are losing £25,000 per day.

The biggest shearer tally is reported by the Oamaru Mail to the effect that twenty-four men put through 3,925 in eight hours, forty minutes, at Station Peak, New Zealand.

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Australian factory made butter is quoted at 100s per cwt. The leading London butter merchants say that they expect the Australian butter shipments of next season to realise lower prices than those at present ruling.

A sensational walking contest has taken place at Albany, West Australia, between two pedestrians named Clark and Thomas. Clark lowered the world's record for 10 miles by 34 min.

The United States Government has been considering what course to adopt towards Washington to demand that Congress shall vote a sum of \$50,000,000 for relief work for the unemployed.

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thought he had the paddock, but when he saw Mr DeBaere and the agreement was written out he asked him what he put the wattle in—(Mr Keogh—It was in the paddock?) You saw the agreement on the 27th November, and on 1st January you spoke to the constable. Be careful what you are swearing.—It was before defendant told him the contents of the agreement, which was about the third week in January. He did not know the contents of the agreement when he spoke to the constable. This day at Vowles' contention, the plaintiff told him he could have the wattle and timber—the Thursday after the third Ballarat sale in January. He told Mr DeBaere then that he would not take the paddock if he did not get the wattle, as it would take more to kill the rabbits than it was worth. He had never used the paddock, and was only in it once, when he went around to see what it was like the Sunday after Mr DeBaere was at his place.

Mr Keogh asked if the constable had been present when the statement had been made, and on being answered in the negative, defendant said the case had been postponed for that purpose, or to get a lawyer against him. Plaintiff was recalled by defendant and asked if he had obtained a judgment for £3 14s against any man for taking timber out of the paddock. Mr Keogh pointed out that it did not matter if he had, as he had the right to do so under the agreement. Mr Keogh then stated that the majority of the Bench had decided to dismiss the case, although he thought there was a contract.

David Troy, J. Joseph Frusher.—Goods sold and delivered, £12 18s 10d. Mr Grano for plaintiff; Mr Hoekley for defendant. This case had been adjourned to enable defendant to produce his account book. Defendant put in an account for the amount amounting to £17 5s 3d. Plaintiff furnished a complete bill of particulars, showing that credit had been given for the firewood, and that the balance sheet for was due. The pass book also showed it. A verdict was given for the amount, with 2s 6d costs; in default distress.

An application by Mr Grano for immediate execution was granted. M. Flynn v. Geo. DeBam.—Goods sold and delivered, £43 10s 1d. Mr Hoekley for defendant. The account was disputed, it being stated that no credits were given for a sum of £42 2s 2d, which had been paid at various times. Plaintiff submitted his books showing that this amount had been credited to an old account, and which had squared it off, leaving the amount amounting to £1 10s 10d. The account was admitted, it being stated that no credits were given for a sum of £42 2s 2d, which had been paid at various times. Plaintiff submitted his books showing that this amount had been credited to an old account, and which had squared it off, leaving the amount amounting to £1 10s 10d.

Another debt case was settled out of court, and one was struck out, neither parties appearing.

Mr Keogh, P.M., then sat as a Warden's Court. An adjourned application for a mining lease was called, but applicant did not appear. Mr Keogh said he had come before the late Mr Foster, and when an applicant did not appear it was looked upon that he had abandoned his application. Mr Flynn being interested, was asked if he knew anything of the matter, and replied that he understood that Mr Greenwood was to have been present. On his undertaking to see Mr Greenwood and inform the clerk of courts in the meantime whether the application was abandoned or not, the case was adjourned till the 14th May.

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Mr J. H. Wilson, late of Broken Hill, declares that he and three mates spent £120 in obtaining half an ounce of silver gold at Coolgardie, a result which induced him to return at once to Adelaide.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT. MONDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1894. (Before Messrs Keogh, P.M., C. J. Leaburner, and H. Cushing, J's P.) Geo. Bray v. Francis M. as.—Charged under the 15th section of the Vermin Destruction Act with not destroying rabbits on his land. This case had been adjourned from the 9th inst. Sub-inspector Hamilton conducted the prosecution. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Geo. Bray, having been sworn and produced his appointment as rabbit inspector. He knew Moss's land, consisting of 132 acres. Visited it on the 3rd March and found the rabbits very thick. Posted a notice to destroy them on the 5th March. He again visited the land on the 30th March in company with Mr Orde, and found the place as bad as ever. No steps had been taken to cope with the rabbits as far as he could see. They were running about in all directions, five and six perfect hares, and the old mines were a perfect harbour for them. No burrows had been dug out.

To defendant—Did not see Mr Panther on the land, nor any trenches that he had dug. T. Orde, Crown lands bailiff, deposed that he and last witness had ridden all round defendant's land on the 30th March, and not the slightest attempt, that he could see, had been made to kill the rabbits. There were very many burrows, but none of them had been dug out.

For the defence, Wm. Panther deposed that he had received notice to destroy the rabbits from defendant, and had phosporised wheat in Mr Moss's paddock in the first week of March. He bought the wheat from Mr Willox. The trenches were open for any one to see.

Cross-examined—He succeeded in destroying nearly all the rabbits, and saw a lot of dead rabbits after laying out the poison. He had laid the wheat three times during the first week in March. If the last witness had gone through the paddock he would have seen the trenches. There are a few rabbits there. Bought a case of the wheat from Henry Willox. He had been digging out burrows and burning off trees and scrub during the last two weeks in March.

Defendant said the place was surrounded by the common wall, and was impossible to keep the rabbits out. Sub-inspector Hamilton remarked that it was only fair to state that the common managers continually kept a man employed destroying rabbits. Mr Keogh said that at the last court the lowest penalty had been inflicted, but if the rabbits were not destroyed the fines would be increased. The Bench were of opinion that defendant had taken sufficient steps to destroy the rabbits, and in default distress.

P. DeBaere v. Chas. Broadbent.—Use and occupation of land, £3. Mr Grano, who appeared for the complainant, said that his client could not prove that defendant had entered into possession of the land, but he could show that there was constructive possession, upon which a verdict could be given.

P. DeBaere, sworn, said he was owner of 133 acres of land near Lexton. Produced the Crown lease. On 5th Novr. last he let it to defendant for three years at £3 per year, payable yearly in advance. Defendant agreed to the terms. The next day the agreement was drawn out, but did not see it. Defendant said he was not ready for some time, and asked him to come and sign it. Defendant and Mr Andrews went with him into his place. Defendant said there was no necessity to sign it as the amount was so small, and he need not be afraid that he would not pay. Saw him in the Camp Hotel in January, when he said, "Did you think I was going to back out of my agreement?" Witness said he had not. Defendant then said he would take the land for five years provided he was given the first chance to buy it. Have not gone on the land since he let it, but had been past it.

To Mr Keogh—Agreed to let defendant have the land for five years, but that is not in the agreement. To Mr Grano—Was now agreeable to let him have it for five years at £3 per year on business as usual. On 5th Novr. Monday defendant said he would not pay the rent. It was let to him for grazing purposes, defendant saying he had some cattle and sheep with which he was going to stock it. On 5th Novr. Monday defendant said, "You won't let me have the wattle trees in the paddock." Witness said, "No, it is not likely there are £20 worth of wattle in the paddock, and I will not let you have them for £3 a year." Defendant had been summoned for not killing the rabbits. He declined to pay for the paddock on Easter Monday.

To defendant—Came out on a Sunday to see you about the paddock, but you were at my place before. You did not ask me to let you have the wattle and wattle as the place was overrun with rabbits, or else you would not take the paddock. The paddock is wire-netted except in the front, and the rabbits are there, you must have let them in since you took it. Will not swear I was not served with a notice by the inspector to destroy the rabbits, but do not think so. On the Sunday you agreed to pay the money in advance, and the agreement was drawn out on a Monday. Not a word was said about the timber or wattle on the 27th Novr.

Albert Andrews, chemist, Beaufort, deposed that complainant asked him if he was willing to agree with the parties concerned in the case on 27th Novr. Defendant said, "I'll not sign the agreement to-day; the amount is so small, you needn't be afraid of my going back on my word." Had no conversation with defendant since about the land. On the last court day he told defendant he was willing to agree with the parties, and he did not settle the matter with Mr DeBaere, and why did he tell the constable (who was also the rabbit inspector) on the racecourse on New Year's Day that he (Broadbent) was the tenant that he had given up the land. There was nothing said about the purpose for which the land was wanted when he was present, he being simply asked to witness the agreement. Don't think it was read. Nothing was said about wattle or rabbits.

To defendant—I did not advise you not to sign the agreement, nor say that the better plan would be to buy the land right off. Previous to the 27th November I said you had better buy the land, but not on that date. Previous to the 27th November I also said I had a strong notion to buy it myself.

Chas. Broadbent, sworn, said that when he told the constable he was the tenant he

The secretary of the Beaufort Tennis Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations towards the funds of the club.—Hon. W. H. S. Osmond, M.L.C., £1; and Mr Robt. Simson, £1.

The gold obtained by White and Jackson from the Welcome Gold claim, Dwyllford, for the last ten days was melted on Tuesday and yielded 792 oz. 2 dwt., which the Union Bank here purchased at 14 2s per oz., thus giving the fortunate party nearly £3,250 for ten days' work.

In connection with the movement to establish freezing works at Geelong for the shipment of frozen mutton to England, a gentleman who saw the promoters at Geelong yesterday informed us that a meeting is shortly to be held at Beaufort (probably on the 12th May) to see what support can be derived from this district.

For the week ending Saturday last, White and party obtained 3 oz. 8 in. of Wetherston's paddock on the 3rd March. They have been sinking outside the paddock for some weeks, bottomed on 84 ft of wash at a depth of 105 ft, at the end of last week, and from a prospect tried some nice shotty gold was obtained. They have been erecting a whip this week. Stuart and Allison, below the school, are getting payable gold, and expect to clean up the paddock by today. The prospectors at the rush on Annie's Lead only had a few dwts last week. The small yields total about 9oz. At Home Rule Gully, Conway and party obtained 2oz 3dwt for the fortnight of which 2oz 2dwt was got last week. They clean up today again.

The Waterloo returns are improving. The Lucky Consols head the list with 29oz. 12dwts, including a welcome nugget of 7oz. The other yields were as follows:—Stevens and party, 16oz 11dwt; Locky Co., 8oz 7dwt; Ireland and party, 4oz 15dwt; Gladstone, 1oz 5dwt; Lewis, 17dwt. We are glad to hear that the Last Chance Co. have struck the wash again, and that yields as good as formerly are expected to follow. The Dead Bird Co. at Johnathan's Gully have erected a pudding machine.

Mr W. Leader, P.M., who is stationed in the Bendigo district, has been applied to be transferred to the Ballarat district, now vacant through the death of the late Mr W. H. Foster, P.M. It is probable that Mr Leader will be transferred to Ballarat in the course of a few weeks.

The first of a series of Cinderella dances was held in the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Thursday evening last, but owing to the inclement weather, a moderate number of the members only attended. Dancing was started at half-past 8 o'clock, to the excellent music of a band provided by Mr J. Jackson, and was kept up vigorously until ten o'clock. About 100 couples were present, and the things that Mr Cowan had supplied. Dancing was started almost immediately after supper, and was continued until twelve o'clock. Everyone appeared thoroughly satisfied with the evening's enjoyment, and expressed regret that the rain had kept so many away.

A painful sensation was caused at Ararat on Wednesday when it became known that Gumpell George Thomson, 65, of the Victoria Hotel, had been found lying insensible on the ground near the Ballarat and Geelong road. It appears that he drove a cousin of his, a lady, to Geelong Station in the forenoon, and came into Ararat, starting for Geelong again at half-past 3. The ponies were found five miles on the road, both being on one side of the pole, and Mr Thompson insensible and bleeding from an external wound in the head near a heap of road manure. It is thought that the horses frightened by a newspaper which was found spread out by the wind against a wire fence, and the marks showed that the buggy had been overturned, and that Mr Thomson's head had collided against the fence, his skull being fractured. On Thursday, Mr Thomson was regaining consciousness, and hopes are entertained of his recovery.

A deputation from the North-Eastern Municipal Association waited upon the Minister of Public Works on Wednesday, and presented resolutions on various municipal requirements. Mr Webb, in reply, said that with regard to the proposal that all rates received up to the close of the year should be included in the return to the Treasury to obtain payment of subsidy, it was necessary to provide a guarantee in order that there might be an honest distribution of the subsidy. For instance, a sum held by the rate collector 30th December might be included in the return to the Treasury and subsidy allowed, and it might again be included in the following year's return because paid into the bank in January. The municipality really lost nothing, and the end of the matter is the question of reducing auditors' fees. The Minister said he did not think he could further reduce fees. He was strongly of opinion that local auditors were unnecessary now that there were inspectors of municipalities accounts, and that the Government auditors were competent men. If an amendment of the Local Government Act were introduced next session their abolition would be provided for. The request that three per cent of the rates might be set apart for payment of the personal expenses of councillors in attending council meetings, would be considered if the Local Government Act were amended next session.

A Quadrille Assembly, principally patronised by footballers, has been started in Beaufort. Two enjoyable dances have now been held, and at 25 couples were present. The music was supplied by Messrs C. Gillingham (violin) and J. Jackson and S. Pimblett (piano). Mr R. Wilson acted as M.C. The dances are held every Wednesday night.

All traffic between Coolgardie and Southern Cross is stopped for want of water, and the position is most serious. A Athens has been greatly damaged by the earthquakes, which have devastated so large a portion of Greece.

Coming-of-age festivities of a remarkable kind were celebrated at Whitehead, near Lexington, on 13th November. Twenty-one years ago the wife of a cattleman, the mother of 13 children in all, gave birth to triplets. All three lived, and they attained their majority as stated. The medical authorities who have been consulted state that a case of triplets reaching the age of 21 is unprecedented in England.

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Wrixon outside the active participation in politics during the next few months. The actions of the Ministry during the recess have not been above criticism, and it is quite on the cards that a stormy time will follow upon the re-assembling of Parliament. Were Sir Henry Wrixon present during that period, it is not unlikely but that negotiations would take place in order to induce him to consolidate the opposition and corner parties. Were such a movement as that to take place, there is little doubt but that a strong and live party could be got together. With his absence from Parliament a greater difficulty will be experienced in consolidating those who sat in opposition and those who occupy a "pendulum" position and swing from side to side at their own sweet wills. At the present time the Ministry are curtailing expenditure in every direction. They are debaring the farmers of proper railway conveniences; they are placing women in charge of railway stations that should fairly and justly be managed by men. They act in a most autocratic manner in matters of that kind, and brush on one side the honest representations of the farmers. When it is a trip to England on America that is suggested the matter of expense is never taken into consideration. The money that has been expended during the existence of the Patterson Ministry on such trips as that which it is proposed to afford Sir Henry Wrixon and Messrs Fitzgerald and Fraser will tot up to a good round penny—a sum, we are certain, that will yet startle the people of Victoria. Besides these there are the country trips the various members of the Ministry have taken for the avowed purpose of gaining a knowledge of the requirements of the country districts. There has been a very great deal of talk indulged in about what should be done for the farmers, but precious little of any actual value has the Patterson Government done for them. They have blundered a good deal about the unemployed and their settlement on the land, but the amount of real solid and beneficial work for either the unemployed or anyone else so far is very small indeed. Perhaps with Mr Patterson's conversion to free trade, and to the necessity for a reduction being made in the railway freights, will conjure a career of usefulness; but we question it.

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A Flower Service is to be held in the Beaufort Presbyterian Church, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, when a collection will be made on behalf of the neglected children of Melbourne. The flowers will be on Monday evening to the Ballarat Hospital to cover the patients there.

The rainfall at Beaufort for the week ending yesterday morning at 9 o'clock amounted to 7.9 points.

A proclamation has been issued that Parliament will meet for despatch of business on the 30th May.

The secretary of the Waterloo Football Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the undermentioned donations towards the funds of the club.—Mr D. B. Austin, M.L.C., £1 1s; Mr T. H. Prosser, 10s. The club has made a very promising start, and members are practising hard to render a good account of themselves.

A young man named George Panther (son of Mr Benjamin Panther, of Raglan), who was admitted into the Ballarat Hospital early in March suffering from a diseased bone in his left leg, underwent an operation on Monday, when the leg was amputated. The patient is progressing as favourably as can be expected.

Two of the children residing at Spring Hill, and suffering from diphtheria, have passed away, one, a nice little boy two years and eight months old, son of Mr Liston; and the other a fine little girl 10 years old, daughter of Mr Allan. Four or five more, in other families, are ill. One case exists at Skipton, in the family of Mr F. Goodall, a girl 12 years old, which is ("Star" correspondent) an gland to state, improving. The schools here and at Spring Hill are closed.

The first of the three monthly matches in the Beaufort detachment, D. Co., Rangers, took place on Wednesday last, under the command of Major Gray. The prizes were 10s, 7s, and 4s. C. H. Troy took 1st, with a score of 75 (55 points handicap); G. Johnston, 2nd, making 75 (35 points handicap); and B. F. Thompson 3rd, with 72 (14 points handicap). It is understood that when three matches have been fired here, as in Ararat and Cathcart, the winners will assemble at Ararat, and shoot for a medal given by the company.

The committee of the Beaufort Rifle Club met at the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening. Present—Messrs Archard (vice-president, in the chair), Brooks, F. Troy, Orde, A. Thompson, Dolan, B. F. Thompson, and Parker. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From Ararat Rifle Club, asking the club to join in a combined match (four from the Ararat, Great Western, and Beaufort), against the Melbourne club on 24th May at Ararat.—Left in the hands of the secretary to interview the best shots and inform Ararat how many will go. From secretary Learmonth club, asking for a match to be arranged at Learmonth in a week or two.—The secretary to try and arrange the match for Wednesday, 9th May. From A. Allison, formally declining the first prize in "The Austin Trophies," as he had made the highest score on three occasions, and had fired won it according to the conditions of the competition. Captain Dolan reported that Mr A. Allison had won the 20th competition for "The Austin Trophies," and his second "leg-in" with a score of 62, reaching the limit of 100. Mr Orde moved, and Mr Parker seconded, that Mr Allison's letter and the captain's report stand over, and that the secretary call a special general meeting for Monday night next to deal with the matter. Carried. The following accounts were passed for payment:—Mechanics' Institute, rent, 13s; A. Parker, printing, &c., 10s. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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There has appeared to arise, during the existence of the present Ministry, the greater necessity to send noted politicians on some public mission to the Old Country and to America than during the life of any previous Ministry. It is not very long since the Hon. Robert Reid was despatched to England and America on a very important public enterprise. The object of his visit to England was to carry out some important negotiations for the benefit of the commerce of Victoria; and the purpose of his visit to America was to see whether there resided in that country a gentleman capable of managing the Victorian railways. The latter project appears to have been abandoned, as any rate we have heard nothing about it quite recently. Possibly Mr Reid has been having too good a time of it in England to trouble himself about such an insignificant matter as the management of the Victorian railways. We do know, however, that he has devoted some portion of his time to endeavoring to make better arrangements for the shipment of butter to England, and we are now informed that as an outcome of his negotiations a two years' contract has been made with the P. and O. and Orient line of steamers, for the carriage of butter at 3d per lb. This is a concession of an eighth of a penny on the rate of freight they have been demanding. The concession is no doubt something, but the question will naturally be asked, how did the negotiations come off out at too great a cost to the colony? It would hardly seem that there was any necessity for Mr Reid to pay a visit to England for the purpose of fighting for a reduction in the ocean freights on butter. We know that outside that piece of business he has been well received, and has spent a great many enjoyable evenings with some of England's most noted statesmen. Mr Reid is, no doubt, thoroughly competent to uphold the political and commercial status of Victoria, but surely with a gentleman of Mr Gillies' calibre in charge of the colonial office, Mr Reid's presence in London was quite unnecessary. However, the cost of his trip has been incurred, and the payment of the "little bill" cannot be refused. From what we can see, Mr Reid is going over work that should have been performed by Mr Wilson, the Government dairy expert. In pursuance of their policy, the Ministry will no doubt delegate someone to follow in the track of Messrs Rowe and Kelly. A trip through India and the Straits Settlement would certainly be enjoyable and re-invigorating to the health of some judicious member of the Ministerial team. It will, in all human probability, be found on the return of these gentlemen that they have committed to clear up some very important matters, and hence will have made the opportunity for some Minister to take a holiday. The remarks are impelled by the appointment of Sir Henry Wrixon as a Victorian delegate to the conference to be held at Ottawa, Canada, in June next. Mr Wrixon is to be accompanied by Mr W. N. Fitzgerald and Mr Simon Fraser, M.L.C. Possibly an able trio could not have been selected, but that is quite beside the question of the necessity of attending that conference. We are aware that a half promise was made when the two Canadian Commissioners visited Victoria recently that Victoria would be represented at that conference. If it should be imperative that some one should attend that conference, in ratification of that promise, on our behalf, it is surely not necessary that three gentlemen should go. It strikes us as being a very clever move on the part of Mr Patterson to place Sir Henry

COMMERCIAL. BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat to 2s 4d; Alaricus, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; peas, to 1s 7d; barley, to 2s; Cattle, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; sheep, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; pigs, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; hams, 12s; straw, 11s; bran, 7d; pollard, 5s 6d; oat, roller, 1s to 1s 10s; stone, 1s 10s to 1s 11d.

ANARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat, 2s per bushel, bags 10; flour, stone-made, 1s 10s per ton; roller-made, 1s 6s per ton; oats, 1s 3d per bushel; barley, 1s 7d per bushel; bran, 6d per bushel; Cane barley, 2s 3d per bushel; potatoes, Warrambool, 1s 10s per ton; hay, sheaves, to 1s 6s per ton; hams, 12s; pig, 1s 10s; straw, 11s per ton; chaff, 5s per cwt; onions, 5s per cwt; carrots, 3s per cwt; butter, fresh, 8d per lb; butter, pot, 5d; hams, 8d per lb; bacon, 9d per lb; cheese, 4d per lb; eggs, 10d per dozen.

BALLARAT LIVESTOCK MARKET. Fat Cattle—348 head was the supply penned today's sale, the expectation of a good sale, and a small proportion being of good quality. There was an average attendance of the trade, still competition throughout was somewhat dull. Quotations—Prime pens bullocks, 17 10s to 18 10s; extra to 19 5s; good pens bullocks, 16 to 17; medium pens bullocks, 14 to 15; Store Cattle—forward, a lot of which were disposed of at satisfactory prices. Fat Calves—30 penned, including a few good and prime vealers, which sold well, best to 87s 6d. Sheep—570 came to hand for today's sale, principally consisting of medium and inferior quality, a fair proportion ranging from good to prime. There was a good number of buyers. Sales opened at a slight decline on last week's values, and with the exception of a few pens of pens, prices all through were somewhat lower. Quotations—Prime crossbred wethers, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; extra to 14s 6d; a few to 18s; good do, 10s to 11s 6d; medium do, 9s to 10s 6d; inferior do, 8s to 9s 6d; good do, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; medium do, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; inferior do, 5s 6d to 6s 6d; prime merino ewes to 7s 5d. Lambs—of all sorts suitable for the trade were readily disposed of at fully last week's rates, others showing no alteration. Quotations—Prime, 8s to 10s; good, 7s to 8s 6d; medium, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; inferior from 5s.

MELBOURNE MARKETS. The Melbourne Woolbroom Association reports that the market remains steady, and the values are unaltered. Quotations are—Inferior and family, 2s to 2s 3d; good milling, 2s 4d to 2s 4d; extra to 2s 6d; prime, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; and values are unaltered. Quotations are—Algerian fine, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; seed to 2s 1d; ordinary average feed, 1s 7d to 1s 8d; extra to 1s 10d; and Tartarian seed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; and values are unaltered. There is rather more inquiry, but values are unchanged. Quotations are—Cape, 2s 2d to 2s 4d; thin English feed, 1s 10d to 2s 4d; inferior, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; and roller flour, 1s 10d to 1s 11d per ton. The Fresh Food and Frozen Storage Company Limited, 628 Bourke-street west, Melbourne, reports—Cheese—New cheese from 3d to 3d 1/2; a few from 3d 1/2 to 4d; inferior from 2d 1/2 to 3d; butter, 10s 1/2 to 10s 1/4. Potatoes—We had a large supply today. Prices were about the same as last week, prices of choice bringing 7d to 7 1/2d; medium, 6d to 6 1/2d; inferior, 5d to 5 1/2d; and 5d to 5 1/2d; Bacon—Town sides, 5d to 6d per lb; country, 3d to 4d per lb. Hams—Town, from 6d to 7d per lb; country, 5d to 6d per lb. Beans—10s 1/2 to 10s 1/4. Holders, 8d to 4d. Honey—Fine clear garden sold at 3d. Pigs—heads, 1d to 2d per lb. Suet, 2d. Concessions—Prime, well-dressed pork, from 2d to 2 1/2d; mutton, 2d; bacon pigs, 2d to 2 1/2d. Poultry.—Turkeys, 4s to 10s per pair, geese, 3s to 5d per pair; fowls, 1s 6d to 2s per pair; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s per pair.

GEELONG WOOL MARKET. Messrs George Hague and Co. report under date of 26th inst. that they had a large private enquiry from the woolen mills for all suitable for their requirements, and expect a brisk demand at our next week's sale. Sleepings.—We had a large supply today, including some very superior stations. There was a full attendance of local and shipping buyers present, who competed freely for every lot, enabling us to get a satisfactory clearance. Quotations are—Prime, well-dressed, 10s 1/2 to 10s 1/4; medium, 12d to 12d 1/2; extra, 13d to 13d 1/2; and station sides, short 1d to 2d; medium, 2d to 2d 1/2; and long, 2d to 2d 1/2. Super and extra, 3d to 3d 1/2 per pound. Lambskins 8d to 4d per pound. Hides.—We had an average supply, which was taken by the local tanners at late quotations. Pickled hams, 1d to 1 1/2d per pound. Good conditioned salt, 1d to 1 1/2d per pound. Other sorts, 1d to 1 1/2d per pound. Kip, 1 1/2d to 2d per pound. Calfr, 2 1/2d per pound.

LONDON WOOL SALES. Messrs Dalziel and Co. Ltd., under date of London, 16th March, report that the 2nd series of colonial wool sales, which opened on the 27th of January, closed this evening. Out of the 2,400,000 bales the following have been catalogued:—S. duty, 22,638 bales; Queensland, 36,576 bales; Port Phillip, 42,115 bales; Adelaide, 12,720 bales; Tasmania, 792 bales; Swan River, 1,285 bales; New Zealand, 16,645 bales; Cape, 11,720 bales; Total, 188,091, out of which 112,400 bales have been sold. Opening at about the parity of previous series for everything except fully grades, which ruled about 2 per lb. down, sales continued with a somewhat dropping tendency for a few days, and one time looked as if a further decline would be established; but during the last week the competition became more regular, and with the exception of fully and waxy grades, which were a trifle above the worst point of the sale, prices somewhat rallied, more especially in the case of good medium grades and the better parcels of coarse. The very large quantities of coarse and waxy grades, which were steady priced and had all the available stock placed for realization, the result would probably have been differently worse; but at the same time 75,000 bales is a very large quantity held over in the case of heavy sales in May and July, and it is to be hoped that before the next series opens some improvement in trade will set in, and justify the action of those who have held their wool. The best lots of Western Australian wool have been much neglected; the few lots sold have realised considerably below January rates, and in many cases it was impossible even to find a bid. The best lots of Western Australian wool, however, have realised very high prices, including 11 bales of River Longi Will at 4s 14d; 15 "B" Haver Overhangs at 4s 14d, and 5 bales of Merino at 4s 14d. As a rule, the few lots of lambs' wool, from hurr and seal, both washed and greasy, made very full rates, but the difference was not great between the best and secondary qualities, and short fault and waxy lambs were much neglected and realized poor prices. The most disappointing part of these sales have been the heavy grades, but for the early and waxy grades, especially in Adelaide, low Queensland, and New South Wales wools from the Upper Darling and neighbouring districts. The condition of the wool being very waxy, earthy, open and lumpy, and although prices look fairly low, they have found few buyers so that the better wools even when bought at present low level. Crossbreds have sold well throughout and close at their best, the finer grades having been in demand and attracted considerable attention. One reason no doubt is that the supply of crossbreds at these sales has been very small.

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