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Those who have taken this medicine are amazed at its wonderful influence. Sufferers from any form of bronchitis, distressing cough, difficulty of breathing, hoarseness, pain or soreness in the chest, experience delightful and immediate relief, and to those who are subject to colds on the chest it is invaluable, as it effects a complete cure. It is most comforting in allaying tickling and irritation in the throat, and giving strength to the voice, and it never allows a cough or asthma to become chronic ... The following are copies of a few of the testimonials that are flowing in from all directions.

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"Dear Sir,—Many thanks for forwarding Bronchitis Cure so quickly, it is doing a lot of good.—Yours faithfully, M. ROSEVEAR, Malvern."

"Sir,—I have derived great benefit from your Bronchitis Cure. Please send me three more bottles as I have recommended it to some of my neighbours.—Yours truly, M. ENGLISH, The Elms, Neerim."

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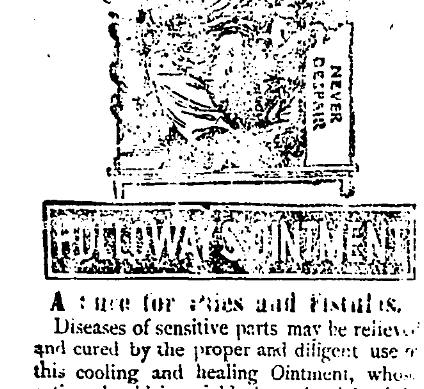

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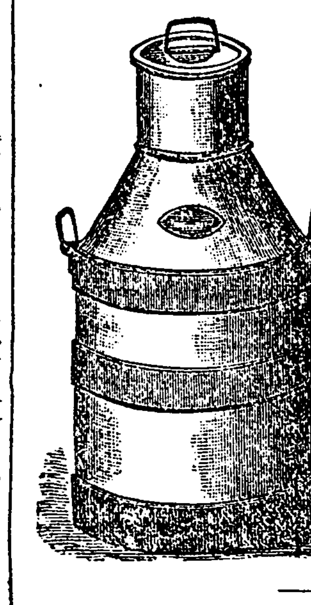

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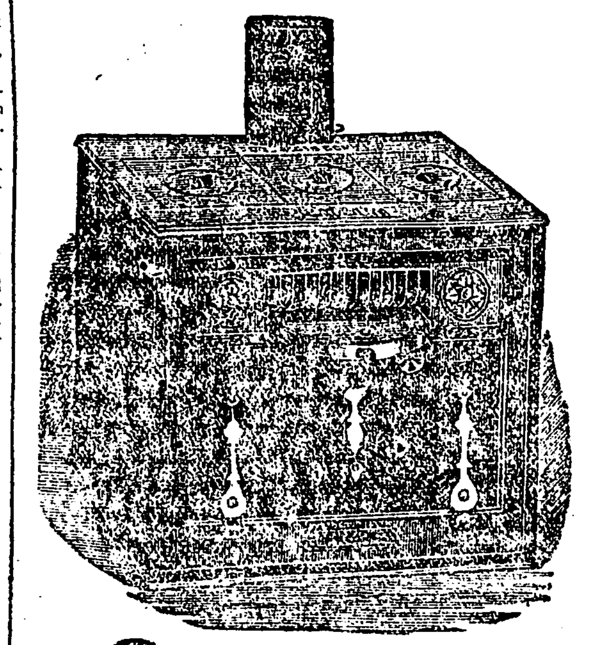

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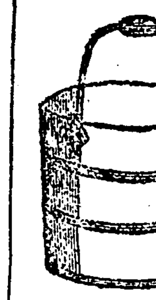

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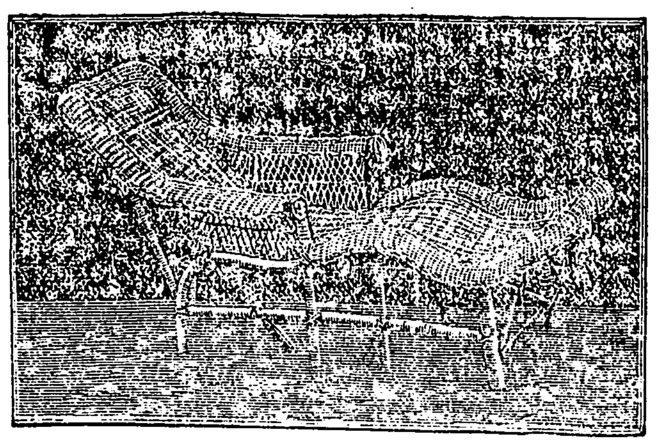

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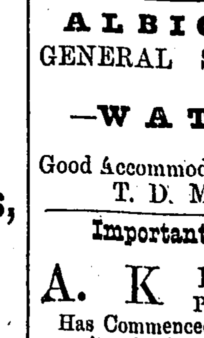

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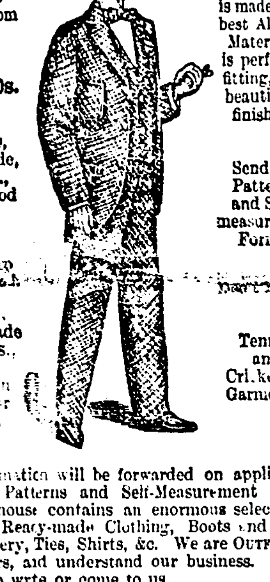

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The true designation of quackery belong shameless adventurers who, without a medical knowledge or a title of claim to the department of the profession, practise exte deceit, advertising their nostrums as cure of the lowest grade of intellect and resp whose assurance is as unbounded as their ... audacious. Such men abound in Melbourne and other towns in Australia, and by their advertisements attract the attention of th The mischief to the health by swallowing the of these persons is oftentimes irretrievabl the money totally wasted in purchasing, at ex rates, their so-called curative appliances.

The argument is, that the every-day enligh of mankind should protect them from resorti unprincipled; that if physic be a science, it honoured and respected as such; that the inquiry and reflection should direct the vis nostrum-monger to the respectable practitio alas! the dilemma in which a man finds him suffering from the follies of his own imprude which he is anxious to conceal, renders h solicitous to shun the respectable man and into nooks and corners for counsel and con Every member of the profession is too prou qualifications to hide them under a bus Llewellyn has passed examinations at Medical Colleges in England; is a legally registered medical practitioner in Victoria testimonials, which all patients may inspec through a complete study, knowledge, prac experience of Special Diseases, a most reliab in whom there can be placed, without unlimited confidence.

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BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Fat Cattle—217 head came to hand for to-day's sale, principally consisting of useful quality beef, a fair proportion being good and prime. There was an average attendance of the trade, competition throughout ruling fairly brisk, prices obtained for all descriptions showing a slight advance on last week's values, closing firm. Quotations:—Prime pens bullocks, L6 10s to L7 10s, extra heavy to L8 17s 6d; good do, L5 to L6; medium, L3 17s to L4 10s; cows to L4 12s 6d. Store Cattle—30 yarded, all of which were cleared at fairly satisfactory prices. Fat Calves—32 penned, principally useful quality, for which there was a fair demand at about late rates, best selling to 49s. Fat Sheep—5174 was the supply penned for to-day's sale, consisting principally of middling descriptions, a fair proportion ranging from good to prime. The attendance of buyers was hardly as numerous as usual, the excessive hot weather of the past few days apparently having a very depressing effect on the trade, for throughout the sale competition was extremely dull and languid, prices ruling considerably lower than last week. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 8s to 8s 7d; good, 7s to 7s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; good do, 5s 6d to 6s; prime merino wethers, 6s to 6s 6d, extra to 7s 6d; good do, 5s to 5s 6d; medium, 4s to 4s 6d; merino ewes to 4s 8d. Store Sheep—600 yarded, which were disposed of at low rates. Fat Lambs—3531 to hand, principally consisting of middling descriptions, a fair proportion ranging from good to prime. The demand was not equal to last week, consequently prices for best qualities ruled lower, whilst medium descriptions were very difficult to sell, even at a marked decline on late rates. Quotations:—Prime, 7s to 7s 6d, a few to 8s 6d; good, 5s to 6s 6d; medium, 4s to 5s; inferior, from 2s.

MELBOURNE MARKETS.

Wednesday.

The Melbourne Woolbrokers' Association reports:—Wheat.—Good milling, 2s 1½d; medium do, 2s 0½d; inferior and faulty, 1s 11d to 1s 11½d. Oats are very weak, and almost all offerings have been withdrawn from sale, owing to the low prices offered by buyers. Quotations are:—Prime white stout, 1s 9d to 1s 9½d; medium do, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; prime Algerian milling, 1s 4½d to 1s 5½d; medium do, 1s 3½d to 1s 4d; feed sorts, 1s 3d. Barley is in firm request at under-mentioned rates:—Prime malting, 4s 3d [illegible]; medium do, 3s 9d; off and feed [illegible] to 1s 7d; Cape, 1s 3d to 1s 6d; [illegible]—Prime round red, at 2s; flat red, at 1s 9½d to 1s 10d; inferior and off parcels, 1s 5d to 1s 8d, Peas are again lower, and have sold at 1s 10d to 1s 10½d.

Mr George Evans, auctioneer, 439 Flinders-lane west, reports:—Cheese.—Prime matured, 5½d per lb; new, 4d to 4½d; medium to good, 3d to 3½d. Fresh Butter.—Owing to the intense heat of the past few days all consignments to hand were more or less out of order and the quality not so good as usual. Prices consequently were lower. Sold prime to 7d; medium to good, 6d to 6½d; inferior and heated lots, 4½d to 5d. Factory—Prints, to 8½d; lump, 8d; potted butter, 4½d to 6d per lb; according to quality and condition. Eggs were in fair supply, realising from 7½d to 7½d per dozen. Hams, 6d to 6½d. Bacon, town-cured, dull at 5d. Lard, 3d to 4d. Beeswax, 11d. Garden Honey.—Prime new is now coming forward freely; prime, 3d. Poultry.—Young roosters fit for table, 3s 2d to 4s 8d per pair; mixed fowls, 2s 3d to 2s 10d; old and inferior, 1s 4d to 1s 9d. Ducks, 2s 5d to 3s 10d. Geese, 4s to 5s 6d. Turkeys—Hens, 4s 6d to 6s 6d; and gobblers, 7s 6d to 13s, according to size and condition.

GEELONG WEEKLY MARKET

Messrs George Hague and Co. report under date of 23rd Novr.:—

Wool—We held our sixth sale of the season to-day, when we submitted a catalogue of 1843 bales, including some very choice clips. There was a very large attendance of buyers present, and biddings for all superior wools were animated, but for all low, faulty and ordinary wools competition was slack, and a weaker tendency exhibited. In face of the depressing news just received as to the opening of the November sales in London yesterday, our sale was a most successful one; almost an entire clearance of the catalogue being made—only 30 bales were passed in, which plainly shows that growers are prepared to meet buyers in every reasonable way. Our top price to-day was 8¾d for 37 bales super com marked Devon Park over S H, 45 bales of 1st and 2nd com selling at 8½d, the super com A at 8¼d, the 1st com A at 8d. Amongst the leading lines sold were—A F (Beaufort) merino fleece at 8d. E (Beaufort) x bred fleece at 7¾d and 1st x bred at 7½d. FJ (conj) W (Beaufort) x bred fleece at 7½d and merino at 7¼d.

Sheepskins—We had an extra large supply, principally full woolled skins. We made a clearance as follows:—Butchers' fresh-killed skins, small to medium, 24d to 33d each; good to superior, 40d to 48d, extra higher. Station skins, short 1d to 1½d per lb.; medium, 2½d to 3d per pound; extra, higher. Lambskins, 2d to 3½d per pound.

Hides.—We had a fair supply, but slack demand. We sold—Heavies to 2¼d per lb, extra higher. Good conditioned salted, light and medium sorts, 1½d to 1¾d, other sorts, 1d to 1½d per pound, Kip 1½d to 1½d per pound. Calf to 2¾d per pound.

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

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

Messages left with Mr. Andrews conveyed by telephone.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1894.

A QUESTION of considerable importance to the ratepayers is to be discussed at the monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council on Monday. Cr Lewis, pursuant to notice, will move—"That the resolution of the council made on 1st October, 1891, ordering that the sum of £566 be transferred yearly from west riding in equal proportions to north and east ridings be and is hereby revoked." It will be remembered that this matter was broached by the President (Cr Austin) at the last meeting, and after some discussion it was resolved to hold over the cheques for the amounts to the north and east ridings till next meeting. We have been informed by one of the west riding members that it is not intended to forego the payment of these particular cheques, and that for the future the west riding members are agreeable to transfer £300 to the north riding, but are strongly opposed to helping the east riding any further. Some three years ago, when there was an agitation for a re-subdivision of the ridings in order to more effectually equalize the division of the funds in proportion to the necessities of each riding, the difficulty was overcome by the sum of £566 yearly being transferred from the west to the north and east ridings in equal proportions. The representatives of the two ridings who received the benefit then combined to bring this about, and at the present time they have the ball at their foot by acting in a similar way, and thus allowing the matter to remain as at present. When the question was originally mooted a deputation of ratepayers from the west riding objected to their funds being handed over to the other ridings, and contended that an alteration of the boundaries should be made so as to equalize the funds with the responsibility of the ridings. This is the most satisfactory solution of the difficulty and it has the advantage of being lasting and binding. The rates from the ridings in round numbers are as follow:—West, £1,200; north, £900; east, £800. It will thus be seen at a glance that when the west riding members preferred giving the other ridings the £566 to an alteration in the boundaries which would equalize the revenue, they practically admitted that the latter had more demands for works, and were willing to give them every assistance to meet these demands. Circumstances are now greatly altered, and we unhesitatingly say that with the decreased revenue through the reduction in the municipal subsidy, the other ridings have no right to such a large proportion of the west riding revenue, even although a reduced subsidy has a greater effect on the remaining ridings; and the only practicable way out of the difficulty that we can see is that the revenue from each riding should be more in accord with the legitimate demands for works in each riding. The matter is one requiring grave consideration, and we trust the deliberations of the council will result in a final and satisfactory settlement of the difficulty.

Local and General News.

NEW GOODS.—For first-class Spring and Summer Drapery, at moderate prices, go to McKEICH'S, His stock is the largest, his prices are the lowest, for Millinery, Dresses, Prints, Crepons, Ribbons, Laces, Corsets, Hosiery, and Gloves, Umbrellas, Calicoes, Sheetings, Suits, Hats, Ties, Shirts, Boots and Shoes, and all classes of general drapery. J. McKEICH, The Direct Importer, Neill-street, Beaufort.—[ADVT.]

Tenders are invited in our advertising columns for several contracts in the Shire of Ripon by 11 a.m. on Monday next.

A meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club is announced for Tuesday evening at Welsh's Golden Age Hotel.

The following appears in the last issue of the "Police Gazette":—Philip Russell, Mahwallok station, near Beaufort, reports stolen from his run, between the 23rd September last and the 21st Novr., 150 shorn prime four-year-old merino wethers; value L50.

To-day (Saturday) is the last day upon which electoral rights will be issued this year. The office of the electoral registrar (Mr Minchin) will be open up till 10 o'clock p.m.

Mr W. Edward Nickols announces the sale on Thursday next at Mr Dutton's farm, on the Ballarat road (two miles from Beaufort), of about 80 acres of freehold land, milch cows, young stock, and household furniture and effects. Mr Nickols will also hold a clearing sale of a large assortment of effects at Mr Jeremiah Smith's timber-yard, Beaufort, on Tuesday, 11th inst. Particulars given in advertisements.

For Paperhangings go to HAWKES BROS. The largest and best assortment in the district from 4½d a piece. Splendid new Sanitaries from 9d. Call and see the patterns. All painters' requisites of best quality at lowest prices.

In speaking on the want of confidence motion in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, Mr Austin, the member for Ripon and Hampden, said he was prepared to support the wealth tax which the present Premier submitted at St. Kilda, but could not support the land tax, which decreased the amount paid by the large estates and increased the taxation of the farmer. He would vote against the Government.

During the earlier portion of this week the weather was of a very sultry nature, and on Tuesday the thermometer registered 95 degrees in the shade at Beaufort. A somewhat peculiar and unusual thunderstorm occurred in the afternoon, there being a vivid flash of lightning, followed almost instantaneously by a very heavy peal of thunder. A few drops of rain also fell. The atmosphere has since been agreeably cooler.

On Tuesday a young man named R. Negri, who follows the occupation of a woodcutter, was bitten on the little finger of the left hand by a brown snake in the bush near Waterloo. It appears that while sitting down and eating his dinner he put his hand out on a tussock of grass, when the snake bit him as stated and then escaped. Picking up his axe Negri promptly cut the finger off near the middle joint, and, after tieing it up with a bootlace, walked a mile and a half to his home. Messrs H. Smith and Jas. Frusher then brought him into Beaufort, and Dr. Johnston injected strychnine and gave Negri some stimulant, and he went home, none the worse, excepting the loss of his finger, for his unpleasant adventure. This is the second case of snake bite which Dr. Johnston has successfully treated in twelve days. It was also rumored in Beaufort on Tuesday that a man named Kelly had been bitten by a snake the same day at Granite Hill. Upon making inquiries, however, we learnt from Dr Johnston that the rumour was without foundation. Kelly had a gathered hand, which Dr Johnston lanced.

A very enjoyable evening was spent in the Church of England schoolroom on Wednesday night, when a Coffee Social was held to raise funds to pay off a small liability on a piece of land adjoining the church. The building was very prettily decorated. There was a fair attendance. The Rev. R. Hosken presided, and explained the object of the gathering. He was very pleased to see so many present, and hoped a happy time would be spent. The following programme was then carried out, each effort being cordially received:—Pianoforte duet, Miss Nickols and Miss E. Nickols; glee, "Let the hills resound," choir; song, "Anchored," Mr J. Jackson; recitation, "The inventor's wife," Miss Norah Troy; song, "Remember me no more," Miss Martha Nickols; recitation, "The last hymn," Mr B. F. Thompson; pianoforte duet, Misses A. Greenwood and F. Gorrie; song, "Heralds of the dawn," Miss B. Ison; recitation, "Alone," Miss Nickols; song, "When the heart is young," Miss Stuart; glee, "Nature's rest," choir; song, "A bandit's life," Mr Eastwood; recitation, "Barbara Fritchie," Mr B. F. Thompson; glee, "When nature's twilight," choir; refreshments; pianoforte solo, Miss A. Greenwood; song "Forget thee," Miss M. Nickols; "God save the Queen." The accompaniments were played by Misses A. Greenwood, E. Nickols, and B. Ison. The refreshments, which were provided by the lady members of the congregation were of a particularly choice quality, and it is needless to add were very much appreciated.

The following letter from the Venerable H. E. Cooper, M.A., Archdeacon of Ballarat and Hamilton, has been recently forwarded to the various parishes and parochial districts of the Diocese of Ballarat. It will speak for itself, and doubtless command prompt response from the members of the Church of England, and other christians anxious for the advance of Christ's kingdom:—"The question of the pressing needs of the Home Mission Fund having been submitted by the Bishop in Council to the consideration of the Archdeaconal Council with a request that they should co-operate in some special method of raising during the coming season of advent an Emergency Fund of at least £2,000 to liquidate overdraft and pay the grants for the current quarter, the Ballarat Archdeaconal Council unanimously resolved that an effort be made to raise the amount by asking the head of each church family in the Diocese to become a collector for his own household. It is proposed that an envelope and appeal be left at the house of such church member. From this Home Mission Fund grants in aid are made to the less prosperous parishes and parochial districts. The money collected for the fund is spent only in the Ballarat diocese, not outside." We are informed that for many years past the parochial district of Beaufort has received yearly grants in aid from this fund. Since 1890 £200 has been thus secured towards the above £2000 required; this district is called upon to contribute £30. Steps will be taken immediately to secure if possible not less than the sum in which the Church of England is assessed.—[COMMUNICATED.]

The Fisk Jubilee Singers gave a delightful entertainment in the Societies' Hall on Tuesday evening, to a fairly large and thoroughly appreciative audience. The entertainment proved a rare feast of music, and one which is seldom enjoyed in country towns. The quaint and weird melodies, as sung and composed by the slaves of the United States of America, were listened to with rapturous delight, and the hearty applause which was given to the talented singers showed how highly the audience appreciated the several selections. Encores were obligingly responded to. The programme commenced with a chorus, 'Steal away to Jesus," followed by 'The Lord's Prayer,' "There's a meeting here to-night," and 'I know the other world's not like this,' the latter being given as an encore. Mr McEdoo's wonderfully rich and powerful bass voice was heard to great advantage in 'The Smuggler.' Miss Laura A. Carr gave a magnificent rendering of 'Say *au revoir*, but not good bye.' Among other chorus gems those of 'The gospel train is coming,' 'Shun old Satan,' and 'I long be ready,' shone out conspicuously. Miss Mattie E. Allen, who has few equals as a tenor singer, rendered 'I was dreaming' and 'I love them all' (the latter as an encore) in a faultless manner, and received quite an ovation. A ladies' quartette, 'Hard trials,' was also a splendid effort. The enthusiasm of the audience was sustained throughout, and the chorus, 'Good bye, brothers, good bye, sisters,' concluded an entertainment which could not be too highly spoken of.

The Ararat and Asylum Cricket Clubs played a match in connection with the Stephens' trophy on Wednesday. The Asylum scored 36, and Ararat 105 for the loss of 6 wickets, the latter thus winning by 69 runs and 4 wickets; Little made 55 (not out) for Ararat, and Manly for the same team, got 7 wickets for 15 runs.

The Rev. Father Daly is steadily recovering from the effects of the recent severe accident he met with, and his medical adviser hopes to be soon able to declare him convalescent.

At the colonial wool auctions at London on Wednesday, a good catalogue was placed before buyers, and bidding showed manifest improvement, especially on the part of continental buyers, who operated freely.

A Stockyard Hill correspondent writes:—The district is losing one of the best horses that has been here for a number of years, as Mr Kirkpatrick has decided upon sending his stallion, "Morry Dancer," to New South Wales. This [illegible] unsuccessfully in the [illegible] hunters at the recent Ballarat show; but the previous year he was successful, as he tied for first place in the high jump, and obtained second prize in the light weight hunters. During the week he gave a fine exhibition of jumping, when ridden by Mr Kirkpatrick's son; he negotiated successfully all the fences in the locality; the fences all being from 5 to 6 feet in height. It is a pity the district is losing such a good horse, as there is a dearth of good hunters here. This horse's progeny is turning outwell, and proving the good opinion that was formed of him some time ago by good judges.

Beaufort was considerably enlivened yesterday by the presence of the 5th battalion cadets, who were on parade below the school. Before and after the companies were formed, the young soldiers paraded the streets on their own account and made as much enjoyment for themselves as posible out of the trip. The confectioners of the town no doubt appreciated the visit of the youngsters, to judge from the large quantity of sweets and fruit which they got rid of. The cadets presented a very smart and soldierly appearance on parade; and in the movements done—form of attack and battle firing, quarter column, wheeling, column from line, and line in column—showed unmistakeable proof of having been well and intelligently drilled. Captain Davies, of Stawell, was in command, and he was assisted by Captain-Adjutant Curnow, Ballarat State School No. 33; Captain Matthews, Ballarat State School No. 34; Lieutenant Austin, Ballarat State School No 675; Lieutenants Schweiger and Elliott; Lieutenant Scott, Clunes; Lieutenant Opie, Stawell; Lieutenant Williams, Creswick; and Lieutenant Webster, Allendale. As Beaufort is centrally situated for most of the detachments, future parades are to take place here.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS HAWKES.

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A RESPECTED PIONEER COLONIST.

We (*Geelong Advertiser*) deeply regret to announce the death of Mr Hawkes, at the age of seventy-two years, of the well-known and respected firm of Hawkes Bros. The deceased breathed his last yesterday (Monday) morning at half-past five at his late residence, "Llanberris," Western Beach. By this sad event another is added to the list of our pioneer citizens who have passed away. Mr Thomas Hawkes was born at Banbury, Oxfordshire, England. He arrived in Geelong in 1852, and started business in Mercer street in 1853. Thence he removed to Malop street, and latterly to the spacious premises in Clare street now occupied by the firm of which he was the founder. Mr Hawkes will be greatly missed by a very large circle of friends and business acquaintances by whom he was always held in high esteem. His generous and amiable disposition and his well-known interest in outdoor pursuits have gained him a wide popularity. He was a prominent member of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, and has been connected with St. Paul's Church ever since his arrival in the town. He has always given generous support to the church, and the Sunday school, and particularly the Church Union hall, are greatly indebted to his benefactions. He has been in failing health for some considerable time, and the end was not unexpected. It came very peaceably at the last.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Mr T. Hawkes, which took place on Tuesday. The remains were taken from the late residence of the deceased to St. Paul's Church, where a short service was conducted by the Rev. W. Chas. Pritchard, before the funeral set out for the Eastern Cemetery. The body, which was enclosed in a polished oak coffin, was carried to the grave by Messrs A. Watt, W. Barnett, J. Palmer, and J. Walker, four of the oldest employés of the firm. The pall bearers were Messrs W. J. Smitham, J. Eastwood, A. J. Stutterd, J. C. Crowle, A. Hobbs, and A. E. Paton. The burial service at the grave was conducted by the Rev. W. Chas. Pritchard, asssisted by the Rev. J. Tyssen. The funeral arrangements were carried out efficiently by Messrs W. B. King and Sons.

The late Mr T. Hawkes was a member of the firm of Hawkes Bros., ironmongers, &c., Beaufort.

MINING NEWS.

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White and party are down about 70 feet with their new shaft. The Perseverance Company have made a start with their sixth shaft, and it is hoped they will succeed in finding the gold. Thompson and party are down about 80 feet, and expect to bottom next week. Trompf and party obtained 1½ oz. for a fortnight's work, which is very poor. They intend to give it another fortnight's trial, when, if it does not turn out better, it is probable they will draw the slabs. Iredale and party are at a standstill for want of water to puddle with. Their last week's yield was a trifle short of an ounce. The usual poor yields are reported by fossickers and puddlers.

The total yields for the past week amounted to about 30 oz. Besides those mentioned, the Last Chance obtained 5 oz.

BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

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MONDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1894.

(Before Messrs W. Leader, P.M., C. J. Leadbeater, H. Cushing, F. Beggs, J. R. Wotherspoon, A. Andrews and Captain Bridges, J's. P.)

John Wright v. Wm. Ttompson.—Larceny of 6s. This case was adjourned from last court.

Inspector Hamilton conducted the prosecution.

Thompson agreed to be dealt with summarily.

John Wright, sworn, stated he was a groom employed at Vowles Camp hotel, Beaufort. On 12th November he left his waistcoat hanging beside a ladder in the yard, and in one pocket was his watch and in the other six single shillings. Accused went in for a drink, while witness went up the yard to clean horses. He saw Thompson afterwards go round the gate, and witness went straight to the waistcoat and missed the money. He saw no one else about the yard. He spoke to Thompson and said he had 6s belonging to him and asked him to give the money to him. Thompson said he had not, but that he would give witness in charge for accusing him of taking it. Thompson gave him 3s back and asked him to lend him one of them, and said he had only the 3s. He did not give Thompson permission to take the money out of his pocket. There are still 3s not recovered.

Cross-examined by defendant—I did not see your hand in my pocket, but saw you going round the gate where the waistcoat was. You did not meet me at the post office going to the hotel, but at Mr DeBaere's. You wanted me to give you a drink, and I said I would get you one if you gave me the money.

To Inspector Hamilton—I got a warrant issued for Thompson's arrest.

Constable Bray gave evidence as to the arrest of Thompson, whom he cautioned. Thompson made no statement at the time, but at the watch-house he said he did not take the money.

Thompson gave evidence on his own behalf. He said he was going down to the Camp hotel to see if he could get a drink and met Wright at the post office. He asked Wright to get him a drink and told him he had the money, and he said he would do so if Mr Vowles refused to serve him. He went round by the back gate to the kitchen and Mr Vowles refused to serve him because it was Sunday, and then he went back to the post office where Wright was waiting for him. Wright asked him for some money to get the drink, and he gave him 1s and he got the drink. Wright never accused him of taking any money.

To Inspector Hamilton—What Wright had sworn was false. Wright got him some whisky in a lemonade bottle and he (Thompson) drank it in the street. He did not know what hotel Wright went to. He did not see any waistcoat in the yard, nor did he give Wright 3s. He saw another man in the yard at the Camp hotel.

Mr Leader said the Bench did not believe anything that Thompson had stated in the witness box, and sentenced him to a month's imprisonment in the Ballarat gaol.

Inspector Hamilton stated there were nine previous convictions against Thompson.

Two debt cases, in which there was no appearance of either party, were struck out.

Hawkes Bros. v. Norman Don.—Goods sold and delivered, L3 2s. Order for amount with 5s costs.

Dr. Adam v. Chas. Baulch.—Medical services, L1. Defendant denied indebtedness. It appeared that defendant's daughter had received the medical attendance, and that defendant said he would be responsible, which, however, he denied. Order for amount, with 5s costs.

Same v. Jas. Cuthbertson.—Medical services, L9. Defendant admitted the attendance, but objected to the amount. The Bench considered the charge moderate and made an order for the amount with 5s costs, refusing an application for an extra guinea costs.

Geo. Bray, rabbit inspector, v. Neil McIntosh. Charged with not taking all necessary steps to destroy vermin on his land in the north riding of the Shire of Ripon.

Inspector Hamilton conducted the prosecution.

Complainant, sworn, produced his appointment. He first visited the land on 11th July—there are 253 acres in the block—and found the rabbits were very thick. He served defendant with a notice on the same day. He visited the place again on the 4th August, and found that the notice had been entirely ignored, and that nothing whatever had been done to destroy the vermin, as he saw a great quantity of rabbits. He again visited the land on the 15th inst., in company with Crown Lands Bailiff Orde. Nothing whatever had been done. The ground was covered with water-gushes and burrows, and rabbits were getting up in all directions. He saw eight at one time, and they counted 25 altogether. No steps whatever had been taken to comply with the Act.

T. J. Orde, Crown lands bailiff, deposed that on the 15th inst. he and Constable Bray had ridden round the paddock. He saw several burrows, which it was quite evident 12 months ago had been dug up, but which were now left as warrens. He saw eight come out of one burrow which had seven or eight openings. No recent attempt had been made to cope with the rabbits.

Neil McIntosh deposed that immediately after receiving the notice on 11th July he and two lads went on the land and killed rabbits until they could not find any more. They had afterwards gone over the land and killed the rabbits with dogs. It was his very best paddock, and it was not likely that he would leave the rabbits there. Last Saturday he had been round, and did not see one rabbit. No doubt there were a few burrows, but there was no occasion for all this hubbub. The neighbors on two sides were divided by a rabbit-proof fence. He had dug out any amount of burrows. He asked the inspector after getting the first notice to come out and see what had been done, but he said he would not.

To Inspector Hamilton—There are lots of burrows there now, but not hundreds. "What's eight from one hole? I could kill those in a few minutes." The land all round was not clear, as there was the common on the north and another block [illegible] Admit that he was fined for [illegible] thing in April last.

John McIntosh, son of [illegible] gave corroborative evidence [illegible] work done in destroying the [illegible] stating that they had kept on [illegible] them for three weeks and [illegible] could not get any more.

To Inspector Hamilton—[illegible] through the paddock yesterday [illegible] noon and only saw two rabbits [illegible] o'clock. He would not contradict the witnesses.

Mr McIntosh said he had managed to keep the rabbits down for 25 years without this hubbub.

Mr Leader asked if it was advisable to push this case.

Inspector Hamilton said it had been done at Clunes, and as it was in a different department to his, he would not take upon himself the responsibility of withdrawing it.

Mr Leader remarked that there was a great disparity between the fine for first and second offences. The Bench, however, had no option but to impose a fine of L10, although they could suspend it for a month so as to give the opportunity of destroying the rabbits, but this would make a nonentity of the act. A month would be allowed in which to pay the fine, and Mr McIntosh was advised to communicate with Chief Inspector Black to have the fine remitted.

(Captain Bridges, R.N., left the Bench during the hearing of this case, and Messrs Leader and Wotherspoon at its conclusion.)

Harriet Gilloch v. Thos Jones.—Goods sold and delivered, L1 7s 3d. Mr Hockley for defendant. Order for amount with 15s 6d costs.

There was another case by the same plaintiff, but the summons was not served.

Petrus DeBaere v. Michael Flynn.—Rent of house, &c., L3. Mr Hockley for plaintiff.

Complainant produced the sale note for the premises in the estate of M. Flynn; also a registered letter to defendant demanding the rent which had been returned from the dead letter office. No agreement was made as to defendant remaining. He asked him as soon as he had purchased the property when he was going to leave, and defendant said on the next Saturday, but he did not leave till a week and a half later. He told defendant that he need not hurry himself for a week or two. He would not have charged him only that he had broken a lot of things about the place.

To defendant—He had said nothing about rent. Told you not to be in a hurry about leaving.

Defendant deposed that he had rented the premises at 10s per week from the trustees, and under an agreement a week's notice from either side cancelled the contract, and which he had not received. He had mislaid or lost this agreement. The trustees' agent told him that plaintiff had purchased the property, and asked him to vacate as soon as possible. Plaintiff asked him when he was going away, and he said as soon as possible, as he wanted to start business at Waterloo. Plaintiff told him not to be in a hurry. If there was any legal right to the rent, the trustees should recover it. Plaintiff's charge also was excessive. The valuation is L16 a year, and out of that a portion is rented at L18. He was only in possession a fortnight after plaintiff bought the property.

To Mr Hockley—He was only in possession of the private premises. He did not say to defendant that he would leave on the Saturday. Not a word was said about rent.

To the Bench—Defendant was not in possession of the private premises till he left.

Mr Leader said the Bench were in a little doubt about the case. It was practically agreed that Mr Flynn should be left in possession by Mr DeBaere under the assumption that he should not be charged for the time he was there, and defendant was also under the assumption that he was liable to the trustees for 10s per week. The case would be dismissed without costs. Mr DeBaere should have told Mr Flynn that he would charge him rent.

A case in which there was no appearance of either party was struck out.

Constable Bray v. Cornelius Tucker, junr.—Charged with causing a horse to be driven under circumstances which involved cruelty.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Constable Bray, sworn, stated that on coming from the railway station on 17th inst. he noticed one of defendant's horses had a sore shoulder, and on examining the horse closely he saw a cankerous wound on the shoulder about the size of his hand, and another on its back. The collar was smeared in blood and matter, and was not padded or chambered to keep it off the wound. The horse was not in a fit condition to be put in harness. There were four horses with a waggon load of wool, about 8 or 10 bales. He would not contradict defendant, who said there were five horses.

Senior-constable Downey, who was in company with Constable Bray at the time, gave corroborative evidence, and stated he showed the horse to Mr Buchanan. Tucker said he did not have another horse to put in. He took the blame off Gannon, the driver.

Wm. Buchanan, sworn, said he was a farrier, residing at Beaufort. He remembered the constable bringing the horse which had a sore on one shoulder and another on its back. The horse was not fit to go out with, but he had seen worse cases. There was no protection to the sore in that collar, but he understood there was on the collar the horse was wearing just before.

Mr Cushing (chairman) said that as it was the first offence the Bench would deal leniently with Tucker and fine [illegible]

[illegible] resent—[illegible] and correspondent), Topper, and Parker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From W. D. Hocking, head teacher Beaufort S.S., submitting a list of science apparatus which the teachers recommended should be purchased from part of the proceeds of the recent concert (the department contributing L1 to each L1 raised locally) and suggesting public distribution of the prizes to the children at the school on 21st December. The cost of the apparatus was L5 15s 6d, or L3 7s 9d locally. A list of prizes was also forwarded with a recommendation that the awards should be decided in each class by the greatest number of passes obtained at the inspector's recent examination, and in cases of two or more being equal, the prize be given to the youngest child examined for the first time in the class; that the sewing be submitted to Mesdames Parry and W. Smith, and the exercise books to Messrs Parry and Parker; that Sergeant-Major Gray's services be obtained in deciding the prizes for physical drill; that the nearest examination papers had been selected by the inspector; that prizes for regular attendance be given to a boy and girl in each class from the sum in hand from last year's concert. The total for prizes was L9 [illegible] 37s [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] nett proceeds [illegible] cash in hand L13 1s 8d.

The [illegible] was sanctioned [illegible] be given in [illegible] cases of [illegible]

Mr Hockin[illegible] science apparatus and prizes.

From D. Mason, resigning his position as a member of the board, owing to his removal to Ballarat.

From Education Department, asking that name of person willing to act in the room of Mr Mason be submitted; also later, notifying Mr A. Parker's appointment as recommended.

From same, forwarding circular giving instructions to teachers relative to horses and cattle being permitted to graze on school grounds.

From Miss Kendall, head teacher Mt. Cole Flat school, asking for something to be done to enable her to keep cattle off the ground, as the fence and gates need repairing.—Replied to by correspondent that as the department will not give the board permission to expend money in fencing, the application should be made to the Department.

From Miss Clanchy, head teacher Middle Creek school, requesting that repairs be effected to the fence.—The correspondent stated he had written for particulars as to the nature of the repairs required, and had received no reply.

From W. D. Hocking, head teacher Beaufort school, notifying the resignation of Mr E. P. Welsh as a teacher.

From Department, forwarding circular re allowances to teachers, requesting the keeping of a detailed account of expenditure.

From W. D. Dillon, head teacher Eurambeen school, stating he had been called by wire to see his father, who was seriously ill at Chiltern, and had since died, and that the school had been closed four days.

From Education Department, notifying that Mr W. C. Phillips had been appointed temporarily as head teacher of the Waterloo school with instructions to commence duty on 1st November.

From A. H. Cunnington, head teacher Trawalla school, pointing out that the fence required renewal, as cattle were getting in the grounds and breaking down the trees.—The correspondent stated he had replied similarly as to Miss Kendall.

The Chairman reported that the following holidays had been granted since 1st July:—Beaufort, Waterloo, Raglan, Middle Creek, Nerring, Main Lead, and Trawalla schools, one day each.—Approved of.

It was decided to make a further effort to try and obtain the consent of the Department to the fencing in of the Chute school ground.

A holiday was granted the Beaufort school on 10th Decr., the occasion of the P.M. Sunday school picnic, on the application of Mr Hocking.

This concluded the business.

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GRAPHIOLOGY.

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We have made arrangements with Miss Ruth Annabel whereby our readers may test the truth of graphiology by sending six penny stamps, together with a specimen of their unstudied handwriting, accompanied by christian name, as well as *nom de plume*, to that lady at "Clematis," Colin Grove, Hawthorn. Characters so delineated will be published in this journal, under the *nom de plume* sent in. Applicants are requested to mention this journal, and write on unruled paper, if possible.

"Harry" is straightforward, equable, quick-tempered, economical in small matters; affectionate, but not demonstrative; [illegible] the muscles, but not robust in [illegible] outdoor exercise, society [illegible] apprehensive [illegible] appears to be. [illegible] self-esteem [illegible] restrain caution, love approbation [illegible] musician, tailor, [illegible] painter.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

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The first of three competitions for Mr McKeich's trophy—a silver [illegible] stand—in connection with the [illegible] monthly match of the Beaufort Rifle Club, was fired on Wednesday, when 13 members competed, with the result that W. Hill won the first prize of 7s 6d, and gained 5 points for the trophy; J. McKeich, second, 100 rounds of ammunition and 4 points; J. Chapman, third, 3 points; A. Trompf, fourth, 2 points, and Captain Dolan, fifth, 1 point. The scores were 58, 57, 57, 53, and 53 respectively. Appended are the complete scores:—

	Yds.—200	400	H'd'p.	T'l.
W. Hill ...	26	20	12	58
J. McKeich ...	27	30	scr.	57
J. Chapman ...	25	25	7	57
A. Trompf ...	24	28	1	53
J. P. Dolan ...	22	26	5	53
F. Kendall ...	24	17	12	53
C. Trompf ...	23	16	13	52
J. S. Brooks ...	18	21	12	51
E. Jaensch ...	18	17	16	51
J. Kilbeg ...	24	23	2	49
D. F. Troy ...	17	27	5	49
T. A. Archard ...	22	21	2	45
J. Johnston ...	8	17	20	45

A man named David Jos. Kirban, aged 30, lately an unemployed from Melbourne, while working at dam sinking at Bangerang on Monday, said he felt dizzy when he had finished his work, and was found a few minutes after lying insensible. Whilst being driven 18 miles to Warracknabeal for medical attendance he died. A post mortem revealed death was due to congestion of the brain, due to excessive heat.

Whilst several young fellows were bathing at Newcastle on Wednesday, one of them, named Donald Hewison, had his arm seized by a shark. His shouts brought his brother to his assistance just as the monster was drawing him under the surface. The brother frightened the shark away, but the victim's right forearm was torn off and his left severely injured. He was got safely to shore and taken to the hospital, where one of his arms was amputated.

The Country Fire Brigades Board intend prosecuting J. S Judd, the late secretary, who is now under sentence for embezzlement, in connection with three forgeries of tradesmen's receipts to accounts, the cheques for which, it is alleged, Judd embezzled. The amount involved is L160.

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The estate of the late Mr Martin Loughlin, of Ballarat and the Esplanade, St. Kilda, has been sworn for probate at L234,300.

The Ministry (says Friday's *Argus*) just before 12 o'clock last night succeeded in inducing the Assembly, after 12 hours' sitting, to adopt its land tax proposals by 52 votes to 38; that is to say, Mr Wheeler's amendment to omit the tax was negatived on that division. Sir Graham Berry voted with the majority; Mr Carter paired on Mr Wheeler's side with Mr Rogers on the Government side, and Mr Austin and Mr Graves, both of whom have expressed themselves against the tax, thought fit to absent themselves. Mr Murray, who had been absent from the chamber all day, came in at the last moment, attended by Mr Shiels, and took the first seat he reached on the right, notwithstanding Mr McIntyre's persuasion, and would not budge to vote with the Opposition, with whose views he was said to be in accord. The defections from the Ministerial side were Mr Wheeler, Mr W. Anderson, Mr Sterry, Mr Downward, Mr Dyer, and Mr Scott; while Mr Irvine, Mr A. H W. White, and Mr Lazarus crossed over from the Opposition. The debate, on the whole, was well conducted, the only feeling observable being shown when the Attorney-General was speaking for nearly three hours at the beginning of the sitting. He had prepared his speech with great care, and it partook of the character of special pleading from commencement to finish. He gave more of a party tone to the debate than had been previously imported into it, and was met at the outset by continual interjections. At one time a scene appeared imminent. The Premier rose to protest against the continual interruptions. "He has been deservedly interrupted," interjected Sir James Patterson, "considering the nature of his remarks." "I won't be interrupted by the leader of the Opposition," retorted Mr Turner in great heat; but Sir James said no more, and the incident passed off. A considerable number of members addressed themselves to the question, and the division was taken at 10 minutes to 12, with the result stated. The House immediately afterwards adjourned.

CRICKET.

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STAWELL v. BEAUFORT.

The first match in connection with the Stephens' (Ararat) trophy between the above clubs was played in the Beaufort Park on Wednesday. There was a large attendance of spectators, who had the pleasure of witnessing one of the most interesting matches ever played here. The game resulted in a draw, very much in favor of Beaufort, who wanted two runs to win, with three wickets to fall, when time was called. W. Dawson (Stawell) winning the toss from A. Parker (Beaufort), the Stawellites were the first to handle the willow. The first wicket fell for 7 runs, and in H. Parker's first over Cooper (who had only made 3 and afterwards added 17) was fairly stumped by A. Trompf, the batsman being fully four inches outside the crease; but the umpire (E. Lilley) decided otherwise. The second wicket fell with 10 up. As Cooper and Lewers were making a stand, the ball was handed to Welsh, who scattered Cooper's stumps with his second ball, the score registering 3—20—23. The fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh wicket fell with the score at 29, 31, 33, and 36 respectively, Paton and Welsh being in fine form with the ball. 53 runs were added, despite several changes in bowling, before Paton disposed of Moale, who played a lucky innings for 39, no less than three catches being missed, the first when Moale had only made 3 or 4 runs. Davis was Moale's partner, and the pair brought the score to 86. The innings closed for 108, Davis carrying out his bat for 19, obtained by careful and good cricket. Paton secured 7 wickets at the small cost of 41 runs; Welsh getting 2 for 16, and H. Parker 1 for 22. With only an hour and a half to play, A. Trompf and Welsh started Beaufort's innings. Welsh was the first to go with the score at 10. H. Parker and Paton disappointed the spectators, as their wickets fell at 19 and 22 respectively. E. Trompf then joined his brother, and a good stand was made. Both players batted in fine style, and carried the score to 53, when A. Trompf was bowled by Cooper, his tally standing at 29. The next wicket fell at 55. A. Parker and E. Trompf made another stand, the latter being disposed of with the total at 77. Trompf had played sterling cricket and was unfortunate in being bowled off his pad, in trying a leg glance. Thompson and Parker piled on the runs at a critical stage, the former especially punishing the bowling. Thompson retired for 8. Dolan then came to the wickets. Parker did the scoring, and on the tick of time made what was supposed to be the winning hit amidst intense excitement. The ground was rushed and Parker was carried off the field. When the scores were added up it was discovered that Beaufort wanted two runs to win, and had the mistake in adding up the scores not been made the probability is that Beaufort would have been victorious, as there were three balls to go to finish the over. Parker, who carried out his bat for 29, showed some of his old form. He only gave one difficult chance in the early stage of his innings, a ball rising from the handle of the bat in front of the wickets out of the wicket-keeper's reach. The total was 107, or 1 behind Stawell, with three wickets to fall. Cooper and Jones took the bowling honors, the former getting 4 wickets for 27 runs, and the latter 3 for 47. Stawell came with one man short, but the locals allowed them to play Buchanan as a substitute, although objecting to E. Lilley, one of Beaufort's best batsmen, and who was left out of the team simply because he was not a member of the club. The game, as before stated, resulted in a draw, and this counts two points to each team. Messrs Sinclair and E. Lilley acted as umpires. Appended are the scores:—

STAWELL.

Stanton, c H. Parker, b Paton	0
Cooper, b E. P. Welsh ...	20
Lewers, c Dolan, b E. P. Welsh	7
W. Dawson (capt.), b H. Parker	0
W. Carter, c Kilgour, b Paton	3
B. Dawson, b Paton ...	1
H. Davis, not out	19
D. Thomas, b Paton ...	2
E. Moale, b Paton	39
Jones, b Paton	4
Buchanan (sub.), c Cowell, b Paton	2
Byes, &c.	11
Total	108

Bowling Analysis.—Paton, 110 balls, 3 mdns., 41 runs, 7 wkts.; H. Parker, 54 balls, 3 mdns., 22 runs, 1 wkt.; E. P. Welsh, 54 balls, 1 mdn., 16 runs, 2 wkts; A. Trompf, 18 balls, 8 runs; G. Cowell, 12 balls, 10 runs.

BEAUFORT.

A. Trompf, b Cooper ...	29
E. P. Welsh, b Jones ...	4
H. Parker, c Carter, b Cooper	5
Paton, c Jones, b Cooper ...	0
E. Trompf, b Jones ...	23
H. Trompf, c Carter, b Cooper	0
A. Parker (capt.), not out ...	29
Thompson, c W. Dawson, b Jones	8
J. P. Dolan, not out ...	0
Byes, &c.	9
Total for 7 wickets ...	107

Bowling analysis.—Jones, 78 balls, 47 runs, 3 wkts.; Cooper, 66 balls, 1 mdn., 27 runs, 4 wkts.; Stanton, 9 balls, 10 runs; B. Dawson, 18 balls, 7 runs; W. Dawson, 6 balls, 9 runs.

Beaufort play the second match for the Stephens' trophy against Ararat, at Ararat, next Wednesday, and should endeavor to send as strong a team as possible. The Beaufort team will be chosen from the following:—Cowell, Calder, Dolan, Hill, E. Lilley, Paton, Parker (2), Trompf (3), Thompson, and Welsh.

On the following Saturday the Ballarat 1st eleven meet 15 of the locals in the Beaufort Park. The team against Ballarat will be selected from the same players with the addition of Kilgour, Williams, J. E. S. Baker, and Sinclair.

PRACTICAL JOTTINGS.

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CALENDAR OF OPERATIONS FOR DECEMBER.

A long spell of dry weather culminating as we write in the hottest day on record, 105 in the shade and 152 in the sun, will have tested the constitution of many plants and the means that have been taken to protect and assist them.

In dry weather there are three ways of assisting plants in the open by watering, mulching, and stirring the ground.

Where water is at command it is better to thoroughly soak the ground occasionally, rather than to give lighter but more frequent waterings. The rule is that roots follow moisture, heavy watering means that the water soaks into the ground, while light waterings only moisten the surface, and the roots are burned up by the sun. Mulching is putting a covering several inches thick of grass or stable litter which acts as a shield, and making a break from the heat of the sun keeps down whatever moisture there is in the soil. Anyone lifting the mulching will see how moist the soil is, as compared with the ground about. Stirring the soil keeps down the weeds and makes a lot of air cells which [illegible] the moisture from being [illegible] sun.

Beans, French—Sow 2 inches deep, and instead of covering with soil, which frequently gets so hard as to break off the young plants when coming through the soil, cover with 2 in. of round horse droppings. Let row be 2 feet 6 inches and plants 6 inches apart. 1 lb sows row 80 feet. Matures in about 4 months.

Beet, red—Sow freely ½ inch deep, in rows 15 inches and plants 6 inches apart. 1 oz sows row 60 feet. Matures in about 4 months.

Beet, silver—Sow ½ inch deep, in rows 15 inches apart. Sow thickly when the young plants are to be boiled as spinage, leaving a plant every 6 inches to provide leaves in February and March.

Boreeole or kale, brocoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, and savoy should all be sown freely, to produce plants ready for planting out in the coming year. To grow good plants now requires care. Sow the seed ⅛ of an inch deep, and cover with a layer 1 inch thick of the round droppings of a horse. This prevents the ground from caking when watered, and nourishes the plants. 1 oz sows bed 4 feet by 20 feet. Plant must be kept watered. In watering it is better to water heavily and seldom, when the water soaks down into the ground, and the roots follow and are safe from the sun, rather than to water frequently and lightly and bring the roots up to the surface, where if neglected for a day, or if extra hot weather is experienced, the roots are scorched up and the plants die.

The next trouble is the cabbage moth, which is a great scourge. This moth is nocturnal, commencing to fly about sundown. Young chickens greedily eat the moth, and when young do no harm. Keep the old hen in a coop near the seed beds. To destroy the grub, water the plants with a solution of tobacco water, still better with nicotine whale oil soap, which sticks the tobacco extract to the plant, or ¼ oz London purple or Paris green, which are deadly poisons, to 3 gallons of water. A handy way of catching the moth is to have a light frame on which to tack a piece of sacking, which paint with tar on the top, leaving a few inches clean at the bottom, which piece may hang below the frame. Then let two people each taking an end, draw tightly over the plants from one end of the bed to the other letting the loose sacking touch the plants. The moths disturbed fly upwards, and are caught in the sticky tar. If healthy plants, free from the grub, are transplanted into well-worked and well-manured ground, they grow so quickly that the grub does little damage, limiting its ravages to the outside leaves. If slowly and badly grown, the plants are sometimes riddled to the heart, and utterly useless for cooking. For very early cauliflower we call special attention to the early erfurt. Is per packet.

Celery—Sow seed 1-8th of an inch deep in a box to transplant. When plants are a few inches high their growth may be retarded by supplying only a little moisture. As plants are wanted a few may be picked out into good soil. By this means, one sowing will supply plants for several months.

Cress—Sow 1-8th of an inch deep, thickly, in rows or broadcast. 1 oz. sows bed 4 feet square.

Cucumber—Sow 2 or 3 seeds ½ of an inch deep in hills 6 feet apart. When plants have set a crop of cucumbers, layer the shoots near the end, making the soil very rich. The plants will root into this and produce successive crops as they are layered.

Leek—Sow ¼ of an inch deep in rows 2 ft., and plants 6 inches apart. Roll or tramp the soil when the seed is sown to firm the surface. 1 oz. sows row 80 feet. Matures in June.

Lettuce—Sow ⅛ of an inch deep, 3 or 4 seeds every foot. Let the strongest plants grow. Lettuce may be grown between rows of slowly growing vegetables, and be cut off before they are in the road. Matures in 18 weeks.

Maize—Sow 1 inch deep in rows 3 feet and plants 1 foot apart. For cobs allow 3 feet every way. It is a good plan to sow the seed at the bottom of a furrow 6 to 9 inches deep, and as the plants grows work the soil round the stem. The plant will root from the stem, and thus have more root power, besides having its roots deep down in the soil where the moisture is.

Mangold wurzel—Sow ½ an inch deep, in rows 2 feet 6 inches and plants 1 foot 3 inches apart. Seedlings, when as large as a finger, may be safely transplanted, but will not freely transplant when smaller.

Onion—Sow in richly manured ground ¼ of an inch deep, in rows, thickly for onions for salad. Tramp ground when seed is sown as such seeds require a firm surface.

Orache or mountain spinage—Where not sown, sow ¼ of an inch deep, allowing 2 feet between rows and plants. Leaves broken off as they grow supply a splendid spinage.

Peas—In moist districts, or where water is available, sow 1 inch deep, in rows 4 feet and plants 6 inches apart.

Potatoes—Sow a few to produce seed for the coming year. Throw up a furrow, and plant the seed 4 inches below this furrow, drawing down the earth as the plants grow.

Radish—Sow a few in rich ground, watering well; ¼ of an inch deep, rows 1 foot and plants 2 inches apart.

Sorghum—Sow ½ an inch deep in rows 3 feet apart, where not already sown. This will give successional crops till cut off by the frost.

Turnip—Orange jelly and Swedish turnips can be sown now, ½ of an inch deep, in rows 18 inches and plants 6 inches apart.

Scale breeds moth, and is more exposed to the effects of washes, such as kerosene emulsion; one washing now is worth three or four at other periods of the year.

Plant dahlias from subdivision of last year's plants, or green plants struck from cuttings. To divide tubers, split the old stem, seeing that there is a sprout on it, and let there be one or more of the old tubers. Green plants are raised from the sprouts of the old tubers, started by heat, and when large enough broken off and struck as a cutting. The finest flowers are obtained in autumn from the plants put out now.

Chrysanthemum plants should be finally cut back about Christmas, letting stems be only about 6 to 8 inches high. Do not water for two or three days till cut is dried otherwise plants bleed to death. If weather is warm shade the plants. A mulching of 2 to 4 inches of manure should be put round the plants, keeping the soil moist and supplying nutriment to the plants. Water freely.

Cineraria seed and pansy should now be planted. Pansies sown now and brought through the hot weather will produce finer plants and earlier flowers than the March sown seed.

The Emperor William of Germany, who has minutely watched the events of the China-Japanese war, especially the naval engagements, has, as the result of his observations, directed the building of several new cruisers for the German navy of a heavier class than the type at present most favored.

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Mrs Yates, mayor of Onehungo, N.Z., who sought re-election, has been defeated by Mr Sutherland by a large majority.

We notice with regret that Mr James M'Intosh, formerly of Myrtle Grove, Mount Blowhard, died at East Malvern on Wednesday last, at the advanced age of 77 years. The deceased settled in the Ballarat district in 1856, and until quite recently resided there. He was at one time president of the Ballarat Shire Council and an active member of the council of the Ballarat Agricultural Society. Some years ago he was elected as the representative for this district in the Agricultural Council of Victoria.

At the sale of the Farngham Park land 710 acres were disposed of on Wednesday, and realised a total amonnt of L19,178, being an average of L27 per acre.

The Mines Department received a telegram on Wednesday afternoon from Messrs Shaw and Sons of the Potter's Hill line, near Wedderburn, to the effect that they have crushed 4 tons of stone, which realised 450 oz of gold.

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Latest advices from the far east report that severe fighting has taken place at Motienleng between the Chinese and Japanese troops, resulting in the complete route of the Chinese, who lost very heavily.

A start has been made to pull down the house at Maryborough in which the Vennell murder occurred. The place is a large wooden building, and the owner, Mr G. Barry, feeling convinced that he could not let it, determined to have it demolished and erect two other cottages in its stead.

Mr Gillies has informed the Secretary for Agriculture that he has deputed one of his officers to inspect the condition of dairy and other produce coming from Melbourne immediately the vessels arrive in the docks, and also to obtain particulars of the prices realised.

The Czar Nicholas has announced his intention of signalising the commencement of his reign by remitting taxes on the poorer classes to the amount of 50,000,000 roubles (about £7,500,000.)

The "Standard" doubts whether the proposed shipment of vegetables from Victoria to London will be a success. Asparagus it thinks may, perhaps, pay, if it will bear freezing, but there is a poor look-out for peas and beans.

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Having been utilised twice as a cat's-paw in about four months, having on each occasion failed to pull a single chestnut out of the fire, and having placed himself in the ridiculous position of having been compelled to vote against his own proposition on the first motion and of offering to withdraw his second, Mr M'Kenzie (says the Melbourne correspondent to the "Ararat Advertiser") should be convinced that for the *role* of political Warwick he has not been cast. Yet he spoke earnestly and strenuously in his opening attack, and astonished the House by his fervor and fire. He was badly advised, or advised himself badly, for instead of leaving the Committee of Ways and Means to come to a division on the straight issue—land-tax or none, in which case the Government would have been in a tight place, his motion in the House simply had the effect of compelling members to "line up" and hopelessly split the Country Party. However, the motion had some little effect, though it caused the loss of two days, in expediting the discussion. It showed us that unless some most extraordinary political juggling is brought into play the land-tax is doomed, for member after member rose to warn the Government that though they would be no party to their early murder they would vote very differently when the land-tax issue was put, unless it was fashioned to suit.

In view of the proposed revision of the tariff, the council of the Protectionist Association have decided to issue a circular to all the factories in the colony requesting answers to the following questions:—1st. What has been the effect of the last increase of duty upon your industry? and 2nd. What would be the effect of a reduction, of, say, from 10 to 15 per cent.

Holloway's Pills—Liver. Lungs, and Kidneys.—Most diseases of these purifying organs arise from obstructions, over the removal of which these celebrated Pills exercise the most perfect control. A course of them is strongly recommended as a remedy for such chronic affections as liver enlargements, congestion of the lungs, torpidity of the kidneys, and other functional disorders which cause much present suffering, and if neglected lay the foundation of organic diseases. Holloway's Pills are specially adapted for the young and delicate; their gentle and purifying action ranks them above all other medicines. In indigestion, nervous affections, gout, and rheumatism these Pills have achieved for themselves universal fame. They expel all impurities from the blood, and thus restore cheerfulness and vigor.

The value of wheat as food for pigs has again been proved by Mr James Campbell, of Bunbartha, who calculates that, used in this manner, wheat has returned him 4s per bushel, while Cape barley gave 5s per bushel.

V. R.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

SEA-SIDE AND GIPPSLAND LAKES EXCURSIONS.

To give residents in the country an opportunity of visiting the coast at or near Geelong, Queenscliff, Dean's Marsh, Forrest, Timboon, Portland, Warrnambool, Port Fairy, Frankston, Hastings, Mornington, Stony Point, Sale, Bairnsdale, Foster, Toora, Welshpool, Alberton, or Port Albert, or the Gippsland Lakes, during the summer months, Sea-side Excursion tickets and combined Railway and Steam-boat tickets for the Gippsland Lakes, available for one month, will be issued at a low rate at the principal stations, from 15th November, 1894, till 30th April, 1895, inclusive. The issue of these tickets will not be affected by any other excursions. For full particulars see posters at all stations. Purchasers of sea-side tickets to Queenscliff may make Drysdale or Ocean Grove their destination instead, and their tickets will be recognised at the latter stations. The journey may be broken at Melbourne for three days, going and returning.

By order,
R. G. KENT,
Secretary for Railways.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB

A meeting will be held at Welsh's Golden Age Hotel on Tuesday, 4th inst., at 8 p.m.
A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

To Carpenters, Bricklayers & Painters

TENDERS will be received for pulling down and re-erecting Building in Burke-street, Beaufort. For particulars apply to
MRS. KILBEG, Lawrence-street, Beaufort.

FOR SALE, several newly-calved COWS; also STEERS. P. CROFTON, Graveyard Hill, Chute.

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1894.

SALE BY AUCTION!

AT ONE O'CLOCK, on the Premises,
MR DUTTON'S FARM,
BALLARAT ROAD (Two Miles from Beaufort.)

FREEHOLD LAND, MILCH COWS, YOUNG STOCK, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, AND EFFECTS.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS is instructed by Mr Dutton to sell as above, all his valuable Farm, being Crown allotment 23, of section V, parish of Beaufort, on which is erected a comfortable 4-roomed Cottage, with Stable, Dairy, &c., containing about 80 acres (more or less); seven Milch Cows, nine Young Stock, Horse, Cart, and Harness, Plough, Harrows, Dairy Utensils, Farm and Garden Tools, about 30 Fowls; Household Furniture, comprising—Chairs, Tables, Sofas, Pictures, Bedsteads, Bedding, Lamps, Crockery, Cooking and Kitchen requisites, and a lot of sundries.

Terms for land at sale, for effects cash.

To parties requiring a nice home, this is a very grand opportunity, as the sale is positive.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer.

BEAUFORT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 1894.

CLEARING SALE!

BY AUCTION, AT ONE O'CLOCK,
AT MR JEREMIAH SMITH'S TIMBERYARD
(Near the Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort.)

W. EDWARD NICKOLS is instructed by MR. JEREMIAH SMITH, to sell by Public Auction, as above, a large

ASSORTMENT OF EFFECTS,

Comprising—Hooded Family Carriage, convertible into three different styles of trap, also hooded Single Buggy, Tip Dray, Timber Waggon, with Shafts, Pole and Timber Rack, Avery Platform Weighing Machine to 11 cwt., two Paragon Cooking Stoves, set Buggy Harness, two sets Dray Harness, a lot of sundry Harness, Pig-skin Saddle, Bridle, Martingale, and Spurs, 100 feet of 3 inch Gutta Percha Piping, with Couples, four-pull Beer Engine, two Allcock's Billiard Lamps (four Burners each), Grindstone in frame, twelve Pewter Pints, 96 lbs. half-inch Lead Piping, set Buggy Axles, with boxes complete, Knife Cleaner, one Crosscut Saw, two sets of Swingletrees, thirty-six lbs. Rope, lot of empty Oil Drums, Iron Sack Truck, Hotel Lamp, with fancy frame, thirty Dutch Galvanised Iron Tiles, 18 x 24, and a large quantity of useful sundries. Stylish Grey Mare.

The whole is for positive sale, the owner having no further use for them, and can be inspected on morning of sale.

TERMS CASH.
W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing 5 per cent. deposit, will be received up till 11 a.m. on MONDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 1894, for the following works:—

NORTH RIDING.

Cont. No. 532.—Forming and metalling 9 chains of road and building small culvert near Mt. Callender.

WEST RIDING.

Cont. No. 249.—Re-building two stone culverts and repairing roads injured by floods in the parish of Moallack.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the Shire Office, Beaufort.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

H. H. JACKSON, Shire Engineer.
Beaufort, 22nd Novr., 1894.

LICENSING ACT, 1890.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR TRANSFER OF LICENSE FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER.

THE Ballarat Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company, Limited, the executors of the Will of Philip Blackmore, late of Waterloo South, Publican and Grazier, deceased, the holder of a Victualler's License for the house and premises known as Royal Saxon Hotel, situate at Waterloo South, doth hereby give notice that it is its intention to apply to the Licensing Court of the Licensing District of Beaufort, on the tenth day of December, 1894, to transfer the said license to Janet Louisa Blackmore, of Waterloo, South, widow, for the period from such date until the end of the year for which the said license has been granted.

Given under my hand this twenty-sixth day of November, A.D., 1894.

J. NOBLE WILSON,
Managing Director,
The Ballarat Trustees Executors and Agency Co. Limited.

And I, the said Janet Louisa Blackmore, hereby agree to accept such transfer.

J. L. BLACKMORE.

Witness—THOS. M. PAULL, Clerk to Messrs Mitchell, Nevett, and Robinson, Solicitors, Ballarat.

BEAUFORT, RAGLAN, CHARLTON and EURAMBEEN UNITED GOLDFIELD and FARMERS' COMMON.

I hereby give notice of my intention to Muster all Unregistered Goats on the Common at the following places, namely—Beaufort, Main Lead, Chute, and at Mrs. Pearson's yard, Waterloo; and all goats not claimed, and the fees paid within 48 hours after being yarded, will be sold or destroyed.

D. D. CAMERON, Herdsman.
Beaufort, 30th November, 1894.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.

White Horse, like G over C (conjoined) near shoulder.

If not claimed and expenses paid to be sold 15th December, 1894.

W. G. STEVENS, Poundkeeper.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF WATERLOO AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

A. KILGOUR,

PRACTICAL TAILOR, BEAUFORT.

Begs to announce to the residents of Waterloo and district that he will make regular visits to Waterloo, every alternate Saturday, beginning on the 13th October, when he will be pleased to execute all orders entrusted to him in his well-known style, and at prices that will astonish and meet with the approval of those favouring him with their orders.

As my motto is "NO FIT, NO PAY," customers can rely on getting satisfaction.

A choice collection of Tweeds and Coatings have just arrived for the ensuing season, amongst which will be found goods to please the most fastidious tastes in design, quality, and price.

NOTE:—Customers desirous of being waited on at their own homes will please leave a note to that effect at Mrs Vowles' Richmond Hotel, Waterloo, which will receive my immediate attention.

Motto—"NO FIT, NO PAY."

A. KILGOUR,
Practical Tailor,
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HIGH CLASS POULTRY EGGS from the following breeds now booked:—Plymouth Rocks, Langshans, Spanish, Andalusians (white and brown) Leghorns, Duckwing Game, Golden Pencilled Hamburgs and Aylesbury Ducks, winners of numerous prizes; also a pen of Leghorns for laying purposes, and a pen of table fowls, at 5s 6d per sitting. Guaranteed to be pure and fertile. Further particulars apply to T. BLACKIE, Ararat; or J. HUMPHREYS, Agent, Beaufort.

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ANNUAL RACES!

TO BE HELD ON

THE NEW RACECOURSE,

WATERLOO FLAT,

ON

NEW YEAR'S DAY

(TUESDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1895.)

PRESIDENT—Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A.
STEWARDS—Messrs Flynn, Maher, Martin, Hinchliffe, W. Loft, J. Pearson, Topper, Wotherspoon, Ross, W. Bradshaw, F. and T. Beggs, McKeich, W. Smith, C. and G. Vowles, E. P. Welsh, Cougle, and C. Broadbent.
JUDGE—Mr R. A. D. Sinclair.
CLERK OF COURSE—Mr R. Thomas.
CLERK OF SCALES—Mr Archard.
STARTER—Mr C. Loft.
HANDICAPPERS—Messrs A. Andrews, D. Hayres, VanderStoel and Troy.

PROGRAMME:

Maiden Plate, of 5 sovs.
One mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised race. Post entry, 5s.

Handicap Hurdle Race, of 7 sovs.
Two miles. Over hurdles about 3ft. 6in. high. Post entry, 7s.

Beaufort Handicap, of 10 sovs.
One mile and a half. Post entry, 10s.

Pony Race, of 3 sovs.
(Ponies under 14 hands.) Three-quarters of a mile. Post entry, 3s.

Selling Flat Race, of 5 sovs.
Handicap. Winner to be sold for £10. Any surplus to go to the funds of the club. Post entry, 5s. Distance one mile

Trotting Match.
To be arranged on the course.

Flying Handicap, of 5 sovs.
Three-quarters of a mile. Post entry, 5s.

Hurry Skurry, of 2 sovs.
With entrance money added. Once round the course. Handicap. Post entry, 2s 6d.

Consolation Stakes, of 3 sovs.
One mile. Handicap. Post entry, 3s.

First Race to start at 11.30 a.m.
V.R.C. Rules strictly adhered to.
Jockeys must ride in colors.

A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

THE STUD.

TO STAND AT ST. ENOCH'S, STOCKYARD HILL, THE THOROUGHBRED STALLION,

SAVANAK,

By St. Albans (sire of Malua and Coronet and many other winners); dam Seaspray.

SAVANAK is a bay horse with black points and has proved himself a good performer on the turf under heavy weights.

TERMS—£4 PER MARE

Also, the PONY STALLION,

YOUNG TIGER.

Sire, the well-known Pony, Tiger; dam, Ettie (winner of many 1st prizes). This pony is a creamy, with silver mane and tail, 3 years old, standing [illegible] fast [illegible] in show ring.

TERMS—£2 10s.

For limited number of mares.

Good paddocks provided, but no responsibility incurred. All mares must be paid for before removal. For further particulars apply to

GEORGE ROBSON,
Groom, St. Enoch's, Stockyard Hill.

TO STAND THIS SEASON (commencing September 20th) at EURAMBEEN EAST, near BEAUFORT, THE THOROUGHBRED HORSE,

ST. MARNOCKS.

Color—Dark Brown. Height—16 hands.

ST. MARNOCKS (Victorian Stud Book, vol. 5), by MACGREGOR, out of NIGHTLIGHT. Macgregor, by Yattendon, out of Regina (imp.) Nightlight, by Maintop, out of Barnoolut. Maintop by Mariner. Barnoolut by The Premier, out of Rose. Rose, by Cornborough.

TERMS—£3 3s EACH MARE.

Cash on removal of Mares. Due notice sent owners when ready. All care taken, but no responsibility.

FRANCIS BEGGS.

TO STAND at G. A. Dunnet's farm, Stockyard Hill, this season, THE PONY STALLION,

TRAFALGAR,

bred by Mr Lewis, of Stoneleigh. He is 6 years old, 15½ hands, black, with white star on forehead, and has good flat bone and splendid temper and action. For pedigree apply to owner.

TERMS—£2 2s.

Good grass paddocks provided, but no responsibility incurred. All mares to be paid for before removal.

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GUESS HOW LONG

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CONTEST CANDLE WILL BURN,

And you will be the recipient of a

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American shelving boards
Do lumber do
6 x 1 T and G Scotch flooring
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American and Baltic deals, all sizes
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A stock of all sizes of hardwood always
Also GEELONG LIME.

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Post Cards	0	1
Reply Post Cards ...	0	2
Letter Cards ... ... (2 for 2½d., 12 for 1s. 3d.)	0	1½
Newspapers	0	0½
Books.—For every four ounces or under (up to three lbs)	0	1
Registration Fee ..	0	3
Parcels.—Two pounds or under (each extra pound or part, 3d.)	0	9
Bulk parcels of newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper publisher or news vendor, per lb or fraction thereof (Not less than 4 papers in each parcel.)	0	1

PACKETS.

	s.	d.
Commercial Papers.—For every two ounces or under (up to 3lbs)	0	1

(Such as acceptances, 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, music, pass books, or cards connected with any society, pay sheets, powers of attorney, deeds or copies thereof, recognisances, specifications, stock sheets, scrip, waybills, and other similar articles.)

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INTERCOLONIAL RATES.

To New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, West. Australia, Fiji, New Hebrides and British New Guinea.

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Letters.—Per ½ ounce or under	0	2
Post Cards	0	1
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Letter Cards to N. S. Wales, S. Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, W. Australia ...	0	1
To New Zealand and Fiji	0	2½
Books.—Per four ounces or under (up to three lbs)... ...	0	1
Newspapers	0	0½
Registration Fee... ...	0	3
Bulk parcels of newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper publisher or newsvendor, per lb or fraction thereof ...	0	1
Parcel Post.—To S. Australia, Queensland, New Zealand, Tasmania, and W. Australia only.—Per lb or under	0	8
Each additional lb, or under (up to 11 lbs) ...	0	6

PACKETS.

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Commercial Papers and Printed Papers.—Per every two ounces or under (up to 4lbs) (Items see Victoria)	0	1
Patterns, samples, packets of merchandise, &c.—Per every two ounces or under (up to 1lb)	0	1

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Letters.—Each ½ ounce or under	0	2½
Post Cards	0	1½
Reply Post Cards ...	0	3
Newspapers	0	1
Commercial Papers.—4 ounces or under...	0	2½
Over 4 ounces, but not over 6 ounces	0	3
Every additional two ounces or under (up to 4lbs) ...	0	1
Printed Papers (other than newspapers).—Per every two ounces or under (up to 4lbs) ...	0	1
Patterns and samples. Per every two ounces, or under (up to 1lb)	0	1
Registration Fee ...	0	3
Acknowledgement of delivery of a registered article	0	2½
Parcels Post, wholly by sea.—Each parcel of 2lbs or under	1	6
Each additional lb or under (up to 11lbs)...	0	9

Late Letters must bear full postage and late fee stamp of 2d extra, and may be posted at any time not exceeding a quarter of an hour after mail closes; at Melbourne General Post Office, any country Post Office, Railway travelling Post Office: handed to the mail guards, posted in bag at Spencer-street, for Sydney Limited Express up to 4.50. p.m., and for Adelaide Express up to 4.25. p.m.

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THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

MR M'KENZIE'S MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE.

MAJORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT, 22.

When the Assembly met, the Speaker suggested that the motion of want of confidence of which Mr M'Kenzie had given notice, should be debated in committee of supply, but declined to rule to that effect. It was decided to have the debate in the House. Mr M'Kenzie announced that if the Government would withdraw the obnoxious unimproved land value tax he would not proceed with his motion. He defended himself from a charge of deserting the Government by saying that Mr Turner's Cabinet was not in office when he was before the country, and the Government had abandoned the policy they announced when in opposition for one that was not properly before the country. He quoted figures to show that the large land-holders would be better off under the proposed tax than under the present one, and that L182,000 would have to be paid by the small land-holders. The putting on of such a tax would necessarily reduce the value of land. As for Mr Higgins' communistic views, they might be acceptable to those who had nothing to lose but not to those who had. This tax and the reduction of the subsidy would together equal a rate of 1s 4½d in the L1 on the municipal valuation basis. Seeing how the farmer was burdened under the tariff, this was no time to impose fresh taxation, when he was making so little, if any, profit. If the land was thus depleted in value, and the farmer prevented from earning a livelihood upon it, what about the poor artisan? The ledger must be balanced, but by further retrenchment, economy, and direct taxation. He was in favor of the latter, but not in the shape of this tax. It was the worst that could have been imposed, and an income tax was far preferable.

The Premier was prompt in replying to Mr M'Kenzie. He did not, he said, intend to deal much with the unimproved land values tax, as it had been fully treated. He urged that while L182,000 would have to come from rural districts, much of it would be from towns and from large owners. Even if the farmers had to pay L182,000 out of L540,000, it was not such a large proportion. He had not the slightest desire to provoke a quarrel with the Council, and had framed his measure on business lines. It was no time to pick a quarrel, but it was a time to pay the colony's debts. The caucus of his party had not pledged themselves to the surplus wealth tax, but merely to some form of direct taxation.

The division list resulted as follows:—For the Government, 55; against, 33; majority, 22.

AYES.

Messrs A. Anderson, Austin, Bowser, Brake, Cameron, Chirnside, Cravan, Duffus, Graham, Grattan, Harper, Kennedy, Langdon, Levien, Madden, Mason, M'Intyre, M'Coll, M'Kenzie, M'Leod, Moule, Murphy, Outtrim, Sir James Patterson, Rawson, Reid, Russell, Salmon, Staughton, Thompson, Webb, and Zox.

NOES.

Messrs J. Anderson, W. Anderson, Baker, Beazley, Bennett, Best, Bromley, Cook, Deakin, Downward, Duffy, Duggan, Dyer, Fink, Foster, Graves, Gray, Grose, Gurr, Hamilton, Hancock, Harris, Higgins, Ievers, Irvine, J. A. Isaacs, I. A. Isaacs, Kerr, Kirton, Lazarus, Longmore, Maloney, M'Gregor, M'Lean, Murray, O'Neil, Peacock, Prendergast, Rogers, Sangster, T. Smith, Sterry, Styles, Taverner, Trenwith, Tucker, G. Turner, G. J. Turner, Vale, Wheeler, A. White, Wilkins, F. D. Williams, H. R. Williams, Winter.

Pairs—Messrs Murray Smith and Carter for, and Messrs Shiels and Scott against.—"Star," Wednesday.

"ECONOMY NOT TAXATION."

SIR,—In the following compilation the Financial Reform League has endeavoured to state correctly the estimated expenditure, during the present financial year, on the administration of law and justice and the protection of life and property. As other pamphlets, dealing with the Budget figures, are being circulated throughout the country, the committee of the Financial Reform League consider it advisable to intimate that their compilations are carefully checked by several members of the League, and are always authenticated by the hon. secretary. The motto of the Financial Reform League is: "economy, not taxation," and continuous research amongst Parliamentary finance papers strengthen the belief of the committee of the League in the necessity, and the possibility of further retrenchment of necessary as well as extravagant expenditure.

Yours faithfully,
G. D. MEUDELL,
HON. SEC. FINANCIAL REFORM LEAGUE.
54 Queen Street, Melbourne.
27th. Nov., 1894.

LAW, POLICE, AND GAOL
TOTAL, £581,664.

Attorney-General's salary (say) ...	£1,209
Judges and Master-in-Equity, salaries	19,775
Judges allowances for travelling ...	1,000
Protection of public buildings ...	3,000
Police superannuation fund	30,500
Police salaries	217,534
Police contingencies	40,706
Penal department and gaols, salaries	37,370
Penal Department and gaols, contingencies	23,635
Neglected children and Reformatory Schools	43,754
Various superannuation allowances	642
County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions	20,754
Police Magistrates and Wardens ...	15,575
Clerk of Courts...	20,361
Coroners...	6,198
NEW BUILDINGS to be erected during 1894-'5:	
Police buildings	3,000
Gaols and penal establishments ..	5,700
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	1,000
Court houses	5,500
Fencing police paddocks	300
Bendigo law courts and lockup ...	3,000
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT:	
Supreme Court, salaries	4,234
Law officers of the Crown, salaries and contingencies	15,685
Crown Solicitor, salaries	4,900
Prothonotary, salaries and contingencies	1,855
Master-in-Equity and Lunacy, salaries and contingencies	4,350
Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles, salaries and contingencies ...	26,790
Patents, salaries and contingencies	2,625
Sheriffs and bailiffs, jurors and witnesses fees	20,196
Miscellaneous	516
	£581,664

The following telegram has been received at Adelaide from the goldfields:—"Warn people not to come to Coolgardie until April. Typhoid fever, and five to eight dying daily."

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The farmers of Muckleford and Newstead at a public meeting just held, have resolved that owing to the unprecedented bad times they considered that the time had come when a re-valuation of the land in the various shires should be made more in accordance with the times.

The new Czar Nicholas at the first meeting of the Council of the Empire created a very favorable impression. He surprised members by his masterly grasp of the political conditions and by the clear exposition of his views. The new Czar, it is announced, intends to revive the proposals once made by his father, the late Czar, for the introduction of political reforms in Russia. He intends to establish popular Assemblies and to govern the empire, with its assistance, on the lines of the British Government.—*Age.*

Buluwayo is going ahead. The 25th number of the *Matabele Times* has just reached England, in which it is announced that the site of the late king's kraal is to be turned into a racecourse, and a string band is to play every Sunday afternoon in the King's Kraal Gardens.

CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE.—"The most searching Blood Cleanser that science and medical skill have brought to light." Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of any kinds are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

The balance-sheet showing the operations of the Grasmere Butter Factory, Warrnambool, for the past six months was placed before the shareholders on Saturday. A profit of L649 12s 10d was made.

It is stated that a chemist has discovered a process for solidifying liquors such as cognac, whisky, chartreuse, curacoa, &c., and converting them into tablets similar to those made of chocolate.

In delivering an address on gambling the Rev. Henry Howard, of Kew, said—"Where one person went to Flemington on Cup day out of admiration for the horse, 999 went there with the desire to make gains out of their fellow men."

The Victorian butter by the R.M.S. Oruba, which left Melbourne on October 13, has sold at the same price as that obtained for the previous shipment by the R.M.S. Arcadia, namely, from 112s to 114s per cwt for choicest quality.

Wednesday's *Argus* says:—The heat wave which has been passing slowly over Australia from west to east since last Wednesday culminated yesterday in a record which has not been eclipsed in Melbourne in any November during the more than forty years' experience of Mr Ellery, the Government astronomer. Early in the morning the heat was severe, and towards noon became literally scorching. Between 12 and 1 o'clock the thermometer registered 152 degrees in the sun and 106 degrees in the shade. There, fortunately, the rising was checked, and gradually as the afternoon advanced, and with it a sea breeze came in the wake of the heat wave, the thermometer sank to a normal level, and the atmosphere became deliciously cool and refreshing. There is no immediate prospect of rain Mr Ellery thinks, though the lightning flashes in the south last night showed that some electrical disturbances were brewing there which might bring showers. The excessive heat, however, is finished for some time to come, if the indications Mr Ellery has observed be not upset by some unexpected "depression" or other atmospheric discomfort.

"AS A SAFE, PERMANENT, AND WARRANTED CURE" for Pimples, Scrofula, Scurvy, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimpless, and Sores of all kinds, we can with confidence recommend Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture. "It is certainly the finest Blood Purifier that science and medical skill have brought to light." Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere, at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations.

The Times this morning (Nov. 26.) commenting on the political situation in Victoria, expresses an opinion that the colony might save L400,000 a year by reductions in the municipal subsidy and the education vote. It considers that it is inopportune to bring forward at the present time a measure extending the franchise to all adults, male and female.

The police have for some time past been watching a case in which it is supposed that child murders similar to those brought to light in the Makin case have been perpetrated. This morning (Wednesday) Detective Keating and a company went to Randwick, and proceeded to dig up the ground at an embankment near the tram line. This was done under the direction of a woman who gave information that she had seen a baby's body buried there, but she was not sure as to the exact spot, as the body was buried on a dark night. A space of 100 yards was excavated, but no trace of human remains could be found. The police have ceased their efforts at Randwick, and intend to start again in another suburb. It is alleged that many infants have been done to death.—*Herald.*

IMPURITIES IN THE BLOOD—"We have seen hosts of letters from people who have received great benefit from the use Clark's Blood Mixture. It cannot be too highly estimated, for it cleanses and clears the blood from all impurities." This is a good testimonial from the *Family Doctor*, which goes on further to say:—"It is the finest Blood Purifier that science and skill have brought to light, and we can with the utmost confidence recommend it to our subscribers and the public generally." For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold everywhere, at 2s 9d per bottle, Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

IMPRISONED ON A SHIP.

The steamship *Normannia*, from Hamburg, arrived in the port of New York on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 1892, with cases of cholera on board. Many of the ship's company had died on the passage. At Hamburg and elsewhere in Europe the disease was raging. The authorities in America were alarmed lest the scourge should be introduced into that country. Hence they quarantined the *Normannia* with every soul of her passengers and crew. The writer was a passenger. It was an awful time. Death was among us and on all sides of us. Nobody knew who next would fall. We were imprisoned. Liberty never seemed so fair, *nor so far.* We could neither fight nor fly. There we were—hundreds of us—*perfectly well*, and yet bound together as with chains, that the health officer of the port might see whether the plague would not yet break out in our midst. When at last—after weeks of this—we were set on shore, men lifted their hats and reverently said, "*Thank God!*"

This was being shut up under conditions to make it horrible and fearful. Yet any form of incarceration is bad enough. Here is a woman for example, who says "*I never moved a yard from my own doorstep for twenty weeks!*" Her own house was a prison to her. Who had sentenced her? A judge? No; a power greater and more pitiless than any judge.

Her tale ran thus: In April, 1882, whilst living at Lasher's Farm, Old Samford, Essex, fire broke out, and the family were burned out of House and home. We have no call to remark on such a calamity. The very thought of it is fit to make one shiver with dread. For most of us it is like the world coming to an end to experience such a disaster.

Well, what happened after that the lady shall tell in her own fashion—the best of all fashions, because it is plain and straight to the point. She says:—"Owing to our bedding being damp from exposure, I took a bad cold, which brought on rheumatic fever. For fourteen days I was confined to my bed, and for twenty weeks I never moved a yard from my own doorstep. After a time the fever abated, leaving me weak, languid, and low. At first I had a sickening taste in the mouth and a poor appetite. No matter how simple and light the food was, I was afraid to eat, for it was sure to give me pain at the chest and sides; so I often had to loosen my corset and undress myself during the day. I could not bear the weight of my clothing.

"I was constantly spitting up a sour, frothy fluid, and had a gnawing pain at the pit of the stomach—like hunger and yet different. It was with difficulty I voided the kidney secretion, and my bowels, ankles, and legs began to swell. I got worse; I was in agony night and day, and could not put my foot on the ground. Soon afterwards a husky cough took me, and my throat filled with a thick phlegm. I could not sleep, and was never easy. Later on I had often to sit up in bed, for I felt I should choke.

"Year after year I continued to suffer in this way, growing worse and worse, until I despaired of ever being well again. But who can tell when trouble will come, or when relief? A wonderful Providence is over all.

"One day in June a book came by post describing Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup and what it had done for many poor sufferers. I got a bottle from Mr Suckling, medicine dealer, and after taking it for a short time all pain left me, and I gradually gained strength. By taking an occasional dose I have since kept in good health, and can eat and digest any kind of food. (Signed) Mrs LYDIA GREEN, Moor End, Great Sampford, viâ Braintree, Essex, Aug. 24th, 1892."

Now, in order that Mrs Green's clear and truthful statement may be of use to others (as she desires it to be), we must add a word or two. The bad cold she caught at the fire no doubt "brought on" the rheumatic fevor (as she relates), but there was something back of the cold, *for a cold never causes rheumatism.* The rheumatic seeds, or poison, must already lie in the blood; and that poison is always created by *pre-existing indigestion and dyspepsia*, whether the sufferer knows it or not. This is proved by the fact that Mrs Green's chief ailment for ten years after the fire was not rheumatism, but indigestion and dyspepsia and dropsy, which is one of its results and symptoms. When the digestion was finally righted by the remedy she alludes to, *all her apparent maladies* ceased together. Why? Because she had but *one*, as we have said.

Ah, yes, Disease is a stern jailor. And how sweet (and cheap) is liberty, obtained by Mother Seigel's help.

Best New South Wales and South Australia factory made butter sold in London last Saturday at 100s to 104s per cwt; best Victorian at 100s to 106s per cwt.

"CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE" is a guaranteed cure for all Blood and Skin diseases. It is the most searching blood cleanser ever discovered, and it will free the system from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere, as 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations.

A speaking watch is the latest novelty. It is the invention of Frenchman, and will tell the exact time on being pressed to do so. A similar phonographic attachment to an instrument will call one up at any hour, and speaking any language in the loudest or most dulcet tones desired.

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☞ The greatest aid you can give your newspaper is your job printing; if you do not feel able to run an advertisement, surely you can afford to give the newspaper your cards, dodgers, bill-heads, letter-heads, envelopes, and all business printing to execute. The newspaper man needs it, and it helps him to pay his printers for setting up the thousand and one free notices he gives you and your town; but don't give it to the printer or job printing office that can give you no such return, and is spending neither time, money, nor brains in helping you to build up your town. The time may come when a newspaper can live simply upon the revenue derived from advertising and subscriptions, but no ordinary newspaper in any ordinary town can exist without the auxiliary support derived from job printing. Therefore, if you want a *good* newspaper—one that can still further help you and your town—give *it* your job printing.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling off, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," for it *will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair* to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 3s 6d per Bottle. Wholesale depôt, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

Sudden death places the disembodied soul at a terrible disadvantage; for it has to live out its unexpired span and to feel all the desires of earth, without the means of gratifying them. Hence suicide is no escape from despair; and hence also is judicial murder so terribly wrong. So says Mrs Annie Besant.

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."—CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d. Beware of worthless imitations.

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WHY?

BECAUSE they have the best reputation and are most in demand by the public, consequently, every dishonest trader tries to trade on their fame and renown.

It is really wonderful that the Australian people are so slow to see the truth as regards the unscrupulous quacks and charlatans who prey on the credulity of the Australian public. Scarcely a week ever passes but what the press exposes the barefaced and shameful practices of some of these harpies, yet, in face of all they seem to thrive, and the paper who hounds them down most thrives fattest on their advertisements and cracks champagne over each balance-sheet. Clements Tonic and Fletcher's Pills have never yet stooped to deception and misrepresentation. They are scientific therapeutical agents, and evidence as to their value can be found in every district, and such being the case it is unnecessary to further extol their virtues.

Mr D. Wilson, the dairy expert, has furnished the Minister of Agriculture with a return, showing the growing importance of our dairy export trade. Within the last few days the colony exported L13,000 worth of butter, eggs, peas, poultry, calves, and rabbits. The R.M.S.S. Parramatta, which left on Saturday for London, took away 27,441 cases of butter valued at L70,000, and 37 cases of eggs, and the previous week the R.M.S.S. Austral had 23,662 cases of butter, 99 cases of eggs, and a quantity of poultry, rabbits, peas, and a few calves placed in its refrigerating chambers while here for the London market.

The Health and Vigor of an individual depend upon the quantity and quality of the Blood. When the tissues have been at work, there are thrown into the blood, waste products, and if these be not eliminated but (through any cause) detained in the blood they influence nutrition and function and finally produce organic disease."—*The Humanitarian.* In cases of Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, the effects of Clarke's Blood Mixture are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold everywhere, at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

The Railway Commissioners recently made a concession on the carriage of wool, agreeing to carry bales weighing not more than 3cwt. 1qr. at a reduction of 20 per cent, provided that they did not occupy more than 23 cubic feet of space. It has been experienced by a large number of pastoralists that with the screw presses they use it is impracticable to get bales within that measurement. Mr M'Kenzie M.L.A., having represented the matter to the commissioners, an understanding has now been arrived at that the exact measurement will not be insisted upon, and that if bales are compressed to something near it the reduction will be allowed.

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 odour 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 depôt 33 Farringdon Road, London, England.

The wedding of the Czar Nicholas the Second and the Princess Alix of Hesse at St. Petersburg on 26th ult. was a brilliant success, and passed off without the slightest mishap. Enormous crowds of enthusiastic spectators lined the streets along which the carriages conveying the wedding party passed. The police, however, interfered very slightly with them, and even allowed them to press close to the carriages. The Czar shows his confidence in the good feeling of the people by walking in the streets accompanied by his bride, without any guard. His Majesty has decided to signalise the occasion by remitting all debts due to the Crown and all arrears of taxes. He will also restore the birthrights of the Polish rebels who were expatriated for the insurrection of 1863. The Czar has also ordered inquiries to be made with a view to granting an amnesty to a number of political prisoners. Her Majesty the Queen has appointed the Czar honorary colonel of the Scots Greys, an act which has given His Majesty much gratification.—*Argus.*

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous lozenges are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s 1½d per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a slight cold, or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic Affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston St, European Depot, 33, Faringdon Road, London, and England.

The floods in the valley of the Thames caused by the late heavy rains, are higher than have been known for the last century, and in consequence it has been found necessary to temporarily close Eton College.

During the 10 months ending on the 31st Oct, the value of the imports of the colony was L9,418,046, or a decrease of L1,420,088 compared with the value of the imports during the first 10 months of 1893. The value of the exports up to the end of last month, since the beginning of 1894, was L9,269,083, or L173,392 above those of the corresponding period of 1893.

The Minister of Railways is indisposed to accept the proposal of Commissioners to close any of the unpayable lines—at any rate at present—as this is the best time of the year for traffic.

For the past quarter of a century there has been one continuous flow of letters bearing testimony to the truly wonderful cures effected by Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture, "the finest Blood Purifier that science and medical skill have brought to light." Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples and Sores of any kind, are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

The Blood is the source from which our systems are built up, and from which we derive our mental as well as our physical capabilities. If the blood is diseased the body is diseased. Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds are solicited to give Clarke's world-famed Blood Mixture a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

A man may as well sit down in a meadow and expect a cow to come and be milked, as to sit down in his store and expect to get trade without advertising. An occasional customer may stray in, inquire for something, and buy it, but most people go where they have been informed that the goods they want are to be found. Furthermore, a considerable proportion of business is [illegible] by advertising. An advertisement often suggests to a reader his [illegible] an article, and he goes and buys [illegible] he would not have realised hi[illegible] he had not been put in mind [illegible]

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you [illegible] your rest by a sick child suffering [illegible] of cutting teeth? [illegible] at once [illegible] and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S [illegible] SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to the taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine Dealers everywhere at 1s 1½d per bottle.

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I come to you with a small affair that you may need. In England, the Continent and many foreign countries, myself and wares are well known. Many families on their return from abroad bring my articles with them, for they know them pretty well, but you may not be one of these.

Confidence between man and man is slow of growth, and when found, its rarity makes it valuable. I ask your confidence and make a reference to this Journal to indorse that confidence. I do not think it will be misplaced.

I make the best form of a cure—an absolute one—for biliousness and headache that can be found in this year The cure is so small in itself, and yet its comfort to you is so great—20 minutes being its limit when relief comes—that it has become the marvel of its time. One and a half grains of medicine, coated with sugar, is my remedy, in the shape of one small pill, known to commerce as DR. HAYDOCK'S NEW LIVER PILL. It is old in the markets of Europe, but is new to North America. The price is as low as an honest medicine can be sold at, 25 cents. Send a postal card for a sample vial, to try them, before you purchase.

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"Dear Sir,—Some months ago my little boy got very ill with bronchitis. My wife heard of your Bronchitis Cure and got a bottle of it. The first dose eased him and less than half the bottle completely cured him. We always keep it in the house now. I persuaded a friend of mine to try it; he did so, and it was just as successful with his children. You are at liberty to make what use you like of this, as I consider your Bronchitis Cure to be a boon that cannot be too widely known, in fact I cannot speak too highly of it. Yours very truly, ARTHUR G. JAMES, Golden Square, Bendigo.

"Dear Sir,—Kindly send me the enclosed order. The parcel I got from you gave great satisfaction, especially the Bronchitis Cure. I have neither the Bronchitis Cure, Tonic Aperient Pills, nor Eye Lotion in the place, having sold completely out.—Yours faithfully, JAMES TAYLOR, Lismore."

"Dear Sir,—Allow me to thank you for your Bronchitis Cure, it proved most effectual.—Yours gratefully, J. MAXWELL, East Geelong."

"Dear Sir,—Many thanks for forwarding Bronchitis Cure so quickly, it is doing a lot of good.—Yours faithfully, M. ROSEVEAR, Malvern."

"Sir,—I have derived great benefit from your Bronchitis Cure. Please send me three more bottles as I have recommended it to some of my neighbours.—Yours truly, M. ENGLISH, The Elms, Neerim."

"Dear Sir, I have much pleasure in informing you that my father has been improving ever since he started taking your Bronchitis Cure, and now all signs of bronchitis have disappeared.—Yours respectfully, THOS. PAYNE, Junr., Bloomfield, Everton."

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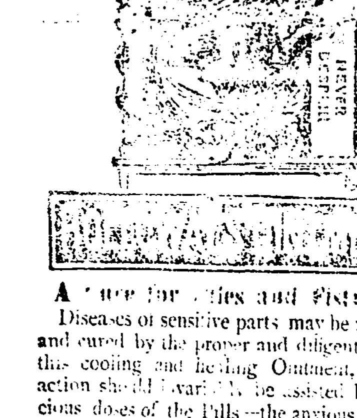

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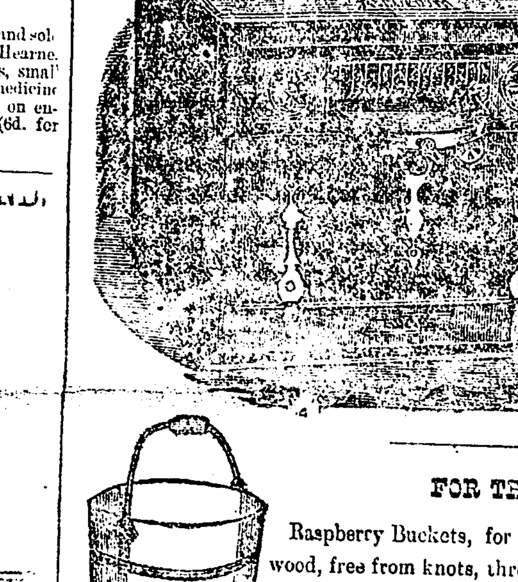

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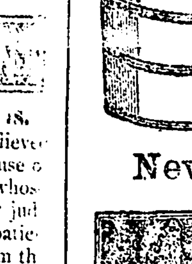

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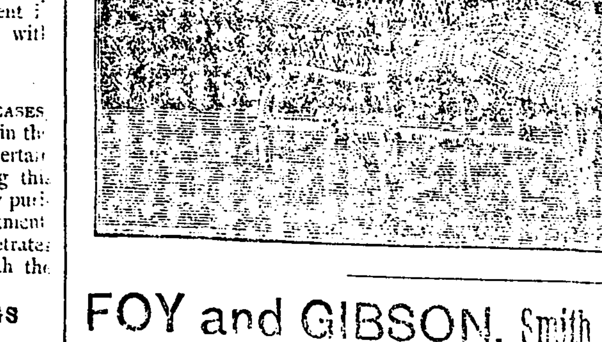

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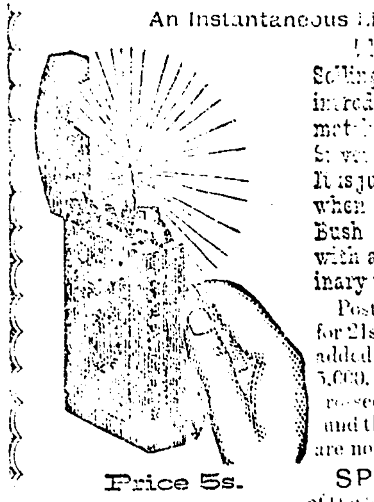

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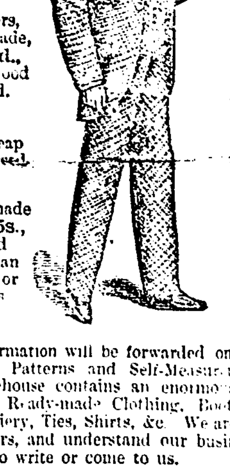

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WILL hold Weekly Wool Sales as usual every Friday during the coming season. They would call special attention to their

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THE Proprietor of the "Riponshire Advocate," in thanking his numerous patrons for past favors, respectfully solicits renewal of support, and desires to state that increased attention will be given to matters of local and general interest. As record of news he will always endeavour to make his columns as comprehensive as possible. In all departments, in fact, he will aim at improvement, and, therefore confidently appeals to the public for increase support.

He has resolved to REDUCE the SUBSCRIPTION to the "ADVOCATE" (with which is published a 14-column supplement containing well-selected reading matter) to 3s per quarter, and trusts that this concession will be largely taken advantage of.

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

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AN INTERESTING LETTER

FROM A WELL-KNOWN

SPECIALIST.

DR. LLEWELLYN, who is duly Qualified and Registered, is aware that by departing from the usual routine practice and devoting himself to a special branch, [illegible] to strictly adhering [illegible] rates of [illegible] etiquette, but, as a considerable body of the profession are still disposed to stand coldly aloof from any of their number who acquires popularity in the treatment of certain ailments and especially a Medical Specialist he does not hesitate to resort to what he considers legitimate means for the purpose of obtaining, by critical criticism, and of securing as far as he is able the confidence of the public. It is assuredly better to seek assistance from the qualified practitioner in preference to the quack.

The true designation of quackery belongs to those shameless adventurers who, without a particle of medical knowledge or a tittle of claim to the humblest department of the profession, practise extortion and deceit, advertise their nostrums as CURE-ALLS, men of the lowest grade of intellect and responsibility, whose assurance is as unbounded as their premises are specious. Such men abound in Melbourne, Sydney, and other towns in Australia, and by their daring advertisements attract the attention of the unwary. The mischief to the health by swallowing these nostrums of these persons is oftentimes irretrievable, besides the money totally wasted in purchasing, at exorbitant rates, their so-called curative appliances.

The argument is, that the every-day enlightenment of mankind should protect them from resorting to the unprincipled; that if physic is a science, it should be honoured and respected as such; that the necessary inquiry and reflection should direct the visit from the nostrum-monger to the respectable practitioner. But alas! the dilemma in which a man finds himself when suffering from the follies of his own imprudence, and which he is anxious to conceal, renders him more solicitous to shun the respectable man and to creep into nooks and corners for counsel and consolation. Every member of the profession is too proud of his qualifications to hide them under a bushel. Dr. Llewellyn has passed examinations at the chief Medical Colleges in England; is a legally qualified and registered medical practitioner in Victoria; holds high testimonials, which all patients may inspect; and is, through a complete study, knowledge, practice, and experience of Special Diseases, a most reliable Expert, in whom there can be placed, without doubt, unlimited confidence.

The widespread evils and diseases arising from excess and indiscretion cannot be too generally known, and it is to be hoped that any reader of this paragraph who may suffer from these special complaints, will be awakened to their fearful consequences. If there be any amongst the readers of this letter who have unhappily fallen into objectionable habits, and are suffering in consequence, and are unwilling to hand on enfeebled constitution to their offspring, I would earnestly charge them to lose no time, but seek at once a means of cure, so that they may be restored to pristine health and vigour, before the evil becomes too deeply seated. I adhere strictly to the most approved and modern lines of treatment in my exclusive branch of practice, embracing Chronic Nervous, Skin and Special Diseases in men and women, and can, with confidence, undertake the permanent cure of all cases within the reach of medical skill.

To those about to marry, and who are either conscious or doubtful as to their suffering from a latent taint or weakness, a sense of duty on their part should unquestionably prompt them to seek the advice of a competent medical man. All patients applying to me for counsel and help may rest assured that my treatment will be vigorously directed to cure permanently any local defect or weakness, and place them in that fitting condition of health, that they can afterwards honourably marry.

To anyone whose confidence in the possibility of a satisfactory and permanent cure has been shaken by the conduct of various advertising parties who are only medical pretenders with no real knowledge of the human body, and who are in the habit of sending the same so-called Remedy to all who apply to them, or who have been victimised by any of the horde of Quacks, who have for years preyed upon the inexperienced, and whose only object is gain, whose boastful pretensions but veil their ignorance: to any such sufferer I would say, "Do not be desponding, and do not despair of a cure, but apply to me, or to any other reliable medical man, skilled in these special ailments, and the result will be all you could desire."

A very successful treatment in Chronic cases of Nervous Debility is Electric Therapeutics, when carefully applied under medical supervision. Part of my suite of consulting rooms is now fitted into an Electro-Medical Apparatus Department which contains Glaser's and Toepler-Holtz Machines for General Franklinization, and a large Combination Battery with Galvanometer and all other necessary accessories for Galvanism and Faradism. The currents from these instruments impart tone to the nerves, arouse the vitality of the weak, overcome conditions that medicines alone cannot reach, and impart to everyone who gives them a fair trial, health, happiness, and a delicious sense of vigour.

Patients living at a distance and unable to attend personally, can be treated at their homes through the post without any interference to their business duties, and can have their medicines forwarded by mail or express to any part of Australasia, carefully packed and concealed from observation.

All personal consultations are free. The fee of £1, which is inclusive of medicines, must accompany each consultation by letter, or it cannot be replied to. I trust that, more especially in those cases where the sufferers have but limited means, I shall never be found wanting in carrying out the good old motto of doing unto others what I would wish should be done unto me.

DR. J. D. LLEWELLYN,

325 LONSDALE STREET,

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BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 2s to 2s 1d; Algerians, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; peas, to 1s 8d; barley, prime malting, 4s to 4s 3d; Cape, 2s to 2s 1d; potatoes, L1 to L1 5s; hay, prime green chaffing, L1 12s 6d to L1 15s; medium, L1 7s to L1 10s; manger hay, L2 5s to L2 10s 6d; straw, to L1 5s 6d; bran, 5d to 5½d; pollard, 6½d; flour, roller, L5 5s to L5 10s; stone, L4 10s to L4 15s.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 1s 9½d per bushel, bags in; flour stone-made, L4 15s per ton; roller-made, L5 per ton; oats, 1s 5d to 1s 6½d per bushel, bags in; pollard, 6d per bushel; bran, 5d per bushel; Cape barley, 2s 3d per bushel; potatoes, Warrnambool, old, L2 per ton; new, 4s 6d per cwt.; Ballarat, 35s per ton; hay, sheaves, to L2 5s per ton; hay, trussed, L2 15s per ton; straw, 20s per ton; chaff, 3s per cwt; onions, 10s per cwt; carrots, 3s per cwt; butter, fresh, 5d per lb; butter, potted, 4d; hams, 8½d per lb; bacon, 5½d per lb; cheese, 4d per lb; eggs, 4d per dozen.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Fat Cattle—Quotations—Prime pens bullocks, L6 10s to L7 15s, extras to L8 2s 6d; good do, L5 to L6; medium, L3 10s to L4 10s; cows, to L3 10s. Calves to 50s. Sheep—Prime crossbred wethers, 7s 6d to 8s 6d, extra to 9s 3d; good, 6s 6d to 7s; prime crossbred ewes, 6s 6d to 7s 8d; good do, 5s 6d to 6s; prime merino wethers, 6s to 6s 6d; good, 5s to 5s 6d; medium, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; merino ewes to 3s. Lambs—Prime, 7s to 7s 9d; good, 6s to 6s 6d; medium, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; prime shorn, 5s 6d to 6s; good, 4s to 5s; medium, 3s to 3s 6d.

The following district sales are reported:—By Messrs Fisken, Valentine, and Co.—70 wethers and ewes for Mr Alex. Bain, Stockyard Hill, to 7s 3d, and 104 lambs to 7s. By Messrs Hepburn, Dowling, and Crawford.—357 merino ewes for Mr D. E. Stodart, Mooramong, to 3s 10d; 347 merino wethers for Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., St. Enoch's, to 6s, and 14 lambs at 7s 9d, the highest price of the market.

GEELONG WEEKLY MARKET

Messrs George Hague and Co. report under date of 30th Novr.:—

Wool—We held our seventh sale of the season to-day, when we submitted a catalogue of 1178 bales, including some very well got up showy wools. There was a full attendance of buyers present, and brisk bidding for all good wools at about last week's prices, but for all ordinary and faulty wools, more especially burry and mixed crossbred and low merinoes, competition was exceedingly flat and the tone of the market easier. We made almost an entire clearance of our catalogue, only 19 bales being unsold. Our top price was 10½d for the 1st lambs marked W H over Onagh over Ararat, the merino fleece of this clip bringing 8½d. We also got 9½d for 14 bales showy light conditioned fine x bred from Beaufort marked D M over L G over star. Amongst the special lots sold we might mention—F C over Shepton Hill (Skipton) 1st x bred fleece at 9d, fine x bred hoggets at 8½d, fine x bred and 2nd x bred fleece at 8½d, and 1st x lambs at 7¾d. — ov J B over Raglan (Beaufort), fine x bred fleece at 9d. L J B over M C (Beaufort) fine x bred and comeback fleece at 8½d. H F (Lintons) merino fleece at 8½d. W H corj (Beaufort) 1st x bred fleece at 8½d, x lambs 7½d, and merino fleece at 7d. G C over Beaufort (Beaufort) x bred fleece at 8d, 1st lambs at 7¾d, and merino fleece at 7½d. — over S L (Lintons) 1st lambs at 9½d, and merino fleece at 7½d. M H (Beaufort) x bred fleece at 6¾d and lambs at 6d.

Sheepskins—We had an extra large supply to-day—nearly all full-wooled skins. There was the usual attendance of buyers present, but competition was slack, and prices lower. We sold all as follows:—Butchers' fresh-killed skins, small to medium, 24d to 33d each; good to superior, 30d to 51d, extra higher. Station skins, short 1d to 2d per lb.; medium, 2½d to 3d per pound; extra, higher. Lambskins, 1d to 3½d per pound.

Hides.—We had a fair supply, but slack demand. We sold—Heavies to 2½d per lb, extra higher. Good conditioned salted, light and medium sorts, 1½d to 1¾d, other sorts, 1d to 1½d per pound, Kip 1½d to 1¾d per pound, Calf to 2¾d per pound.

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TO THE RESIDENTS OF WATERLOO AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

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Begs to announce to the residents of Waterloo and district that he will make regular visits to Waterloo, every alternate Saturday, beginning on the 13th October, when he will be pleased to execute all orders entrusted to him in his well-known style, and at prices that will astonish and meet with the approval of those favouring him with their orders.

As my motto is "No Fit, No Pay," customers can rely on getting satisfaction.

A choice collection of Tweeds and Coatings have just arrived for the ensuing season, amongst which will be found goods to please the most fastidious tastes in design, quality, and price.

Note:—Customers desirous of being waited on at their own homes will please leave a note to that effect at Mrs Vowles' Richmond Hotel, Waterloo, which will receive my immediate attention.

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Messages left with Mr. Andrews conveyed by telephone.

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Mr E. H. Austin's speech on the want of confidence motion appears on our fourth page.

The notice gazetted re the cancellation of J. T. Stevenson's license, for 7a., Buraminbeen, has been revoked.

The undermentioned gold mining leases await execution:—J. Boyd, Madam Berry Co., 19a. 2r. 22p., Waterloo Flat; M. Bending, 10a. 1r. 14p., Poverty Point.

The secretary of the Beaufort Jockey Club acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following donations towards the New Year's Day races:—Mr Wm. Lewis, L2 2s; Hon. W. H. S. Osmand, M.L.C., L1.

Mr W. E. Nickols holds a clearing sale at Mr Jeremiah Smith's timber yard, Beaufort, on Tuesday next, at 1 o'clock.

63 electors' rights were taken out at Beaufort up to the 1st inst.—a record number—while 12 were issued at Waterloo.

For Paperhangings go to Hawkes Bros. The largest and best assortment in the district from 4½d a piece. Splendid new Sanitaries from 9d. Call and see the patterns. All painters' requisites of best quality at lowest prices.

It will be learned with pleasure by the many friends of the Rev. Father Daly in this district that he has now so far recovered from the effects of the serious accident he met with a fortnight ago as to be pronounced convalescent by his medical adviser. He was able to leave his room for a little time on Monday and to see one or two friends, but for some time yet he is not to to be permitted to receive visitors. The rev. gentleman (says the "Advertiser") looks well and states that he feels well already.

A sale of gifts in connection with the Carngham Church of England was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, 23rd, 24th, and 26th November, and was very successful. The total amount of receipts was L60 19s 7d, and the expenditure L9 10s 7d, leaving a balance to the church of L51 9s. Mr J. W. Gardiner, of Carngham station, in the absence of Mr J. Russell, opened the sale. The following ladies presided as stall holders:—Mrs T. Phillips, Mrs J. Wright, Miss E. Armstrong and Miss A. Roddis; fruit and lollie stall, Mrs A. Roddis and Miss F. Roddis; Christmas tree, Miss M. Smith; flower stall, Miss T. Armstrong and Miss H Cross; refreshment stall, Mrs Webster, Misses Yeoman, Thomas, and Nice; bran pie, Misses Cheeseman, Roddis and Gray; shooting gallery, Rev. M. D. Williams; doorkeeper, Mr T. Phillips. Some choice selections of music were rendered by the choir under the leadership of the organist, Mrs D. Jones. The above ladies and gentlemen are to be complimented upon the manner in which they worked to make the sale a success.

A meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club was held at Welsh's Golden Age hotel on Tuesday evening. Present—Messrs VanderSteel (voted to the chair), Welsh, R. Thomas, Hayres, Archard, Maher, McKeich, and Parker. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The correspondence, which was received, included letter from Secretary V.R.C., notifying registration of race meeting and acknowledging receipt of fee, and from the Hon. W. H. S. Osmand, forwarding cheque for £1 towards New Year's Day races. Mr Archard moved, and Mr Welsh seconded, that a sub-committee consisting of the chairman, Mr Maher, and the secretary, visit the racecourse and report as to what work is required at next meeting. Carried. Mr Welsh moved that the booths and gates be sold on Saturday, 8th inst., at 6 p.m., under Mr Humphrey's verandah, and that the secretary notify all interested. Seconded by Mr Maher, and carried. Mr Archard moved, and Mr Welsh seconded, that the next meeting be held at Kelly's Beaufort hotel on Tuesday evening, 11th inst., at 8 o'clock. Carried. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

The monthly meeting of the Beaufort Rifle Club was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening. Present—Messrs Archard (vice-president, in the chair), Brooks, McKeich, Kilbeg, C. and A. Trompf, Parker, and Dolan. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Captain Dolan reported that the monthly match had been fired on Wednesday last, resulting as follow:—Mr W. Hill, 1st; Mr J. McKeich, 2nd; Mr J. Chapman, 3rd; Mr A. Trompf, 4th, and Captain Dolan, 5th, these five being placed with 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 points for Mr McKeich's trophy.—Adopted. The prize money (7s 6d) to Mr W. Hill, also an account (10s) for marking, was passed for payment. The next monthly match and second competition for Mr McKeich's trophy was fixed for Wednesday, 19th inst., at ranges of 300 and 500 yds., on the motion of Mr McKeich, seconded by Mr A. Trompf. Mr McKeich drew attention to the necessity of something being done to the 500 yds. mound, and moved that the secretary be instructed to have that and the 600 mound repaired and put in order. Seconded by Captain Dolan, and carried. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

A disastrous fire occurred at Waterloo on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr Fredk. Guyatt's nine-roomed weatherboard cottage was burned to the ground, only the verandah being saved, together with a few articles of furniture. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is supposed that it started from a stove in which cooking was being done. Both Mr and Mrs Guyatt were absent at the time, and only the children were at home. The fire spread very rapidly from the kitchen and the whole place was quickly demolished. Mr Guyatt has been a very lucky miner during the past few years, and had made for himself and family a very comfortable home, and strange to say on the day of the fire he and his party (the Lucky Company) were having good luck at their claim and unearthed a fine nugget of gold weighing 50 oz. The house was insured in the Northern Insurance Company for L300, but we are informed that the furniture was uninsured.

New Goods.—For first-class Spring and Summer Drapery, at moderate prices, go to McKeich's. His stock is the largest, his prices are the lowest, for Millinery, Dresses, Prints, Crepons, Ribbons, Laces, Corsets, Hosiery, and Gloves, Umbrellas, Calicoes, Sheetings, Suits, Hats, Ties, Shirts, Boots and Shoes, and all classes of general drapery. J. McKeich, The Direct Importer, Neill-street, Beaufort.—[Advt.]

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RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

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Monday, 3rd December, 1894.

Present—Crs. Austin (president), Lewis, Cameron, Bridges, Murray, Cushing, Beggs, Flynn, and Russell.

Annual Meeting.

As the councillors had been holding a caucus on the subject of the riding accounts, the time for holding the annual meeting (12 o'clock) had arrived. A printed copy of the statement of accounts for the year ended 30th Oct., being in the hands of each councillor, it was taken as read.

Cr Cushing moved that the balance-sheet be finally allowed as just and true. Seconded by Cr Cameron and carried.

The auditors, Messrs Allan Murray (Govt.) and John Humphreys (local) reported having examined the books and accounts for the year ended 30th Sept., 1894, and found them to be perfectly correct and in excellent order. They suggested the advisability of instituting some check (which at present does not exist) upon the expenditure incurred by the shire pound-keeper. They also drew attention to the fact that few or no details are provided in respect to the extra work done on contracts, and suggested that a complete record of such be furnished by the engineer prior to the passing of the amounts for payment of same.

The secretary stated that it referred to advertising and small items of 2s or 3s, and for which the Government auditor thought vouchers should be given.

Cr Russell moved that the pound-keeper be instructed to send in vouchers for all his payments. Seconded by Cr Lewis and carried.

The engineer to attend to the second matter referred to in the report.

Ordinary Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Public Health Department, forwarding *Gazette* notice re election of Mr Anderson, M.L.A., as representative member on the Board of Public Health for the Western Shires Group.—Received.

From Government Statist, asking to be furnished with municipal districts return by 15th prox.—Received.

From Department of Trade and Customs, intimating that it is not considered that the permits given to use nets at the outlet to Lake Burrumbeet will materially decrease the quantity of fish in the lake, as the nets can only intercept such fish as leave the lake with the overflow and would not be able to get back, and consequently would perish when the backwaters become dry, as will shortly be the case.—Cr Lewis pointed out that the outlet could be wire-netted to stop the fish escaping.—Cr Russell said the department had the wrong idea as to the effect of the nets, and say that the permits were given on lagoons, of which there are none. But the nets were stretched across the outlet to the lake, and the supply of fish to the Carngham people was stopped from the Mt. Emu Creek and the Hopkins river. The department had no right to give the permission. Cr Murray understood that the fish were stopped from going down the stream. Cr Russell said that permission had been given to one man to get all the fish from the outlet. He read a reply to a letter sent by him to the department, in which it was stated that the permits had been given for small shallow lagoons, which did not affect the running streams. Cr Murray was pretty well informed that the two men who were netting were making from L8 to L10 each per week, and monopolising the fishing. Cr Lewis moved, and Cr Beggs seconded, that the department be informed that the netting operations stops the stocking with fish of Carngham, Mt. Emu creek, and the Hopkins river; and the request made to withdraw any permits that have been granted.

From Thos. F. Mockham, Secretary Public Works, asking amount of council's bank overdraft, if any, on 30th Sept., 1893, and 30th Sept., 1894.—Attended to.

From Railway Department, requesting secretary's signature as claimant to account for L74 4s 4d.—Attended to.

From Town Clerk, City of Ballarat, inviting delegates on deputation to Chief Secretary, re amendment of Fire Brigades' Act, to meet at Old White Hart Hotel at 10 a.m. on 14th ult.—Received.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, inviting attendance of representative at a conference of municipalities on 21st ult, to consider the proposal of the Government to reduce the municipal subsidy to L200,000; also later, furnishing a report of the proceedings, and strongly urging upon the council to request the parliamentary representatives for the district to use all the influence at their command, and their votes in the House, when the measure is brought forward, to secure its rejection.—Received.

From Country Fire Brigades' Board, notifying that nominations by the council of two persons as representative members on the Board, also a member of the councils forming part of the Western fire district to be its representative member on the local committee of the district, must be made on or before Thursday, 6th inst.; also from President of the above Board, to same effect, appointing Thursday, 27th inst., as the day of election.—Received.

From City of Ballarat, asking council's support to Cr Shoppee's candidature as municipal representative on the Country Fire Brigades' Board.

From Cr C. Shoppee, to same effect.

From City of Bendigo, on same subject, asking support to the candidature of the Mayor, Cr Heinz.

From Borough of Creswick, re same, requesting council's support on behalf of Cr Falla.

From Borough of Maryborough, re same, requesting council's support on behalf of the present representative, their Mayor, Cr Casey, J.P.

From Cr Casey, to same effect.

From United Shire of Beechworth, re same, soliciting council's vote on behalf of Cr Fletcher.

From Cr Fletcher, to same effect.

From Hiram A. Crawford, Everton, re same, asking council's support to his re-election.

Crs Shoppee and Heinz, the representatives of cities of Ballarat and Bendigo respectively, were nominated on the motion of Crs Flynn and Cushing.

From National Wool Co. of Australia, Ltd., offering to sell "Toxa," a rabbit poison, and to appoint the council agent.—Received.

From T. C. Hodgson, M.C.E., offering services as engineering expert, at a fee of L3 3s per day and travelling expenses.—Received.

From Thos. Curnow, Captain-Adjutant 5th Battalion Cadets, asking permission to hold a parade in the Beaufort Park on Friday, 30th ult.—Attended to.

From Thos. Williams, head teacher Stockyard Hill State school, notifying four cases of whooping cough.—Received.

From W. Ballantine and Jas. Frusher, Waterloo, requesting that water be laid on to their respective tenements.—Referred to north riding members.

From Daniel Jones, Preston Hill, acknowledging receipt of post cards re public meeting to nominate a trustee for the Carngham cemetery.—Received.

From Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Melbourne, forwarding an extract, reporting a case in which the South Melbourne council was sued for damages for an accident caused, as alleged by the negligence of the defendants, wherein a verdict of L1251 18s was given against the council; and intimating that the company is prepared to grant a policy indemnifying the council against such claims for a moderate premium.—No action.

From E. P. Welsh, secretary Beaufort Cricket Club, asking permission to have the Park closed on Boxing Day, 26th Decr., with the right to charge 6d admission to a cricket match against the North Melbourne club, the premier team of Victoria last season.—Granted on motion of Cr Flynn, seconded by Cr Cameron.

From Secretary for Lands, asking if council has any objection to the land colored pink on plan forwarded, in parish of Trawalla, being occupied by George Topper, junr., under the 67th section of Land Act 1890.—To lie on the table for a month.

Slaughtering licenses were applied for by—J. Holdsworth, H. Thompson, Mrs Gilloch, W. Smith, Beaufort, and Geo. Morecomb, Preston's Hill.—Licenses granted on motion of Cr Flynn, seconded by Cr Beggs.

From J. A. Bourke, applying on behalf of Carngham Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the right to hold sports in the Carngham Recreation Reserve on New Year's Day, and asking that the reserve be closed against the public.—Granted on motion of Cr Murray, seconded by Cr Cameron.

From Richard Lisle, Chepstowe, drawing attention to a new creek that is forming in Mr McQuillan's land, which is on the three-chain road now and will work its way to the seven acres of a water reserve and entirely destroy it in the course of 12 months.—No action; the engineer stating it was impossible to prevent it, but that it will be better for the channel to form in the swamp and thus drain it, as it would make the grass sweet.

The secretary gave the effect of a letter received from Senior-constable Downey, health inspector (and which had been forwarded to the President and forgotten), drawing attention to the destitute state of Mr Hockley, a lawyer practising at the Beaufort court, and asking to get him into the Benevolent Asylum and for some assistance till he gets there.—The secretary said he had laid the case before the Beaufort Ladies' Benevolent Society. The matter was left in the hands of the President to get Hockley into the Ballarat Benevolent Society, on the motion of Crs Lewis and Bridges.

From Thos. Jess, Middle Creek, refusing to accept the offer made by Contractor Watkin to pay him L2 in full payment of his claim for gravel removed from his land, and stating he was willing to accept 2s 6d per load, or to abide by the north riding members' decision.—Cr Bridges did not think the north riding members had anything to do with the matter, although he would be quite willing to do what he could to settle the dispute. The Act ascribes a certain way in which the damage shall be assessed by the engineer, and says nothing about the riding members valuing it. They were not experts, while the engineer was; so that whatever the north riding members said would go for nothing. The matter should be left to the engineer. The President said the engineer had already reported that he could not estimate the damage, owing to the flood waters having filled up whatever had been caused. Cr Flynn said that the contractor had removed a certain amount of gravel and soil from Mr Jess's land with the council's permission, and the question was as to whether compensation should be given for the surplus amount removed. It was very hard to estimate the amount, owing to the flood having removed all traces; but it was not difficult to estimate the amount on the road, and that, he thought, was the fairest way to assess it. Cr Beggs thought Mr Jess was entitled to a claim for the earth or gravel removed at so much per ton. The engineer pointed out that the sand washed on to Mr Jess's land was of no value to him, but a positive injury, but he complained that in taking up the gravel the spades went too deep and took the soil as well. Cr Lewis—It is like arriving at the unimproved land value. (Laughter.) He suggested that the north riding members look at it. The secretary read the clauses in the Act giving councils power to remove material to maintain roads, and showing that any compensation claimed was recoverable before two justices. Cr Lewis thought Mr Jess had better summon Mr Watkin. Cr Cushing advised the north riding members to inspect the place so as to avoid litigation. Cr Flynn would sooner see the whole council deal with it, as it was very hard to estimate the damage six or seven months after it occurred. As Mr Jess had asked L5 and L2 was offered, leaving L3 in dispute, he thought each party should agree to strike off 30s. Mr Jess declined to do this, as he thought by seeing the specifications he could get his claim without any difficulty. He would leave it in the hands of the council, as he could not see what power Mr Watkin had to make his own terms. The engineer said that if they paid per load for all the gravel on the road they would pay double the price of the damage. The matter was ultimately left in the hands of the north riding members to consult with the engineer and report to next meeting, on the motion of Cr Lewis, seconded by Cr Russell.

Petition.

From John Ball and 12 ratepayers, Raglan, drawing attention to the condition of the crossing on the east side of Mr J. Ball's residence, and requesting that as soon as possible a crossing with approaches be erected.—Referred to north riding members.

REPORTS.

The engineer (Mr H. H. Jackson) reported as under:—

I have the honor to report that I met the Engineer of Lextonshire, and we examined the mullock bank complained of by his shire. The case is, that some considerable time since, a claim has been worked on Mr Frusher's land at Waterloo, within the Shire of Ripon. Mullock, tailing, &c., have been put into heaps containing a few hundred yards, all on the bank of the creek, a few feet from it, the channel of the creek being quite free from any obstruction. During a high flood the mullock would slightly check the flow of the water, but I do not think it would increase the height of the water to any appreciable extent, and, if it did, the rise would be above the obstruction, and, therefore, would not, in my opinion, affect any buildings. Mrs Vowles' Hotel is the nearest house, and it is in Lextonshire. There is not any ratepayer in Riponshire living near, or that is in any way interested in the matter.

With respect to Mrs Coster's claim for £5 for a heifer, said to have been killed in a channel in Mortchup, I find that the floods have cut away the side of the channel under the fence, and about two feet into the paddock, making just enough room for a beast to fall alongside the fence. I called to see Mrs Coster, but did not find anyone at home. Even if the council is liable, which I doubt, I have never seen a heifer in Mortchup worth £5.

I find that there is a brush fence on an unused road, up a steep hill, on the east side of J. Frusher's land in Beaufort. The fence is a few feet from the side of the road, parallel with it. This fence is complained of by Mr Conway, but it is no obstruction to traffic.

The old bush bridge near Richard's, Mt. Cole, is in a bad state, and I think a new culvert should be built there this season.—Received and matter of bridge near Richard's left in the hands of north riding members

The valuer (Mr Jackson) reported as follows:—

I have the honor to report that I have completed the valuation of the rateable property in the Shire, and the nett annual value as per my valuation is £59,867, and I herewith hand you my valuation return.—Adopted on motion of Crs Murray and Flynn.

Cr Murray reported that Mr Thos. Phillips, of Carngham, was recommended at a public meeting on Saturday, 1st inst., for the position of trustee to the Carngham cemetery, vice Mr David Crockett, resigned.—Nomination approved of on motion of Cr Lewis, seconded by Cr Flynn.

Dr. Johnston, health officer, reported that a good many cases of influenza have occurred in the district lately, but mostly of a mild character. Whooping cough has also been prevalent amongst the children. No death has been reported to him from either complaint lately. He had visited the slaughteryards in the district and found them all in a favorable condition, also the residences of the vendors of milk and found the places were kept clean; also the State School in Beaufort and found it and the outhouses well attended to. He had registered 12 births during the last two months, and only one death for the same time and that was of an elderly Chinaman.—Received.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the following accounts were passed for payment:—Salaries, L46 13s 4d; Mrs Taylor, L1 10s; W. G. Stevens, L1 17s; A. Parker, L1 13s 3d; Arnall and Jackson, L8 11s 4d; J. Tompkins, L1 1s; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., 10s 8d; J. Whitfield, L7 8s; W. McFarlane, L7 8s; R. Gibson, L7 8s; W. Stevens, L5 1s 8d; M. Muir, L7 8s; M. Meehan, L12 16s; H. Stuart, 15s; E. Hill, L7 8s; M. Corrigan, L12 16s; I. Storey, L6 9s 6d; J. Murdoch, L6 9s 6d; W. C. Pedder, 8s; T. Ward, L2 4s; L. T. G. Smith, L5 10s; J. Frusher, L2; J. Tait, L1 10s 10d; J. Haley, 17s; Hawkes Bros., 17s 6d; McVitty & Co., 24s; C. Wright, 15s 6d; J. Baird, 18s; J. Pedder, L3 14s; L. Fry, L3 1s 8d; P. Aldrick, L3 14s; E. Pearce, L3 14s; J. Becker, L3 14s; R. Gibson, junr., 18s 6d; S. Pimblett, L4 3s 8d; J. Bell, L2 3s 2d; J. F. Watkin, L150; foxes, 60 at 5s, L15.

TENDERS.

NORTH RIDING.

Cont. No. 532.—Forming and metalling 9 chains of road and building small culvert near Mt. Callender.—J. Carmichael (accepted), L69 6s; W. C. Pimblett, L85 11s; J. F. Watkin, L109 11s 8d; A. R. Slater, L100 6s; Madden Bros., L84 17s 6d.

WEST RIDING.

Cont. No. 249.—Re-building two stone culverts and repairing roads injured by floods in the parish of Moallack.—Madden Bros. (accepted), L128 13s; J. Pryor, L311 5s; J. F. Watkin, L143 18s.

DISTRIBUTION OF RIDING FUNDS.

Cr Lewis, pursuant to notice, moved—"That the resolution of the council made on 1st October, 1891, ordering that the sum of L566 be transferred yearly from the west riding in equal proportions to the north and east ridings be and is hereby revoked." He said that a conference had been held that morning, and it was understood that the west riding would contribute to the improvements to the roads leading to the north and east ridings as before. He would have added this to the motion had the secretary not informed him that it would not be legal.

Cr Cushing, in seconding the motion, said that the west riding members had talked the matter over on several occasions before the last meeting, and felt that with the decreased subsidy and more demands for works, they had no right to give the money, and it could not be expected any longer. The Government proposed to reduce the subsidy by L110,000, and if that were carried out it would reduce the subsidy L200,000, which materially alters the case from when the motion was passed. It was an illegal affair altogether, and the money was wanted by the west riding itself for urgent works.

Cr Bridges thought from what Cr Lewis had said that he was anxious to add the words to the motion that the west riding is prepared to help the others. It was a great pity that it could not be done, but he understood the secretary said it was not legal to do so.

Cr Lewis said he was prepared to move this afterwards.

Cr Bridges thought that neither the north nor east riding members could stand out for the whole sum being paid. The revenue was less and the amount of subsidy uncertain, and it was out of the question their getting the whole. At the same time, looking at the Act, the intention was that the money should be spent in the shire as collected. But they should bear in mind to see where it was most wanted to spend it. It had been the custom for each riding to spend its money separately, and in some ways this was a very good idea, as it prevents log-rolling. On the whole it was very fair, but at the same time it has its disadvantages, for at some times the one riding has money that they knew not where to spend it. In the north riding they could see any amount of things neglected. It was perfectly disagreeable to have so many applications for works which they knew wanted doing and yet could not do for want of funds. He must admit, however, that the west riding members had been very liberal.

Cr Lewis—We have given L1692 in three years.

Cr Bridges—They had Cr Lewis's assurance—he understood the three members agreed to it—that the other ridings should not suffer, and if Cr Lewis is prepared to move a motion that the north and east ridings would not lose upon this being carried—(Cr Lewis: We will carry out improvements as before)—then on that condition he had no objection to the motion.

Cr Murray would move as an amendment that the motion be not entertained.

The President could not take that as an amendment, it being a direct negative.

Cr Murray thought with all due deference to the chair that it was an amendment. It was not very nice to come here and be told that one riding gave the other two ridings a certain amount of money. If the shire was divided equitably each riding would get its due proportion of rates. It seemed strange to him that the west riding has less roads than the other ridings and a larger amount of rates, while the other ridings had so little; and this must show outsiders there was something wrong in the division of the shire. He believed that not only were there less roads to make [illegible], but the whole of their roads were solely used by themselves. In the east and north the roads were used by the ratepayers of the whole shire in travelling to Ballarat and the Beaufort railway station. He was fully convinced that instead of having the least the north riding should have the largest revenue. When speaking at last meeting the President said that he (Cr Murray) had not made a good case, but he was open to prove the assertion that the roads in the east riding are traversed not only by people in this shire but neighbouring ones, and detrimentally to the riding. On the road to Ballarat they had spent L500 this year in maintenance metal, and he thought the west riding had as good a right to maintain it as the east. They should take steps to see that the shire was equitably divided so as to get an equal amount of revenue.

Cr Lewis had been as much over the roads in the east riding as Cr Murray. The west riding members had given every assistance to the Beaufort and Stockyard Hill and Mount Emu and Skipton roads. The west riding wanted as necessary roads as the others. There was the Streatham road that they were unable to do for want of funds. After the explanation given the councillors should be satisfied, as the west riding members had always helped the other riding members make their roads in every way.

Cr Flynn said that hearing the explanations of one and another he must certainly say with Cr Murray that seeing the west riding was in a position to pass so much money to the north and east ridings—it was most graceful of them—that there was something wrong in the sub-division of the shire.

Cr Lewis said the west riding had denied themselves of roads.

Cr Flynn was quite agreeable, if certain roads required making, to have an understanding that the grant should be forgone for 12 months. He had no objection whatever to that, but the other proposal was so indefinite that he must vote against it. He thought the money should be better divided.

Cr Lewis did not see how Cr Flynn could say this knowing what had been spent.

Cr Flynn admitted that in the past the money had been very equitably doled out. The north riding was placed in a very peculiar position, different altogether to the west or east. On one side there are from 15,000 to 20,000 acres of common surrounded by main roads, on which there is very heavy traffic, while hardly an acre contributes to the revenue of the shire. These roads are a heavy tax on the north riding. On the other side there were 23 miles of main roads, upon which the traffic is gradually increasing owing to the mismanagement of the railway department.

Cr Lewis—These roads did not cost the north riding anything to make.

Cr Flynn said that last year they had spent L100 there and this year another L100. He had no feeling in the matter, but simply put it in the plainest light.

Cr Lewis—You ignore all that we have done for you.

Cr Cushing said the west riding had made 17 miles of these roads and had never received a farthing, or assistance in any shape. The roads in the west riding could not be made in a piecemeal way, and the smallest contracts were from L150 to L500 in order to maintain the roads. What would L1000 be to spend on the road to Lake Wongan? They had spent L1400 on the two roads from Stockyard Hill and Lake Goldsmith into Beaufort, and had lent the north riding L850, L400 of which was repaid and the balance wiped out. As for using the north riding roads, nothing pleased the people of Beaufort better than to see teams coming into the town. Cr Murray must admit that the east riding had been liberally subsidised whenever asked on roads leading into Carngham and Skipton, and on one contract let for L500 the east riding had only found L40 after agreeing to pay their share. From the money received by the north riding not a single pound had been spent on the roads leading from the west riding.

Cr Bridges pointed out that what was considered necessary had been spent on the roads used in the west riding. Were they not prepared to go any further?

Cr Cushing said no, as they could not fix on a certain amount, it being against the law, the act providing for a certain amount to be set aside for each riding—not less than one half—and the balance being a question for the council to decide. If they read the interpretation clause they would see it states the nett revenue, meaning the rates alone, and not the subsidy.

Cr Murray referred to the good state of the road near the Carngham Estate, but near Phillips' it was in such a bad state that he did not know what could be done with it. It would take L500 to keep in order, and the east got no benefit, as the road was used by west riding ratepayers taking loads of wheat and oats to Ballarat. The Skipton township was also of more benefit to the west riding than to the east, and the former should have full control of it.

Cr Bridges said the east riding would get an advantage the other way and should take it.

Cr Cushing assured them that the other ridings would not suffer while he was in the council.

Cr Cameron considered the best way was to subdivide the shire again, for it seemed there was too much money in one part and not enough in the others. If divided equally it would give the west riding the township of Skipton.

The President pointed out that the other ridings would get roads with territory.

Cr Bridges said it was only a question of money.

The motion was then put and carried by 6 votes to 3; Crs Lewis, Bridges, Cushing, Beggs, Russell, and the President voting in its favor, and Crs Flynn, Murray, and Cameron against.

Cr Lewis said that as the council had agreed to his motion he would now move that it is understood the west riding shall contribute towards improvements to the roads leading into the north and east ridings as heretofore. Seconded by Cr Cushing, and carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The secretary intimated that he had seen the manager of the bank on the matter of interest on overdraft, with the result that a reduction to 7 per cent. was obtained.

Re a postponed application from J. C. Walton to mine under a road in the east riding, no action was taken.

Cr Lewis moved, and C[illegible] that [illegible] be left [illegible]

[illegible] institu[illegible] thereby, [illegible] the s[illegible]

C[illegible] ready [illegible]

Cr [illegible] reduced [illegible] 6d.

The secretary submitted an approximate estimate of the receipts and expenses for 1895, amounting to £6,964.—Approved of and adopted on motion of Cr Cushing, seconded by Cr Murray.

Cr Beggs gave notice to move at next meeting that a rate of 1s in the £ be struck on the nett annual value for 1895.

Cr Murray asked the engineer why tenders had not been called for the contract in the Skipton township.

The engineer said he had not had the time to get the plans and specifications out, as he was busy making the valuations. The works in the north and west ridings, for which tenders had been let, were in connection with flood damages.

The President reported that Cr Flynn and he had attended the conference relative to the Country Fire Brigades' Board at the White Hart hotel, Melbourne, and a deputation subsequently to the Chief Secretary, who was asked to remodel the act so as to bring the country brigades under local control. The Chief Secretary desired to consult the other side, and although he felt the Act was not working fairly, that was the best assurance the deputation received.

The council then rose.

TEA MEETING AND CONCERT AT MIDDLE CREEK.

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A tea meeting and concert was held at Middle Creek on Wednesday last in aid of the funds of St. George's Church of England, and was a decided success. The hall was prettily decorated with flowers and evergreens, and, with the tables laden with all kinds of choice eatables, presented a very pleasing appearance. About 150 persons sat down to an excellent tea, to which, it is needless to add, full justice was done. The tables were presided over by the following ladies, who looked after the wants of those present in a most assiduous manner, and left no stone unturned to ensure the comfort of those present:—Mrs Dunn, Mrs and Miss Pickford, Mrs (2) and Miss Lhotellier, Mrs and Miss Waldron, Mrs Porter, Mrs and Miss Hillman, Misses Cripney, Brown, Holdsworth, and Lewis. After tea the hall was cleared for the concert. Dr. Adam occupied the chair, and expressed his regret at the absence of their pastor (Rev. R. Hosken), who was laid up with influenza, as also were some of the singers who had promised to be present. The following programme was very satisfactorily carried out:—Pianoforte duet, Misses Greenwood and Gorrie; song, "Anchored," Mr J. Jackson; duet, "In the dusk by the twilight," Mrs Ness and Miss Frauenfelder; recitation, Mr Lewis; song, Miss Lhotellier; song, "A bandit's life," Mr Eastwood (encored); recitation, "The deferred sentence," Mrs Hillman (encored); duet, "What are the wild waves saying," Mrs and Miss Foster; song, "Zyder Zee," Mr J. R. Wotherspoon (encored); pianoforte duet, Misses Greenwood and Troy; recitation, "Cabby knows his fare," Mr J. Ibbotson; song, "Boys of the Old Brigade," Mr Eastwood; song, Miss Gordon; recitation, "The Tay Bridge," Mr Gordon; pianoforte duet, Misses Greenwood and Gorrie; song, Miss Lhotellier. Miss A. Greenwood acted as accompanist. Mr W. G. Pickford on behalf of the committee of St. George's Church, moved votes of thanks to the audience, the ladies who provided the tea, and those who helped to make the entertainment a success, to the chairman, and Mrs Chesterfield for use of piano, which were carried with acclamation, and briefly responded to. The proceedings ended with the singing of God save the Queen. It was stated by several that it was the best attended concert ever held at Middle Creek, and the funds of St. George's should benefit accordingly.

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CRICKET.

ARARAT V. BEAUFORT.

These teams met in the Stephens' trophy competition at Ararat on Wednesday, when for the second time Beaufort were unfortunate in getting a drawn game through want of time robbing them of victory. The wicket—matting on concrete—played splendidly, but the outfielding ground was in a wretched condition. Beaufort were sent to the wickets, and owing to the good bowling of Baxter and Manly runs came slowly. E. Trompf had the bad luck to be bowled off his pad with the score at 12. A. Trompf joined Paton, and a capital stand was made, a separation only being effected when 60 runs were added. Trompf showed good form for 39, although he was lucky, as before scoring, he played a ball on to his pad and from thence it hit the wicket without dislodging the bales, and he was also missed twice in the field. He was given run out by Burns, the Ararat umpire, when he was fully two feet in his ground—a most unfair decision. Paton followed next over for 26, obtained by careful and sound cricket. He did not give a chance, nothwishstanding that the rowdy element hooted Thompson (Beaufort's umpire at the time) for deciding in the batsman's favor when the wicket-keeper caught a ball which glanced off Paton's leg. The only other batsmen to trouble the bowlers much were H. Parker, Cowell, and Dolan, each batting freely for their respective scores of 26, 13, and 9 (not out). The total was 150. Burn gave Lilley out l.b.w. when the ball struck him on the hip. Baxter took 2 wickets for 21 runs, Manly 2 for 21, Fleming 2 for 39, and Miller 1 for 18. Eight bowlers were tried. With an hour and a half to play, Little and Baxter commenced scoring rapidly, the latter, who was let off at mid-wicket, being the first to go with the score at 30. Fleming and Little added 17, when Little retired for a free innings of 27. Then 3 wickets fell for 7 runs, Haworth and Cannon made a stand, putting on 19 runs, although the latter was missed easily at square leg. Haworth played well for 10 and the score was 6—10—73. At call of time 8 wickets had fallen for 80 runs. The game thus resulted in a draw very much in favor of Beaufort. Throughout the match Burn showed marked partiality to Ararat, the most barefaced unfairness being shown, and particularly in not giving Miller run out when he was fully a yard out of his crease. The Beaufort captain evinced his displeasure by chiding the umpire very severly. The match was anything but a friendly one, the visitors being subjected to "barracking" of a most disgraceful nature. A. Trompf carried off the bowling honors for Beaufort, securing 3 wickets at the small cost of 12 runs, Paton getting 3 for 26, H. Parker 1 for 12, and Welsh 1 for 24. It is a pity that an arrangement could not be made to at least play an innings out, as it is very unsatisfactory to be deprived of an easy victory for want of time. At the start Ararat refused to play till 7 o'clock. Appended are the scores:—

BEAUFORT.

A. E. Paton, c Rankin b Miller	26
E. Trompf, b Manly	2
A. Trompf, run out	39
H. Parker, b Fleming... ...	26
H. Trompf, b Manly	3
A. Parker, run out	7
E. Lilley, l.b.w. b Fleming ...	6
B. Thompson, c Cannon b Baxter	7
E. P. Welsh, c Cooper b Baxter	1
G. Cowell, run out	13
J. P. Dolan, not out	9
Byes, &c.	11
Total	150

Bowling Analysis.—Manly, 96 balls, 6 mdns., 22 runs, 2 wkts.; Baxter, 81 balls, 2 mdns., 21 runs, 2 wkts.; Fleming, 72 balls, 1 mdn., 39 runs, 2 wkts.; Miller, 30 balls, 18 runs, 1 wkt.; Little, 24 balls, 15 runs; Rankin, 12 balls, 13 runs; Carver, 12 balls, 5 runs; Haworth, 18 balls, 5 runs.

ARARAT.

Little, c and b H. Parker ...	27
Fleming, b A. Trompf ...	10
Baxter, b Welsh	9
Miller, b A. Trompf	5
Manly, b A. Trompf	0
Haworth, c A. Trompf, b Paton	10
Cannon, not out	13
Rankin, c and b Paton ...	0
Carver, b Paton	0
Seal, not out	0
Byes, &c., ...	6
Total for 8 wickets	80

Bowling Analysis.—Paton, 60 balls, 2 mdns., 26 runs, 3 wkts.; Welsh, 36 balls, 1 mdn., 24 runs, 1 wkt.; H. Parker, 36 balls, 12 runs, 1 wkt.; A. Trompf, 30 balls, 2 mdns., 12 runs, 3 wkts.

BEAUFORT AVENUE V. BUANGOR.

This match was played at Buangor last Saturday, the Avenue Club sending a weak team, and being defeated by 1 run on the first innings. Appended are the scores:—

AVENUE.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
White, b Baker ...	1	b McGuiness	8
T. Buchanan, b Baker	0		
Loo, b Baker ...	6		
Barnes, b Baker ...	0	c Tiller, b Baker	4
Lilley, b Parker ...	9	not out ...	3
Hocking, not out ...	9	b McGuiness	1
Williams, b Baker...	3		
W. Buchanan, run out	3		
Welsh, b Baker ...	8		
Kirkpatrick, run out	0		
Vowles, run out ...	0		
Sundries	4		
Total	43	Total 3 wkts.	16

Bowling Analysis—1st Innings.—Baker, 54 balls, 3 mdns, 18 balls, 6 wkts.; G. Parker 42 15 runs, 1 wkt.; Dillon, 12 balls, 6 runs. 2nd Innings.—Baker, 12 balls, 5 runs, 1 wkt.; Dillon, 6 balls, 7 runs; McGuiness, 6 balls, 2 runs, 2 wkts.

BUANGOR.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Baker, b Lilley ...	6	b White ...	2
J. McGuiness, b Lilley	1	b Loo ...	3
Ness, b Barnes ...	1	b Williams	4
Parker, b Loo ...	12	b Buchanan	53
Dillon, b Loo ...	9	run out ...	2
Alfred, b White ...	2	b Williams	0
Neate, run out ...	0	b Loo ...	5
Tiller, b Loo ...	3	b Buchanan	0
McConachy, c and b White	0	b Buchanan	0
Pearce, b Loo ...	0	c Williams, b White ...	3
Moore, not out ...	2	b Buchanan	0
Sundries	8	Sundries ...	3
Total	44	Total ...	75

Bowling Analysis—1st Innings.—E. Barnes, 30 balls, 17 runs, 1 wkt.; E. Lilley, 24 balls, 12 runs. 2 wkts.; C. Loo, 18 balls, 3 runs, 4 wkts.; C. White, 12 balls, 4 runs, 2 wkts. 2nd Innings.—C. White, 58 balls, 2 mdns., 25 runs, 2 wkts.; C. Loo, 42 balls, 2 mdns., 10 runs, 2 wkts.; E. Barnes, 24 balls, 10 runs; Williams, 30 balls, 19 runs, 2 wkts.; Hocking, 6 balls, 4 runs; T. Buchanan, 24 balls, 1 mdn., 4 runs, 3 wkts.

15 of the locals meet the Ballarat First Eleven in the Park to-day (Saturday), play commencing at 1 o'clock sharp

Next Wednesday afternoon a match is to be played between the Beaufort and Beaufort Avenue clubs

BEAUFORT UNITED COMMON.

The monthly meeting of the managers was held on Monday afternoon. Present —Messrs Humphreys (in the chair), Flynn and Browne.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

REPORTS.

The secretary (Mr Browne) reported as under with reference to the financial position of the common:—Balance in bank, L16 14s 2d; cash in hand, L7 6s, making a total credit of L23 10s 2d. Fees collected to date for current half-year, L49 7s; unpaid fees due on stock registered, L20 18s, making the total assessment to date L70 5s. Percentage due to herdsman, L10, being L8 6s on current fees, and L1 14s on arrears collected. In accordance with the resolution passed at last meeting proceedings have been initiated against Charles Broadbent, junr., for the recovery of the trespass owing by him. The case will be dealt with next Monday. The managers being the complainants, will have to appear; the herdsman will also be required as a witness in the case.

Resolved that the secretary, being one of the managers, be hereby authorized to appear in the case against C. Broadbent, junr., also that the herdsman attend as a witness to prove the trespass.

The herdsman (Mr Cameron) reported that since last meeting 17,200 sheep and 60 head of cattle, had passed through the common; that he intends mustering all unregistered goats shortly; that he gave instructions to H. Willox to attend to the destruction of rabbits in Musical gully where they are very numerous and difficult to get at, having their harbours in the old diggings; that of late the rabbits have been on the increase, but as the time for laying poisoned grain is coming on, it will be the means of lessening the pest.

Resolved that H. Willox be written to requesting him to take more efficient measures for the destruction of rabbits on the common, and that not less than three must be employed on the work at the present time, as the rabbits are evidently increasing very fast on several parts of the common.

The secretary stated that he had just sent an application to the Chief Inspector for a supply of strongly phosphorised wheat.

From Mr W. K. Shaw, forwarding as requested a rough sketch showing the situation of the land Francis Martin wishes to select in Paddy's gully.

Resolved that the managers offer no objection to Francis Martin's application for land as shown on sketch submitted.

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—Herdsman, L10; secretary, L2; H. Willox, L7 10s.

The meeting then adjourned.

MINING NEWS.

White and party have bottomed their shaft at 80 feet. They are now employed in removing and re-erecting their whim and puddler. The Perseverance Company are making good progress with their shaft, being down over 30 feet. Thompson and party are down 80 feet, but have not yet touched bottom. They have a perfect "sea" of water to contend with. At Southern Cross, Iredale and party obtained 9 dwt from one set of dirt. As reported in our last issue they were delayed for want of a supply of water for puddling purposes. The next claim (J. Baker and party) obtained the improved yield of 1 oz 2 dwt 9 grs from fifteen loads of dirt, two specks, each weighing 5 dwt adding considerably to the yield. Lilley and party have bottomed a shaft to the north of the last named party's claim at 40 feet, with about four feet of wash carrying fine gold, hard black cement being on the bottom, with a very soft reef. Trompf and party wash off for the fortnight to-day, and the result will probably determine whether operations will be suspended or not. At Poverty Point, M. Bending and party (south of the railway line) have ceased work, as they have failed to discover gold in payable quantities. The Albion Company expect to be worked out by Christmas.

The gold yields for the week ending Saturday, 1st inst., total about 40 oz. The yields to hand are—Lucky Co., 16 oz 18 dwt 18 gr; Lewis and party, 8 oz 4 dwt; Kinleyside and party, 7 oz 10 dwt; Cheeseman, 1 oz 2 dwt 9 gr.

The Lucky Co. (Guyatt and party), Waterloo, had the good luck on Wednesday to uncarth a nugget weighing 50 oz in their new shaft.

NEW INSOLVENT.

Mark Jabez Lilley, of Beaufort, miner; liabilities, L117 5s; assets, L5; deficiency, L112 5s. Causes—Want of constant employment and pressure of creditors. Mr W. D. M'Kee, assignee.

V. R.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

SEA-SIDE AND GIPPSLAND LAKES EXCURSIONS.

To give residents in the country an opportunity of visiting the coast at or near Geelong, Queenscliff, Dean's Marsh, Forrest, Timboon, Portland, Warrnambool, Port Fairy, Frankston, Hastings, Mornington, Stony Point, Sale, Bairnsdale, Foster, Toora, Welshpool, Alberton, or Port Albert, or the Gippsland Lakes, during the summer months, Sea-side Excursion tickets and combined Railway and Steam-boat tickets for the Gippsland Lakes, available for one month, will be issued at a low rate at the principal stations, from 15th November, 1894, till 30th April, 1895, inclusive. The issue of these tickets will not be affected by any other excursions. For full particulars see posters at all stations. Purchasers of sea-side tickets to Queenscliff may make Drysdale or Ocean Grove their destination instead, and their tickets will be recognised at the latter stations. The journey may be broken at Melbourne for three days, going and returning.

By order,
R. G. KENT,
Secretary for Railways.

FORAGE.

TENDERS will be received until Eleven o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 3rd January next, for the supply of Forage in such quantities as may be required, for the service of the Government at the various police and other stations, from the 1st March, 1895, to the 29th February, 1896.

Full details are published in the current issues of the *Government Gazette*, and copies of the Advertisement may be obtained on application at the stations concerned.

Printed forms of tender and conditions of contract may be obtained from the Secretary, Tender Board, Treasury, Melbourne, or from the officer in charge at any station, by whom also information or explanation will be afforded to persons tendering.

Tenders, which should be upon the printed form, will be received for either oats, bran, hay, or straw (the particular kind of hay or straw offered to be stated); but if all be included in one tender it may be accepted for one article only, if advisable.

Alternative tenders are required for white and Algerian oats.

Tenders must be enclosed in an envelope, marked "Tender for Forage," and deposited in the Tender-Box, Pay Office, Treasury, Melbourne; or, if sent by post, they must be addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Treasury, Melbourne.

GEORGE TURNER,
Treasurer.

Treasury,
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1894.

IN THE COURT OF INSOLVENCY AT BALLARAT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Estate of Mark Jabey Lilley, 1148, of Beaufort, miner, has been sequestrated, and that a General Meeting of Creditors in the said Estate will be holden at the Insolvency Court Offices at Ballarat, on Monday, the tenth day of December, A.D., 1894, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the Election of Trustees and for the other purposes mentioned in the 53rd Section of the Insolvency Act, 1890.

Dated at Ballarat, this 3rd day of December, A.D., 1894.

W. DICKSON, Chief Clerk.

BEAUFORT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 1894.

CLEARING SALE!

BY AUCTION, AT ONE O'CLOCK,

AT MR JEREMIAH SMITH'S TIMBERYARD

(Near the Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort.)

W. EDWARD NICIOLS is instructed by MR. JEREMIAH SMITH, to sell by Public Auction, as above, a large

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Comprising —Hooded family Carriage, convertible into three different styles of trap, also hooded Single Buggy, Tip Dray, Timber Waggon, with Shafts, Pole and Timber Rack, Avery Platform Weighing Machine to 11 cwt., two Paragon Cooking Stoves, set Buggy Harness, two sets Dray Harness, a lot of sundry Harness, Pig-skin Saddle Bridle, Martingale, and Spurs, 100 feet of 3 inch Gutta Percha Piping, with Couples, four-pull Beer Engine, two Allcock's Billiard Lamps (four Burners each), Grindstone in frame, twelve Pewter Pints, 96 lbs. half-inch Lead Piping, set Buggy Axles, with boxes complete, Knife Cleaner, one Crosscut Saw, two sets of Swingletrees, thirty-six lbs. Rope, lot of empty Oil Drums, Iron Sack Truck, Hotel Lamp, with fancy frame, thirty Dutch Galvanised Iron Tiles, 18 x 24, and a large quantity of useful sundries. Stylish Grey Mare.

The whole is for positive sale, the owner having no further use for them, and can be inspected on morning of sale.

TERMS CASH.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB.

SALE OF BOOTHS AND GATES.

SATURDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1894.

Notice is hereby given that all rights and privileges to the Publican's Booth, Refreshment Booth, and Gates, in connection with the above club's New Year's Day Races, will be sold by Public Auction, by Mr W. Edward Nickols, Auctioneer, on Saturday (to-day), at 6 p.m., under Mr J. Humphrey's verandah, Neill-street, Beaufort.

A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB.

A MEETING will be held at Kelly's Beaufort Hotel on Tuesday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

To Carpenters, Bricklayers, & Painters.

THE time for receiving Tenders for pulling down and re-erecting Building in Burke-street, Beaufort, has been extended to 13th inst.; new specifications prepared. For particulars apply to MRS KILBEG, Lawrence-street, Beaufort.

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SHIRE OF RIPON.

Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1894.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
General Rates, 1893—North riding	£8 15 0			
" East "	7 15 0			
		16	10	0
General Rates, 1894—North "	969 18 0			
" East "	823 2 0			
" West "	1287 16 0			
		3080	16	0
Municipal Endowment		2641	4	6
Subsidy on Foxes destroyed		47	15	0
Fox Skins sold		8	0	6
Reserves—Carngham Recreation		12	5	0
Mount Emu		48	5	0
Lake Burrumbeet		2	0	0
Beaufort Recreation		19	4	9
Weighbridge Fees, Beaufort		30	10	0
" Carngham		10	5	6
Licenses—Equivalent for Hotels		380	0	0
Dairy		0	7	6
Slaughtering		11	0	0
Dancing Saloons...		4	4	0
Dog Registrations—North riding ...	45 5 0			
East " ...	20 5 0			
West " ...	23 2 6			
		88	12	6
Rent of Shire Hall		5	5	0
Pounds—Beaufort	11 1 3			
Skipton	17 7 3			
		28	8	6
Pound Sales		1	5	6
Joint Works, Shire of Lexton		0	13	0
Victorian Railways, Supervision, &c., of Race ...		25	0	0
Interest on Overdue Rates		1	5	8
Unexpended balance of Allowance to President G. Russell		22	0	4
Miscellaneous		2	13	0
Contractors' Deposits	174 0 0			
" " forfeited ...	1 0 0			
		175	0	0
Snake Valley Water Rate, 1893 ...	6 13 6			
" " 1894 ...	20 17 0			
		27	10	6
Skipton Town Common		9	15	1
Beaufort Water Supply—				
Water Rates, 1893 ...	4 0 0			
" 1894 ...	284 17 0			
Water sold	6 13 0			
Water Rates, &c., on joint a/c with Victorian Railways	45 12 0			
Victorian Railways ...	43 11 10			
		384	13	10
Overdraft Bank of Victoria, 30th Sep. '94	642 18 2			
Cheques not presented	12 8 0			
		655	6	2
		£7,739	16	10

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.
Overdraft Bank of Victoria, 1st Oct., 1893 ...				732	3	7
Contracts, East riding	1061	9	0			
Surface labor, &c., East riding ...	575	17	10			
Snake Valley Water Supply ...	0	19	3			
Mount Emu Reserve	14	18	0			
				1653	4	1
Contracts, West riding	747	4	0			
Surface labor, &c., West riding ...	356	18	5			
				1104	2	5
Contracts, North riding	1375	0	4			
Surface labor, &c., North riding ...	338	12	3			
Waterloo Water Supply	273	13	2			
Joint works, Lextonshire	5	10	0			
" Ballaratshire	1	18	9			
Beaufort township	306	13	8			
" Recreation Reserve ...	68	17	8			
Rabbiting, Beaufort United Common...	7	10	0			
				2377	15	10
Shire Garden				62	16	2
Rewards—Destruction of Foxes				96	10	0
Weighbridge, Beaufort, Commission, &c. ...				15	14	3
" Carngham " " ...				6	5	9
Commission, &c., on Dog Fees—North riding ...				19	18	9
" " East " ...				10	2	6
" " West " ...				0	5	0
Pounds—Beaufort	20	14	1			
Skipton	30	8	5			
				[illegible]	[illegible]	3
Pound Sales				[illegible]	3	[illegible]
Skipton Town Common				9	15	0
Charitable and other Donations				176	0	[illegible]
President's Allowance				50	0	0
Salaries				565	13	4
Expenses under Health Act				50	10	0
Office Expenses				48	5	7
Audit of Accounts				27	19	9
Election Expenses				2	2	3
Legal Expenses				11	2	6
Stationery				24	7	4
Printing...				30	12	0
Advertising				27	8	10
Interest on Bank Overdraft				73	14	6
Incidental Expenses				15	9	6
Contractors' Deposits returned				208	11	0
Beaufort Water Supply—						
Works, &c., Beaufort ...	15	0	11			
Interest, &c., Loan of £2500	106	1	0			
" " Loan of £500	22	18	5			
Labor (joint a/c with Victorian Railways) ...	144	0	9			
				288	1	1
				£7,739	16	10

Examined and found correct. 13th October, 1894. { ALLAN MURRAY, Government Municipal Auditor. JOHN HUMPHREYS, Local Auditor.

STATEMENT OF RATES.

A General Rate of One Shilling in the Pound, to the 31st December, 1894, was made by the Council of the Shire of Ripon on the 4th December, 1893.

Riding.	Valuation.	Amount of Rates.	Collected.	Uncollected.	Total Arrears.
North	19890 16 0	994 11 0	969 18 0	15 5 6	16 17 6
East	16663 0 0	833 3 0	823 2 0	6 16 0	7 9 0
West	25756 0 0	1287 16 0	1287 16 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
	£62,309 16 0	£3,115 10 0	£3,080 16 0	£22 1 6	£24 6 6

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VERMIN DESTRUCTION LOAN.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	D.
Cash in Bank, 30th September, 1893	7	10	9
Repayments by Borrowers, fourth instalment ...	116	13	1
Interest	0	1	10
	£124	5	8

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	D.
Government Victoria, fourth instalment ...	101	13	0
Cash in Bank of Victoria, 30th September, 1894	22	12	8
	£124	5	8

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ASSETS.	£	s.	D.
Half-year's Municipal Endowment, now overdue	1334	14	1
Cash in Bank of Victoria, Vermin D. Loan ac	22	12	8
Due by Borrowers "	594	17	6
Water Race from Mt. Cole to Beaufort and the works connected therewith—one half share	2000	0	0
Beaufort Water Supply Reticulation Works, &c.	1000	0	0
Shire Hall, with furniture and fittings, stables, and other property, as per list	1184	0	0
	£6,136	5	1

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	D.
Due to Bank of Victoria				655	6	2
Contractors' Deposits				7	11	0
Owing on Contracts, North riding ...	3	0	0			
" " West " ...	53	15	0			
				56	15	0
Government of Victoria, Vermin Destruction Loan				609	17	9
" " Beaufort Water Supply Loan of £2500	1741	0	10			
" of £500	376	1	3			
				2117	2	1
				£3,446	12	0

JOSEPH WATSON, Shire Secretary. 1st October, 1894.

I hereby certify that the foregoing accounts have been finally examined and settled by the Council of the Shire of Ripon, found to be just and true, and are allowed by the Council this 3rd day of December, 1894

EDWIN H. AUSTIN, President.

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SAVANAK,

By St. Albans (sire of Malua and Coronet and many other winners); dam Seaspray.

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REGISTRATION FEE .. 0 3
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NEWSPAPERS 0 0½
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Each additional lb, or under (up to 11 lbs) ... 0 6

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REGISTRATION FEE ... 0 3
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The decrease of the aboriginal population of the colony may be roughly gauged from the annual report of the board appointed for their protection. Up to 7th November last the statistics of births and deaths at the stations under the board's charge show a falling off of 13 for the past year, the births being 9 and the deaths 22. Owing to the number of aborigines having become greatly reduced since the time when natives reserves in different localities were set aside for their habitation, the board has complied with a request by the Minister of Lands, and relinquished 8027 acres for use as agricultural college and village settlement grounds, in allotment as follows:—4227 acres at Framlingham, 2400 acres at Coranderrk, and 1400 acres at Ramahyuck. During the year the lowest number of blacks maintained at the various depots at any time was 404 and the highest number 502. Three marriages took place during the year; in one of them the contracting parties were named respectively Sergeant Major, bachelor, and Jemima Lanky, spinster. "No cards."

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From evidence given to the Tariff Commission it appears that the consumption of cigarettes in Victoria is now about 50,000,000 a year; in New South Wales the number is 90,000,000; and in New Zealand the number is about 40,000,000. All the tobacco contained in these cigarettes is imported from America.

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The question of extending the Christmas vacation from Saturday, 22nd, to Thursday, 27th, has been considered by the Cabinet, who have decided not to make the Monday, 24th, a holiday, as the long interregnum would possibly cause public inconvenience.

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MR AUSTIN ON THE WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.

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In the Legislative Assembly on 27th ult., Mr E. H. Austin, member for Ripon and Hampden, speaking on the want of confidence motion, is reported in *Hansard* as follows:—

"Sir, I was one of the members who were returned to support direct taxation; but it was the tax proposed by the Treasurer in his St. Kilda speech—a surplus tax, or, as I called it, a realized wealth tax. At one or two of my meetings I was asked if I were in favor of an unimproved land tax. I replied that I did not thoroughly understand that question, and that I did not think the people thoroughly understood it. I said that the valuation to obtain that tax would be very large, and I feel certain now, after hearing the remarks of numerous honorable members, that the valuation to obtain that tax would be very great. The Government would have to value all the estates and blocks of land. They could not take the municipal valuation, because in many cases it is excessive, and the mode of collecting it would be very expensive. A great deal has been said about the poor farmer. All those who live in the country know that the burden which the farmer has to carry now is almost breaking his back, and, if the Government land tax is put on, it will be the last straw to him. As I live among the farmers no one knows better than I do that their produce is hardly saleable. Their wheat and wool are now at the very lowest quotations, yet the Government propose to tax these people who are so heavily burdened. It is said that the large land holders are against this tax. I believe they are in favor of it, because they will escape a far larger amount than the Treasurer thinks. I have gone to the trouble of making out a statement showing how two estates I am acquainted with will be affected by this tax, and I can vouch for the correctness of this statement. These estates will escape to the extent of some hundreds of pounds as regards the land tax at present proposed by the Government. The first of these estates consists of 29,951 acres. The value of this at L5 per acre—which is far more than you can get in the market at the present moment—is L149,755.

Mr G. Turner.—What class is it in now under the existing land tax?

Mr Austin.—It is in the 3rd class now. The estate has a house on it which cost L12,000. I deduct L20,000 for improvements, which reduces the L149,755 to L129 755, on which 1d. in the £1 has to be paid. That amounts to L540 12s 11d. The present land tax is L717 19s 6d, so that this estate will gain by the Treasurer's present proposal L176 17s 7d. Estates of this kind, therefore, will get off far lighter than is thought. I will take another estate in the 2nd class. In this instance about 8d an acre is paid under the existing land tax. The estate consists of 10,274 acres, and it can be bought at L5 an acre. L51,370 less L5,000 leaves L46,370 on which to pay the 1d in the £1, which amounts to L193 4s 2d. The present land tax is L354 0s 6d, which means a gain to the owner of L160 16s 4d. If the Treasurer goes through the large estates from one end to the other he will find that that is the proportion in which they will gain under the Government proposal. It is quite clear who will have to pay the tax if the Treasurer is to receive the amount he expects. As far as the country is concerned the man who will have to pay is the farmer. In my district, perhaps, through the operation of the existing land tax the large estates have been cut up and sold to the farmers at high prices; but, unfortunately, I do not think that the purchasers could get their money back if they tried to sell. They have made improvements; but the land has cost as much as L25 per acre, and, if L6 per acre is deducted for improvements, the proposed tax will amount to from 1s to 1s 6d per acre. It will thus act very severely on the farmers, while the large land-owners will be let off. Personally, I would be a gainer by the proposed tax; but I do not consider my own pocket when I come into this House; I consider the farmers of the district who send me here, and that is why I am opposed to the Government land tax. It falls on the farmers, and they are not able to bear it. I thought at first that it would be a fair tax, for one reason because it would tax the Collins street properties; but when I found that, in order to tax the Collins-street properties, our own farmers must be ground down, I came to the conclusion that it would be better to leave Collins street alone for the present. As regards the income tax, the Treasurer has informed the House that he expects to obtain about L100,000 from that source. I do not know where he gets his figures from. I suppose he thinks that the late Treasurer's estimate of L125,000 was an under estimate.

Mr G. Turner.—That was only for six months.

Mr Austin.—I do not think that the Treasurer could collect that amount of money from the whole of the incomes. I am certain that incomes in the colony at the present time are from 45 to 50 per cent. lower than they were three years ago, while the reduction is less in the city than in the country. What will it cost the Treasurer to gather in this income tax? In South Australia the cost of gathering in the income tax for the first year was about 33 per cent. It will cost us say L30,000 to collect our income tax for the present year, and I do not think the time has come in which we should build up another State department to gather in a tax of L70,000. I consider the proposals of the Government to be unsatisfactory, and it is my intention to support the motion of the honorable member for Anglesey.

IT IS EASY TO ASK QUESTIONS.

A child can ask questions that a wise man can't answer. Yes; and there are some questions that the ablest doctors don't like to have people ask them. Say a question of this sort—while we are about it, however, we might as well tell the story straight away and have done with it.

Mrs Sarah Mace was very ill with influenza. That was in February, 1892, the time of the epidemic. The attack was severe. She was suddenly seized with a violent pain in the head (both front and back) and temples. She had pain in all her joints too, and was hot and feverish. She went to bed and sent for a doctor. He came, examined her, took her temperature—over 100 degrees—and said very little, like a wise man. The lady could not turn herself in bed. She lived on slops, such as milk and broth, she could not swallow a morsel of solid food. Her husband pressed her to take strong food, saying, "If you don't eat, you will starve." Right enough; but he forgot that when one can't eat he can't eat, and there's an end.

Well she got weaker and weaker, and fell away until there wasn't much left of her but skin and bone. Then, in her anxiety, she put her question: "*Doctor, do you think I shall get well?*"

The doctor's answer was true and honest; we like and respect him for it. He said. "*Mrs Mace, I do not know.*" He couldn't tell. Neither could any other doctor. No, not even if he had a string of titles to his name as long as a kite's tail. But did she get well? Wait a bit. We must hark back a minute now.

Along about the 10th of March, 1880, Mrs Mace began to feel tired, languid, and weary, as if her work were too much for her, she said. She had a bad taste in the mouth, poor appetite, and whatever she ate gave her pain at the chest and heart. "I had" she continues, "a dull heavy pain at the right side and between the shoulders, and a sinking feeling at the pit of the stomach, and a rising of foul gas in my throat. Later on I had rheumatic pains in my heart, chest, and back. I sent for a doctor who attended me for six weeks, but I got worse. One day the cook said, "Why don't you try Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup?"—this being a medicine my mistress (I was living with a lady in Camden Town) kept in the house for family use. I did so, and was soon as strong as ever.

Years fled away, and in 1891 she had the first attack of influenza, and in 1892 the second, already described in part. We now complete the account of the 1892 attack.

Mrs Mace says: "The doctor continued to attend me for five weeks, and I took his medicines for that time, but gained no strength. After having suffered for seven weeks I said to my husband, 'I will now see what Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup will do for me. Perhaps it may cure influenza as well at other ailments.' I carried out this resolution; began taking the Syrup, and was soon on my feet again, and have since kept in excellent health, taking an occasional dose when needed. (Signed) SARAH MACE, Monk's Farm, Great Warley, Brentwood, Essex. August 27th, 1892."

Now we have never advertised Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup as a remedy for influenza. Yet the facts stated by Mrs Mace cannot be disputed. What is the conclusion? A very simple one indeed. She did not have influenza until her system had been debilitated by indigestion and dyspepsia. It is such people generally (almost wholly) that all epidemic diseases attack. The dreaded cholera scarcely ever touches anybody except a dyspeptic—cholera is a malady of the bowels only. The more we hear of disease the more the proof piles up showing that persons with a sound digestion are safe against dying of anything except violence or old age. The Syrup cured Mrs Mace's influenza by taking away the ground it stood on—the torpidity of her digestion.

She once asked, "Doctor, do you think I shall get well?" Time and Mother Seigel have said, "Yes."

The action of the Strathfieldsaye Shire Council in deciding to ask the land-owners in that district to plough fire-breaks round their properties, with the view of preventing if possible extensive bush fires, is likely to have a good effect throughout the country. Mr Thomas Robertson, of Congbool, Balmoral, has written to the *Hamilton Spectator* on this subject, and he recommends the use of the treble furrow stump-jump plough as being admirably adapted for the purpose. The danger in a season like this, when grass is so abandant, of a great bush fire carrying ruin to many country residents cannot be over-rated. Summer has come on us with great suddenness, and if any combined effort is to be made to prevent great fires, not a day must be lost. The negligence of land-owners generally in making any attempts to secure themselves against fire is such as to justify the Strathfieldsaye Shire Council in asking Parliament to make it compulsory on land-holders to form efficient fire-breaks on their land. It must be borne in mind by all who form fire-breaks that a few feet is not of the slightest use. The flames of a bush fire driven on by the fiery breath of a gale from the north, will easily leap across a narrow break if it occurs directly across its path. Where it is possible the lines of break should not be directly opposed to the north-wind.

"In the organism of man, as in that of all the higher animals, the materials for the nutrition of every portion of the structure are supplied by the Blood. If the Blood is diseased, the body is diseased." "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture" is a guaranteed cure for all Blood and Skin Diseases. It is the most searching blood cleanser ever discovered, and it will free the system from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Pimples and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere, at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

The police have arrested Reginald Saunderson, a nephew of the late Colonel Saunderson, M.P., for North Armagh, for the murder of Augusta Dawes, a woman of the unfortunate class, whose mutilated body was found recently in one of the streets of Kensington. The prisoner, who had been pronounced insane by medical men, has confessed to the crime.

"The trade in cut flowers in London alone is of the amount of L5000 a day." This statement, startling as it seems, is taken from the report of the Flower Girls' Mission.

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In replying to a deputation on Monday, the Premier hinted that any alterations in the tariff agreed to by Parliament in March would not come into operation before the end of the current financial year, which terminates on the 30th June, 1895.

"HOW IS IT THAT 'CLARKE'S BLOOD MIXTURE' has obtained such great popularity?" is a question which has perplexed many. The answer is, that it is unquestionably the finest blood purifier that science and medical skill have brought to light. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Bad Legs, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Sold everywhere, at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

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CALENDAR OF OPERATIONS FOR DECEMBER.

A long spell of dry weather culminating as we write in the hottest day on record, 105 in the shade and 152 in the sun, will have tested the constitution of many plants and the means that have been taken to protect and assist them.

In dry weather there are three ways of assisting plants in the open by watering, mulching, and stirring the ground.

Where water is at command it is better to thoroughly soak the ground occasionally, rather than to give lighter but more frequent waterings. The rule is that roots follow moisture, heavy watering means that the water soaks into the ground, while light waterings only moisten the surface, and the roots are burned up by the sun. Mulching is putting a covering several inches thick of grass or stable litter which acts as a shield, and making a break from the heat of the sun keeps down whatever moisture there is in the soil. Anyone lifting the mulching will see how moist the soil is, as compared with the ground about. Stirring the soil keeps down the weeds and makes a lot of air cells which check the moisture from being drawn up by the sun.

Beans, French—Sow 2 inches deep, and instead of covering with soil, which frequently gets so hard as to break off the young plants when coming through the soil, cover with 2 in. of round horse droppings. Let row be 2 feet 6 inches and plants 6 inches apart. 1 lb sows row 80 feet. Matures in about 4 months.

Beet, red—Sow freely ½ inch deep, in rows 15 inches and plants 6 inches apart. 1 oz sows row 60 feet. Matures in about 4 months.

Beet, silver—Sow ½ inch deep, in rows 15 inches apart. Sow thickly when the young plants are to be boiled as spinage, leaving a plant every 6 inches to provide leaves in February and March.

Borecole or kale, brocoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, and savoy should all be sown freely, to produce plants ready for planting out in the coming year. To grow good plants now requires care. Sow the seed ⅛ of an inch deep, and cover with a layer 1 inch thick of the round droppings of a horse. This prevents the ground from caking when watered, and nourishes the plants. 1 oz sows bed 4 feet by 20 feet. Plant must be kept watered. In watering it is better to water heavily and seldom, when the water soaks down into the ground, and the roots follow and are safe from the sun, rather than to water frequently and lightly and bring the roots up to the surface, where if neglected for a day, or if extra hot weather is experienced, the roots are scorched up and the plants die.

The next trouble is the cabbage moth, which is a great scourge. This moth is nocturnal, commencing to fly about sundown. Young chickens greedily eat the moth, and when young do no harm. Keep the old hen in a coop near the seed beds. To destroy the grub, water the plants with a solution of tobacco water, still better with nicotine whale oil soap, which sticks the tobacco extract to the plant, or ¼ oz London purple or Paris green, which are deadly poisons, to 3 gallons of water. A handy way of catching the moth is to have a light frame on which to tack a piece of sacking, which paint with tar on the top, leaving a few inches clean at the bottom, which piece may hang below the frame. Then let two people each taking an end, draw tightly over the plants from one end of the bed to the other letting the loose sacking touch the plants. The moths disturbed fly upwards, and are caught in the sticky tar. If healthy plants, free from the grub, are transplanted into well-worked and well-manured ground, they grow so quickly that the grub does little damage, limiting its ravages to the outside leaves. If slowly and badly grown, the plants are sometimes riddled to the heart, and utterly useless for cooking. For very early cauliflower we call special attention to the early erfurt. 1s per packet.

Celery—Sow seed 18th of an inch deep in a box to transplant. When plants are a few inches high their growth may be retarded by supplying only a little moisture. As plants are wanted a few may be picked out into good soil. By this means, one sowing will supply plants for several months.

Cress—Sow 1-8th of an inch deep, thickly, in rows or broadcast. 1 oz. sows bed 4 feet square.

Cucumber—Sow 2 or 3 seeds ½ of an inch deep in hills 6 feet apart. When plants have set a crop of cucumbers, layer the shoots near the end, making the soil very rich. The plants will root into this and produce successive crops as they are layered.

Leek—Sow ½ of an inch deep in rows 2 ft., and plants 6 inches apart. Roll or tramp the soil when the seed is sown to firm the surface. 1 oz. sows row 80 feet. Matures in June.

Lettuce—Sow ½ of an inch deep, 3 or 4 seeds every foot. Let the strongest plants grow. Lettuce may be grown between rows of slowly growing vegetables, and be cut off before they are in the road. Matures in 18 weeks.

Maize—Sow 1 inch deep in rows 3 feet and plants 1 foot apart. For cobs allow 3 feet every way. It is a good plan to sow the seed at the bottom of a furrow 6 to 9 inches deep, and as the plants grows work the soil round the stem. The plant will root from the stem, and thus have more root power, besides having its roots deep down in the soil where the moisture is.

Mangold wurzel—Sow ½ an inch deep, in rows 2 feet 6 inches and plants 1 foot 3 inches apart. Seedlings, when as large as a finger, may be safely transplanted, but will not freely transplant when smaller.

Onion—Sow in richly manured ground ½ of an inch deep, in rows, thickly for onions for salad. Tramp ground when seed is sown as such seeds require a firm surface.

Orache or mountain spinage—Where not sown, sow ½ of an inch deep, allowing 2 feet between rows and plants. Leaves broken off as they grow supply a splendid spinage.

Peas—In moist districts, or where water is available, sow 1 inch deep, in rows 4 feet and plants 6 inches apart.

Potatoes—Sow a few to produce seed for the coming year. Throw up a furrow, and plant the seed 4 inches below this furrow, drawing down the earth as the plants grow.

Radish—Sow a few in rich ground, watering well; ½ of an inch deep, rows 1 foot and plants 2 inches apart.

Sorghum—Sow ½ an inch deep in rows 3 feet apart, where not already sown. This will give successional crops till cut off by the frost.

Turnip—Orange jelly and Swedish turnips can be sown now, ½ of an inch deep, in rows 18 inches and plants 6 inches apart.

Scale breeds moth, and is more exposed to the effects of washes, such as kerosene emulsion; one washing now is worth three or four at other periods of the year.

Plant dahlias from subdivision of last year's plants, or green plants struck from cuttings. To divide tubers, split the old stem, seeing that there is a sprout on it, and let there be one or more of the old tubers. Green plants are raised from the sprouts of the old tubers, started by heat, and when large enough broken off and struck as a cutting. The finest flowers are obtained in autumn from the plants put out now.

Chrysanthemum plants should be finally cut back about Christmas, letting stems be only about 6 to 8 inches high. Do not water for two or three days till cut is dried otherwise plants bleed to death. If weather is warm shade the plants. A mulching of 2 to 4 inches of manure should be put round the plants, keeping the soil moist and supplying nutriment to the plants. Water freely.

Cineraria seed and pansy should now be planted. Pansies sown now and brought through the hot weather will produce finer plants and earlier flowers than the March sown seed.

"KEATING'S POWDER" destroys bugs, fleas, moths, beetles, and all other insects, whilst quite harmless to domestic animals. In exterminating beetles the success of this powder is extraordinary. It is perfectly clean in application. See the article you purchase is "KEATINGS" (i.e.), with the signature Thomas Keating on each tin, as imitations are noxious and ineffectual. Sold in tins, 6d, and 1s each, by all chemists.

Cigarette smoking appears to be growing rapidly in popular favor in Victoria, and unlike the Parliamentary suffrage the practice is not confined to the male sex alone. It is stated on good authority that ladies have played an important part in increasing the consumption of the seductive cigarette.

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A man may as well sit down in a meadow and expect a cow to come and be milked, as to sit down in his store and expect to get trade without advertising. An occasional customer may stray in, inquire for something, and buy it, but most people go where they have been informed that the goods they want are to be found. Furthermore, a considerable proportion of business is *made* by advertising. An advertisement often suggests to a reader his want of an article, and he goes and buys when he would not have realised his need if he had not been put in mind of it.

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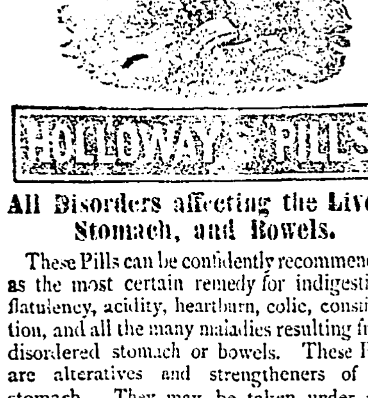

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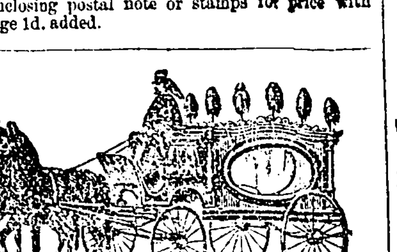

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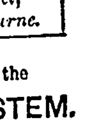

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AN INTERESTING LETTER

FROM A WELL-KNOWN

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DR. LLEWELLYN, who is duly Qualified and Registered, is aware that by departing from the usual routine practice and devoting himself exclusively to a special branch, which he has done for some time, he is not strictly following the paths of professional etiquette, but, as a considerable body of the profession are still disposed to stand coldly aloof from anyone of their number who acquires popularity in the treatment of certain ailments and ... a Medical Specialist, he does not hesitate to resort to what he considers legitimate means for the purpose of disarming cynical criticism, and of securing as far as he is able the confidence of the public. It is assuredly better to seek assistance from the qualified practitioner in preference to the quack.

The true designation of quackery belongs to those shameless adventurers who, without a particle of medical knowledge or a tittle of claim to the humblest department of the profession, practise extortion and deceit, advertising their nostrums as CURE-ALLS; men of the lowest grade of intellect and responsibility whose assurance is as unbounded as their promises are specious. Such men abound in Melbourne, Sydney, and other towns in Australia, and by their flaming advertisements attract the attention of the unwary. The mischief to the health by swallowing the nostrums of these persons is oftentimes irretrievable, besides the money totally wasted in purchasing, at exorbitant rates, their so-called curative appliances.

The argument is, that the every-day enlightenment of mankind should protect them from resorting to the unprincipled; that if physic be a science, it should be honoured and respected as such; that the necessary inquiry and reflection should direct the visit from the nostrum-monger to the respectable practitioner. But alas! the dilemma in which a man finds himself when suffering from the follies of his own imprudence, and which he is anxious to conceal, renders him more solicitous to shun the respectable man and to creep into nooks and corners for counsel and consolation. Every member of the profession is too proud of his qualifications to hide them under a bushel. Dr. Llewellyn has passed examinations at the chief Medical Colleges in England: is a legally qualified and registered medical practitioner in Victoria; holds high testimonials, which all patients may inspect; and is, through a complete study, knowledge, practice, and experience of Special Diseases, a most reliable Expert, in whom there can be placed, without doubt, unlimited confidence.

The widespread evils and diseases arising from ... and indiscretion cannot be too generally known. It is to be hoped that any reader of this paragraph who may suffer from these special complaints, will be awakened to their fearful consequences. If there be any amongst the readers of this letter who have unhappily fallen into objectionable habits, and are suffering in consequence, and are unwilling to hand an enfeebled constitution to their offspring, I would earnestly charge them to lose no time, but seek at once a means of cure, so that they may be restored to pristine health and vigour, before the evil becomes too deeply seated. I adhere strictly to the most approved and modern lines of treatment in my exclusive branch of practice, embracing Chronic Nervous, Skin and Special Diseases in men and women, and can, with confidence, undertake the permanent cure of all cases within the reach of medical skill.

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To anyone whose confidence in the possibility of a satisfactory and permanent cure has been shaken by the conduct of various advertising parties who are only medical pretenders with no real knowledge of the human body, and who are in the habit of sending the same so-called Remedy to all who apply to them, or who have been victimised by any of the horde of Quacks, who have for years preyed upon the inexperienced, and whose only object is gain, whose boastful pretensions but veil their ignorance; to any such sufferer I would say, "Do not be desponding, and do not despair of a cure, but apply to me, or to any other reliable medical man, skilled in those special ailments, and the result will be all you could desire."

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Wheat, 2s to 2s 1d; Algerians, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; eas, to 1s 8d; barley, prime malting, 3s d to 3s 9d; Cape, 2s to 2s 1d; potatoes, L2 10s to L2 15s; hay, prime green chaffing, L1 12s 6d to L1 15s; medium, L1 7s to L1 10s; manger hay, L2 5s to L2 10s 6d; straw, to L1 5s; bran, 5d to 5½d; pollard, 6d; flour, roller, L5 5s to L5 10s; stone, L4 0s to L4 15s.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 1s 9½d per bushel, bags in; flour stone-made, L4 15s per ton; roller-made, L5 per ton; oats, 1s 5d to 1s 6½d per bushel, bags in; pollard, 6d per bushel; bran, 5d per bushel; Cape barley, 2s 3d per bushel; potatoes, Warrnambool, old, L2 per ton; new, 4s 6d per cwt.; Ballarat, 35s per ton; hay, sheaves, to L1 10s per ton; hay, trussed, L2 10s per ton; straw, 20s per ton; chaff, 2s 9d per cwt; onions, 8s per cwt; carrots, 3s per cwt; butter, fresh, 5d per lb; butter, potted, 4d; hams, 8½d per lb; bacon, 5½d per lb; cheese, 4d per lb; eggs, 7d per dozen.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET,

Tuesday.

Fat Cattle—400 head came to hand for to-day's sale, principally consisting of quality ranging from medium to useful, a fair proportion being good and prime. There was only a fair muster of the trade, the majority having supplies on hand, consequently competition throughout for all descriptions was exceedingly dull, prices obtained showing a marked decline on last week's rates closing very weak, a few being held over. Quotations:—Prime pens bullocks, L6 to L6 10s, extra heavy to L7 5s; good do, L4 10s to L5 10s; medium do, L3 to L4; cows to L3 10s. Store Cattle—51 yarded, which were disposed of at low rates. Calves—32 penned, principally indifferent quality, and were disposed of at low rates, selling to 23s. Fat sheep—6773 was the supply penned for to-day's sale, chiefly comprising medium qualities, only a very small proportion being good and prime. The attendance of buyers was hardly up to the average, sales for best descriptions opening decidedly dull, and continuing so throughout, prices ruling considerably lower than last week, whilst middling sorts were exceedingly difficult to quit even at a big reduction on late rates, a few remaining unsold. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 7s to 7s 6d, a few extra to 9s 6d; good do, 6s to 6s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 6s to 7s, extra to 8s; good do, 5s to 5s 6d; prime merino wethers, 5s 6d to 6s, extra to 6s 8d; good do, 4s 6d to 5s; merino ewes to 5s 1d. Store Sheep—7000 forward, principally medium and inferior sorts, for which there was hardly any demand, only a small proportion being sold at very low prices. Lambs—3559 to hand, the proportion of good and prime being very small, for which late rates were readily obtained, others showing no alteration. Quotations:—Prime, 7s to 7s 6d, a few to 8s; good, 6s to 6s 6d; medium, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; prime shorn, 6s to 6s 6d, extra to 7s; good, 4s to 5s.

The following district sales are reported:—By Messrs Hepburn, Dowling, and Crawford.—37 bullocks for Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., St. Enoch's, to L5; 387 merino wethers and ewes for Mr Philip Russell, Mawallok, wethers to 6s 3d, ewes to 5s 1d, the top price of the market for merino ewes; 196 merino wethers for Messrs Beggs Bros., Eurambeen, to 5s; 50 lambs for Mr W. Lewis, Stoneleigh, to 7s 3d.

MELBOURNE MARKETS

Wednesday.

The Melbourne Woolbrokers' Association report:—Wheat.—Market steady. Prime, 2s 2d to 2s 2½d; good, 2s 1d to 2s 1½d; medium, 2s 1d; inferior and faulty, 2s to 2s 0½d. Oats weak. Prime stout whites, 1s 9d to 1s 9½d; medium, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; Algerians, 1s 4d; new, 1s 3d; feed sorts, 1s 1d to 1s 2½d. Barley.—Market steady. First class malting, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; good to 3s 2d; medium and inferior difficult to quit; Cape, feed, 1s 3d to 1s 4d. Maize.—Prime ninety-day, 2s; flat red, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; round, 1s 10½d. Peas, 1s 9d to 1s 9½d.

Mr George Evans, auctioneer, 439 Flinders-lane, reports:—"Cheese.—New coming forward freely; the market is rather dull. Prime new, 3½d to 4d per lb; medium, 3d. Prime matured, 6d. Potted Butter.—Prime, 5d to 6d per lb; inferior and pastry sorts, 4d to 4½d. Fresh Butter.—In short supply. Prime, 6½d to 7½d per lb; medium to good, 5½d to 6d; only a few cases of inferior lower. Factory lump, 8d; prints, 8½d. Eggs—A large supply, but owing to the heat of the past few days the market was dull, prices receding to 5½d per dozen; a few private lines 6d. Hams, 7d. Bacon, town-cured, 4½d to 5d. Lard, 3½d to 4d. Garden honey.—Prime, 4d. Beeswax, 10½d to 11d. Poultry.—In good demand. Heavy young roosters brought from 3s 4d to 4s 7d per pair; mixed fowls, 2s 4d to 3s; hens, 1s 9d to 2s 2d; geese, 3s 6d to 5s; ducks, 2s 3d to 3s 6d; and turkeys, from 5s to 13s, according to sex, size, and condition.

GEELONG WEEKLY MARKET

Messrs George Hague and Co. report under date of 7th Decr.:—

Wool—We held our eighth sale of the season to-day, when we submitted a catalogue of 422 bales. We had no superior wools, our offerings consisting entirely of inferior to medium sorts, with a few fair crossbred lots. There was a large attendance of buyers present, and biddings were fairly animated—prices generally ruling about the same as last week, mixed and burry crossbreds and low sorts generally being the most difficult to quit. We made almost a clearance of our catalogue. A few of the leading lines sold as follows:—A M C over Park (Camperdown) A x bred fleece at 7½d, and merino com and clo at 6½d. E x (Stawell) merino hoggets at 7d. — over R B over Moyston (Ararat) comeback fleece at 7d. ⌒ over E over Ɪ over ⌣ (Stawell) merino fleece at 6¾d. P W over Concongella (Stawell) 1st com at 6½d. W M over Navarre (Stawell) merino fleece at 6½d. S S over C (Stawell) comeback fleece at 6½d. F M over G M (Glenorchy) merino fleece at 6½d.

Sheepskins—We submitted a large supply to a full attendance of buyers, but cannot report any improvement on last week's prices, biddings still being slack in favor of buyers. We sold all as follows:—Butchers' fresh-killed skins, small to medium, 40d to 48d each; good to superior, 50d to 51d, extra higher. Station skins, short 1d to 2d per lb.; medium, 2½d to 3d per pound; extra, higher. Lambskins, 1d to 3d per pound.

Hides.—We had a fair supply, but slack demand. We sold—Heavies to 2½d per lb, extra higher. Good conditioned salted, light and medium sorts, 1½d to 1¾d, other sorts, 1d to 1½d per pound, Kip 1½d to 1½d per pound. Calf to 2¾d per pound.

Messrs Dennys, Lascelles, Austin, and Co. offered 5,030 bales on 7th inst, of which 4,382 bales were sold. Among the leading clips sold were:—Austin over Borriyalloak, Skipton, a very well-grown and well-bred wool, the merino lambs' to 9¾d and fleece to 8¼d—32 of AA, BB, and CC, H at 8½d, 22 of CC at 8¼d, 28 of A and B H at 8d, 7 of A lambs' at 9¾d, and 5 of A lambs at 8¾d; A S over Wongan (Streatham), 32 of 1st com. W and E at 8½d, 4 bales 1st lambs' at 9½d; T O over Pretty Tower (Beaufort), 67 of super. and 1st com. at 8¼d, 14 bales 1st com at 8d, and 7 of 1st lambs' at 9½d.

Messrs Dalgety and Co. Ltd. sold on 7th inst. 1709 bales. J O M over Shannon Park over Nr. Skipton (John O'Meara), 4 bales 1st crossbred brought 9½d.

Beaufort Business Directory.

GEORGE LOFT,
BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,
Willoughby Street, near Shire Hall,
BEAUFORT.
Half Soleing and Heeling, for Cash—Men's, 3s 6d; Women's, 2s 9d; Children's, at equally reduced rates.

MANCHESTER HOUSE.
New Spring and Summer Goods!
ARRIVING DAILY.
INSPECTION INVITED.
—G. H. COUGLE,—
THE CHEAP DRAPER,
Havelock Street,
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WILLIAM SMITH,
—FAMILY BUTCHER,—
HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.
Prime Meat kept. Soft Goods always on hand
Orders called for daily.

TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.
PRICES OF BEEF & MUTTON FOR CASH.
By the quarters or half quarters, 17s 6d per 100 lb.; Corned Beef, 15s per 100 lb.; Mutton, by the carcase, 2d per lb.; Legs, 3d per lb.; Prime Roast, 4½d per lb.; Chops, from 4d to 5d per lb.; Sausages, 4d per lb.; Rump Steak, from 4d to 6d per lb.

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.
TO THE RESIDENTS OF WATERLOO AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.
A. KILGOUR,
PRACTICAL TAILOR, BEAUFORT
Begs to announce to the residents of Waterloo and district that he will make regular visits to Waterloo, every alternate Saturday, beginning on the 13th October, when he will be pleased to execute all orders entrusted to him in his well-known style, and at prices that will astonish and meet with the approval of those favouring him with their orders.
As my motto is "NO FIT, NO PAY," customers can rely on getting satisfaction.
A choice collection of Tweeds and Coatings have just arrived for the ensuing season, amongst which will be found goods to please the most fastidious tastes in design, quality, and price.
NOTE:—Customers desirous of being waited on at their own homes will please leave a note to that effect at Mrs Vowles' Richmond Hotel, Waterloo, which will receive my immediate attention.
Motto—"NO FIT, NO PAY."
A. KILGOUR,
Practical Tailor,
BEAUFORT.

[A CARD.]
DR. ADAM,
M.B., C.M.,
May in future be Consulted at his Private Residence (next to Police Station); also when necessary at his Consulting Room, next Mr. Andrews', Chemist.
Messages left with Mr. Andrews conveyed by telephone.

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It is certainly a matter for very great regret that the farmers and agriculturists of not only this district but throughout the colony generally do not pay a great deal more attention to the management of their pastures, in order to ensure an ample supply of fodder for their cattle throughout the year. The subject is of such vast importance that it is hard to realise that it has been so neglected in the past, or that those who are dependent for their living on our rich lands could display the apathy they have done in the matter. All will acknowledge that the question is one of very great importance, nevertheless farmers and graziers treat the matter lightly, and take but little pains to learn the true value of fodder plants. They have simply been content to run in the same old groovelaid down for them by their ancestors, and are content to follow the old beaten track without troubling themselves to adopt newer and more profitable systems of laying out their lands. This it must surely be admitted is not as it should be, for every farmer in order to advance with the times should know the nature and uses of the various grasses and fodder plants. In this part of the colony nature at certain seasons provides bountifully, although naturally throughout the dry seasons fodder is generally scarce. But these seasons should be provided for, and the aim should be to assist nature by procuring a variety of grasses, and we trust, now that the dairying industry has taken such a firm hold and is still expanding, that our agriculturists will be alive to the necessity of introducing new and even more valuable fodder plants than exist at present. Scientists affirm that there exist no less than 3000 genera of grasses, and that Australia alone possesses some 400 distinct species, all more or less valuable for fodder purposes. It is also stated that there are many native grasses, which are now almost utterly neglected, that are much better and more suitable to the Australian climate than the imported grasses, and that we possess native grasses suitable to all varieties of soil and climate which could be cultivated to great advantage. The experts of the Agricultural Department have called attention to the fact that dairymen do not pay sufficient attention to their pastures, and if dairying is to become as successful as could be wished, it is essential that this matter should not be neglected.

Local and General News.

NEW GOODS.—For first-class Spring and Summer Drapery, at moderate prices, go to McKEICH's. His stock is the largest, his prices are the lowest, for Millinery, Dresses, Prints, Crepons, Ribbons, Laces, Corsets, Hosiery, and Gloves, Umbrellas, Calicoes, Sheetings, Suits, Hats, Ties, Shirts, Boots and Shoes, and all classes of general drapery. J. McKEICH, The Direct Importer, Neill-street, Beaufort.—[ADVT.]

We have received a very pretty packet of Xmas. greeting cards from Mr A. J. Smith, of Collins-street, Melbourne—a marvel of cheapness at 1s.

The parents and friends of the scholars attending the Beaufort State school are invited to the annual presentation of prizes, to be made by Captain Bridges, R.N., on Friday afternoon next at half-past 2 o'clock.

Probate duty has been paid during the week ending 12th inst. on the estate of the late Philip Blackmore, Waterloo South. The estimated value of the estate is L1600, L820 of which is available for duty, the amount of duty paid being L11 3s 7d.

We are pleased to notice that Mr W. H. Elliott (formerly of Beaufort) has been returned as a member of the Ararat Borough Council. At a bye-election on Thursday Mr Elliott defeated Mr E. M. Godfrey by 21 votes, the voting being—Elliott, 162: Godfrey, 141.

The secretary of the Beaufort Jockey Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations towards the New Year's Day races:—Mr Philip Russell (Mawallok), L2; Captain Bridges, R.N., L2; Mr George Lewis, L1 1s; Hon. Robt. Simson, L2.

A rifle match was fired at Ararat on Saturday last between the Ballarat Militia and D Co. Victorian Rangers, 10 men a side, and resulted in a win for the Rangers by 48 points. Private J. P. Dolan and Corporal D. F. Troy, of Beaufort, scored 44 and 37 respectively. The total scores were 421 and 373 at ranges of 500 and 600 yards.

The following important alterations in the train service will take effect from Monday next. The train leaving Ballarat at present at 3.45 p.m. departs at 5.20 p.m., arriving at Beaufort at 6.50 p.m. instead of 5 p.m., and leaves for Stawell at 7 o'clock. The train from Stawell which reaches Beaufort at 1.30 p.m. is to be discontinued; also the 10.25 p.m. train from Ballarat, and arriving here at 11.30 p.m., excepting on Saturday night, when it will run as at present.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade was held at Vowles' Camp Hotel on Tuesday evening. Present—Captain Humphries (in the chair), Foreman Trudgen, and Brigaders Adams, Dolan, E. P. Welsh, R. Smith, and Secretary Driver. An account of £6 was recommended for payment to Mr Archard. Mr P. Hocking was elected a working member of the Brigade. The secretary submitted a balance-sheet showing a credit balance of £8 5s. The auditors (Messrs Dolan and Welsh) reported that they had examined the accounts and found the same correct. It was decided to post the regulations in the station house. Captain Humphries then vacated the chair, and Brigadier Dolan was appointed in his stead. The election of officers for the ensuing 12 months resulted as follow:—Captain, W. Humphries; lieutenant, Geo. Helyar; foreman, T. Trudgen; secretary, W. Driver. The officers present returned thanks, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

A very pretty, though quiet, wedding was celebrated in the Primitive Methodist Church, Beaufort, on Wednesday morning, the contracting parties being Mr David Patterson (formerly of Leeds, and son of the late Mr David Patterson, of Hirsk, Yorkshire, England). and Miss Lillie Strickland (youngest daughter of Mr Wm. Strickland, of Beaufort.) The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. R. Jackson, assisted by the Rev. W. J. Bray. The bride, who looked charming, was handsomely attired in white silk, trimmed with Brussell's lace, and wore a veil and coronet of orange blossoms, and also carried a lovely shower bouquet. The bridesmaid, Miss Strickland (sister of the bride), was becomingly dressed in cream Indian silk and lace. Mr W. J. Morrison, of Melbourne (formerly station master at Middle Creek), officiated as best man. Only the immediate friends of the bride and bridegroom partook of the sumptuous wedding breakfast provided at the residence of the bride's parents. The happy couple left by the 1.30 p.m. train for Fernshaw, Healesville, where the honeymoon is to be spent prior to settling down at East St. Kilda. The bride's travelling dress was of petuired cloth and brocade, with black picture hat, trimmed with pink roses and black ostrich plumes and daggers.

A meeting of the directors of the Beaufort Butter and Cheese Factory and Creamery Co. Ltd. was held at the factory on Saturday last. Present—Dr. Adam (chairman), Troy, Hannah, Holdsworth, and McDonald. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From Bartram and Son, stating that the capacity of the separator supplied to the company is 150 gals. per hour.—Received. From same, re damaged butter boxes; also stating that the 13 boxes of butter (first shipment) were damaged in transit, and had been placed under offer at 98s. The secretary here stated that, under the authority of the Chairman, he went to Melbourne to see Bartram and Son about the export business, and ascertained as follow:—1st. That nothing further was known about the first shipment of 13 boxes per s.s. Orya. 2nd. That the shipment per s.s. Oratava had realised 99s 6d, and the shipment per s.s. Arcadia 109s. 3rd. That the firm would take return of the damaged boxes.—Received. From Humble and Nicholson, forwarding statement of account for refrigerating plant.—Received; the secretary reported that the account had been settled in full, as there was a saving of £1 to the company by so doing. From S. J. Williams, offering to supply export boxes.—No action. From Secretary of Landsborough Dairy and Produce Co., asking for an offer for cream. The secretary stated an offer had been made on the same terms that Prowett had supplied under. From Registrar-General, acknowledging receipt of Co's balance-sheet.—Received. From T. Liston, J. Hern, and J. Jess, Middle Creek, complaining of the reduced price per gallon for milk payments under the test system at 6d per lb. for butter yield.—Resolved that payments for the month of November be at 6d per lb. on butter yields as per test, and 6½d per lb. for the month of December. Accounts amounting to £548 3s 7d were passed for payment, which includes £161 5s 5d for 15,299½ gals. supplied at Middle Creek creamery, and giving a yield of 6,456.16 lbs. of butter; £97 4s 11d for 9,469¾ gallons. of milk supplied at Stockyard Hill creamery, and giving a yield of 3,889.48 lbs. of butter; and £10 13s 7d for 987¾ gals. of milk supplied at Beaufort, and giving a yield of 947.90 lbs. of butter. A call of 2s 6d per share on shares numbered 1068 to 1102 was made payable to the secretary on the 3rd prox. Resolved that 6d be charged for the transfer of a share certificate. A letter from W. Roberts, Middle Creek, recommending a reconstruction of the company, and submitting a scheme for same was received, but no action was taken.

After a period of very sultry weather, refreshing rain fell on Wednesday evening and yesterday, 95 points being registered at 9 a.m. The weather, however, is still close and muggy.

It is notified in the Gazette that managers of commons who assumed office during the year retire on the 31st instant, and their successors should be elected before the close of the year, at public meetings duly convened for the purpose.

Punch's Almanac for 1895 is to hand, and maintains its usual high standard of cleverly executed illustrations and interesting and witty reading matter. The price is 6d.

MINING NEWS.

There is nothing new to report under the above heading. White and party have nearly completed the re-erection of their machinery. Thompson and party (the All Nations Company) have not reached the bottom, although they are on the wash. It has been currently reported that they have seen gold in the dirt when landing it, and that a color a few grains in weight was picked out. The water still continues very heavy. Trompf and party have abandoned their claim near the New Discovery lease. The Perseverance Company are down over 40 feet with their shaft. Iredale and party obtained 17dwt last week, whilst J. Baker and party washed off for the very poor result of 6dwt. A few parties are obtaining a little gold at Chute, but nothing sensational is reported. Those engaged in fossicking and puddling have poor yields to report, the best reaching 14dwt for three men.

The yields for the week ending Saturday, 8th inst., total 105 oz 8 dwt. The Lucky Company obtained 57 oz 13 dwt; Kinleyside and party, 4 oz 4 dwt; Last Chance (fortnight), 7 oz.

For several weeks past petty robberies of rope, picks, shovels, and in one case a windlas, have been reported from claims in this district during the absence of the owners, and it is hoped the police will exert themselves in endeavoring to discover the perpetrators of such mean thefts. It is indeed hard enough for the poor miners to eke out a living, without having to put up with the loss of their tools.

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B 41 PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, in either sex (acquired or constitutional), Gravel and Pains in the Back. Guaranteed free from Mercury. Sold in boxes, 4s 6d each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors; Sole Proprietors, THE LINCOLN AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG CO., Lincoln, England.

The sitting of the Assembly, begun at noon yesterday, was being continued at 4 o'clock this morning (says Friday's *Argus*) and the prospect was that a considerable time further would be occupied in dealing with the remaining clauses of the Tax Bill. Ministers passed the word round among their supporters that they were not to speak, and consequently the criticism came from the Opposition side. Considering the importance of the bill, and the circumstance that being a tax bill objection will be raised against the Council making amendments, the debating was by no means excessive. On the contrary, it was even too scant. Yet because it came from the Opposition the Premier lost his temper, tried to bully his opponents, and behaved in a very un-Premierlike manner. The more he hectored, the more suave became the critics, and made his exhibition the more glaring. Mr Madden stuck to him with indomitable courage, and forced him to make several amendments in the loosely-drawn bill. Clause 56 was reached when this edition went to press. If justification were needed for the rejection of the bill by the Council it would be the manner in which it was rushed through in the early hours of the morning by members whose constituents will not have to pay the taxes. At 5 a.m. the House is still sitting. All the clauses in the bill have been disposed of, and the conclusion of the proceedings is expected every moment.

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."—If the blood is laden with impurities it spreads disease as it circulates through the organs of the human body—Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kidneys, Brain. Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d. Beware of worthless imitations and substitute.

The conveyance of butter in the new ice trucks provided by the Railway department this week has proved an unqualified success. Through the machinery at the Spencer-street ice-house not being in perfect working order the full complement of ice could not be supplied to the 26 trucks that were used, yet a temperature below 60 deg. was secured, and some of them came back to Melbourne with the supplies of ice unexhausted. In some instances as low a temperature as 53 deg. was secured, so that there can be no doubt as to the suitableness of the trucks. The Railway Commissioners are highly gratified with the result which has been secured, and have given instructions that the construction of the balance of the insulating trucks shall be pushed on as rapidly as possible.

French diplomatists are deeply impressed with what they believe to be the results of the recent visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Russia. They declare that the Czar Nicholas assured the Prince of Wales that while he lived there would never be anything but friendship between Russia and England.

It is reported that the Japanese have captured Kinchow, an important place at the head of the Gulf of Liautung, which commands the road from Manchuria to Pekin. It is also rumoured that the Japanese have defeated the Chinese at Kinkuahu, and are now advancing on Toshunkou.

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 odour 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 depôt 33 Farringdon Road, London, England

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

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The anniversary services in connection with the Beaufort Primitive Methodist Sunday School were held on Sunday in the Societies' Hall. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Bray, of Bendigo, and the afternoon and evening services by the Rev. H. H. Barber of Brunswick. At the two last named services the hall was crowded to overflowing. The service commenced in the afternoon by the congregation singing the hymn commencing with the words, "Come let us join our cheerful songs," after which the Rev. J. Barber offered up a prayer. The choir and children then sweetly sang "Hear the Saviour's voice." Portion of the 1st chapter of Proverbs having been read by Mr Barber, the children and choir rendered the hymn, "Oh, love of God." Mr Barber delivered an earnest and inspiriting address to the young people, basing his remarks on Zechariah, 2nd chapter and 4th verse—"Run, speak to this young man." The text showed their duty and reminded them of the power of speech over young persons. The time of youth is the time of opportunity, so hasten and run and win their hearts before they are entrapped in ruin; for in most cases if people are not converted when they are young they are not afterwards. Evils and impurities gathered thickly around the young, and he urged teachers to speak earnestly and point out their destiny and their work would not be in vain. At the present time young men had greater possibilities and opportunities than ever before, and throughout all the ages the men who influenced the world and the church were the men who had carved out their careers as young men. The chief places in public life were open to-day, and the philosophers, scholars and inventors had labored for them. There was a call to be faithful and to sweep out of the market places trickery and advantage-taking. He urged the youth to be manly and not be laughed out of their manliness by the jeers of the empty-headed street-lounger. The greatest weakness in the world was the fear to do right lest someone would taunt them, and many a youth goes down to coarseness and ruin because he had not the courage and manliness to do the right. Young men of character, intelligence, and good training were such as the world wants. He urged them to use their opportunities, cultivate all the gifts with which they [illegible] what God [illegible] Wrong-doing was followed [illegible] evil. [illegible] as much [illegible] these things God would bring them to judgment, and [illegible] this restrain them. Decision for Christ ensures the highest, the fullest, strongest, and happiest life, and gives the crowning virtue to character. The pleasures which Jesus Christ give transcend all others. Decision for Christ makes a keener ambition, a nobler, a loftier, and a more refined life. He urged them to decide for Christ now, to cultivate their gifts, use well their talents, and avoid all evil passions. Their life would then be blessed, and end like a golden sunset, and in peace and rapture. May the message be blessed to every one, and may the God of the angels be their God and their guide, even unto death.

The following recitations were nicely given:—"The Battle of life," Bertie Parry; "Which shall it be?" Violet Pimblett; "Five years old to-day," Ernest Buchanan; "A little girl's letter," Winnie Humphreys; "Grandma," Florrie Cameron; "The wise men of the East; Harold Pimblett; "The unfinished prayer," Winnie Humphreys; "Learning a little every day," Ella Rogers. The choir and children also sang "The call for reapers" and "Sweet is the sunlight"; and a selection was played by the musicians while the collection was being taken up. The meeting closed with prayer.

The evening service was on similar lines. The meeting opened with praise, followed by prayer and the reading of Scripture. The Rev. R. Jackson then announced that the Rev. Mr Barber was to be the minister of this circuit, succeeding him after April next. Mr Barber again preached an eloquent and earnest sermon from Ecclesiastics, 10th chapter, 8th verse—"Whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him." After explaining the text, he said the instruction it gave was the impossibility of escape from sin. He spoke forcibly against gambling, betting, and intemperance, and showed what hedges should not be broken, such as purity of life, thought, touch, feeling, motive, deed, and all the exquisite refinements of life. He exhorted them not to sin, however trifling, for remember if they did they would be bitten, but to take Jesus as their saviour, guide, pattern, and helper, and not to break the hedge of holy scripture and spirit-strivings. As Moses lifted up the brazen serpent in the wilderness to cure the children of Israel from the serpents' bites, so he lifted up Jesus as an expression of God's mercy and love. Look to the cross on Calvary for mercy, strength, purity, and victory, and don't delay to decide for Jesus, for delays are dangerous. "To-day if ye will hear my voice, harden not your hearts."

Recitations were given by—Thos. Parry, "Belschazaar's death"; Eliza Whitfield, "The organ grinder"; Bertie Trompf, "Somebody's mother"; Mabel Cameron; Arthur Dungey, "The story of a stowaway"; Ada Trompf, "Little Mary and the snowflakes"; Reuben Parry, "Boys, wanted"; Lucretia Pimblett, "Joy among the angels." The hymns by the choir and children were entitled "Chime on" and "Toiling in rowing." Before closing the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. R. Jackson.

TEA AND PUBLIC MEETING.

On Monday evening the anniversary was further celebrated by a tea and public meeting. About 100 partook of the nice edibles provided by Mr Jas. Cowans in the Sunday schoolroom, and the young ladies who waited upon the tables, which were very tastefully laid out, were most assiduous in attending to the wants of those present.

The public meeting in the Societies' Hall was largely attended. The Rev. W. J. Bray presided and delivered a pleasing opening address, after the choir had sung 'The call for reapers,' and the Rev. H. H. Barber had offered up prayer. Excellent addresses [illegible] 'Spiritual [illegible]' and [illegible] were also delivered by the [illegible] Barber and the Chairman [illegible]

Most of the recitations given [illegible] Sunday services were repeated [illegible] fully appreciated. Two additional [illegible] "Grandma's spectacles" by [illegible] Cameron, and [illegible] Parry, were given. The singing of the choir and [illegible] afforded considerable pleasure [illegible] selections were—'Come unto me,' No. 11, 'Toiling in rowing,' and a solo by Miss Violet Pimblett, with chorus by the choir and children.

Mr Jas. Tulloch read the treasurer's report, showing that with a credit balance of L2 2s 7d from last year the receipts amounted to L30 3s 1½d, and the expenditure to L30 3s 10d, thus leaving a deficiency of 8½d. Mr Tulloch remarked that as the proceeds of the anniversary were not up to last year's so far, they would still be in debt, so that they could see Sunday school work was not the easiest thing in the world. Miss Day and Mr Pringle gave a dialogue upon popping the question. The Rev. R. Jackson moved, in felicitious terms, a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Revs. Mr Barber and Mr Bray, the conductor (Mr J. Jackson), Miss Day, collector, Miss Stuart, who trained the children to recite, Miss Strickland, who sold tickets, and the instrumentalists. Mr J. Jackson and the Chairman responded. The meeting closed with prayer.

The annual pic-nic was held in the Park on Wednesday afternoon, when there was a large gathering of scholars, teachers, and friends. It is needless to state that a very pleasant time was spent. There was no lack of amusement. The principal interest was taken in the children's races for toys, &c. [illegible] swinging [illegible] usual games [illegible] occasions, also [illegible] a good deal of attention. There was [illegible] and choice supply of [illegible] ample justice was accorded. The Sunday school teachers were very kind and attentive to visitors. The picnic will doubtless be long remembered by the little ones.

A REMEDY FOR THE RABBIT PEST.

Messrs Saunby and Harrison, a well-known firm of game and rabbit salesmen of Liverpool, have forwarded to the Secretary for Agriculture a circular, headed a "Remedy for the Rabbit Pest of Australia." They state that, having heard so much about the enormous quantities of rabbits in New Zealand and Australia, which have become a nuisance, they offer facilities for the abatement of this over-production, and at the same time make it a paying concern for all who care to undertake what they advise. They have already tried the experiment, and it has been a complete success. They say they are prepared to receive by each steamer except June, July, and August, 20,000 rabbits, which must be gutted as soon as killed, and sent with the heart left in but with the liver taken out, packed in small amply ventilated cases containing about 20 rabbits, and immediately put on board the steamer in the refrigerating chamber, so that they might be at once frozen. The firm add that for each full-grown rabbit put on board the steamer at Sydney or Melbourne they will give 6d. An invoice is to accompany each consignment, and a bank draft for the amount stated therein will be forwarded to the sender immediately on receipt of the rabbits in England. The offer is open to anyone, but the conditions must be fully complied with.

Railway excursions for the Christmas and New Year holidays will begin on the 20th instant, and from that date to 3rd January passengers will be booked to and from all stations in the colony at holiday fares. The tickets will be available for a month's return.

On Tuesday last the new ice trucks introduced this summer on the railways were used in traffic for the first time, and the reports so far received by the railway authorities show that the system has given general satisfaction.

A new railway time table will be issued on Monday next in consequence of the alterations in the running of suburban trains when the traffic is concentrated at the central depot. There will also be considerable changes and reductions of services on country lines, and in a few cases additional trains will run. Reductions will be made on the lines from Melbourne to Ballarat, Stawell to Horsham, Dimboola to Serviceton, on the Casterton line, on the Gippsland main line, on the line from Traralgon to Stratford, and on the Briagolong line. Additions will be made on the lines to Cobram, Yarrawonga and Queenscliff.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1894.

(Before Messrs Leader, P.M., and Leadbeater, J.P.)

A naturalisation paper was taken out by John Bending.

M. Flynn v. Richard Wilkinson, junr. Garnishee [illegible] Mr Pearson for judgment [illegible] appearance of garnishee. Proof was given of a debt of L7 [illegible] of L4 [illegible] being in the garnishee's hands. Order for L4 1s, out of which L1 1s costs is to be paid.

M. Flynn v. James Petty—Mr [illegible]

Mr Leader said the Bench were not willing to give costs for a paltry thing like that to witnesses. Defendant has the cost. Order for L3 6s [illegible] and costs against plaintiff.

A debt and trespass case were settled out of court.

Jas. Warnock and Edward [illegible], trustees in the estate of Michael Flynn v. Al. S[illegible]—Goods sold and delivered, L26 14s. Order for amount with [illegible] costs.

Same v. Thos. Moore, L12 8s [illegible]. Order for amount with [illegible] costs.

Same v. J. Cameron, L1 6s 2d. Order for amount with [illegible] costs.

Same v. C. Lennon, L24 [illegible]. Order for amount with 17s costs.

Same v. Jas. Crocker, L[illegible]. Order for amount with [illegible] costs.

Same v. J. Thompson, L[illegible]. Order for amount with [illegible] costs.

Same v. J. McDougall, L[illegible] 13s 10d. Order for amount with [illegible] 6d costs.

Six similar cases were struck out of court, and in one the summons was not served.

Mr Gill appeared for the plaintiffs.

W. Schlicht v. J. Alans. Goods sold and delivered, L18 6s 1d. L2 having been [illegible] since the issue of the summons, an order was made for L16 6s 1d with [illegible] costs.

Same v. G. Phillips, L1 15 [illegible]. Order for amount with [illegible] costs.

BEAUFORT LICENSING COURT.

MONDAY, [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr R[illegible] the B[illegible] Agency [illegible] of the House [illegible] hotel, Waterloo [illegible] Granted.

The following renewals of licenses were granted:—Beaufort Licensing District.—Janet [illegible] Saxon [illegible] valuation L25; Wm. Bickman, Main Lead hotel, Main Lead, valuation L[illegible]; J. Frasher, Waterloo hotel, Waterloo, valuation L25; Wm. Hine, Victoria Junction Hotel, Waterloo, valuation L25; Mary Hatton, [illegible] hotel, Waterloo, valuation L[illegible]; Catherine Kelly, Eurambeen hotel, Eurambeen, valuation L25; Nora Maria Kelly, Beaufort hotel, Beaufort, valuation L50; Wm. Loft, Railway hotel, Beaufort, valuation L50; [illegible] Maher, Farmers' Arms hotel, Beaufort, valuation L35; T. D. Mott, Australian hotel, Waterloo, valuation L35; Jas. Mitchell, Sailors' Gully hotel, Nerring, valuation L20; George McC[illegible], George hotel, Beaufort, valuation L[illegible]; Helen Prince, Raglan hotel, Raglan, valuation L25; Wilhelm Schlicht, All Nations' hotel, Beaufort, valuation L45; Thos. Thompson, Commercial hotel, Beaufort, valuation L[illegible]; [illegible] VanderStoel, Victoria hotel, Beaufort, valuation L40; Chas. W. Vowles, Camp Hotel, Beaufort, valuation L[illegible]; Emma Vowles, Richmond hotel, Waterloo, valuation L40; Rudolph Wangler, Working Miners' hotel, Waterloo, valuation L25; Selina Walsh, Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort, valuation L[illegible].

Grocers' licenses were granted to David Troy and John R. Wotherspoon.

No. of inhabitants in Beaufort Licensing District—on roll, 545; statutory, 2725.

Burrumbeet Licensing District.—The following renewals were granted:—Andrew Dewar, Springs hotel, Waubra, valuation L50; Jas. Fitzgerald, White Hart hotel, Waubra, valuation L50; Robt. Kettle, Pyrenees hotel, Lexton, valuation L50; Jas. McInerny, Trawalla hotel, Trawalla, valuation L45.

No. of inhabitants in Burrumbeet Licensing District—on roll, 54; statutory, 270.

A temporary license was granted W. Schlicht of the All Nations' hotel, Beaufort, for the Beaufort Jockey Club's New Year's Day races.

Each ocean steamer that arrives in port, writes the *Sydney Mail*, brings its returned colonist with some information about the butter and cheese industry. Among the latest of these is Mr Alexander Hay, who visited the London butter markets, where he saw some New South Wales butter of very low quality being scraped and re-packed so that it might be sold, and found Victorian butter sold readily to arrive. He asked in London, "Where should I go to see the best dairying—to Denmark?" "No," was the reply; "go to Victoria." Our contemporary further adds the comment, "Is there not special significance in the London advice, 'Go to Victoria,' when it is repeated by the representative of one of the largest and most valuable dairying estates in New South Wales?"

CRICKET.

BALLARAT v. BEAUFORT.

The Ballarat 1st eleven visited Beaufort last Saturday and played a match against 15 of the locals. Beaufort went to the wickets first, and were disposed of for 82 runs; the Trompf Bros. (3) being the only players to get into double figures. W. C. Trompf showed good form for 23, and E. and H. Trompf also played well for 15 each. Dr Champion took 7 wickets at the small cost of 28 runs, Greaves 5 for 26, and Bailey 1 for 23. When time was called Ballarat had lost 5 wickets for 63 runs. Dr. Champion and Kissling played sound cricket for their respective scores of 23 (not out) and 14. W. Trompf was in rare batting form, the dismissal of three really good batsmen for 26 runs being worth boasting about. Welsh and Paton also bowled well, obtaining 4 for 3 [illegible] (respectively). Some of the Ballarat players paid the Beaufort bowlers the compliment of saying it was the best country bowling they had played against this season. Beaufort were without the services of several of their best players, A. Trompf in particular being sadly missed behind the wickets, where several easy catches were dropped. The game thus ended in a draw. Appended are the scores:—

BEAUFORT (15).

W. Trompf, b Bailey	23
E. Trompf, b Champion ...	15
E. Lilley, run out	1
H. Parker, b Champion ...	0
H. Trompf, c C. Bailey, b Champion	15
A. Parker (capt.), b Champion...	3
A. G. Paton, l.b.w., b Champion	6
T. Williams, c Love, b Greeves	0
Calder, b Champion	0
E. P. Welsh, b Champion ...	0
Skewes, b Greaves	3
E. Barnes, b Greaves	6
C. Loo, b Greaves	0
H. Williams, b Greaves ...	3
E. Baker, not out	2
Byes	5
Total	82

Bowling Analysis.—Greaves, 74 balls, 3 mdns., 26 runs, 5 wkts.; Bailey, 66 balls, 2 mdns., 23 runs, 1 wkt.; Dr. Champion, 84 balls, 4 mdns., 28 runs, 7 wkts.

BALLARAT.

Kissling, b Paton	14
C. Bailey, c A. Parker, b W. Trompf	2
W. Christy, b W. Trompf ...	4
Dr. Champion, not out ...	23
Greaves, b Welsh	6
Mann, b W. Trompf	4
J. Bailey, not out	2
Byes	8
Total for 5 wickets ...	63

Bowling Analysis.—A. G. Paton, 54 balls, 2 mdns., 20 runs, 1 wkt.; W. C. Trompf, 66 balls, 3 mdns., 26 runs, 3 wkts.; E. P. Welsh, 18 balls, 6 runs, 1 wkt.

BEAUFORT v. BEAUFORT AVENUE (13.)

These clubs met for the second time this season in the Park on Wednesday afternoon, with the result that the Avenue again suffered a defeat by 86 runs. The Avenue batted first, and scored 61 runs, Cowell (17) and E. Lilley (15) being the only players to make any stand. Paton bowled splendidly obtaining 8 wkts for 33 runs Welsh got 2 for 12 and H. Parker 2 for 15. A. and E. Trompf commenced well for Beaufort, the first wicket falling for 51 runs and A. Trompf retiring for 17. E. Trompf and Paton then made a fine stand and passed the Avenue total before a separation was effected. Trompf played well for 29. Paton played a splendid innings for 41, his play being very much admired, and both opponents and spectators cheered him heartily on retiring. He only gave one difficult chance at 16—a hard, low drive to leg—and ultimately had the misfortune to be bowled off his pad, when a not out innings seemed a certainty. Excepting Kilgour (who came out of his shell with 15, not out), none of the other players did much, and the innings closed for 147. The fielding of the Avenue was far from good, and had the chances offered been taken the score would not have been half so large. Grant, who should have been put on sooner, was the only bowler who stuck up the batsmen, and his average of 5 for 28 was a really good performance. Barnes got 3 for 37, and Cowell 1 for 41. Appended are the scores:—

AVENUE (13.)

R. Thomas, c Welsh, b Paton	0
C. Loo, c H. Parker, b Paton ...	3
E. Lilley, b Paton	15
E. Barnes, c Kilgour, b Paton	5
C. White, c Sinclair, b Welsh...	6
W. Hill, c Paton, b Welsh ...	0
G. Nicoll (capt.), b H. Parker...	1
G. Cowell, c H. Parker, b Paton	17
M. Grant, b H. Parker ...	4
S. Baker, b Paton	2
L. Lilley, not out	4
J. Harris, b Paton	1
A. Welsh, b Paton	1
Byes, &c.	2
Total	61

Bowling Analysis.—A. G. Paton, 76 2 mdns., 33 runs, 8 wkts.; E. P. Welsh, 48 balls, 3 mdns., 12 runs, 2 wkts.; H. Parker, 24 balls, 15 runs, 2 wkts.

BEAUFORT.

A. Trompf, c White, b Barnes	17
E. Trompf, c Barnes, b Grant	29
A. G. Paton, b Cowell	41
H. Parker, b Grant	5
H. Trompf, run out	1
A. Parker (capt.), c E. Lilley, b Grant	7
B. F. Thompson, b Barnes ...	5
J. P. Dolan, c Nicoll, b Barnes	0
E. P. Welsh, b Grant	4
Kilgour, not out	15
R. Sinclair, c E. Lilley, b Grant	2
Byes	21
Total	147

Bowling Analysis.—G. Cowell, 54 balls, 41 runs, 1 wkt.; E. Barnes, 90 balls, 1 mdn., 37 runs, 3 wkts.; C. White, 24 balls, 1 mdn., 9 runs; M. Grant, 72 balls, 1 mdn., 28 runs, 5 wkts.; E. Lilley, 18 balls, 14 runs.

At the conclusion of the match, Mr Dungey, the superintendent of the P.M. Sunday school, took occasion to refute a statement that an endeavour had been made to keep the cricketers out of the Park so that they could not have tea with the pic-nickers, over which there had been a lot of soreness. He explained that he had been told there was to be no match, and as the ground was wanted for the use of the children, he had accordingly applied for it. The cricketers had always been heartily welcome to the best the pic-nickers had, and he cordially invited them then to come to tea. But very few accepted the invitation.

MT. COLE v. AMPHITHEATRE.

A very enjoyable game was played between the above clubs at Elmhurst on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for Mt. Cole by 7 wickets. The scores were—Amphitheatre, 69 and 17; Mt. Cole, 62, and 27 for 3 wickets. Robertson 17, McLaughlin 14, Burston 13, scored well for Amphitheatre. Parker 31 not out and 11, and Baker 26 and 12 not out, made most of the runs for Mt. Cole. In bowling Baker with 4 wickets for 19 runs and 7 wickets for 6 runs got the best average for Mt. Cole. Catlan and Burge bowled well for the other side.

The North Melbourne Club has definitely decided to play 18 of the locals in the Park during the Xmas. holidays.

The Australian Eleven have lost 3 wickets for 133 runs in the first test match against Stoddard's English Eleven. Giffen and Iredale are both not out with 71 and 48 respectively. Richardson bowled Lyons (1), Trott (12), and Darling (0).

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The question of free State education has lately attracted so much attention that the committee of the Financial Reform League presents to the public a few facts and figures which are not readily accessible. The history of State education is well known. Starting from a fairly moderate charge on the revenue it increased by leaps and bounds, until in the year 1890-91 no less than £896,680 was expended. The magnitude of this amount causes attention to be given to the necessity of reducing the annual expenditure, and successive reductions have been made until £588,826 is the Treasurer's estimate for the year 1894-95. This sum is made up as follows:—

Secretary for Public Instruction ...	L756
27 inspectors, 1 examiner, 22 lecturers	12,690
Chief clerk, accountant and 53 clerks	11,513
15 truant officers...	2,415
4 messengers	437
Total administrative expenses,	£27,811
General instruction—teachers,	£351,432
Payment by results to teachers,	130,952
Art inspector, &c.	684
Travelling expenses — inspectors, teachers, and children to schools,	7,800
Books, requisites, stores, &c. ...	2,250
Allowances to teachers, maintenance expenses	28,965
Exhibition and high school scholarships	4,100
Sundry expenses	1,320
Rents and expenditure on school buildings	4,880
Total teaching expenditure	£532,374
Melbourne University, special appropriations	£9,000
Melbourne university, addition to endowment	4,750
Technical schools	10,000
Miscellaneous—Annual allowances compensation gratuities to late employés or their widows and children, &c.	4,891
	L28,641

Making a gross total of L588,826.

The following interesting information is extracted from the Annual report of the Minister of Public Instruction:—

Net number of scholars enrolled	206,075
Average attendances	129,678
Average percentage attendance of net number enrolled ...	62·92
Total number enrolled under 6 years	15,556
Total number enrolled above 13 years	35,481
Between 6 and 13 years ...	155,038
Number of teachers	4,996
Average number of scholars attending to one teacher...	25
General expenditure on primary education, inclusive of maintenance of school buildings and rent	L655,883
Melbourne University	L13,750
School of Mines and technical schools	L10,843
Cost of each child in average attendance	L4 14 8¾
(Interest on value of buildings not taken into account.)	
Total number of schools, property of Department	1,992
Total number of teachers' residences the property of Department ...	432
Cost of State school buildings	L1,105,556
Cost of annual interest charge at 4 per cent	L45,222
Cost of each child in average attendance, including allowances and interest on cost of buildings	L5 8 1½

[Note:—The age of scholars prescribed by the law is from 6 to 12 years inclusive. Estimating the life of a school building at 50 years, an annual sinking fund at 4 per cent. would amount to L155,565, in order to extinguish the cost of the buildings, L1,105,556.]

R. BELL JACKSON; H. CAVE; F. J. WAMSLEY; G. D. MEUDELL, Hon. Sec.

A CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF BEAUFORT.

I beg to inform you that on Christmas Eve a company of Carollers will sing, at your various residences, a choice collection of Christmas Carols. The object in view is to benefit the Ballarat District Hospital. The whole of the proceeds collected will be forwarded to the secretary of that Institution as early as possible. Trusting you will give liberally of your bounty towards alleviating the sufferings of our sick fellow creatures in that noble institution, I remain, on behalf of the Carollers,—Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM COBDEN, Beaufort.

The Health and Vigor of an individual depend upon the quantity and quality of the Blood. When the tissues have been at work, there are thrown into the blood, waste products, and if these be not eliminated but (through any cause) detained in the blood they influence nutrition and function and finally produce organic disease."—*The Humanitarian.* In cases of Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Leds, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, the effects of Clarke's Blood Mixture are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold everywhere, at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

MIDDLE CREEK NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

The Middle Creek Mutual Improvement and Debating Association held its closing meeting on Saturday, 1st December; the president (P. J. Russell), in the chair. This meeting, should have been held on 17th November, but on account of the absence of the secretary on that date had to be postponed until the above date. The attendance of members was rather small, being mostly composed of the junior members of the society. But the attendance of visitors was very large. The subject for the night was "Impromptu speaking," but on account of the absence of the older members only a few speeches of any importance were given. After the debate followed one of the best social hours that has yet been spent, when Mr W. Kelly gave a song entitled 'The hat McGuiness wore'; Mr Larassey, song, 'Meet me by moonlight'; Mr J. A. Lewis, song, 'Molly Anty'; Mr Crompton, song, 'A little nipper'; Mr J. Panther, song, 'Kiss me and I go to sleep'; Mr J. O'Brien, song, 'Tom Corrigan,'; Mr J. Mc Donald, song, 'True till death.' Votes of thanks were passed to the chair and visitors, and the meeting closed for the summer months.

LADIES' SAFEGUARD. ☞ FRENCH SAFETY PILLS!!! SOMETHING QUITE NEW and HARMLESS for LOVELY LADIES. The ONLY CERTAIN and IMMEDIATE CURE for IRREGULARITIES and OBSTRUCTIONS, any cause or duration. Box, posted, 7s 6d; Extra powerful, 20s. Write PROFESSOR HAUTMONT, R.M.D. Kingstreet, Melbourne. ☞ Strict Secrecy!! All Letters Burned.

There is practically no work for an Agent-General to do—certainly no work for which the colony can afford to pay over L2000 a year—and as Sir Andrew Clarke is willing to perform the duties in return for his pension economy can be practiced without any sacrifice of efficiency.—*Leader.*

Holloway's Ointment.—The great climatic variations which soldiers and sailors experience render them liable to a variety of diseases, the development of which is favored by exposure and hardships—often, it is to be feared, by their own carelessness as well. Holloway's remedies afford a safe and easy means of cure for those constitutional and local maladies which are so frequently engendered by residence in unhealthy climates and by incautious living. The Ointment is a wonderfully healing application, as it cleanses the surface of foul sores and ulcers, soothes the throbbing and pain in cases of inflammation, and checks the progress of skin diseases. The Pills purify the blood, cleanse the liver, and remove all noxious matter from the system.

"They are not village settlements," said Mr Longmore in the Assembly on Tuesday; "they're pinch-gut settlements; he (Mr M'Intyre) has murdered men there; he has driven them into lunatic asylums." That's where you ought to have been long ago," ejaculated Mr M'Intyre, whereat the House laughed. Mr Longmore shot another characteristic bolt, and then collapsed.

Lord Brassey states that he has no official knowledge that he is to succeed the Earl of Hopetoun as Governor of Victoria. He, however, declines to deny the report that he is to receive the appointment.

One of the inherent weak features of an income tax is brought out by the last proposals of the Government. The Treasurer declares that he will be so much money short in consequence of the amendments made in the land tax. There is no attempt to look about to see if the money cannot be made up elsewhere, but amid a chorus of approval of non-taxpayers, the order goes forth for a further 2d and 4d in the L1 in the income tax. The treasurer left his actual proposals so vague that they cannot be absolutely stated, but apparently these will be income tax classes which, commencing at 4d in the L1, will progress to 6d, 8d, 1s, and 1s 4d. The maximum may be even higher than that. Some of these rates are equivalent to war rates in Great Britain. They are taxes such as are never imposed unless the nation is in some deadly grapple with a foe. They are imposed here with a light heart, and as we believe without any actual realisation of their consequences. In Great Britain the income tax is 6d, and is rarely if ever now advanced beyond that sum; while the average rate in Victoria is to be 10d to commence with.

The record for the sitting of the Legislative Assembly yesterday (says Thursday's "Argus") would have been good for August, but it was not much to boast about for December when the pressure is on to prorogue before Christmas. Collectively members want to close up quickly; individually they are endeavouring to prevent that being done. Yesterday afternoon two hours were spent on the Harbour Trust Bill, which, but for extraneous discussion, ought to have been passed in three minutes. After the dinner hour Sir James Patterson resumed the debate on the second reading of the Land and Income Tax Bill, which provides the means whereby the taxes are to be collected. The specific enforcement of the taxes for this year will be made in a small separate bill. The Ministry declined to debate the measure before the Chair, and it appeared as if the vote would be taked after the ex-Premier and Mr Harper had spoken, but Mr Moule gave impetus to the discussion, and an interesting contest followed. Finally, at 11 o'clock, the second reading was agreed to by 48 to 36. The suggestion of an adjournment at that hour was scouted; the House was eager to tackle the clauses in committee. By 25 minutes to 12 the enthusiasm had disappeared, and the Premier not unwilling consented to close for the night. It is evident that the House is fatigued.

The Assembly rose yesterday morning shortly before seven o'clock. Land Tax and Income Tax Bill passed through committee. Mr Murray moved an amendment with the object of suspending entirely the old land tax from 1st July, 1894. The effect of this would be, of course, that only the newly imposed tax should be paid. On a division the Government were beaten by a majority of one. The Premier signified that he did not intend to accept it if he could get the House to reverse the decision on the third reading. The alteration, he said, would make a difference of L60,000 to the Treasury, and he could not consent to accede to that without making an attempt to alter the decision. If the House decided to sustain the committee on the matter he should have to bring forward some new taxation proposal to make up the amount.—'Herald.'

USEFUL HINTS.

TO WASH CLOTHES IN PARAFFIN SOAP.—Cut down ½lb. paraffin soap and put it into a boiler of water to melt. Rub the clothes well out of the soda water, in which they have been previously soaked, put them into the boiler and let them boil for half an hour: then put them into a tub with plenty of cold water; wash them thoroughly, then rinse in blue water and dry.

TO CLEAN EMBROIDERY.—Gold and silver fancy-work of this description may be most easily cleaned with spirits of wine, either alone, or diluted with an equal weight of water. The common practice of using alkaline or acidulous liquors is very injurious, and frequently destroys the beauty of the articles, instead of cleaning them.

TO RESTORE SCORCHED LINEN.—Ingredients: Two onions, ½oz. white soap, 2oz. of fuller's earth, half a pint of vinegar. Mode: Extract the juice of the onions by pounding and pressing them; cut up the soap and fuller's earth, and boil all together. When cool, cover the scorched linen with this mixture, and let it dry. Wash the linen, and the scorches will disappear, if not so bad as to damage the texture.

BED-ROOM FLOORS.—Some mistresses make a practice of ordering the floors of bed-rooms to be frequently washed. I wish to guard both mistresses and servants against this practice. It is most dangerous to the health of the person who occupies the bed-room, to wash it or scour it unless the weather be very fine or warm, in order to allow the window to be opened for thoroughly drying the room before night. The utmost that should be done, except in favourable circumstances, is to pass a damp cloth lightly over the floor.

HOW TO CLEAN DECANTERS AND CRUETS.—The best way is to wash them out with a little pearlash and warm water, adding a spoonful or two of fresh slaked lime if necessary. To facilitate the action of the fluids against the sides of the glass, a few small cinders or pieces of raw potato may be used. A spoonful of strong oil of vitriol put into a dry bottle will, if allowed to run round its inner surface, rapidly remove any kind of dirt. It should then be drained, and afterwards rinsed with clean water. Where they have become furred by holding hard water, a little hydro-chloric acid (spirits of salts) diluted with three times its weight of water will remove it.

TO WASH CLOTHES WITH PARAFFIN OIL.—To every eight gallons of cold water put ¼lb. of soap, shred fine, one and a-half tablespoonful of paraffin oil, into a boiler, put in the clothes, let them come to the boil, keep the lid close on boiler, and steam for half an hour, take out each article separately, and wring them out. When all are finished, hang them out to dry. If possible, bleach your clothes on grass after boiling; but where this cannot be done, it is yet possible with care to keep your linen white and clear. Laces and muslin should not be rubbed, but squeezed with the hands in melted soap and warm water. Be careful, in boiling them, to tie them up in a handkerchief to prevent their being torn.

PIANO KEYS.—These can be whitened by washing in a solution composed of 1oz. of nitric acid to 10oz. of soft water. Apply with a brush, taking care that it does not flow on the wood part upon which the ivory is veneered, for the joint will be spoiled. Cleanse carefully with clean water and a piece of flannel. Or, sulphorous acid with an equal quantity of water may be used as above. If the discolouration has not gone too far, rub the keys carefully with pure lemon juice. While still damp, put on a coating of whiting or prepared chalk, mixed with a little lemon juice. When dry, brush off with a dry brush, taking care that none of the mixture gets between the keys. If, however, the keys are thoroughly worn and discoloured, they must be dismounted, scraped, bleached, and repolished, which is a long and tedious affair, and requires to be done by a skilled workman.

TO CLEAN BRUSSELS CARPETS.—Brussels carpets may be cleaned in the following manner:—First, stretch the carpet tightly on the floor, nail it at the sides, and sweep it clean. Procure an ox gall from a butcher, and mix it with a pail of cold water. Have another pail ready with cold water only. Have also two woollen cloths and several dry towels. Commence by dipping a woollen cloth in the gall-water, and then rub the carpet with it. This will produce a froth on the carpet, and you will now take the other woollen cloth dipped in clean water, with which you will rub the carpet till no more froth rises from it, rinsing the cloth occasionally in the clean water. The water in this pail should be changed when it becomes dirty. You then rub the carpet as dry as possible with the towels.

TO WASH FLANNELS.—In washing flannels (notice particularly), to keep them a good colour, and to prevent their shrinking. Get from the grocer 1lb, or 2lb. (according to the size of your washing) of soap parings, which you will get cheap; for 1lb. of soap parings, put three quarts of water; boil to a jelly, and with this wash your flannels. Be sure you have plenty of warm water, not too hot; put in a handful of your soap jelly, and mix thoroughly in the water; then take the flannels, one at a time, shake all dust out of them first; then sluice the articles up and down well; rub as little as possible, for rubbing knots the little loops of wool together, and thickens the flannel; wring them in a machine, if you have one; if not, squeeze them well. Dry in the open air, if the weather permits, as quickly as possible. In washing scarlet or blue flannel, put one tablespoonful of spirits of ammonia in the rinsing water.

Lime-washing is a much more effectual mode of purification than white-washing, but is not so often used, as few persons know how to make lime-wash. If glue is used it is destroyed by the lime, and the wash easily rubs off the walls when dry. This also happens if the lime be simply slaked in water and used without any fixing material. Lime-wash should be made by placing some freshly burned quicklime in a pail, and pouring on sufficient water to cover it; if the lime is fresh, great heat is giving out; boiled oil (a preparation of linseed oil, sold by all oilmen) should then be added, one pint to each gallon of wash. For cheapness, any refuse fat, such as dripping, may be used instead of the boiled oil. The whole should then be thinned with water. The brush should not be left in the lime-wash, or the bristles will be destroyed. Should coloured wash be required, 1lb. of green vitroil added to every two gallons of wash gives a pleasing drab. Quick-lime slaked with skimmed milk, and afterwards thinned with water, makes an excellent wash for out-door walls, as it is not acted on by the weather.

WORKING DRESSES.—It is best to wear washing dresses to work in as much as possible; of course washing them or having them washed is troublesome and expensive, but dirt and grease do not ruin them, and they look fresher and better than stuff dresses, especially in summer. Never trim a washing dress with flounces or frills; they look out of place, are soon crumpled, and are very troublesome to starch and iron. Do not have a working dress made long; it is waste of stuff, and would be very much in the way. Keep your working dress clean and tidy by wearing over it a large thick apron with a bib, and turning up your sleeves.

"You say the coat is three shillings?" "Tree shillin', mine fren'." "And you warrant it all wool?" "All wool except de puttons and de putton-holes." "Ah! But how can you afford to sell an all-wool coat at three shillings?" "Mine fren', I doan vonder you vas surbrised; vy de wool in de goat is vorth more as tree shillin'." "Then you lose money on it?" "Mine grashus? Mine fren', I tell you von leetle segret, und doaned you gif it avay. De fleeces on de packs of dose sheeps vot grew dot wool vas misfits, und haf to be sold at great reductions."

V. R.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

EDUCATION ACT 1890.

PROPRIETORS and Principals of Private Schools are reminded that by section 28 of the *Education Act* 1890 they are required to furnish to the Education Department each year in the month of January a return showing the name and surname, sex, age last birthday, residence, and the number of school-days' attendance of each child who attended their respective schools during the preceding year.

Forms for the purpose may be obtained from this Office upon personal or written application.

N.B.—Before transmitting the returns to the Department principals and others should be careful to see that the forms are properly filled up and signed.

CHARLES TYNAN, Secretary.

Education Department,
4th December, 1894.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS.

Holiday Excursion tickets will be issued to and from all stations (suburban excepted) from 20th December, 1894, till 3rd January, 1895 (both days inclusive, Sundays excepted), available for return for one calendar month from date of issue. Example:—An excursion ticket issued on 3rd January will be available till 3rd February. When the last day falls on a Sunday the ticket will be available till the next day, and on lines where there is not a daily train service the ticket will be available till the next day on which the train runs. The journey must be commenced on the date the ticket is issued, but after a distance of 15 miles has been travelled the journey may be broken at the discretion of the passenger.

Sydney Excursion Tickets.—From 17th till 31st December, 1894 (both dates inclusive), excursion tickets will be issued at Melbourne for Sydney at the following return fares, viz.:—*Via* Southern line, first class, £5 6s 6d; second class, £4 1s. *Via* Harden and Blayney, first class, £5 12s 6d; second class, £4 5s 6d. These tickets will be available for return for six calendar months from date of issue, but will not be available by the express train on the New South Wales line. Passengers can, however, travel by the express train on the New South Wales line on payment of 15s first class and 10s second class. The journey cannot be broken on the New South Wales line.

Adelaide Excursion Tickets.—From 19th till 31st December, 1894 (both dates inclusive), excursion tickets, available by the express and ordinary trains, will be issued at Melbourne for Adelaide and Broken Hill at the following return fares, viz:—Adelaide—First class, £4 4s 5d; second class, £2 10s 8d; Broken Hill—First class, £7 2s 5d; second class, £4 6s 11d. These tickets will be available for return for two calendar months from date of issue, and the journey may be broken.

Brisbane Excursion Tickets.—From 14th December, 1894, till 1st January, 1895 (both dates inclusive), excursion tickets, available by the express and ordinary trains on all lines, will be issued at Melbourne for Brisbane at the following return fares, viz.:—First class, £10; second class, £6 17s 6d. These tickets will be available for return for six calendar months from date of issue, and the journey may be broken.

Luggage.—Excursion passengers to and from stations in Victoria will only be allowed to carry such luggage free as can be stowed under the seats without inconvenience to other passengers, and those who have luggage for the van are required to be at the station half-an-hour before the starting time of train. Stamped parcels rates will be charged for it. All luggage should be plainly addressed with the owner's name and the station it is for, and the address should be affixed in such a way that it will not come off.

[illegible] A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

Horses and Vehicles.—From 20th December, 1894, till 3rd January, 1895 (both dates inclusive), the Department cannot engage to forward horses or vehicles by passenger trains unless accommodation can be provided by special arrangement.

Commercial Travellers' Samples.—From 20th December, 1894, till 3rd January, 1895 (both dates inclusive), commercial travellers' samples will only be taken to or from road-side stations by mixed or goods trains.

Parcels.—On 22nd, 29th, and 31st December, parcels must be at the Parcels offices at Spencer-street and Prince's-bridge stations half-an-hour before the starting times of ordinary trains.

Goods Sheds Holidays.—The 25th and 26th December, 1894, and 1st January, 1895, will be observed as holidays in the goods branch, and only dairy produce goods trains will run. Perishable goods will be delivered at all stations on application. On 20th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th, and 26th December, 1894, and 1st January, 1895, fruit and dairy produce will not be carried by purely passenger trains between Melbourne, Ballarat, and Benoigo, nor on the North-Eastern line, unless parcels rates are paid. Fruit and other perishables for country stations will not be received at the Melbourne goods sheds on 22nd December after Twelve noon.

Seaside Excursions.—The issue of these tickets at the principal stations will continue as already advertised (see posters at all stations.)

By order,
R. G. KENT,
Secretary for Railways.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

TENDERS are invited for Repairs till 31st December, 1895, of platelayers' tools on the lines from Ballarat to Ararat, Ararat to Maryborough, and Ballarat Cattle Yards lines. Particulars at the office of the Engineer for existing lines, Spencer-street, and at Ballarat, Beaufort, Ararat, Avoca, and Maryborough stations.

Tenders, accompanied by the necessary preliminary deposit, and indorsed "Tender for repairs to tools" must be deposited in the Tender Box, Secretary's Office, Spencer-street, Melbourne, at or before Twelve o'clock noon of Thursday, 27th December.

No Tender will necessarily be accepted.

By order,
R. G. KENT,
Secretary for Railways.

RE PHILIP BLACKMORE, deceased.—Statutory Notice to Creditors and others. Pursuant to the "Trusts Act 1890," notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having any claims against the estate of Philip Blackmore, late of Waterloo South, in the colony of Victoria, publican and grazier, deceased, who died on the twenty-fourth day of September, 1894, and probate of whose will was granted by the Supreme Court of the colony of Victoria in the Probate jurisdiction on the thirtieth day of October, 1894, to The Ballarat Trustees, Executors and Agency Company, Limited, the executor appointed by the said will, are hereby requested to send particulars of such claims to the said Company at its office, Camp-street, Ballarat, in the colony aforesaid, on or before the first day of February next; and notice is hereby also given that after the said first day of February next the said Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Philip Blackmore, deceased, or any part thereof which shall have come to its hands, amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which it shall then have had notice, and that the said Company will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so paid, applied, or distributed to any person of whose claim it shall not then have had notice.

Dated this eleventh day of December, 1894.
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Lydiard-street, Ballarat,
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THROUGH the medium of your columns kindly allow me to THANK the Northern Assurance Co., through their agents, Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon and Co., for the prompt settlement they have made in connection with the fire which destroyed my house on Wednesday, 5th Decr., 1894. FREDERICK GUYATT. Waterloo, 12th Decr., 1894.

ST. ITE SCHOOL No. 60, BEAUFORT.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION of PRIZES, by CAPT. BRIDGES, R.N., on Friday 21st at 2.30 p.m. Parents and friends of children are invited. WM. D. HOCKING, Hed Teacher.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.

Three Red and White yearling Bulls, two notisible brands, one blotch brand off rump. If not claimed and expenses paid to be sold 5th January, 1895.

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BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB.

A MEETING will be held at VanderStoel's Victoria Hotel on Tuesday evening next, 18th inst., at 8 o'clock.

A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB.

TENDERS are invited by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th inst., for building a Wooden Water Closet on the racecourse, enclosing judge's box and usual with iron, carting, erecting, and removing hurdles, clearing rubbish and removing limbs o trees off course, harrowing course, and fixing fags. Specifications to be seen at this office. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

Beaufort Jockey Club's
ANNUAL RACES!
TO BE HELD ON
THE NEW RACECOURSE,
WATERLOO FLAT,
ON
NEW YEAR'S DAY
(TUESDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1895.)

PRESIDENT—Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A.
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CLERK OF COURSE—Mr R. Thomas.
CLERK OF SCALES—Mr Archard.
STARTER—Mr C. Loft.
HANDICAPPERS—Messrs A. Andrews, D. Hayres, VanderStoel and Troy.

PROGRAMME:

Maiden Plate, of 5 sovs.
One mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised race. Post entry, 5s.
Handicap Hurdle Race, of 7 sovs.
Two miles. Over hurdles about 3ft. 6in. high. Post entry, 7s.
Beaufort Handicap, of 10 sovs.
One mile and a half. Post entry, 10s.
Pony Race, of 3 sovs.
(Ponies under 14 hands.) Three-quarters of a mile. Post entry, 3s.
Selling Flat Race, of 5 sovs.
Handicap. Winner to be sold for £10. Any surplus to go to the funds of the club. Post entry, 5s. Distance one mile
Trotting Match.
To be arranged on the course.
Flying Handicap, of 5 sovs.
Three-quarters of a mile. Post entry, 5s.
Hurry Skurry, of 2 sovs.
With entrance money added. Once round the course. Handicap. Post entry, 2s 6d.
Consolation Stakes, of 3 sovs.
One mile. Handicap. Post entry, 3s.

First Race to start at 11.30 a.m.
V.R.C. Rules strictly adhered to.
Jockeys must ride in colors.
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REGISTRATION FEE ..	0	3
PARCELS.—Two pounds or under (each extra pound or part, 3d.)	0	9
BULK parcels of newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper publisher or news vendor, per lb or fraction thereof (Not less than 4 papers in each parcel.)	0	1

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Each additional lb, or under (up to 11 lbs) ...	0	6

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NEWSPAPERS	0	1
COMMERCIAL PAPERS.—4 ounces or under...	0	2½
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REGISTRATION FEE ...	0	3
Acknowledgement of delivery of a registered article ...	0	2½
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Each additional lb or under (up to 11lbs)...	0	9

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PARLIAMENT.

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In the Legislative Assembly on 6th inst., we notice that Mr E. H. Austin, Member for Ripon and Hampden, is reported in *Hansard* as follows, while speaking on the votes to free libraries, the mining department, and agricultural societies :—

Mr Austin said he was very pleased to hear that the Treasurer was going to increase the grant for free libraries and country museums by L1500. When the Chief Secretary made out the new regulations he hoped he would see that the poorer libraries got a larger vote than the rich ones, instead of the position being reversed, as had been done in the past, when the poor libraries had often got nothing. The poorer districts wanted more help than the richer ones.

Mr Austin said he was very pleased to see that the Minister of Mines had not cut down the prospecting vote, and he hoped he did not intend to carry out the arrangement of his predecessor in regard to the diamond drill. That arrangement was to charge half the cost of the drill, and that he considered was a great bar to the mining industry. It meant practically putting the prospecting into the hands of rich companies. If there was no money it was no use going to the Government under the rule of the late Minister of Mines; and he hoped the present Minister would give a promise not to carry on the arrangement which had been described. In his own electorate there was a large mining district undeveloped. It was as large as any mining district in the colony, but it had not been able to successfully prospect it. A drill sent there would be advantageous to the colony as a whole, for, as had been said, every ounce of gold won was so much added to the capital of the country. He hoped the Minister would do away with the regulations as to paying half the cost of the drill.

Mr Austin drew attention to the item of L10,000 for grants to agricultural societies "to be expended under regulations to be approved by the Governor in Council." He said he thought it was time when the Minister should put his foot down so as to prevent the existence of so many small societies in Victoria. He was a great believer in small societies himself; but in many cases they were far too close together, and if the Minister would make a regulation under which no society that was started within a distance of 25 miles of another would get any of this grant it would be a step in the right direction. He would also suggest to the Minister that if he would bring in a Bill to put a tax on all entires used in Victoria he would get a considerable revenue from that source, and the result would be to improve the breed of horses in the colony.

The same night Mr Austin asked the Minister of Mines if it was his intention to continue the policy of charging private companies for the use of the diamond drills?

Mr Foster said it was not his intention to reverse the practice of his predecessor with regard to the diamond drills. The department had spent thousands of pounds in boring by means of diamond drills on private property, in many cases enhancing the value of the property, but in other cases the boring had been done on Crown lands, and up to the present time no less than 40 miles of deep leads had been tested and proved and were waiting for private enterprise to develop them. He did not think he would be justified in giving the use of the diamond drills free to prospect private lands when there was so much of the public lands—the common property of the people—still to be prospected. He (Mr Foster) intended to continue charging private persons and companies for the use of the diamond drills, as his predecessor had done, and in certain cases he would exact more than one-half the cost of working the drills in future. The vote of L5,000 was to be used in prospecting for gold.

News has reached Sydney from Fiji that arrangements have been made for a visit to New Zealand of a local cricketing team, of which five members at least will be Fijians, four of them being chiefs of high rank.

Cable intelligence from New Caledonia states that the protective tariff is likely to be made far more restrictive, to the detriment of the Australian trade with the colony.

During a melee on Sunday night amongst some men who had camped together near Wycheproof, several of the number were stabbed. The row arose over one man saying his swag had been tampered with.

The Premier states that the Government will adhere to its determination to appoint a board of gentlemen having commercial experience to enquire into the working of the railways, and it is understood that negotiations are proceeding for the appointment of Mr J. P. Maxwell, a New Zealand Railway Commissioners, as chairman of the board which will probably be appointed to report on the Victorian railways.

A prospector at German Gully, Fryerstown, unearthed five sovereigns in the alluvial ground on Saturday. The money had evidently been "planted" some years ago.

IMPURITIES IN THE BLOOD—"We have seen hosts of letters from people who have received great benefit from the use Clark's Blood Mixture. It cannot be too highly estimated, for it cleanses and clears the blood from all impurities." This is a good testimonial from the *Family Doctor*, which goes on further to say :—"It is the finest Blood Purifier that science and skill have brought to light, and we can with the utmost confidence recommend it to our subscribers and the public generally." For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold everywhere, at 2s 9d per bottle, Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

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It has been ascertained that forged American bonds for a very large amount have lately been issued in the United Kingdom. In Belfast alone bonds amounting to L30,000 have been taken by the public in the belief that they were genuine.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous lozenges are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s 1½d per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a slight cold, or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic Affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston St, European Depot, 33, Faringdon Road, London, and England.

Mr Gavin Scott has interviewed officials of the chief railway companies and municipal corporations in England with regard to the prospects of a trade in Australian timber. He considers that there is a good prospect of trade, and has already secured some orders.

CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE.—"The most searching Blood Cleanser that science and medical skill have brought to light." Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of any kinds are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

English mail day this year falls on Christmas Day, and with a view of saving the attendance of as many officials as possible at the General Post Office on that festival it has been decided to close the mail at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

For the past quarter of a century there has been one continuous flow of letters bearing testimony to the truly wonderful cures effected by Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture, "the finest Blood Purifier that science and medical skill have brought to light." Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples and Sores of any kind, are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

For last year the percentage of expenses to revenue on our railways was 59.29; for the first four months of this year it has been 60.125. The expenditure for the latter period has been decreased by 1d per mile, but the receipts have fallen off to the extent of 2.16d per mile.

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE"—CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d. Beware of worthless imitations

Xmas. bank holidays will extend over Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 24th, 25th, and 26th inst.

A strike in the New South Wales coal trade is believed to be inevitable at the end of the year.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling off, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," for it *will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair* to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 3s 6d per Bottle. Wholesale depôt, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

Another earth tremor was felt at Omeo on Tuesday morning, but it was not nearly so pronounced as Monday night's shock.

☞The greatest aid you can give your newspaper is your job printing; if you do not feel able to run an advertisement, surely you can afford to give the newspaper your cards, dodgers, billheads, letter-heads, envelopes, and all business printing to execute. The newspaper man needs it, and it helps him to pay his printers for setting up the thousand and one free notices he gives you and your town; but don't give it to the printer or job printing office that can give you no such return, and is spending neither time, money, nor brains in helping you to build up your town. The time may come when a newspaper can live simply upon the revenue derived from advertising and subscriptions, but no ordinary newspaper in any ordinary town can exist without the auxiliary support derived from job printing. Therefore, if you want a *good* newspaper—one that can still further help you and your town—give *it* your job printing.

A severe shock of earthquake was felt at Omeo on Monday evening, lasting fully 15 seconds, and causing considerable consternation to the inhabitants.

According to the London correspondent of the *Argus*, it is probable that Lord Brassey will be appointed to succeed the Earl of Hopetoun as Governor of Victoria.

The Austral Wheel Race, the great bicycle event of the year, has been won by A. A. Middleton, of Dunolly, with W. J. Wright second, and W. J. C. Elliott third—all Victorians.

IT IS EASY TO ASK QUESTIONS.

A child can ask questions that a wise man can't answer. Yes; and there are some questions that the ablest doctors don't like to have people ask them. Say a question of this sort—while we are about it, however, we might as well tell the story straight away and have done with it.

Mrs Sarah Mace was very ill with influenza. That was in February, 1892, the time of the epidemic. The attack was severe. She was suddenly seized with a violent pain in the head (both front and back) and temples. She had pain in all her joints too, and was hot and feverish. She went to bed and sent for a doctor. He came, examined her, took her temperature—over 100 degrees—and said very little, like a wise man. The lady could not turn herself in bed. She lived on slops, such as milk and broth, she could not swallow a morsel of solid food. Her husband pressed her to take strong food, saying, "If you don't eat, you will starve." Right enough; but he forgot that when one can't eat he can't eat, and there's an end.

Well she got waker and weaker, and fell away until there wasn't much left of her but skin and bone. Then, in her anxiety, she put her question: "*Doctor, do you think I shall get well?*"

The doctor's answer was true and honest; we like and respect him for it. He said, "*Mrs Mace, I do not know.*" He couldn't tell. Neither could any other doctor. No, not even if he had a string of titles to his name as long as a kite's tail. But did she get well? Wait a bit. We must hark back a minute now.

Along about the 10th of March, 1880, Mrs Mace began to feel tired, languid, and weary, as if her work were too much for her, she said. She had a bad taste in the mouth, poor appetite, and whatever she ate gave her pain at the chest and heart. "I had" she continues, "a dull heavy pain at the right side and between the shoulders, and a sinking feeling at the pit of the stomach, and a rising of foul gas in my throat. Later on I had rheumatic pains in my heart, chest, and back. I sent for a doctor who attended me for six weeks, but I got worse. One day the cook said, "Why don't you try Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup?"—this being a medicine my mistress (I was living with a lady in Camden Town) kept in the house for family use. I did so, and was soon as strong as ever.

Years fled away, and in 1891 she had the first attack of influenza, and in 1892 the second, already described in part. We now complete the account of the 1892 attack.

Mrs Mace says: "The doctor continued to attend me for five weeks, and I took his medicines for that time, but gained no strength. After having suffered for seven weeks I said to my husband, 'I will now see what Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup will do for me. Perhaps it may cure influenza as well at other ailments.' I carried out this resolution; began taking the Syrup, and was soon on my feet again, and have since kept in excellent health, taking an occasional dose when needed. (Signed) SARAH MACE, Monk's Farm, Great Warley, Brentwood, Essex. August 27th, 1892."

Now we have never advertised Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup as a remedy for influenza. Yet the facts stated by Mrs Mace cannot be disputed. What is the conclusion? A very simple one indeed. She did not have influenza until her system had been debilitated by indigestion and dyspepsia. It is such people generally (almost wholly) that all epidemic diseases attack. The dreaded cholera scarcely ever touches anybody except a dyspeptic—cholera is a malady of the bowels only. The more we hear of disease the more the proof piles up showing that persons with a sound digestion are safe against dying of anything except violence or old age. The Syrup cured Mrs Mace's influenza by taking away the ground it stood on—the torpidity of her digestion.

She once asked, "Doctor, do you think I shall get well?" Time and Mother Seigel have said, "Yes."

An Indian has been discovered in Sydney suffering from leprosy, and sent to the Little Bay Lazaretto. The man had been roaming about the colonies for the past 12 years. There are now 40 lepers at Little Bay, four having been sent there since last February.

"In the organism of man, as in that of all the higher animals, the materials for the nutrition of every portion of the structure are supplied by the Blood. If the Blood is diseased, the body is diseased." "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture" is a guaranteed cure for all Blood and Skin Diseases. It is the most searching blood cleanser ever discovered, and it will free the system from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Pimples and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere, at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

The Government circulated the Income and Land Tax Bills on Monday morning. It is proposed to place the former tax on the gross income derived from personal exertion, making no allowance for domestic purposes, but allowing amount paid as Land Tax to be excised. The debate is likely to be a protracted one, and a political crisis is almost certain.

FOR INDIGESTION, the BEST REMEDY is undoubtedly NORTON'S CAMOMILE PILLS. They can confidently be recommended as being mild in operation and absolutely free from injurious drugs, acting at once as a splendid tonic and a gentle aperient. For nearly 100 years they have proved UNEQUALLED for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sick-Headache and for Liver and Stomach complaints. Sold in bottles 1s 1½d, 2s 9d, and 11s, by all Medicine Vendors throughout the world. A simple, safe, and certain Remedy.

The political situation is strangely strained. In consequence of the defection of the Country Party from his ranks Mr Turner now relies solely on his flank men—the Labor Party. And that he has not the faintest control of these was proved on Friday, when Mr Hancock moved the adjournment of the House in order to discuss a newspaper paragraph disavowed by the Government, and which was to the effect that certain gentlemen were to be appointed a Board to inquire into our system of railway management. Characteristically Mr Hancock blundered at the first step in moving the adjournment of the debate instead of the House, but when, at the instance of the Speaker, he righted himself there was an ominous but dramatic silence ended by the whole of the Labor Party, including Mr Wheeler, rising to a man to indicate their support of the motion. That movement was one of the most ominous significance I (Melbourne correspondent to *Ararat Advertiser*) ever witnessed in Parliament. Of course every one knows that since the defection of the Grahamite section of the Country Party, Mr Turner has been compelled to rely on his right wing. That looped off he must topple to the ground, for his actual following in the Ministerial ranks is discontented and could not save him if solid. And when three members of that wing—which is itself a divided skirt—assured him that if he did not wince and beg pardon under the strokes of their knout they would vote against him, politicians at once recognised "here's a precious kiddle o' fish." The public are rubbing along in life in uneducated complacency. In Parliament the tension is acute and you can't leave the Assembly for an hour without, perhaps, finding that the unexpected has transpired, or that the Government have adjourned to "consider the position."

PRACTICAL JOTTINGS.

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CALENDAR OF OPERATIONS FOR DECEMBER.

A long spell of dry weather culminating as we write in the hottest day on record, 105 in the shade and 152 in the sun, will have tested the constitution of many plants and the means that have been taken to protect and assist them.

In dry weather there are three ways of assisting plants in the open by watering, mulching, and stirring the ground.

Where water is at command it is better to thoroughly soak the ground occasionally, rather than to give lighter but more frequent waterings. The rule is that roots follow moisture, heavy watering means that the water soaks into the ground, while light waterings only moisten the surface, and the roots are burned up by the sun. Mulching is putting a covering several inches thick of grass or stable litter which acts as a shield, and making a break from the heat of the sun keeps down whatever moisture there is in the soil. Anyone lifting the mulching will see how moist the soil is, as compared with the ground about. Stirring the soil keeps down the weeds and makes a lot of air cells which check the moisture from being drawn up by the sun.

Beans, French—Sow 2 inches deep, and instead of covering with soil, which frequently gets so hard as to break off the young plants when coming through the soil, cover with 2 in. of round horse droppings. Let row be 2 feet 6 inches and plants 6 inches apart. 1 lb sows row 80 feet. Matures in about 4 months.

Beet, red—Sow freely ½ inch deep, in rows 15 inches and plants 6 inches apart. 1 oz sows row 60 feet. Matures in about 4 months.

Beet, silver—Sow ½ inch deep, in rows 15 inches apart. Sow thickly when the young plants are to be boiled as spinage, leaving a plant every 6 inches to provide leaves in February and March.

Borecole or kale, brocoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, and savoy should all be sown freely, to produce plants ready for planting out in the coming year. To grow good plants now requires care. Sow the seed ⅛ of an inch deep, and cover with a layer 1 inch thick of the round droppings of a horse. This prevents the ground from caking when watered, and nourishes the plants. 1 oz sows bed 4 feet by 20 feet. Plant must be kept watered. In watering it is better to water heavily and seldom, when the water soaks down into the ground, and the roots follow and are safe from the sun, rather than to water frequently and lightly and bring the roots up to the surface, where if neglected for a day, or if extra hot weather is experienced, the roots are scorched up and the plants die.

The next trouble is the cabbage moth, which is a great scourge. This moth is nocturnal, commencing to fly about sundown. Young chickens greedily eat the moth, and when young do no harm. Keep the old hen in a coop near the seed beds. To destroy the grub, water the plants with a solution of tobacco water, still better with nicotine whale oil soap, which sticks the tobacco extract to the plant, or ¼ oz London purple or Paris green, which are deadly poisons, to 3 gallons of water. A handy way of catching the moth is to have a light frame on which to tack a piece of sacking, which paint with tar on the top, leaving a few inches clean at the bottom, which piece may hang below the frame. Then let two people each taking an end, draw tightly over the plants from one end of the bed to the other letting the loose sacking touch the plants. The moths disturbed fly upwards, and are caught in the sticky tar. If healthy plants, free from the grub, are transplanted into well-worked and well-manured ground, they grow so quickly that the grub does little damage, limiting its ravages to the outside leaves. If slowly and badly grown, the plants are sometimes riddled to the heart, and utterly useless for cooking. For very early cauliflower we call special attention to the early erfurt. 1s per packet.

Celery—Sow seed 1-8th of an inch deep in a box [illegible] inches high their growth may be retarded by applying only a little moisture. As plants are wanted a few may be picked out into good soil. By this means, one sowing will supply plants for several months.

Cress—Sow 1-8th of an inch deep, thickly, in rows or broadcast. 1 oz. sows bed 4 feet square.

Cucumber—Sow 2 or 3 seeds ½ of an inch deep in hills 6 feet apart. When plants have set a crop of cucumbers, layer the shoots near the end, making the soil very rich. The plants will root into this and produce successive crops as they are layered.

Leek—Sow ½ of an inch deep in rows 2 ft., and plants 6 inches apart. Roll or tramp the soil when the seed is sown to firm the surface. 1 oz. sows row 80 feet. Matures in June.

Lettuce—Sow ½ of an inch deep, 3 or 4 seeds every foot. Let the strongest plants grow. Lettuce may be grown between rows of slowly growing vegetables, and be cut off before they are in the road. Matures in 18 weeks.

Maize—Sow 1 inch deep in rows 3 feet and plants 1 foot apart. For cobs allow 3 feet every way. It is a good plan to sow the seed at the bottom of a furrow 6 to 9 inches deep, and as the plants grows work the soil round the stem. The plant will root from the stem, and thus have more root power, besides having its roots deep down in the soil where the moisture is.

Mangold wurzel—Sow ½ an inch deep, in rows 2 feet 6 inches and plants 1 foot 3 inches apart. Seedlings, when as large as a finger, may be safely transplanted, but will not freely transplant when smaller.

Onion—Sow in richly manured ground ¼ of an inch deep, in rows, thickly for onions for salad. Tramp ground when seed is sown as such seeds require a firm surface.

Orache or mountain spinage—Where not sown, sow ¼ of an inch deep, allowing 2 feet between rows and plants. Leaves broken off as they grow supply a splendid spinage.

Peas—In moist districts, or where water is available, sow 1 inch deep, in rows 4 feet and plants 6 inches apart.

Potatoes—Sow a few to produce seed for the coming year. Throw up a furrow, and plant the seed 4 inches below this furrow, drawing down the earth as the plants grow.

Radish—Sow a few in rich ground, watering well; ¼ of an inch deep, rows 1 foot and plants 2 inches apart.

Sorghum—Sow ½ an inch deep in rows 3 feet apart, where not already sown. This will give successional crops till cut off by the frost.

Turnip—Orange jelly and Swedish turnips can be sown now, ¼ of an inch deep, in rows 18 inches and plants 6 inches apart.

Scale breeds moth, and is more exposed to the effects of washes, such as kerosene emulsion; one washing now is worth three or four at other periods of the year.

Plant dahlias from subdivision of last year's plants, or green plants struck from cuttings. To divide tubers, split the old stem, seeing that there is a sprout on it, and let there be one or more of the old tubers. Green plants are raised from the sprouts of the old tubers, started by heat, and when large enough broken off and struck as a cutting. The finest flowers are obtained in autumn from the plants put out now.

Chrysanthemum plants should be finally cut back about Christmas, letting stems be only about 6 to 8 inches high. Do not water for two or three days till cut is dried otherwise plants bleed to death. If weather is warm shade the plants. A mulching of 2 to 4 inches of manure should be put round the plants, keeping the soil moist and supplying nutriment to the plants. Water freely.

Cineraria seed and pansy should now be planted. Pansies sown now and brought through the hot weather will produce finer plants and earlier flowers than the March sown seed.

"KEATING'S POWDER" destroys bugs, fleas, moths, beetles, and all other insects, whilst quite harmless to domestic animals. In exterminating beetles the success of this powder is extraordinary. It is perfectly clean in application. See the article you purchase is "KEATINGS" (i.e.), with the signature Thomas Keating on each tin, as imitations are noxious and ineffectual. Sold in tins, 6d, and 1s each, by all chemists.

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Something practical is likely to be done in regard to establishing an industry for the production of the various vegetable oils, machinery suitable for the extraction of oil from seeds having already been imported.

It is probable that the idea of appointing an outside board to inquire into the management of the railways will be abandoned, and that the enquiry will be made by the hon members of the Cabinet presided over by the Minister of Railways, and, if need be, assisted by the commissioners.

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Sir Andrew Clarke has signified his willingness to [illegible] as Agent-General should it be [illegible] Mr [illegible]

The [illegible] Is [illegible] at [illegible] Hill, Is [illegible] Echuca, and [illegible] Mount [illegible] unsettled.

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A man may as well sit down in a meadow and expect a cow to come and be milked, as to sit down in his store and expect to get trade without advertising. An occasional customer may stray in, inquire for something, and buy it, but most people go where they have been informed that the goods they want are to be found. Furthermore, a considerable proportion of business is *made* by advertising. An advertisement often suggests to a reader his want of an article, and he goes and buys when he would not have realised his need if he had not been put in mind of it.

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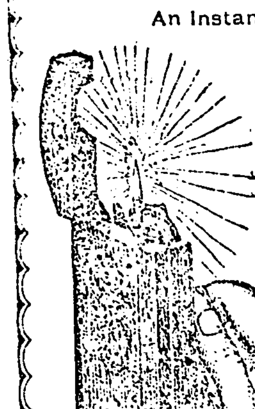

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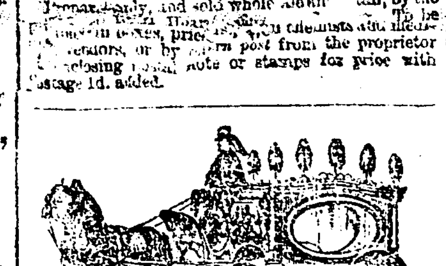

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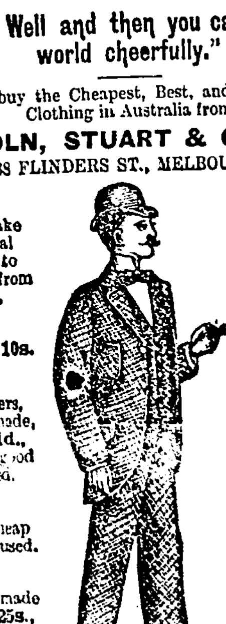

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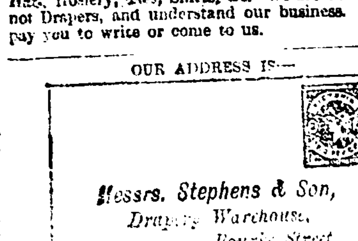

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N O T I C E.

THE Proprietor of the "Riponshire Advocate," in thanking his numerous patrons for past favors, respectfully solicits renewal of support, and desires to state that increased attention will be given to matters of local and general interest ... record of news he will always endeavour to make his columns as comprehensive as possible. In all departments, in fact, he will aim at improvement, and, therefore confidently appeals to the public for increased support.

He has resolved to REDUCE the SUBSCRIPTION to the "ADVOCATE" (with which is published a 14-column supplement containing well-selected reading matter) to 3s per quarter, and trusts that this concession will be largely taken advantage of.

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

Job Printing, plain and ornamental, every description, is executed with neatness, accuracy and despatch, and on the most reasonable terms.

ARTHUR PARKER,
Proprietor.

AN INTERESTING LETTER

FROM A WELL-KNOWN

SPECIALIST.

DR. LLEWELLYN, who is duly Qualified and Registered, is aware that by departing from the usual routine practice and devoting himself exclusively to a special branch, which he has done for some time, he is not strictly following the paths of professional etiquette, but, as a considerable body of the profession are still disposed to stand coldly aloof from any one of their number who acquires popularity in the treatment ... Specialist, he does not hesitate ... considers legitimate means for the purpose of ensuring cynical criticism, and of securing as far as he is able the confidence of the public. It is assuredly better to seek assistance from the qualified practitioner in preference to the quack.

The true designation of quackery belongs to those shameless adventurers who, without a particle of medical knowledge or a title of claim to the humblest department of the profession, practise extortion and deceit, advertising their nostrums as cure-alls, men of the lowest grade of intellect and responsibility, whose assurance is as unbounded as their promises are specious. Such men abound in Melbourne, Sydney, and other towns in Australia, and ... their flaming advertisements attract the attention of the unwary. The mischief to the health by swallowing the nostrums of these persons is oftentimes irretrievable, besides the money totally wasted in purchasing, at exorbitant rates, their so-called curative appliances.

The argument is, that the every-day enlightenment of mankind should protect them from resorting to the unprincipled; that if physic be a science, it should be honoured and respected as such; that the necessary inquiry and reflection should direct the visit from the nostrum-monger to the respectable practitioner. But alas! the dilemma in which a man finds himself when suffering from the follies of his own imprudence, and which he is anxious to conceal, renders him more solicitous to shun the respectable man and to creep into nooks and corners for counsel and consolation. Every member of the profession is too proud of his qualifications to hide them under a bushel. Dr. Llewellyn has passed examinations at the chief Medical Colleges in England; is a legally qualified and registered medical practitioner in Victoria; holds high testimonials, which all patients may inspect; and is, through a complete study, knowledge, practice, and experience of Special Diseases, a most reliable Expert, in whom there can be placed, without doubt, unlimited confidence.

The widespread evils and diseases arising from excess and indiscretion cannot be too generally known, and it is to be hoped that any reader of this paragraph who may suffer from these special complaints, will be awakened to their fearful consequences. If there be any amongst the readers of this letter who have unhappily fallen into objectionable habits, and are suffering in consequence, and are unwilling to hand an enfeebled constitution to their offspring, I would earnestly charge them to lose no time, but seek at once a means of cure, so that they may be restored to pristine health and vigour, before the evil becomes too deeply seated. I adhere strictly to the most approved and modern lines of treatment in my exclusive branch of practice, embracing Chronic Nervous, Skin and Special Diseases in men and women, and can, with confidence, undertake the permanent cure of all cases within the reach of medical skill.

To those about to marry, and who are either conscious or doubtful as to their suffering from a latent taint or weakness, a sense of duty of their part should unquestionably prompt them to seek the advice of a competent medical man. All patients applying to me for counsel and help may rest assured that my treatment will be vigorously directed to cure permanently any local defect or weakness, and place them in that fitting condition of health, that they can afterwards honourably marry.

To anyone whose confidence in the possibility of a satisfactory and permanent cure has been shaken by the conduct of various advertising parties who are ... medical pretenders with no real knowledge of the human body, and who are in the habit of sending the ... so-called Remedy to all who apply to them, or who have been victimised by any of the horde of Quacks, who have for years preyed upon the inexperienced, and whose only object is gain, whose boastful pretensions but veil their ignorance; to any such sufferer I would say, "Do not be desponding, and do not despair of a cure, but apply to me, or to any other reliable medical man, skilled in these special ailments, and the result will be all you could desire."

A very successful treatment in Chronic cases of Nervous Debility is Electric Therapeutics, when carefully applied under medical supervision. Part of my suite of consulting rooms is now fitted into an Electro-Medical Apparatus Department which contains Glaser's and Toepler-Holtz Machines for General Franklinization, and a large Combination Battery with Galvanometer and all other necessary accessories for Galvanism and Faradism. The currents from these instruments impart tone to the nerves, arouse the vitality of the ... overcome conditions that medicines alone cannot reach, and impart to everyone who gives them a fair trial, health, happiness, and a delicious sense of vigour.

Patients living at a distance and unable to attend personally, can be treated at their homes through the post without any interference to their business duties, and can have their medicines forwarded by mail or express to any part of Australasia, carefully packed and concealed from observation.

All personal consultations are free. The fee of £1, which is inclusive of medicines, must accompany each consultation by letter, or it cannot be replied to. I trust that, more especially in those cases where the sufferers have but limited means, I have never been found wanting in carrying out the good old motto of doing unto others what I would wish should be done unto me.

DR. J. D. LLEWELLYN,
325 LONSDALE STREET,
Between Swanston and Elizabeth Streets,
MELBOURNE.

COMMERCIAL.

—:00:—

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 2s to 2s 1d; Algerians, 1s 1d to 1s 2d; oats, to 1s 8d; barley, prime malting, 3s 1 to 3s 8d; Cape, 2s to 2s 1d; potatoes, 2 5s to L2 7s 6d; hay, prime green chaffing, L1 17s 6d to L2; medium, L1 10s to L1 15s; sauger hay, L2 5s to L2 7s 6d; straw, to L1 5s; bran, 5d to 5½d; pollard, 6½d; flour, roller, L5 to L5 5s; stone, L4 10s to L4 15s.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 1s 10d per bushel, bags in; flour stone-made, L4 15s per ton; roller-made, L5 per ton; oats, 1s 5d to 1s 6½d per bushel, bags in; pollard, 6d per bushel; bran, 5d per bushel; Cape barley, 2s 3d per bushel; potatoes, Warrnambool, old, 25s per ton; new, 4s 6d per cwt.; Ballarat, 35s per ton; hay, sheaves, to L1 15s per ton; hay, trussed, L2 5s per ton; straw, 20s per ton; chaff, 2s 3d per cwt; onions, 8s per cwt; carrots, 3s per cwt; butter, fresh, 6d per lb; butter, potted, 4d; hams, 8d per lb; bacon, 5½d per lb; cheese, 4d per lb; eggs, 6d per dozen.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Fat Cattle—463 head was the supply [illegible] consisting principally of quality ranging from medium to useful, only a small proportion being good and prime. There was a good attendance of the trade, best descriptions meeting with brisk competition at prices fully 15s to 20s in advance of last week's rates, other sorts also being in much better request. Quotations:—Prime pens bullocks, L7 to L8; extra, L8 12s 6d to L9; good do, L5 to L6; medium do, L3 10s to L4 10s; prime pens cows, L6 to L6 15s. Calves—41 yarded; a few prime vealers to hand, best selling to 46s. Sheep—10,377 came to hand for to-day's sale, fully one-half being stores, remainder principally medium, a small proportion ranging from good to prime. There was a large muster of buyers, and for really prime lots competition was animated at advanced prices, whilst other descriptions were dull of sale at about last week's low rates. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 8s to 9s, extra from 9s 6d to 10s 9d; good do, 7s to 7s 6d; medium do, 6s to 6s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 7s to 7s 11d; good do, 6s to 6s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 7s to 7s 11d; good do, 5s 6d to 6s 6d; prime merino wethers, 6s 6d to 7s 3d; good do, 5s to 6s; merino ewes to 4s 6d. Lambs—4569 to hand, very few being up to trade requirements, consequently best descriptions were in brisk demand at higher rates, other sorts also improving somewhat. Prime woolly, 8s to 8s 6d, a few to 9s 6d to 10s 6d; good do, 6s 6d to 7s; prime shorn, 6s 6d to 7s, extra 7s 6d to 8s; good do, 5s 6d to 6s.

MELBOURNE MARKETS

Wednesday.

The Melbourne Woolbrokers' Association reports:—Wheat.—Prime new was sold to-day up to 2s 2d; prime old, which is scarce, being quoted nominally at 2s 2½d to 2s 3d. Inferior and off lots are worth from 1s 11½d to 2s 0½d. Oats are in fairly good request at late rates, viz.: Prime stout to 1s 9d; fair feed, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; Algerians, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d; and [illegible] to good feed, 1s 1½d to 1s 2½d. Barley.—There now exists a good demand for prime malting samples, and values have had a slight advance. Present quotations are:—Prime to 3s 6d; fair to good, 3s to 3s 3d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 6d. Cape is dull at 1s 3d to 1s 5d. Maize is very dull. Prime [illegible] "red" is worth to 1s 8½d, and off lots, 1s 6d to 1s 7d. Peas are weak at 1s 9d for good.

Mr George Evans, auctioneer, 439 Flinders-lane west, reports:—Cheese.—New is coming forward freely and the market is easier. Prime, 3½d to 4d; medium to good, 3d to 3¼d; prime matured, 5d to 6d. Potted Butter.—Prime new, 5d to 6d; pastry sorts, 4d to 4½d. Fresh butter in short supply. Prime dairies in prints and rolls, 7d to 7½d per lb; a few special higher; lump, [illegible] Eggs, [illegible] per dozen. Game in demand [illegible] Bacon, town cured, [illegible] Lard, [illegible] Garden Honey.—Prime 3d; inferior, 2d. Beeswax, prime wanted at 11d. Poultry.—A large quantity forward, and market brisk. Young roosters, heavy, brought up to 4s 10d per pair; mixed lots, 2s 6d to 3s 2d; hens, 1s 7d to 2s; ducks, 2s to 4s 2d; geese, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; turkeys, hens 6s to 7s, and gobblers, 10s 6d to 15s 6d, according to size. Hides, sheep and furred skins of all descriptions for sale.

GEELONG WEEKLY MARKET

Messrs George Hague and Co. report under date of 14th Decr.:—

Wool—We held our ninth sale of the season to-day, when we submitted a catalogue of 308 bales, consisting almost entirely of farmers' lots of inferior to medium quality. We had no superior lots. There was a full muster of buyers present, and keen competition throughout the sale, prices generally ruling very firm at late quotations. With the exception of 20 bales we made a clearance of our catalogue. Among the leading lines sold were:—S B over T (Beaufort) x bred fleece at 7½d, and 1st x bred and merino at 6½d. S B S (Skipton) merino fleece at 6½d. C T (Beaufort) merino fleece at 5½d, and x bred fleece at 5½d.

Sheepskins—A smaller supply to-day, the whole of which we cleared at late rates. We sold all as follows:—Butchers' fresh-killed skins, small to medium, 40d to 48d each; good to superior, 50d to 54d, extra higher. Station skins, short 1d to 2d per lb.; medium, 2¼d to 2½d per pound; extra, higher. Lambskins, 1d to 3½d per pound.

Hides.—We had a fair supply, but [illegible] We sold—Heavies to [illegible] extra [illegible] Good conditioned salted, light and [illegible] 1½d to [illegible] to 1½d per pound. Kip 1½d to 1½d per pound. Calf to 2½d per pound.

Messrs Dalgety & Co., Ltd., report, under date of 14th inst:—A. Slater over Skipton, 8 bales 1st and 2nd merino fleece 8½d, lambs 7½d

The Hon. Mr Pratt has followed Sir Frederick Sargood's example and resigned his position in the Ministry.

Beaufort Business Directory.

GEORGE LOFT,
BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,
Willoughby Street, near Shire Hall,
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New Spring and Summer Goods!
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INSPECTION INVITED.
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Prime Meat kept. Soft Goods always on hand
Orders called for daily,

TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.

PRICES OF BEEF & MUTTON FOR CASH.
By the quarters or half quarters, 17s 6d per 100 lb.; Corned Beef, 15s per 100 lb.; Mutton, by the carcase, 2d per lb.; Legs, 3d per lb.; Prime Roast, 4½d per lb.; Chops, from 4d to 5d per lb.; Sausages, 4d per lb.; Rump Steak, from 4d to 6d per lb.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF WATERLOO AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS

A. KILGOUR,
PRACTICAL TAILOR, BEAUFORT
Begs to announce to the residents of Waterloo and district that he will make regular visits to Waterloo, every alternate Saturday, beginning on the 13th October, when he will be pleased to execute all orders entrusted to him in his well-known style, and at prices that will astonish and meet with the approval of those favouring him with their orders. [illegible]
As my motto is "No Fit, No Pay," customers can rely on [illegible] satisfaction. [illegible] have just arrived for the ensuing season, amongst which will be found goods to please the most fastidious tastes in design, quality, and price.
NOTE:—Customers desirous of being waited on at their own homes will please leave a note to that effect at Mrs Vowles' Richmond Hotel, Waterloo, which will receive my immediate attention.
Motto—"NO FIT, NO PAY."
A. KILGOUR,
Practical Tailor,
BEAUFORT.

[A CARD.]
DR. ADAM,
M.B., C.M.,
May in future be Consulted at his Private Residence (next to Police Station); also when necessary at his Consulting Room, next Mr. Andrews', Chemist.
Messages left with Mr. Andrews conveyed by telephone.

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SATURDAY, DECR. 22, 1894.

THE Christmas season is again upon us. The crowing of the cocks in the grey dawn of another three days will herald the arrival of the anniversary of the Nativity of the Founder of Christianity. The day is one which will be celebrated with rejoicings throughout Christendom. In every country of the world, where a belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ prevails, the anniversary of His birth is observed in a fashion quite in keeping with the fashions of the country. In England the snow will be deep upon the ground, the Yule log will blaze brightly upon the fire, and the merriest of indoor games will be indulged in. A holly twig will grace every table ornament and the huge plum pudding. The mistletoe will hang over the doorway and many a forfeit will be exacted under its tender drooping branches. In Australia quite the opposite climatic conditions prevail. The day is a mid-summer one, and the bright blazing Yule log and the active indoor games would be altogether out of place with us. The farmers are not warranted in enjoying to the full the festivities of the season. Their crops are dead ripe, and it is of much greater concern to them that the golden corn should be gathered in as quickly as possible than that a day should be [illegible] Christian observances of the past are going the way of other customs and traditions, but it is to be sincerely hoped that the true spirit of the season, which has come down through so many ages and withstood the buffetings of a wicked and perverse world, that of brotherly love and charity, will never die out. That spirit can and does suffuse the hard worker in the harvest field, as well as the more comfortably looked after city toiler. The Christmas spirit enters every household in the realm, casting a momentary gleam of sunshine and happiness over it, though its inmates may be wracked with pain and bowed down by troubles and sorrows. A very charming writer says he believes that every year at Christmas time the windows of Heaven open wider than ever before, and more men and women hear the song; the song being that of the angels at the Nativity. There can, to our thinking, be very little doubt but that such is the case. The saying, "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men," takes upon itself a real live meaning; it comes to be really more than an empty phrase that slips glibly from the tongue. The heavy, cumbersome, and uncomfortable mantle of worldliness and hardness of spirit is cast off, never to be again donned by some, although it is regrettably true there are others who feel themselves uncomfortable if not habilitated therewith, and the Christmas season over, they hasten to wrap it around them. Their getting out of themselves, even for a brief season though it be, exercises a marked influence upon their after lives. All should be happy here, and feel the joys of Christmas as keenly as is done in any part of the globe. Circumstances have made us denizens of this part of the universe, and not of Paris, London, Melbourne, or any other large city of the world, where the busy round of existence progresses at railroad speed; where the activities are kept strung up to the tightest tension, the brain operating at an immense pace, and always in a state of feverish excitement. We should count ourselves lucky that our physical and social conditions are of a much more peaceful character. We are not permitted an immunity from trials, but they are nothing like so soul-wearying and spirit-depressing as those of our city brethren. How much happier is the existence of the poorest among our farmers to that of the big land speculator of the city whose reputed riches have all passed from him, reducing him to a condition of absolute beggary. We know it is part of the nature of man to growl; there are few of us altogether satisfied with our lot. It is, of course, well that we should be fired by noble aspirations, and that our aim should be to reach a higher state of spiritual happiness. Each and every one of us should be able to say that we are one step further forward to-day than we were yesterday, both in a spiritual and a material sense. And the Christmas season is that when we should pause and carefully examine the work performed during the past year, and to resolutely determine to improve on that during the coming year. Let the farmer determine to have his farm, orchards, and the whole of his surroundings in a decidedly better condition on the arrival of the Christmas of 1895 than they are to-day; also the others of us to in the same way improve our condition. Entered upon in the right spirit the work will become easy and pleasant, and the results incalculably great; entered upon in a perverse spirit and any work will become irksome, and the results far from satisfactory. The work [illegible] during the now closing year throughout the district in all directions has no doubt been good, but it could have been infinitely better. The season has been an exceptionally favorable one, and the yields promise to be particularly good, so that our agriculturists should be in the merriest of moods this present Christmas. We sincerely hope that not a shadow will be found hanging over a single household or person in the district. The universal spirit of good-will broadens and deepens year by year, and we are sure a no more congenial soil can be found than in the hearts of those who breathe the fresh air of heaven and lead the healthy country life. We have no more now to say than to wish every one of our readers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Local and General News.

At the expiration of a month a gold mining lease is to be issued to C. Fisher, Lucky Consols Co., 10a. 3r. 35p., Waterloo Flat.

Mr Paton, of Beaufort, has been chosen to play against the English cricketers with the Ballarat team (18) on 4th and 5th January.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 24th, 25th and 26th December, and the 1st and 2nd January, are proclaimed as public holidays for Christmas and the New Year.

The secretary of the Beaufort Jockey Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donation towards the New Year's Day races:—Mr Philip Lewis, £1 1s.

Up to yesterday morning at 9 o'clock 11 points of rain fell for the week at Beaufort. Showers afterwards fell, but the day was close and muggy, but the night was cool.

A painful accident befel Mr W. E. Nickols on Tuesday last. Mr Nickols (says the "Ararat Advertiser") was in the act of closing the door of his office when a sudden gust of wind unexpectedly slammed it to, and one of his fingers was caught, and the nail, with some of the flesh attached, was completely torn away.

NEW GOODS.—For first-class Spring and Summer Drapery, at moderate prices, go to McKEICH'S. His stock is the largest, his prices are the lowest, for Millinery, Dresses, Prints, Crepons, Ribbons, Laces, Corsets, Hosiery, and Gloves, Umbrellas, Calicoes, Sheetings, Suits, Hats, Ties, Shirts, Boots and Shoes, and all classes of general drapery. J. McKEICH, The Direct Importer, Neill-street, Beaufort.—[ADVT.]

[illegible] of Lake Goldsmith, farmer, by his will dated 27th June, 1894, and presented for probate by Messrs Mitchell, Nevett and Robinson, of Ballarat, solicitors, appointed his wife Ann and his son John executors. He bequeathed to his wife allotment 97A and 106, parish of Eurambeen; to his daughter Margaret allotment 102B, same parish; to his daughter Ann allotment 107, same parish; to his son John and Michael equally, allotments 4A and 4B, section 7, allotments 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B, 5A, and 2, section 19, parish of Yangerahwill; and to his son Thomas allotment 3, section 19 and 2, section 17, parish of Yangerahwill. His farm implements, live stock and farm produce, is to be divided equally between his sons, John, Michael, and Thomas. He bequeathed his household furniture to his wife, and directed his son John to carry on his farm as at present. Testator died 22nd October, 1894, and the estate is sworn at L4500 real and L500 personal. Total, L5000.

A meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club was held at VanderStoel's Victoria Hotel on Tuesday evening. Present—Messrs Sinclair (in the chair), VanderStoel, Maher, Thomas, Kelly, Archard, and Parker. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The correspondence included letters with donations as follow:—Captain Bridges, R.N., £3; Mr Philip Lewis, £1 1s; Hon. Robt. Simson, £2; also a complimentary ticket from the Lexton Turf Club to their races. Mr VanderStoel moved, and Mr Maher seconded, that any person sitting on a committee meeting must be a subscriber of at least 10s. Carried. Mr Kelly moved, and Mr Thomas seconded, that the secretary be instructed to get 40 members' tickets printed. Carried. The following tenders for works on the racecourse were received:—M. Franc, £7 7s; John Carmichael, £4 15s; T. VanderStoel, £6 13s. Mr Kelly moved, and Mr Thomas seconded, that Carmichael's tender be accepted at £4 15s. Carried. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

There was immense excitement in Melbourne when it became known that the Englishmen had won the test cricket match by 10 runs.

The Land Tax Bill (considers the "Argus") strikes all round at every interest which at this crisis a patriotic and an intelligent Government would desire to shelter and to protect.

The only nomination lodged for the South-Western Province election was that of Mr Joseph Henry Grey, solicitor, Geelong, who was yesterday declared duly elected.

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."—CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d. Beware of worthless imitations

The Beaufort Avenue and Buangor clubs play a return cricket match in the Park this (Saturday) afternoon.

A tennis match has been arranged for Monday afternoon, on the Beaufort court, between Stoneleigh and Beaufort and North Melbourne combined.

The Waterloo and Mt. Cole Cricket clubs met on the Buangor ground on Saturday last. A very enjoyable and exciting game resulted in a victory for Waterloo by 16 runs. For Waterloo, Calder was in best form, being the only one to reach double figures in either innings, his scores of 13 and 16 respectively being obtained by good cricket. Neat was the only one to reach double figures on the Mt. Cole side, this player adding 11 to the total. The bowling on both sides was exceptionally good. The following are the scores:—Waterloo—1st innings, 42; 2nd innings, 33; total, 75. Mt. Cole—1st innings, 32; 2nd innings, 27; total, 59.

In these days of cheap production and low prices for produce, anything that tends to lessen the cost of raising crops should be interesting to our farming friends. The mallee is recognised as the largest wheat-growing part of the colony, and a visitor to Beaufort from the Wimmera district this [illegible] under notice a wrinkle [illegible] He stated that with the aid of a flock of sheep driven by two dogs over a field newly sown with wheat, the seed was effectually harrowed, whilst it could not have been so well and quickly done by five sets of harrows. Thousands of acres are harrowed in this fashion, and the sheep eat a comparatively small quantity of the seed.

The cricket match between Beaufort (18) and North Melbourne takes place in the Park on Xmas. Day, and not on Boxing Day as previously announced. Play commences at 10 a.m., and at 12.30 p.m. an adjournment will be made for lunch, play resuming at 2 o'clock and continuing till 6.30 p.m. The visiting team will be selected from the following:—Fox, Howlett, Armstrong, Scown, Oliver, Gourlay, Clucas, McMaster, Munro, Lyons, Luckman, Dougall, and Bean. The locals will be represented by—Barnes, Cowell, Cochrane, Calder, Dolan, Hill, Kilgour, Lilley, Paton (2), Parker (2), Sinclair, Trompf (3), Thompson, and Welsh. Emergencies—Stuart, Thomas, and Grant.

A meeting of the Beaufort Cricket Club was held at Welsh's Golden Age Hotel on Thursday evening. Present—Dr Adam (president), Kilgour, Hocking, Thompson, Dolan, Welsh, A. Trompf, Cowell, Sinclair, and Parker. A letter was read from Mr E. Beale, secretary North Melbourne Club, accepting invitation to play Beaufort during the Xmas. holidays. Mr Kilgour explained the action he had taken in trying to get the team here. The matter was conversationally discussed. Mr Thompson moved and Mr Dolan seconded that the match be played on Xmas. Day. It was stated that there were several private pic-nics on Boxing Day, which would affect the attendance. The secretary also stated that he had lodged an application to amend the permission to use the Park on Xmas. Day instead of Boxing Day. The motion was carried. It was resolved to commence the match at 10 a.m., and adjourn for lunch at 12.30. p.m., resuming play at 2 o'clock, and continuing till 6.30 p.m. Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., here attended, and agreed as President of the Shire Council to welcome the cricketers at 11 o'clock [illegible] The secretary was instructed to [illegible] some dodgers printed relative to the match. The matter of catering for the pic-nic at Fern Tree Gully, Mt. Cole, on Boxing Day was left in the hands of the secretary, as also the hiring of traps. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

There was a pleasing innovation following the regular monthly meeting of the Fiery Creek Lodge on Wednesday evening in the shape of a Ladies' Night. Bro. G. H. Cougle, W.M., presided, and introduced Bro. A. Miller, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., M.E.Z., of St. John's Lodge, Ballarat, who delivered an entertaining and instructive lecture on "Robert Burns," peasant, mason, and poet. He dealt exhaustively with the influence and inspiration that Masonry gave to Burns' poetic genius, and showed how it was fostered and fed by the fraternity. Burns was initiated into St. David's Lodge, Tarbolton, on 4th July, 1781, he being then in his 23rd year, and he became from that moment one of the most devoted of Masons, and stood high in the order. In return for his labors and as an act of personal friendship the St. James' Lodge became responsible altogether for the issue of the first volume of his poems in April 1786; and it may safely be asserted that but for Masonry the poems of Robert Burns, now disseminated all over the world, might have been lost to prosperity. Thus the genius of Masonry discovered and led forth the genius of one of the greatest of the poets of Scotland. The lecturer sketched the life of Burns and the honors gained by him in the Craft in Edinburgh and elsewhere, and recited some of the poet's best productions. Bro. Miller was frequently applauded during the delivery of his most interesting lecture. The following musical programme was then carried out, each item being cordially received:—Song, 'Scots wha ha'e wi' Wallace bled,' Bro. Wotherspoon; song, 'There was a lad was born in Kyle,' Bro. Kilgour, P.M.; song, 'Flora McDonald's lament,' Miss Adam; song, 'Stand on the braes of Mar,' Bro. Tulloch, P.M; song, 'The bonnie banks of Lock Lomond,' Bro. Dr. Adam; song, 'Barring o' the door,' Bro. Cochran; recitation, 'The pipes of Lucknow,' Bro. Thompson; song, 'Duncan Gray,' Bro. Wotherspoon. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Miller for his lecture on the proposition of Bro. Dr. Adam, seconded by Bro. H. H. Jackson; and also to the ladies (of whom about 30 were present), coupled with the name of Miss Adam, the accompanist, on the motion of Bro. H. H. Jackson, seconded by Bro. Harris, I.P.M. The ladies were supplied by Bro. J. F. Watkin with some very pretty bouquets of flowers. During the evening light refreshments were handed round, and the catering of Mrs H. Trompf gave unbounded satisfaction.

For the past quarter of a century there has been one continuous flow of letters bearing testimony to the truly wonderful cures effected by Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture, "the finest Blood Purifier that science and medical skill have brought to light." Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples and Sores of any kind, are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

A Coolgardie correspondent writes:—"The funeral season has set in with severity. But no one there takes any notice of a funeral now. It generally consists of a spring cart, a rough coffin and the dead man's mate. It is more lonely and pathetic than Mr M'Cubbin's Bush Funeral. As there has been a lack of woman's nursing so there is dearth of woman's tears."

A novel entertainment is announced for Boxing Night in the Societies' Hall. Mr Alf. G. Lumsden, who recently performed at the Melbourne Athenæum before an enthusiastic audience of 15,000 people, will give his unique entertainment, Mysteria, or Wonderland on Earth, in conjunction with the well-known elocutionist, Mr W. L. Paine, from whom a choice selection of English gems, Irish fun, and Scotch humor, is promised.

The members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade celebrated their first anniversary on Tuesday last by holding a "Smoke night" at Welsh's Golden Age Hotel. Captain Humphries presided, and conveyed the welcome news (although not officially) that the price requested by the trustees of the old Fire Brigade for appliances and station had been accepted by the Country Fire Brigades' Board. Programmes for the coming demonstration at Bendigo to be held in March were distributed amongst the members. It is more than probable a team will compete from here. A couple of hours were pleasantly spent by those present in the usual convivial manner customary on such occasions.

[illegible] Mrs Quezee, and two of [illegible] had a remarkably narrow escape from serious injury on Friday night, 14th inst. They were returning from Stockyard Hill in a gig, and, coming down Sheoak Hill in pitch darkness, the horse bolted. Mrs Hunter, who was driving, lost all control of the animal. Mr Vowles' infant daughter was bundled into a 'possum rug and thrown out just before the gig capsized. The occupants fortunately escaped with a few bruises, whilst the horse was stunned and the gig and harness slightly damaged. Assistance was procured from Mr McIntosh's, and after it had taken fully half-an-hour to find the child which had been thrown out unharmed, a fresh horse was obtained and the journey to Beaufort accomplished without further mishap.

A meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs Jackson (president), Hughes, Drummond, McKeich, and Dungey (secretary.) The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From "Patent" Office, Melbourne, offering to forward a copy on condition that the committee had them re-bound.—Received, and no action taken. From G Higinbotham, forwarding list of new and secondhand books, with prices.—Received. From F. W. Niven & Co. forwarding a copy of the "Ballarat Vicinity."—Received with thanks, on the motion of Messrs Hughes and McKeich. The secretary stated that he had received a letter from the Department stating that they would allow them to expend 70 per cent. of their income in maintenance. The following accounts were passed for payment:—M. C. Baird, L2 19s 3d; D. Troy, 19s 6d; Broadbent Bros., 1s; G. Topper, 8s; W. Schlicht, 9s; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co, 9s; Hawkes Bros., 11s. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

A conference of representatives of municipalities, convened by the Echuca-shire Council, was held on Tuesday at the White Hart hotel, Melbourne, to protest against the proposed land tax. In all 53 municipalities wrote co-operating with the movement, but some of the appointed representatives found it impossible to attend the conference, and sent apologies. There were 45 delegates present. Cr Scare (Alexandra) moved—"That this meeting strongly objects to the land tax proposal, and is of opinion that with judicious retrenchment no fresh taxation will be necessary." This was seconded by Cr Nolanan (Echuca), and supported by a number of delegates, who argued that what was wanted was retrenchment, not taxation. The tax was imposed to keep in employment a number of people who were not required by the State. The farmer had enough to do to live without having to pay unnecessary Civil servants. The incidence of the tax was unjust, and its pressure upon financial institutions would cause their collapse. Cr R. W. Dobson (Ballaratshire) stated that a meeting was held in the Shire of Ballarat condemning the tax. They would rather have the subsidy abolished than have the obnoxious tax imposed. He was pleased to be present to support the motion. The proposal to abolish the municipal subsidy was supported by several speakers. Ultimately the motion was carried unanimously. Cr Kydd (Glenlyon) then moved—"That a petition from the conference be prepared for presentation to the Legislative Council that day, and that a similar petition be prepared for signature in the country requesting the Legislative Council to reject the land tax." Cr Lloyd (Broadford) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The petition was then drafted and signed by the representatives at the conference for presentation to the Legislative Council.

Tuesday, 18th December, 1894, will doubtless be long remembered as a red letter day by the school children of Trawalla, Waterloo, and Nerring, for on that day, Captain and Mrs Bridges gave the children a handsome treat in the shape of a delightful pic-nic at Trawalla. The host and hostess, in a winning, kind, and thoughtful way, welcomed all most cordially, and a more sociable gathering it would be impossible to find. There was no lack of amusement, and what with racing for prizes, throwing at Aunt Sally, tugs-of-war, swinging, jumping, and rides in a go-cart, the youngsters made things lively. The prizes consisted of a very nice collection of toys, books, and useful articles; and the youngsters highly appreciated the generosity of Captain and Mrs Bridges. The teachers at the several schools, with Messrs Milligan, Leadbeater, Ansaldi, Martin, Drummond, and Broadbent helped in getting the sports off. Tables were laid in the garden under the large and shady pines, and the comestibles supplied by Mr J. Cowans were greatly relished, to judge by the large quantity eaten. Subsequently the children were regaled with pine-apples, and it was quite evident that the feast was immensely enjoyed. With the parents and friends of the children there must have been fully 500 people present, and to young and old alike the pic-nic proved a thoroughly enjoyable one. Some of the older folks found pleasure in strolling about the homestead and admiring the beautiful and choice flowers in the gardens and conservatories. A wonderful improvement has been effected here during the past two years. Shortly after 6 o'clock, when the Waterloo school boys had beaten Trawalla and Nerring at a tug-of-war, and the seniors of Waterloo had done likewise, preparations were made for leave-taking. On the proposition of Mr Milligan, three very hearty cheers were given for Captain Bridges, R.N., as also for Mrs Bridges and the family, and all must have felt that none but the kindliest feeling could have prompted the giving of such a rare treat to the children.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

There was a large attendance of scholars, with a fair sprinkling of parents and friends, at the Beaufort State School yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the presentation of prizes by Captain Bridges, R.N. The children having very creditably sung a number of songs, under the able conductorship of Mr Hocking and Miss M'Farlane, Mr Hocking, the head teacher, gave a statement of the proceeds of the recent concert in aid of the prize fund and purchase of science apparatus, and remarked that after paying all expenses therewith there was a balance of £10 18s, which, with 38s in hand from a former concert and a few shillings derived from a magic lantern entertainment, brought the total to a little over L13. For every L1 contributed by the residents the Education Department contributed L1 towards getting apparatus for teaching the science subjects, and for this L3 7s 2d had been contributed locally. He had received an acknowledgement of the money, and had intended to have had the apparatus to let them see how the money had been spent, and although it was on its way it had not arrived. The rest of the money had been spent on the books before them. He expected they would cost about [illegible] and after the carriage was paid he was sure a small balance would be left for next year—at all events they would not be in debt. At the concert he had made the remark that he had never seen so many dunces as at Beaufort during the past [illegible] years, for which several people had taken him to task. He produced a detailed statement of the attendance in support of his remarks, and proved conclusively the lamentable fact that the accusation was based on truth. As an instance, he stated that one scholar commenced her education on 26th Sept. last at five years of age, and after attending 9½ days cleared out, and had not been seen at school since. A sister, 10½ years of age, attended 8½ days and got sick of it. Neither of them knew the alphabet, could not count, and had not the slightest idea of writing. They did not live in Beaufort exactly, but not far from it. Another child, 12½ years old, attended 19 days in the quarter ending September, and was learning her alphabet when she came, and when she left could read words of one syllable very well. Another of the same family, about 11 years of age, was not so far advanced and did not attend so regularly. Another child, 8½ years old, had been learning the alphabet for the last six months. One child, 10½ years of age, was barely able to read the first book. A young man left school in June and could not read the second book, but knew the multiplication tables, although if he were asked what 37 pence were he could not tell. Another, 14 years old, was a little better, being able to read the second book, and to do addition and subtraction, and nearly knew the multiplication tables. Eight children were present at the examination who had not attended half the time for the previous six months [illegible] was not fair to take the average attendance for the past three months, because the children had had whooping cough and influenza very severely, and for the past month there was an average of 43 away each day. Taking the September month, when there was no sickness, out of 225 children 73 were absent every day, and only 30 came 20 out of 23 school days. That was about the state of affairs throughout the [illegible] He wanted to see the school [illegible] high class, for the children of Beaufort are very intelligent, he could tell them that to make it a first-class school they must send their children, otherwise he could not get a good percentage. He had never got such a low percentage during the past 14 years as last year. It was only 85 per cent., while the previous year he had obtained 98. Mr Hocking then referred to Inspector Livingstone having picked out the best and neatest examination papers for which prizes were awarded; the best exercise books had been judged by Messrs Parry and Parker; Mrs Smith and Mrs Parry had kindly judged the sewing; and Sergeant-Major Gray the military drill. In some cases, where boys and girls had won four prizes, he had got one very good book, such as Tennyson's poems, instead of four books.

Captain Bridges, who was loudly applauded, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to present the prizes, partly because he liked to see the children, and partly because he wished to show the tremendous benefits and advantages which the children had in gaining an education, without which they were tremendously handicapped. He thanked the children for the really good and delightful singing given by them, and he only regretted that his own children were not able to hear it, as it would have done them a great deal of good. He intended bringing them, but they were all suffering from this wretched influenza. The Captain especially complimented the children on their singing of "Rule Brittannia," which he had heard on a man-of-war for 25 years of his life. He urged them to attend school and pay attention to their work, even on a higher ground than stated by Mr Hocking. It would save them from awful difficulties by being educated. Now was the time for them to learn, for when they became old the brain would not take it in as now. He quite envied his children their aptitude in learning French and German, which they knew better than he, and although he had been in the countries where those languages are spoken, and had passed examinations, yet they surprised and often puzzled him over words when they came to him with their exercises [illegible] and although they had sung "Money makes the mare go," yet they will find that money was of no use without education, but rather it was a curse. Speaking of the ignorance in Turkey, the Captain referred to partly educated people sitting at a table in the street to whom others wanting letters written had to go. They did not want such as these to know what they wanted to say, especially in love matters. And that was what no education meant. They had splendid opportunities to learn, education being free to all, and he impressed upon them how anxious they should be to push on themselves, and to remember their advantages. Numbers had not been able to read till quite recently, and on board a large ship he had seen many unable to read or write spending their time in idleness. Such people as these would never rise in the world. Captain Bridges concluded by again strongly urging the children to pay attention and try and learn, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to present the prizes. He then handed them to the successful scholars.

The following is the list of prizes awarded:—

Upper VI.—Nellie Tulloch, inspector's examination, neat paper at examination (2nd), sewing (1st), regular attendance; Emma Audus, inspector's examination, neat paper at examination (1st), sewing (3rd), exercise book; Frank Hocking, exercise book; May Dungey, sewing (2nd); Aggie Tulloch, sewing (3rd).

Lower VI.—Theo. Schlicht, inspector's examination, exercise book; Emily Hocking, inspector's examination, sewing (2nd); Georgina McDonald, sewing (1st), exercise book; Arthur Dungey, neat paper at examination (2nd.)

Class V.—James Ison, inspector's examination, exercise book; Lucy Hocking, inspector's examination, sewing (1st), neat paper at examination (1st); Maggie Flynn, inspector's examination, neat paper at examination (2nd); May Tulloch, sewing (2nd), exercise book, regular attendance; Mary Downey, sewing (3rd); Maggie Prentice, exercise book; Thomas Stratton, regular attendance.

Class IV.—Addie Hocking, inspector's examination, neat paper at examination (2nd), exercise book; Wm. Driver, inspector's examination; Alfred Cheeseman, inspector's examination; Wm. Cheeseman, inspector's examination; Florrie Hocking, sewing (1st); Ada Frusher, sewing (2nd); Alice [illegible] Stephen Chapman [illegible] exercise book; [illegible] Florrie Douglas, regular attendance.

Class III.—[illegible]

[illegible] Tompkins, exercise book; Richardson [illegible], regular attendance; Florrie Cameron, regular attendance.

Military Drill.—Thomas Parry, 1st; Percy Hocking, 2nd; John Kilgour, 3rd.

Besides the above, a large number of awards were given in the infant class.

The Rev. R. Jackson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Captain Bridges for his kindness in presenting the prizes. He remarked that the children not only had a fine school that was well ventilated, but excellent teachers, and from beginning to end they should fare very well as far as education is concerned. It was very nice for them to get these nice awards, which spoke of their doings during the past year. It was also very nice to have such a gentleman in their midst as Captain Bridges to come here and distribute the prizes. In the past he had been very kind to the children and had shown them considerable consideration in a practical way frequently; and he was sure the children were glad to see him and receive the awards at his hands.

The vote was accorded by acclamation.

Captain Bridges, in responding, thanked Mr Jackson for his kind remarks and the children and parents for their hearty reception of the proposition. He could only say the [illegible]

The National Anthem [illegible] gathering dispersed [illegible]

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The Town and Country Journal says the total number of sheep in Australia at the end of 1893 was 119,218,041, and the total value of wool exported in 1893 was L25,450,111.

The import of gold into Great Britain from Australasia in the month of October amounted to L313,384, and the total for the first 10 months of the year L4,218,493. No gold was exported to this part of the world.

It has transpired that at an early stage in the war between China and Japan Russia and England intimated to the latter power that it would not be allowed to operate against Shanghai or on the Yang-tse-kiang. The Japanese Government gave a pledge that it would not carry on any warlike operations in that quarter. Recently, however, it has been feared that Japan intended to break its pledge, and it was in consequence of this apprehension that England has been lately strengthening her fleet in Chinese waters. There is a powerful British squadron [illegible] at the island of Chusan, near Shanghai, under Vice-Admiral Sir Edmund Fremantle, and Russia has a large fleet at Chefoo. The latest intelligence from the seat of war is to the effect that the first and second Japanese armies operating in Manchooria are converging on the treaty port of Niuchwang, at the head of the Gulf of Liautung. It is believed that after they have captured this important town they will occupy Tientsin, the port of Pekin, near the mouth of the Peiho River, and will go into winter quarters there.

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The eggs and peas by the R.M.S. Rome were frozen during the voyage, the temperature of the freezing-chamber being too low. The majority of the eggs are consequently cracked.

MINING NEWS.

Up to yesterday the Beaufort branch of the Bank of Victoria had purchased no less a quantity of gold than 4,407oz. 1dwt. 14gr. during the present year, and despite the fact that owing to the erection of machinery at several of the leading claims at Waterloo during the past quarter has caused a wonderfully diminished yield, this is an increase on the purchases of the previous year of 853oz. 16dwt. 17gr. It may safely be calculated that at least 1000oz. were sold in Ballarat in addition. We hope to be able to give fuller particulars in our last issue of the year, and appeal to the various co-operative parties to send us their individual returns, so as to show the immense value of the mining industry to the district and colony at large.

With the near approach of the Christmas holidays the miner generally looks forward hopefully to improved yields in order that he may be the better enabled to enjoy the holidays. We fear, however, that if such hopes have been indulged in by the miners employed in the Beaufort district they will not be realised, as we have not heard of any improved yields. Ireland and party have been prospecting the ground. Last week they obtained [illegible] dwt. from a small machine, and on Wednesday they washed off a set of dirt for 5 dwt. The next claim (J. [illegible]) obtained 1½ dwt. last Saturday, and expect a better return [illegible] Government [illegible] with [illegible] for [illegible] after the holidays. The All Nations Company have not washed any dirt yet. The puddlers and fossickers obtained their usual poor returns last week.

The gold yields at Beaufort and Waterloo for the week ending Saturday last, 15th inst., totalled about 56 oz. The returns to hand are as follow:—Lucky Co., 14 oz. 9 dwt. 6 gr.; Lewis and party, 3 oz. 8 dwt. 9 gr.; Martin, 3 oz. 5 dwt. 2 gr.; Kinleyside, 1 oz. 9 dwt.; Blackmore, 5 oz. 10 dwt. 23 gr.

The Last Chance washed off on Monday, obtaining 10 oz.

The volunteer company, at the swamp, are working two shifts. The Madame Berry Company are driving in the reef, their machinery being easily able to cope with the water. The Excelsior are getting washdirt to grass, and clean up this week. All the parties that have been erecting machinery are ready for work, but will not start till after the holidays.

The Lucky Co. cleaned up yesterday, the yield being 20oz.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The second competition by members of the Beaufort Rifle Club for Mr McKeich's presentation inkstand took place in conjunction with the ordinary monthly match on Wednesday last. Ten competed, with the following result:—J. Kilbeg, 1st with 58, 5 points and 7s 6d; W. Hill 2nd with 57, 4 points [illegible] 100 [illegible] J. McKeich, 3rd [illegible] 3 points; A. Trompf, 4th with 56, 2 points; J. Brooks, 5th with 51, 1 point. The points obtained so far are—Hill, 9; McKeich, 7; Kilbeg, 5; A. Trompf, 4; Chapman, 3; Dolan, 1; Brooks, 1. Appended are the scores:—

	Yds.—300	500	H'd'p.	Tl.
J. Kilbeg ...	26	29	3	58
W. Hill ...	23	25	9	57
J. McKeich ...	26	29	scr.	55
A. Trompf ...	25	26	2	53
J. S. Brooks ...	22	16	13	51
C. Trompf ...	23	13	14	50
D. F. Troy ...	21	22	6	49
J. P. Dolan ...	24	17	6	47
J. Chapman ...	23	14	7	44
F. Kendall ...	15	12	13	40

In my opinion (writes the Melbourne correspondent to the "Ararat Advertiser") the fate of the combination bill—the "three single gentlemen rolled into one," with a baby at foot—will be largely determined by the decision as to the constitutional question. If the Council hold that this is a Bill they have power to amend—and, remembering the thorough manner in which this question of Council power has been thrashed out on previous occasions—I do not think it is—they will probably hack it into mincemeat. This is the course I think they will take. But if they do not feel strong enough to fight on this issue I scarcely think they will reject it *in toto*. The responsibility is too tremendous. It would mean a year lost and another entered upon without any attempt made to stem the deficit. There was a portentous significance in Mr Cuthbert's remark—that between now and the 30th June, £900,000 has to be remitted to London to meet our obligations, and that the Trust funds are no longer available, having been exhausted, with the exception of the sum that must be kept intact to meet possible exigencies. I scarcely think that the council would take the risk of rejecting a measure which has had a fair though dwindling support in the Assembly and of plunging our financial affairs into greater confusion. The loss occasioned to our external credit and the financial chaos that would ensue might be more damaging to our credit than enduring the strain of the tax. Several times of late the idea has been voiced by experienced as well as fledgling members in the Assembly, that Victoria is within measurable distance of having to ask for time to reconstruct herself. The uncertainty of the present position is great, and the debate to be commenced in the Council on the 3rd January, 1895, will be thrillingly interesting. Never before has the stress of financial responsibility pressed so severely on our public men.

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ARARAT MINING BOARD.

A special meeting of the above board was held at the board room, Ligar-street, Ararat, on Monday, there being present—the chairman (Mr T. Foyster), and Messrs Williamson, Bath, Jones, Magee, Humphreys, Browne, Hodgetts, Curnick and Burke.

The preliminary business having been disposed of, a lot of routine correspondence was read, also the following:—From the Secretary for Mines, requesting report on the following application for land:—J. Smith, 20a., Raglan. Referred to the divisional members.

In accordance with notice Mr Magee proposed—"That clause 27 of bye-law No. 4, Ararat Mining District, be amended by inserting after the word 'register' in the ninth line, the following words:—'Shall refuse to register any mining claim, water dam, residence area, or any other mining tenement held under the bye-laws of the district, that is already registered (in the registration book in his charge) in the name of any person or company, until authorised in writing by the registered owner, or by the goldfield warden; when so authorised, the registration shall be made.' And the foregoing amendment shall be deemed to be part of clause 27 of bye-law No. 4, Ararat Mining District, gazetted 30th March, 1883."

On his motion being seconded by Mr Williamson, the proposed amendment of the bye-law was read a first time.

The board went into committee, and a letter was read from the chairman suggesting that more time should be devoted to the business of the board than had been done lately, and the letter was received with thanks.

The following notices of motion were then handed in:—

By Mr W. Bath—"I give notice of motion that at the next meeting of this board that I will move that the resolution in the minutes of 20th April, 1891, appointing the time of meeting of board be rescinded."

By Mr S. Williamson—"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting of the board that clause 62 of bye-law No. 4, section VI., and clause 87, of section VI. be repealed, with a view of substituting the following new bye-laws in lieu thereof:—Clause 62—Where trenching with either horse or steam is employed the owner or owners thereof shall construct a second embankment for the purpose of retaining the sludge. Clause 87—The owner or owners of any mining claim shall construct an embankment for the purpose of retaining the sludge; should they, by neglecting to observe this provision, injure any claim or gold workings, or do other injury to the public, such owner or shareholder, or any of them, will be liable to the penalty provided for in clause 30." [illegible] *Advertiser.*

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During a discussion about the eradiction of the Cape weed in the Koroit Agricultural Society's grounds, Mr W. O'Brien stated, that running sheep on land infested by Cape weed was the surest means of curing them of fluke.

During a terrible cyclone the town of Reynolds, in Georgia (U.S.), was literally destroyed. Houses were blown down by the force of the wind, and whole families were buried in the fallen buildings. The debris was set on fire in some manner, and the town was actually effaced.

A complaint has been addressed by a number of Bradford wool merchants to the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce in respect to uneven cutting of fleeces by shearing machines. This uneven cutting, it is complained, causes the curling of the wool during the combing process, and serious loss results in consequence.

In consequence of disagreeing with placing the taxation measures in one bill having a free gift preamble, and because the object of raising of the exemption from L100 to L500 would be freeing 16,000 from taxation well able to bear it, and throwing it on a few, Sir Frederick T. Sargood has resigned. He claims (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the *Ballarat Star*) that the preamble does not prevent the Council interfering, but the question is whether it comes under the 56th section, and is a bill which in part may be amended. In accepting the resignation, Mr Turner says Sir F. T. Sargood, if he did not believe in the taxation scheme, as alleged, should have refused to join.

The latest news from the seat of war in Manchooria states that a Japanese force under General Tabhili has sustained a check at Hensakani. The Chinese, acting on the offensive, attacked the invadets and some severe fighting took place.

Mr J. Tomamichael, of Barrakee, on Monday evening, fell from a haystack. His arms and right leg were broken, and as he is well advanced in years his condition is considered critical.

Acting on the suggestion of the Minister of Railways, Ministers will endeavour to have the pay-sheets of the money to be refunded to the public servants prepared by the end of the present week, so that the money will be available prior to the Christmas holidays.

POLITICAL.

Mr Turner did not occupy much time in moving the second reading of Municipal Subsidy Reduction Bill, by which the municipal endowment is reduced from L310,000 to L200,000. He said he did it with extreme regret, but the necessities of the colony compelled the retrenchment. The reduction would be graded so as to fall lightly on the poorer municipalities. The subsidy would be wholly witdrawn from cities, towns, boroughs, and first class shires, which at present received L32,050 amongst them. The second class shires would lose L45,559 by the reduction; the third class, L39,330; the fourth class, L1,390; the fifth class, L1,643; whilst the sixth class would receive L1,072 more than at present. Mr Turner admitted that there might be individual cases of hardship, but these could only be met by a reclassification of the shires, and that would be taken into consideration during the recess. A lengthy discussion ensued, in which every member admitted the necessity of a reduction, but most were prepared to show cause why it should not affect the municipalities in their electorate. The Speaker raised a mild protest against the discussion of detail on the second reading, but members quietly ignored him as usual, and the flood of particular instances poured on. A number of members protested against the total withdrawal of the grant from the cities, town, boroughs, and first class shires, and proclaimed a *pro rata* reduction. The Premier offered to leave the method of distribution an open one for the committee if the second reading were passed, but members were talking to their constituencies, and they took nearly three hours to unbosom themselves. The second reading was then agreed to.

The Legislative Assembly, on the conclusion of the sitting yesterday, adjourned until January 8, and if history is a guide the Ministry is doomed. Almost every Government that has failed to close the session before Christmas has succumbed soon afterwards. The business yesterday was interesting. Mr Turner moved the second reading of the Municipal Subsidy Reduction Bill, and members discussed the motion until after 4 o'clock. Among other amendments proposed in committee was one by Mr Fink to taper off the subsidy until the end of 1898, when it would cease. He was negatived by the Ministry and the country members voting solidly against the town men, who came together for the occasion because they had nothing to lose, the bill providing for the stoppage of the endowment to cities, towns, boroughs, and first class shires. Mr Wheeler next essayed to keep boroughs on the list, and he also was beaten by a combination mainly of Ministers, city and town representatives, and shires men. But "Mr Outtrim joined all forces, 'city, town, borough, and first class shire,'" in a proposal to omit the clause, excepting those municipalities from the benefit of the act. He defeated the Ministry by an overwhelming majority—55 to 26—but as Ministers had previously secured the reduction of the vote from L310,000 to L200,000, they did not care who got the balance. The only other business was the passing through all its stages of a bill to authorise the construction of the Jumbunna to Outtrim line, a distance of two miles and a half. The House rose at 11 o'clock, after the Premier had wished the Speaker the compliments of the season.—*Argus*, Friday.

The Ministerial intention to prorogue on Saturday having been upset by the action of the Legislative Council in deferring the consideration of the Tax Bill for a fortnight, the Premier eased the pressure on the Assembly yesterday. Members were released at the respectable hour of 11 o'clock. After preliminary business Mr Best secured the adoption of a motion calling upon the Standing Orders Committee to bring up a scheme for a Committee of Public Accounts. Then Mr Turner brought on the Absentee Land Tax Bill, which was debated at some length and passed through all stages. A measure introduced by Mr Peacock to reduce the fee for naturalisation papers from £1 to 2s 6d obtained general approval, and was passed, and the House positively rushed the bill introduced by Mr Duffy for establishing a standard of time which will make noon tall at the same moment in Sydney and Melbourne. This means putting on the clock 20 minutes. There was no disposition to talk about this affront to the solar system, and when the work was done the House adjourned. It is the intention of the Premier to move that the adjournment over the holidays should be from to-morrow for a fortnight.—*Argus*, Thursday.

For twenty or thirty years aspiring Treasurers have urged Parliament to appoint a Committee of Public Accounts to keep a check on erring Treasurers, but when they have reached office they have pooh-poohed the idea previously advocated. At last we seem to be in measurable distance of some sort of a Committee of Public Accounts. Mr Best, who has not so far been recognised as a possible Treasurer, moved yesterday (says Thursday's *Argus*), that the Standing Orders Committee be directed to frame new rules for the establishment of such a committee, following the lines of the House of Commons committee of the same name. He would not go out of the beaten track, and withdrew so much of his proposition as was new and valuable, namely, that which would allow the committee to report on estimates. Under the amended proposal the committee will only be able to report after expenditure has occurred. This is the English system, but in the French Legislature the Budget Committee deals with estimates. Mr Best, while approving of the French practice, which would, he thought, have to be adopted ultimately, deemed it wise not to go too far at the present time. Mr Downes Carter seconded the motion, which having been supported by Mr Trenwith was agreed to.

BUANGOR.

PRESENTATION AND FAREWELL TO CONSTABLE TAIT, OF BUANGOR.

On Saturday evening last a number of friends assembled at Jones's Railway Hotel, Buangor, to say "good bye" to Constable Tait on his departure for Smythesdale. Mr Baker was voted to the chair. In presenting a valuable scarf pin to Mr Tait, the chairman asked the guest to accept the souvenir as a token of the regard and high esteem in which he was held by the residents of the district. By his genial disposition, faithful and impartial discharge of his duties, his willingness at all times to aid in every movement for the advancement and welfare of the district, and his liberality and assistance to all in distress, he had won the esteem and appreciation of all, and they hoped that in his new district the same good fortune would be his lot. Messrs Hillman and Jones also testified to the able and impartial manner in which the guest had discharged his duties, and the pleasure it gave them to be present that evening. Constable Tait, in responding, thanked the company most heartily and sincerely for their valuable and thoughtful present. His stay in Buangor had been a most enjoyable one for himself and family, and he would ever look back on that time as one of the happiest periods of his life. He was gratified to find that in trying to carry out his duties in a just and impartial manner, he had won the esteem and appreciation of the residents, and concluded by hoping that his successor would have a like happy time. During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs Robinson, Pearce, Jones, and Hillman, and a very enjoyable meeting closed by all sitting down to an excellent repast generously provided by Mr and Mrs Jones.—"Ararat Advertiser."

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LOCAL EVIDENCE THIS.

Mr Thomas Edgeworth, Binalong, who writes on June 12th, 1893:—About twelve months ago I was a great sufferer from indigestion. The symptoms from which I have suffered were great pains in the chest, especially after meals. I had no sooner eaten anything than I would have a violent fit of retching; I could not retain anything on my stomach; the consequence was that I became weaker daily, although I had the advice of a doctor, and also his medicine; I derived no benefit from either. Seeing so much about Clements Tonic in every newspaper I took up, I resolved to get a bottle. I did so, and by the time I had finished the third bottle, I was thoroughly cured of all disagreeable symptoms; if ever I feel out of sorts, I fly to Clements Tonic, and I am happy to say I am never disappointed; if I was to write for a month I could not say more in favour of Clements Tonic, though I am a thorough believer in it.—I remain, yours sincerely, Thomas Edgeworth, fencer, Binalong.

The London and India Docks Joint Committee have decided to make arrangements for thawing frozen meat at their stores. A meat salesman at Vienna recommends that large quantities of live cattle should be shipped from Australia to Trieste. He considers that the trade would yield a good profit to the exporters. The 2,000 carcases of lamb by the R.M.S. Valetta, which arrived on the 4th inst., are selling at 3½d per lb. The lamb has arrived too early in the season, and is below the average quality. The recent rise in the price of Australian mutton was mainly the result of an understanding among the leading consignees.

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A boy named Richard Mayne, living at Broken Hill, on Wednesday fell on the handle of a cricket bat and received such injuries to the abdomen that his life is dispaired of.

The Victorian factory butter by the R.M.S. Rome, which left Melbourne on November 3, has arrived in excellent condition, and has sold at about 90s per cwt., 100s being obtained for the finest quality. The bulk of the shipment, which consisted of 341 tons, has been stored. The mild weather and the approach of the Christmas holidays are demoralising the butter market. It is probable that the bulk of the cargoes arriving this month will be stored.

During the hearing of the charge of infanticide against members of the Chrosier family, living near Frankston, the youngest boy, Samuel, who was called as a witness, could not say what would happen to him, either here or hereafter, if he told a lie; had heard of God, but did not know what He was or where He lived, though he thought God was a man; and did not know what the Bible was, or why he had been told to kiss it. The Chief Justice said that, under these circumstances, the boy's evidence could not be taken.

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WILL OF THE LATE MR T. HAWKES, GEELONG.

ESTATE VALUED AT £108,018.

The will, dated December 23, 1892, and codicil, dated May 12th, 1893, of Thomas Hawkes, late of Geelong, iron merchant, who died on November 26, have been lodged for probate. The estate in Victoria is valued at L108,018, of which L11,000 is realty and L96,118 personalty. By his will the testator leaves his freehold property known as Roseneath, on the Western Beach, Geelong, to his daughter Eliza Jane, the wife of Ernest Alma Whyte, for life, and then to such uses as she shall by will or deed appoint; and to the same daughter certain land in Newtown and Chilwell, and L1000 for her separate use. His freehold property known as Roslyn, on the Barwon, Geelong, he leaves to his daughter Alice Maud, wife of Percy Orbell Jones, for life, and then for such uses as she shall appoint, and to the same daughter certain lands in Newtown and Chilwell, and L1,000 for her separate use; his freehold property known as Llanberris, Victoria-parade, Western Beach, Geelong, to his sons Frederick W. A. Hawkes and Tom H. S. Hawkes as tenants in common, and to each of them he bequeaths L1,000. He bequeaths legacies of L25 each to the Geelong Infirmary and Benevolent Asylum, Geelong Ladies' Benevolent Association, and Geelong Protestant Orphan Asylum; L400 to the Church of England Trusts Corportion of the diocese of Melbourne, the income to be paid annually to St. Paul's Church, Geelong, to assist in the payment of a curate, or in the maintenance of Sunday-schools. The trustees are directed to expend a sum not exceeding L100 in the purchase of a memorial window nearest the pew which the testator occupied; and to distribute L200 between the persons who might be employed in the testator's business at the time of his death in sums proportionate to their length of service. He forgives his brother George Hawkes any sum in which he might be indebted to him; and leaves L400 to the children of his brother William Hawkes, in equal shares. He bequeaths his business of an iron merchant at Geelong and retail ironmonger at Beaufort to his sons Frederick W. A. Hawkes and Tom H. S. Hawkes absolutely, subject to the payment by them to each of his two daughters of L10,000, payable by instalments extending over seven years. The residue of the estate is also left to his two sons in equal shares. By his codicil the testator reduces the legacies to his daughters from L1000 each to L100, and the sums chargeable upon the business payable to them from L10,000 each to L8,000; and he revokes the directions as to erection of memorial window and as to the payment of L200 to his employés.—"Argus."

The good gambling casino at Ostend, Belgium, pays L2000 a year to the hospitals, L2000 to the town charities, and L2000 to the Commune. Its rental is about L25,000 for a season of six or seven weeks.

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A shocking fatality occurred on Sunday last at Allambee, the victim being a young man named Jacob Heintz, a well-known settler in this district. Heintz only returned from Melbourne on Friday last, where he was an inmate of the Melbourne Hospital for about a month, having met with an accident by nearly severing his foot with an axe. It seems that Heintz, who appeared to be in good spirits, loaded a double-barrelled gun on Sunday morning, and stated his intention of shooting parrots. A short time afterwards the report of firearms was heard, and his wife rushing into the room found the deceased quite dead with his gun clasped between his knees. The top of the head was completely blown away, and the ceiling and walls bespattered with brains. It is believed that the deceased, harassed with the idleness his accident enforced, and consequent neglect of work, committed suicide while of unsound mind. Deceased leaves a widow and two young children.

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MARRIED IN MANACLES.

A wedding distinguished by some very remarkable features was celebrated on Sunday last in a Paris church. The bride was Mademoiselle Antoinette Cazals, a young lady well and favorably known in the city. The bridegroom was the Anarchist Ortiz, who in August last was convicted in Paris of inciting to murder and burglary. Ortiz had for some time before his arrest been affianced to the young lady. He was conveyed to the church dressed in prison attire and irons, but he was temporarily relieved of his handcuffs before the ceremony. The bride bore herself with great composure, but the convict bridegroom was much agitated. Ortiz said that he had grown nervous in the retirement of his prison cell. He confessed to the Abbe Cartier, and subsequently re-appeared showing a calmer demeanor. The bridal pair wept before the altar as the abbe offered prayers and blessed the remarkable union. The rev. gentleman, in a brief address expressed the hope that the married life so strangely entered upon would ultimately lead to brightness and happiness and to the social restoration of the bridegroom. The pair passionately kissed each other, and Madame Ortiz gave her husband a half a bouquet of violets, retaining the other half herself. The newly married man was then re-handcuffed, and conveyed to the Mazas prison, whence he will be sent to New Caledonia.—*Herald.*

HIGH BREEDING AND GOOD FEEDING.

It is the tendency of many farmers, (says the *Farmers Advocate*), during the time of depression to cut down expenses to a minimum. Such a practice is a wise one when conducted with good judgment, but when done simply from the idea of paying out as little money as possible, there is a liability of a great mistake. If we look about us, we will soon observe that common and inferior produce of almost every sort is not in demand, because the competition is so great in such lines. "There is always room at the top." The demand for first-rate stock alone shows the importance of keeping only the best animals, and when once this is allowed high farming follows almost as a matter of course. Of all the many outlays which a farmer is called upon to make, perhaps nothing pays so excellent as the expense of feeding growing stock with a liberal supply of such food as to induce the most rapid development of the animal body. We have the constant ocular proof of the immense benefit obtained from grain feeding; and, when judiciously used, the bill is paid for by the animals which consume the grain. What, then, becomes of the argument to give up "high farming" and betake ourselves to the wretched results of slip-shod methods and miserable crops, with their inevitable accompaniment of weeds?

FOR INDIGESTION, the BEST REMEDY is undoubtedly NORTON'S CAMOMILE PILLS. They can confidently be recommended as being mild in operation and absolutely free from injurious drugs, acting at once as a splendid tonic and a gentle aperient. For nearly 100 years they have proved UNEQUALLED for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sick-Headache and for Liver and Stomach complaints. Sold in bottles 1s 1½d, 2s 9d, and 11s. by all Medicine Vendors throughout the world. A simple, safe, and certain Remedy.

In a thin House, the Adult Franchise Bill has been carried to the third reading in the South Australian Assembly.

Ministers are, it is stated, still confident that Parliament will be prorogued on Saturday or Monday.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling off, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," for it *will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair* to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," sold by Chemists and Pefumers everywhere at 3s 6d per Bottle. Wholesale depot. 33, Farringdon Road London, England.

The *Times* says England must spend five millions annually in building new war vessels.

Many members of the Upper House are determined to discuss the taxation bill thoroughly. They believe the public are only now grasping the provisions of the bill, and that within the next week or two petitions concerning it will be presented to the Council.

CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE.—"The most searching Blood Cleanser that science and medical skill have brought to light." Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples and Sores of any kinds are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

The Hon. W. Downie, in a paper which he contributed to the *Australian Weekly* on "*Woman's Suffrage in New Zealand,*" says:—"As one who as a member of the Legislative Council supported the enfranchisement of women, and took whilst member of the House of Representatives a deep interest in the reform, I am satisfied that our future legislation and the administration of our public affairs will be purer and better than they have been in the past. Every public question of importance will, I believe, be more carefully discussed, considered, and dealt with on its merits, than was the case before women were enfranchised."

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous lozenges are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s 1½d per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a slight cold, or bronchial affections cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic Affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston St, European Depot, 33, Faringdon Road, London, and England.

USEFUL HINTS.

TO WASH CLOTHES IN PARAFFIN SOAP.—Cut down ½lb. paraffin soap and put it into a boiler of water to melt. Rub the clothes well out of the soda water, in which they have been previously soaked, put them into the boiler and let them boil for half an hour; then put them into a tub with plenty of cold water; wash them thoroughly, then rinse in blue water and dry.

TO CLEAN EMBROIDERY.—Gold and silver fancy-work of this description may be most easily cleaned with spirits of wine, either alone, or diluted with an equal weight of water. The common practice of using alkaline or acidulous liquors is very injurious, and frequently destroys the beauty of the articles, instead of cleaning them.

TO RESTORE SCORCHED LINEN.—Ingredients: Two onions, ½oz. white soap, 2oz. of fuller's earth, half a pint of vinegar. Mode: Extract the juice of the onions by pounding and pressing them; cut up the soap and fuller's earth, and boil all together. When cool, cover the scorched linen with this mixture, and let it dry. Wash the linen, and the scorches will disappear, if not so bad as to damage the texture.

BED-ROOM FLOORS.—Some mistresses make a practice of ordering the floors of bed-rooms to be frequently washed. I wish to guard both mistresses and servants against this practice. It is most dangerous to the health of the person who occupies the bed-room, to wash it or scour it, unless the weather be very fine or warm, in order to allow the window to be opened for thoroughly drying the room before night. The utmost that should be done, except in favourable circumstances, is to pass a damp cloth lightly over the floor.

HOW TO CLEAN DECANTERS AND CRUETS.—The best way is to wash them out with a little pearlash and warm water, adding a spoonful or two of fresh slaked lime if necessary. To facilitate the action of the fluids against the sides of the glass, a few small cinders or pieces of raw potato may be used. A spoonful of strong oil of vitriol put into a dry bottle will, if allowed to run round its inner surface, rapidly remove any kind of dirt. It should then be drained, and afterwards rinsed with clean water. Where they have become furred by holding hard water, a little hydro-chloric acid (spirits of salts) diluted with three times its weight of water will remove it.

TO WASH CLOTHES WITH PARAFFIN OIL.—To every eight gallons of cold water put ½lb. of soap, shred fine, one and a-half tablespoonful of paraffin oil, into a boiler, put in the clothes, let them come to the boil, keep the lid close on boiler, and steam for half an hour, take out each article separately, and wring them out. When all are finished, hang them out to dry. If possible, bleach your clothes on grass after boiling; but where this cannot be done, it is yet possible with care to keep your linen white and clear. Laces and muslin should not be rubbed, but squeezed with the hands in melted soap and warm water. Be careful, in boiling them, to tie them up in a handkerchief to prevent their being torn.

PIANO KEYS.—These can be whitened by washing in a solution composed of 1oz. of nitric acid to 10oz. of soft water. Apply with a brush, taking care that it does not flow on the wood part upon which the ivory is veneered, for the joint will be spoiled. Cleanse carefully with clean water and a piece of flannel. Or, sulphorous acid with an equal quantity of water may be used as above. If the discolouration has not gone too far, rub the keys carefully with pure lemon juice. While still damp, put on a coating of whiting or prepared chalk, mixed with a little lemon juice. When dry, brush off with a dry brush, taking care that none of the mixture gets between the keys. If, however, the keys are thoroughly worn and discoloured, they must be dismounted, scraped, bleached, and re-polished, which is a long and tedious affair, and requires to be done by a skilled workman.

TO CLEAN BRUSSELS CARPETS.—Brussels carpets may be cleaned in the following manner:—First, stretch the carpet tightly on the floor, nail it at the sides, and sweep it clean. Procure an ox gall from a butcher, and mix it with a pail of cold water. Have another pail ready with cold water only. Have also two woollen cloths and several dry towels. Commence by dipping a woollen cloth in the gall-water, and then rub the carpet with it. This will produce a froth on the carpet, and you will now take the other woollen cloth dipped in clean water, with which you will rub the carpet till no more froth rises from it, rinsing the cloth occasionally in the clean water. The water in this pail should be changed when it becomes dirty. You then rub the carpet as dry as possible with the towels.

TO WASH FLANNELS.—In washing flannels (notice particularly), to keep them a good colour, and to prevent their shrinking. Get from the grocer 1lb. or 2lb. (according to the size of your washing) of soap parings, which you will get cheap; for 1lb. of soap parings, put three quarts of water; boil to a jelly, and with this wash your flannels. Be sure you have plenty of warm water, not too hot; put in a handful of your soap jelly, and mix thoroughly in the water; then take the flannels, one at a time, shake all dust out of them first; then sluice the articles up and down well; rub as little as possible, for rubbing knots the little loops of wool together, and thickens the flannel; wring them in a machine, if you have one; if not, squeeze them well. Dry in the open air, if the weather permits, as quickly as possible. In washing scarlet or blue flannel, put one tablespoonful of spirits of ammonia in the rinsing water.

Lime-washing is a much more effectual mode of purification than white-washing, but is not so often used, as few persons know how to make lime-wash. If glue is used it is destroyed by the lime, and the wash easily rubs off the walls when dry. This also happens if the lime be simply slaked in water and used witoout any fixing material. Lime-wash should be made by placing some freshly burned quicklime in a pail, and pouring on sufficient water to cover it; if the lime is fresh, great heat is giving out; boiled oil (a preparation of linseed oil, sold by all oilmen) should then be added, one pint to each gallon [illegible] for cheapness, any refuse fat, such as dripping, may be used instead of the boiled oil. The whole should then be thinned with water. The brush should not be left in the lime-wash, or the bristles will be destroyed. Should coloured wash be required, 1lb. of green vitroil added to every two gallons of wash gives a pleasing drab. Quick-lime slaked with skimmed milk, and afterwards thinned with water, makes an excellent wash for out-door walls, as it is not acted on by the weather.

WORKING DRESSES.—It is best to wear washing dresses to work in as much as much as possible; of course washing them or having them washed is troublesome and expensive, but dirt and grease do not ruin them, and they look fresher and better than stuff dresses, especially in summer. Never trim a washing dress with flounces or frills; they look out of place, are soon crumpled, and are very troublesome to starch and iron. Do not have a working dress made long; it is waste of stuff, and would be very much in the way. Keep your working dress clean and tidy by wearing over it a large thick apron with a bib, and turning up your sleeves.

"You say the coat is three shillings?" "Tree shillin', mine fren'." "And you warrant it all wool?" "All wool except de puttons and de putton-holes." "Ah! But how can you afford to sell an all-wool coat at three shillings?" "Mine fren', I doan vonder you vas surbrised; vy de wool in de goat is vorth more as tree shillin'." "Then you lose money on it?" "Mine grashus! Mine fren', I tell you von leetle segret, und doaned you gif it avay. De fleeces on de packs of dose sheeps vot grew dot wool vas misfits, und haf to be sold at great reductions."

IT IS EASY TO ASK QUESTIONS.

A child can ask questions that a wise man can't answer. Yes; and there are some questions that the ablest doctors don't like to have people ask them. Say a question of this sort—while we are about it, however, we might as well tell the story straight away and have done with it.

Mrs Sarah Mace was very ill with influenza. That was in February, 1892, the time of the epidemic. The attack was severe. She was suddenly seized with a violent pain in the head (both front and back) and temples. She had pain in all her joints too, and was hot and feverish. She went to bed and sent for a doctor. He came, examined her, took her temperature —over 100 degrees—and said very little, like a wise man. The lady could not turn herself in bed. She lived on slops; such as milk and broth, she could not swallow a morsel of solid food. Her husband pressed her to take strong food, saying, "If you don't eat, you will starve." Right enough; but he forgot that when one can't eat he can't eat, and there's an end.

Well she got weaker and weaker, and fell away until there wasn't much left of her but skin and bone. Then, in her anxiety, she put her question: "*Doctor, do you think I shall get well?*"

The doctor's answer was true and honest; we like and respect him for it. He said. "*Mrs Mace, I do not know.*" He couldn't tell. Neither could any other doctor. No, not even if he had a string of titles to his name as long as a kite's tail. But did she get well? Wait a bit. We must hark back a minute now.

Along about the 10th of March, 1890, Mrs Mace began to feel tired, languid, and weary, as if her work were too much for her, she said. She had a bad taste in the mouth, poor appetite, and whatever she ate gave her pain at the chest and heart. "I had" she continues, "a dull heavy pain at the right side and between the shoulders, and a sinking feeling at the pit of the stomach, and a rising of foul gas in my throat. Later on I had rheumatic pains in my heart, chest, and back. I sent for a doctor who attended me for six weeks, but I got worse. One day the cook said, "Why don't you try Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup?" —this being a medicine my mistress (I was living with a lady in Camden Town) kept in the house for family use. I did so, and was soon as strong as ever.

Years fled away, and in 1891 she had the first attack of influenza, and in 1892 the second, already described in part. We now complete the account of the 1892 attack.

Mrs Mace says: "The doctor continued to attend me for five weeks, and I took his medicines for that time, but gained no strength. After having suffered for seven weeks I said to my husband, 'I will now see what Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup will do for me. Perhaps it may cure influenza as well as other ailments.' I carried out this resolution; began taking the Syrup, and was soon on my feet again, and have since kept in excellent health, taking an occasional dose when needed. (Signed) SARAH MACE, Monk's Farm, Great Warley, Brentwood, Essex. August 27th, 1892."

Now we have never advertised Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup as a remedy for influenza. Yet the facts stated by Mrs Mace cannot be disputed. What is the conclusion? A very simple one indeed. She did not have influenza until her system had been debilitated by indigestion and dyspepsia. It is such people generally (almost wholly) that all epidemic diseases attack. The dreaded cholera scarcely ever touches anybody except a dyspeptic—cholera is a malady of the bowels only. The more we hear of disease the more the proof piles up showing that persons with a sound digestion are safe against dying of anything except violence or old age. The Syrup cured Mrs Mace's influenza by taking away the ground it stood on—the torpidity of her digestion.

She once asked, "Doctor, do you think I shall get well?" Time and Mother Seigel have said, "Yes."

Mr Justice A'Beckett has framed a bill to amend the Cemeteries' Act so as to permit of cremation. It is said to be so hedged round with safeguards as to make it almost impossible for the victim of foul play to find his or her way to the crematorium without the crime being discovered.

"In the organism of man, as in that of all the higher animals, the materials for the nutrition of every portion of the structure are supplied by the Blood. If the Blood is diseased, the body is diseased." "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture" is a guaranteed cure for all Blood and Skin Diseases. It is the most searching blood cleanser ever discovered, and it will free the system from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Pimples and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere, at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

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These remedies act directly upon the absorbent system with a power that no dropsy, however inveterate, can long resist. They equalize the circulation,—they filter out everything that is morbid or injurious, and they regulate every function.

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PRACTICAL JOTTINGS.

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CALENDAR OF OPERATIONS FOR DECEMBER.

A long spell of dry weather culminating as we write in the hottest day on record, 105 in the shade and 152 in the sun, will have tested the constitution of many plants and the means that have been taken to protect and assist them.

In dry weather there are three ways of assisting plants in the open by watering, mulching, and stirring the ground.

Where water is at command it is better to thoroughly soak the ground occasionally, rather than to give lighter but more frequent waterings. The rule is that roots follow moisture, heavy watering means that the water soaks into the ground, while light waterings only moisten the surface, and the roots are burned up by the sun. Mulching is putting a covering several inches thick of grass or stable litter which acts as a shield, and making a break from the heat of the sun keeps down whatever moisture there is in the soil. Anyone lifting the mulching will see how moist the soil is, as compared with the ground about. Stirring the soil keeps down the weeds and makes a lot of air cells which check the moisture from being drawn up by the sun.

Beans, French—Sow 2 inches deep, and instead of covering with soil, which frequently gets so hard as to break off the young plants when coming through the soil, cover with 2 in. of round horse droppings. Let row be 2 feet 6 inches and plants 6 inches apart. 1 lb sows row 80 feet. Matures in about 4 months.

Beet, red—Sow freely ½ inch deep, in rows 15 inches and plants 6 inches apart. 1 oz sows row 60 feet. Matures in about 4 months.

Beet, silver—Sow ½ inch deep, in rows 15 inches apart. Sow thickly when the young plants are to be boiled as spinage, leaving a plant every 6 inches to provide leaves in February and March.

Borecole or kale, brocoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, and savoy should all be sown freely, to produce plants ready for planting out in the coming year. To grow good plants now requires care. Sow the seed ⅛ of an inch deep, and cover with a layer 1 inch thick of the round droppings of a horse. This prevents the ground from caking when watered, and nourishes the plants. 1 oz sows bed 4 feet by 20 feet. Plant must be kept watered. In watering it is better to water heavily and seldom, when the water soaks down into the ground, and the roots follow and are safe from the sun, rather than to water frequently and lightly and bring the roots up to the surface, where if neglected for a day, or if extra hot weather is experienced, the roots are scorched up and the plants die.

The next trouble is the cabbage moth, which is a great scourge. This moth is nocturnal, commencing to fly about sundown. Young chickens greedily eat the moth, and when young do no harm. Keep the old hen in a coop near the seed beds. To destroy the grub, water the plants with a solution of tobacco water, still better with nicotine whale oil soap, which sticks the tobacco extract to the plant, or ¼ oz London purple or Paris green, which are deadly poisons, to 3 gallons of water. A handy way of catching the moth is to have a light frame on which to tack a piece of sacking, which paint with tar on the top, leaving a few inches clean at the bottom, which piece may hang below the frame. Then let two people each taking an end, draw tightly over the plants from one end of the bed to the other letting the loose sacking touch the plants. The moths disturbed fly upwards, and are caught in the sticky tar. If healthy plants, free from the grub, are transplanted into well-worked and well-manured ground, they grow so quickly that the grub does little damage, limiting its ravages to the outside leaves. If slowly and badly grown, the plants are sometimes riddled to the heart, and utterly useless for cooking. For very early cauliflower we call special attention to the early erfurt. 1s per packet.

Celery—Sow seed 1-8th of an inch deep in a box to transplant. When plants are a few inches high their growth may be retarded by supplying only a little moisture. As plants are wanted a few may be picked out into good soil. By this means, one sowing will supply plants for several months.

Cress—Sow 1-8th of an inch deep, thickly, in rows or broadcast. 1 oz sows bed 4 feet square.

Cucumber—Sow 2 or 3 seeds ½ of an inch deep in hills 6 feet apart. When plants have set a crop of cucumbers, layer the shoots near the end, making the soil very rich. The plants will root into this and produce successive crops as they are layered.

Leek—Sow ½ of an inch deep in rows 2 ft., and plants 6 inches apart. Roll or tramp the soil when the seed is sown to firm the surface. 1 oz. sows row 80 feet. Matures in June.

Lettuce—Sow ⅛ of an inch deep, 3 or 4 seeds every foot. Let the strongest plants grow. Lettuce may be grown between rows of slowly growing vegetables, and be cut off before they are in the road. Matures in 18 weeks.

Maize—Sow 1 inch deep in rows 3 feet and plants 1 foot apart. For cobs allow 3 feet every way. It is a good plan to sow the seed at the bottom of a furrow 6 to 9 inches deep, and as the plants grows work the soil round the stem. The plant will root from the stem, and thus have more root power, besides having its roots deep down in the soil where the moisture is.

Mangold wurzel—Sow ½ an inch deep, in rows 2 feet 6 inches and plants 1 foot 3 inches apart. Seedlings, when as large as a finger, may be safely transplanted, but will not freely transplant when smaller.

Onion—Sow in richly manured ground ¼ of an inch deep, in rows, thickly for onions for salad. Tramp ground when seed is sown as such seeds require a firm surface.

Orache or mountain spinage—Where not sown, sow ¼ of an inch deep, allowing 2 feet between rows and plants. Leaves broken off as they grow supply a splendid spinage.

Peas—In most districts, or where water is available, sow 1 inch deep, in rows 4 feet and plants 6 inches apart.

Potatoes—Sow a few to produce seed for the coming year. Throw up a furrow, and plant the seed 4 inches below this furrow, drawing down the earth as the plants grow.

Radish—Sow a few in rich ground, watering well; ¼ of an inch deep, rows 1 foot and plants 2 inches apart.

Sorghum—Sow ½ an inch deep in rows 3 feet apart, where not already sown. This will give successional crops till cut off by the frost.

Turnip—Orange jelly and Swedish turnips can be sown now, ½ of an inch deep, in rows 18 inches and plants 6 inches apart.

Scale breeds moth, and is more exposed to the effects of washes, such as kerosene emulsion; one washing now is worth three or four at other periods of the year.

Plant dahlias from subdivision of last year's plants, or green plants struck from cuttings. To divide tubers, split the old stem, seeing that there is a sprout on it, and let there be one or more of the old tubers. Green plants are raised from the sprouts of the old tubers, started by heat, and when large enough broken off and struck as a cutting. The finest flowers are obtained in autumn from the plants put out now.

Chrysanthemum plants should be finally cut back about Christmas, letting stems be only about 6 to 8 inches high. If hot water for two or three days till cut is dried otherwise plants bleed to death. If weather is warm shade the plants. A mulching of 2 to 4 inches of manure should be put round the plants, keeping the soil moist and supplying nutriment to the plants. Water freely.

Cineraria seed and pansy should now be planted. Pansies sown now and brought through the hot weather will produce finer plants and earlier flowers than the March sown seed.

"KEATING'S POWDER" destroys bugs, fleas, moths, beetles, and all other insects, whilst quite harmless to domestic animals. In exterminating beetles the success of this powder is extraordinary. It is perfectly clean in application. See the article you purchase is "KEATINGS" (i.e.), with the signature Thomas Keating on each tin, imitations are noxious and ineffectual. Sold in tins, 6d, and 1s each, by all chemists.

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The greatest aid you can give your newspaper is your job printing; if you do not feel able to run an advertisement, surely you can afford to give the newspaper your cards, dodgers, billheads, letter-heads, envelopes, and all business printing to execute. The newspaper man needs it, and it helps him to pay his printers for setting up the thousand and one free notices he gives you and your town, but don't give it to the printer or job printing office that can give you no such return, and is spending neither time, money, nor brains in helping you to build up your town. The time may come when a newspaper can live simply upon the revenue derived from advertising and subscriptions, but no ordinary newspaper in any ordinary town can exist without the auxiliary support derived from job printing. Therefore, if you *want a good* newspaper—one that can still further help you and your town—give *it* your job printing.

The Blood is the source from which our systems are built up, and from which we derive our mental as well as our physical capabilities. If the blood is diseased the body is diseased. Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, [illegible] Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, Sores of all kinds are solicited [illegible] Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture [illegible] Thousands of wonderful cures [illegible] by it. Sold everywhere [illegible] Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

A man may as well sit down in a meadow and expect a cow to come and be milked, as to sit down in his store and expect to get trade without advertising. An occasional customer may stray in, inquire for something, and buy it, but most people go where they have been informed that the goods they want are to be found. Furthermore, a considerable proportion of business is made by advertising. An advertisement often suggests to a reader his want of an article, and he goes and buys when he would not have realised his need if he had not been put in mind of it.

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. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine Dealers everywhere at 1s 1½d per bottle.

ONE WORD!

I come to you with a small affair that you may need. In England, the Continent and many foreign countries, myself and wares are well known. Many families on their return from abroad bring my articles with them, for they know them pretty well, but you may not be one of these.

Confidence between man and man is slow of growth, and when found its rarity makes it valuable. I ask your confidence and make a reference to this Journal to indorse that confidence. I do not think it will be misplaced.

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To our Readers and Patrons.

THE PROSPERITY OF A DISTRICT

DEPENDS chiefly upon the support and encouragement that is given by the population to local enterprise and industry. Every venture is to a more or less extent speculative; but each, whilst aiming at the success of the Promoter, must offer certain returns to those whose support is necessary to achieve certain advantageous results on both sides.

Therefore,

support Local Industry and Local Enterprise.

The law of exchange was never [illegible] in its working; thus it was that the [illegible] buying and selling, using a [illegible] was introduced. [illegible] known as paper money [illegible] useful, but [illegible] value. [illegible]

[illegible] do [illegible] utmost [illegible]

"The Riponshire Advocate" [illegible]

That is

[illegible] boundaries of the Shire,

And as the advocate of the interests and the welfare of this district it has a claim for considerably greater amount of support, and has a greater scope for extended usefulness than any other journal or journals within a given radius of the Shire Offices.

The Circulation

of the

Riponshire Advocate

Is

Steadily Increasing,

And the Proprietors, [illegible] Local and General News, [illegible] teresting [illegible]

"The Advocate,"

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY [illegible]

CIRCULATES in the [illegible]

With every issue [illegible]

A FOURTEEN [illegible]

SUPPLEMENT,

[illegible]

Interesting Serial Tale,
[illegible]
[illegible] News
[illegible] Farming,
Agricultural Intelligence,
Recipes,
Gardening Items,
Etc., Etc.

Business Men, Read!

It was Benjamin Franklin who wrote—

"What steam is to machinery, advertising is to business."

And another writer has said that—

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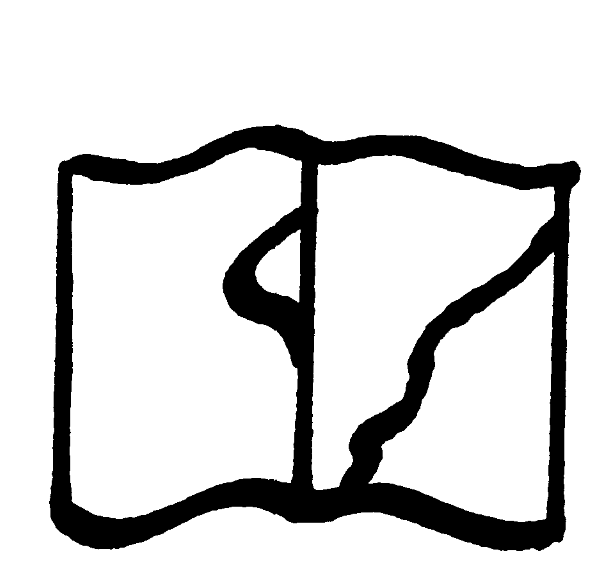

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SENSIBL[illegible] PRESEN[illegible] LADIES.

Ladies' Handbags, 2s 6d, 3[illegible] 4s 6d, 5s &c. Ladies' Purses, over [illegible] to select [fro]m, 4½d, 7½d, 10½d, 1s to 10s. Photo Frames, fancy glass, 4½d, 6d 7½d, [illegible] 1s, 1s 3d, [illegible] 1s 9d, 2s, &c. [c]abinet [illegible]; do, plush [illegible] wood, bronze and gilt, 1[illegible] 1s 3d, 1s 6d, [illegible] size) Mirrors on ea[sels] [illegible]½d, 1s, 1s [illegible] 2s 6d, 3s 6d; do., hand, 7½[illegible] 1s, 2s. [P]ompadour Handbags, 6d, 7½d [illegible] 1s, 1s 6d [J]apanese Fire Screens, round and fan shape, [illegible] 3d, 1s 6d, 2s; do., bamboo frame, 2s 6d, 2s 9d, 3s 6d, 4s 6d, &c. Japanese Trays, 6d, 7½d, 9d, 10½d, 1s, 1s 3d, 1s 6d, 2s, 2s 6d, &c. Japanese Glove and Hat Boxes, 1s 6d, [an]d 2s [illegible]. Japanese Tripod Work Baskets, Japanese Reed and Bead Blinds, 7s 6d, [illegible] 12s 6d.

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[X]lonite Table Cutlery, with best flexible blades: Table Knives, 6s 3d, 7s 6d, [illegible] per ½ doz. Dessert Knives, 5s 3d, 6s 9d, 7s 6d [per ½] doz. Carvers, to [illegible] 5s 3d, 5s 6d, [illegible] 9d, [illegible] 6d pair. Table Cutlery [illegible] handles. [illegible] Knives, 3s 9d, [illegible] Knives. [illegible] Carvers, to [illegible] Buff Table [Kn]ives [illegible] per ½ doz. [illegible] Knives and [Forks] [illegible] 6d per ½ [illegible] 11d per pair. [illegible] guaranteed [to] wear [illegible] over 100,000 [illegible] already sold: [illegible] and Forks. [illegible] Dessert Spoons [illegible] ½ doz; Tea [Sp]oons, 1s 6d [illegible] ½ doz.

ELECTRO[PLATED] [illegible] [PRES]ENTS at [illegible]

[illegible] 27s 6d, 30s, [illegible] 20s, 25s, [illegible] Dishes, 10s, [illegible] [Su]gar Scuttles, [illegible] Services, 60s, [illegible] 24s, 40s, [illegible] 9d, 3s 9d. [illegible] E.P. Mugs, [illegible] E.P. Toast [illegible] 20s. E.P. [illegible] 22s 6d, [illegible] 60s, 7[illegible] [illegible] 37s 6d, [illegible]

[illegible] Travelling [illegible] Dress Trunks, [illegible] Bonnet Boxes, [illegible] 7s 6d, 8s 6d, [illegible] Children's [illegible] Japanned [illegible] Japanese [illegible] Cash [illegible] to play [illegible] assortment [illegible] single.

NEW B[ICY]C[LES] [illegible] 1894-5 [illegible] ROADSTER [illegible] TYRES, [illegible] WEIGHT [illegible] and brake, or [illegible] complete [illegible] fitted [illegible] £13. [TH]E BEST V[ALUE] [illegible] [CY]CLES in the [illegible] CYCLING [illegible] [IMPRO]VEMENTS IN [illegible]

FRUIT [illegible] JARS. THE [illegible] South fruit with WIRE [illegible] securely [illegible] PRICES— [illegible] HALF-[GAL]LONS [illegible] cases of 3 doz [illegible] In smaller lots, [illegible] JELLY [illegible] 2s 6d per doz [illegible] STOVE, 6s [illegible] 6d. The [illegible] for hou[se]hold [illegible]

[illegible]th St., C[illegible], Melb.

[FRO]M THE IM[POR]TERS,

[illegible]S B[RO]S.,

[WHOLESALE AND RE]TAIL IRONMONGERS,

[TIM]BER [MER]CHANTS,

[illegible] Branches,

[illegible] RY,

[illegible] [AMMUNIT]ION,

Shearing Requisites,

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[A]T POSSIBLE PRICES

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[CHRIST]MAS SEAS[ON].

WE OFFER A [illegible]

GRAND DISPLA[Y OF] [illegible]

[XM]AS NOVE[LTIES]

[SHOW] ROOM.

[illegible] Public to pay th[illegible] [d]epartment one [illegible]

We have also a Large Assortment [of] CAKES, BISCUITS, and PLUM PUDDINGS for the Xmas. trade.

We are well stocked with SPIRITS, WINES, and ALES for the holidays.

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20,000 yards PRINTS, SATEENS, CREPONS, lovely patterns, at prices that are bound to give satisfaction.

Just unpacked a heavy stock of CALICOES, SHEETINGS, FLANNELS, SHIRTINGS, &c., so well and favorably known for sterling wear.

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SUITS MADE TO MEASURE. Prices within the reach of everyone. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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THE DIRECT IMPORTER,

NEILL STREET,

BEAUFORT.

[illegible]

PIPE, CIGAR, [illegible], GAS &c.,

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An Instantaneous Light Produced by merely Turning a Ring.

[illegible] little invention, which has been [illegible] England, and America, is now [introduced into] Australia. Same size as an ordinary [illegible] Beautifully Finished in Best Nickel [illegible] Safer and Far Cheaper than Matches. [It is] just the thing for the Bush, Windy or Wet Weather [when] it is impossible to Light Matches. By its use Bush Fires Avoided. It is sent out fitted complete with a Thousand Lights; sufficient to last, with ordinary use Twelve Months.

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TRADE SUPPLIED. AGENTS REQUIRED.

A Grand Line for Tobacconists. Country Storekeepers and Travelling Canvassers, [illegible] Terms.

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To the Agent ordering [illegible] a Splendid Sportsman's Racing [illegible] agent sending the second [illegible] who orders the largest number [illegible] and to the private buyer ordering [illegible] Solid Silver Pencil Ca[se] [illegible] successful winners will [illegible] small or large orders will count and make up the largest [illegible] Address all orders etc. to

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LADIES all prefer different styles to those worn in their district. This can be secured by getting your supplies from STEPHENS & SON, through the PARCEL POST.

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[illegible] [h]old Weekly [illegible] [eve]ry Friday during the coming [season]. They would call special attention [illegible]

EXTENSIVE WAREHOUSES, [built] expressly for the storage of Wool.

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[Sple]ndidly lighted, and unequalled in the [Col]ony for the proper display of Wool.

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[O]f Wool than any other market in the Australian Colonies.

CHARGES.—The lowest ruling in the Colony.

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THIRTY YEARS practical English, Continental, and Colonial experience of the Wool [T]rade.

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Auction Sales of Sheepskins, Hides, and Tallow held weekly throughout the year.

WAY-BILL FORMS supplied free.

GEORGE HAGUE & CO., Wool Brokers

Geelong, 1st July, 1894.

WORKS by DR. LURE, Melbourne [illegible] Rheumatism, [illegible] Paralysis [illegible] Affections, and "Nervous [illegible]" at ROBERTSON & CO'S, [illegible]

W. [BA]KER, [illegible] Upholsterer, Window Blind and Bedding Manufacturer.

W. Baker [illegible] [h]as on sale the following [illegible] lines:—[illegible] Flooring and lining boards, [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] sashes, doors, architrave and other mouldings, window glass, white lead, oils, turps, and all the building requisites.

Sashes, doors, and all kinds of Joiner's work made to order at the lowest possible prices.

Hardwood sup[plied at] Timber Yard prices.

NOTICE.

THE [illegible] A[illegible] patrons for past favors, respectfully solicits renewal of support, and desire to state that increased attention will be given to matters of local and general interest. As record of news he will always endeavour to make his columns as comprehensive [as] possible. In all departments [illegible] will aim at improvement [illegible] confidently appeals to the [illegible] support.

He has reduced [illegible] the SUBSCRIPTION to the "A[dvocate]" (with wh[ich] is published a 4-column supplement [cont]aining well-selected reading matter) to 3s per quarter, and trusts that this concession will be largely taken advantage of.

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

Job Printing plain and ornamental, every description, is executed with neatness, accuracy and despatch, and on [illegible] reasonable terms.

ARTHUR PARKER

[AN INTER]ESTING LETTER [FROM A WELL-KNOWN]

SPECIALIST.

DR. J. D. LLEWELLYN, [illegible] Qualified [illegible] Registered, [illegible] of departing [illegible] usual routine, practice and devoting himself [illegible] to a special branch which he has done for some time, he is not strictly following the paths of professional etiquette, but, as a considerable body of the profession are still disposed to stand coldly aloof from anyone their number who acquires popularity in the treatment of certain ailments and [illegible] Specialist, he does not hesitate [illegible] considers legitimate means [illegible] [illegible] able the [illegible] better to see [illegible] in preference [illegible]

The true designation of quackery belongs to those [illegible] adventurers who, without a particle of medical knowledge or a title of claim to the humblest department of the profession, practise extortion and deceit, advertising their nostrums as CURE-ALLS, men of the lowest grade of intellect and responsibility whose [ignor]ance is as unbounded as their pr[illegible] [illegible] Such are found in Melbourne [illegible] and other towns in Australia, and by their advertisements attract the attention of the [illegible] The mischief to the health by swallowing th[illegible] of these persons is oftentimes irretrie[vable] [illegible] the money totally wasted in purchasing [illegible] rates, their so-called curative appliances.

The argument is, that the every-day [illegible] of mankind should protect them from res[illegible] unprincipled; that if physic be a science, [illegible] honoured and respected as such; that the [illegible] inquiry and reflection should direct the [illegible] nostrum-monger to the respectable practi[tioner] alas! the dilemma in which a man finds h[imself] suffering from the follies of his own impr[udence] which he is anxious to conceal, re[illegible] solicitous to shun the respectable ma[illegible] into nooks and corners for counsel [illegible] Every member of the profession is [illegible] qualifications to hide them under [illegible] Llewellyn has passed examinatio[ns] [illegible] Medical Colleges in England: is a le[gally] registered medical practitioner in Victoria [illegible] testimonials, which all patients may inspect; [illegible] through a complete study, knowledge, practice, [illegible] experience of Special Diseases, [illegible] reliable Expe[rt] [illegible] In whom there can be [illegible] [with]out doubt [illegible] unlimited confidence.

The widespread evils a[illegible] [illegible] from e[illegible] and indiscretion cannot b[illegible] [illegible] own, [illegible] is to be hoped that any rea[der] [illegible] [paragr]aph who may suffer from these sp[illegible] will [illegible] awakened to their fearful co[illegible] [illegible] any amongst the readers of [illegible] unhappily fallen into obj[illegible] suffering in consequence, [illegible] enfeebled constitution [illegible] earnestly charge them to [illegible] once a means of cure, so [illegible] to pristine health and vigour, before th[ey] too deeply seated. I adhere strictly [to] approved and modern lines of treatm[ent] exclusive branch of practice, embrac[ing] Nervous, Skin and Special Diseases in women, and can, with confidence, undertake [per]manent cure of all cases within the rea[ch] of skill.

To those about to marry, and who are e[illegible] conscious or doubtful as to their suffering fro[m] latent taint or weakness, a sense of duty [to] their part should unquestionably prompt them [illegible] [illegible] medical man. [illegible]

To anyone [illegible] satisfactory and permanent cure [illegible] the conduct of various advertising parties who are only medical pretenders with no real knowledge of the human body, and who are in the habit of sending the same so-called Remedy to all who apply to them, or who have been victimised by any of the horde of Quacks, who have for years preyed upon the inexperienced, and whose only object is gain, whose boastful pretensions but veil their ignorance; to any such sufferer I would say, "Do not be desponding, and do not despair of a cure, but apply to me, or to any other reliable medical man, skilled in these special ailments, and the result will be all you could desire."

A very successful treatment in Chronic cases of Nervous Debility is Electric Therapeutics, when carefully applied under medical supervision. Part of my suite of consulting rooms is now fitted into an Electro-Medical Apparatus Department which contains Glaser's and Toepler-Holtz Machines for General Franklinization, and a large Combination Battery with Galvanometer and all other necessary accessories for Galvanism and Faradism. The currents from these instruments impart tone to the nerves, arouse the vitality of the weak, overcome conditions that medicines alone cannot reach, and impart to everyone who gives them a fair trial, health, happiness, and a delicious sense of vigour.

Patients living at a distance and unable to attend personally, can be treated at their homes through the post without any interference to their business duties and can have their medicines forwarded by mail or express to any part of Australasia, carefully packed and concealed from observation.

All personal consultations are free. The fee of £[illegible] which is inclusive of medicines, must accompany [each] consultation by letter, or it cannot be replied to. I trust that, more especially in those cases where the sufferers have but limited means, I shall never be found wanting in carrying out the good old motto of doing unto others what I would wish should be done unto me.

DR. J. D. LLEWELLYN,

325 LONSDALE STREET,

Between Swanston and Elizabeth Streets,

MELBOURNE.

COMMERCIAL.

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The secretary of the Beaufort Jockey Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations towards the New Year's Day races:—Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., L2 2s; Mr J. G. Robertson, L1 1s; Mr F. Beggs, L1.

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The remains of Mrs Kelsall, wife of Mr Kelsall, of the police force, Melbourne, and daughter of Mr Greenwood, of Beaufort, were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery on Thursday, the mortuary arrangements being carried out by Mr R. Farley, and the burial service read by the Rev. R. Jackson. The cause of death was consumption. Deceased was 27 years of age.

The Xmas. holidays passed over very quietly in Beaufort. The streets presented a very animated appearance on Xmas. Eve; the shops were gaily decorated, and a really good business is said to have been done. Hundreds of well-dressed people thronged the footpaths. After midnight the carol singers, organised by Mr W. Cobden, paraded the town and sang a number of hymns. Householders contributed towards the Ballarat Hospital to the extent of L3. It is expected that this will be made up to L5 before being handed over. The only attractions during the holidays were tennis and cricket matches and pic-nics to Mt. Cole. Some good sport was also obtained with rod and gun.

The Beaufort Jockey Club is to the fore again with an attractive programme of nine post entry races for New Year's Day (Tuesday next) at Waterloo Flat. The programme appears in our advertising columns. From what we can hear, there promises to be big fields and keen competition for the stakes. The committee have made several improvements this year which will greatly add to the convenience of the public, the most notable being the construction of a dam to provide water for horses. The first race commences at 11.30 a.m., and admission to the course is only charged for horses at the rate of 1s each. Given fine weather a good day's sport should result.

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The rainfall at Beaufort for the week ending yesterday morning at 9 o'clock amounted to 92 points.

A really clever and entertaining performance was given in the Societies' Hall on Boxing Night by Messrs Alf G. Lumsden and W. L. Paine. The former appeared in "Mysteria," or "Wonderland on Earth." His skill as a conjuror evoked rounds of applause, and completely mystified the audience. The latter recited eight favorite pieces, and although the effect was marred by the recitals following in quick succession, and the task must have been very heavy on the performer, they were given in a masterly style, Scotch and Irish humor being well delineated; while those pathetic pieces, "Curfew must not ring to-night" and "Disaster on the Tay bridge" were realistically depicted. There was only a moderate attendance. The performance merited a bumper house.

On Monday morning the North Melbourne cricketers were welcomed at the Shire Hall by the President of the Shire, Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A. In proposing the toast of "The North Melbourne Club," Mr Austin hoped the visitors would enjoy themselves, and that the trip would be the forerunner of many such visits to Beaufort. He was a great [illegible] out of Melbourne and showing the country clubs how to play. He wished the cricketers the compliments of the season. Mr A. Bean, captain of the N.M.C., sincerely thanked Mr Austin for the kind manner in which his team had been welcomed to Beaufort. There was not the slightest doubt but that they would enjoy themselves; in fact, it seemed that an illegal compact had been entered into to knock them out, and if it goes on at this rate it might cause their defeat. They intended trying to win. His club had visited the country in the holidays during the past ten years, and as Victorian cricket was at a low ebb they would only be too glad to draft a bowler from Beaufort to Melbourne. Mr Bean then proposed the President's health. Mr Austin was well known by repute as a member of the legislature, and he was very pleased to see him occupying the honorable position of President of the Shire. In all the places they had visited they found the leading gentlemen taking an interest in athletic sports, and their President was doing the same. From what they could hear the depression had not visited Beaufort very much, but he was sorry to say they had got it in Melbourne. Mr Bean concluded by remarking that Beaufort had one of the prettiest grounds out of Melbourne, and wishing the President "A Merry Xmas. and a Happy New Year." Mr Austin returned thanks and informed the visitors that the Shire Council had turned the ground into its present state out of a lot of holes and hills, and that the bicycle track, barring the asphalt ones, was also considered one of the best out of Melbourne, the engineer (Mr Jackson) planning and carrying out the work. He hoped they would have a pleasant time, and that the best team would win, and that would be Beaufort. Dr. Adam, as President of the Cricket Club, also welcomed the team in a neat speech and wished North Melbourne success. He also invited them to the Tennis Court that afternoon. Mr Fox proposed "Success to the President and Officers of the Shire." He could candidly say that Beaufort was one of the prettiest places that it had been his lot to cast his eyes upon. They could tell the people of Melbourne of the treat they had lost by not visiting Beaufort. The streets of the town reflected the highest credit on the officers, who he hoped would be long spared to conduct the affairs of the shire for the benefit of the ratepayers. Mr Austin briefly responded, and called upon Mr Jackson to do likewise. Mr Jackson alluded to the pleasure it gave him to hear of the Park and streets being well spoken of, and referred to Mr Austin as taking a lively interest in the town and district, and of his being generally appreciated on account of his moderate political views. A number of songs and recitations were given and enjoyed, and altogether a very convivial hour was spent.

A meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club was held at Maher's Farmers' Arms hotel on Thursday night. Present—Messrs E. H. Austin, M.L.A. (president), Flynn, VanderStoel, Hayres, McKeich, Kelly, Archard, Maher, Sinclair and Parker. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From Mr J. G. Robertson, Mount Mitchell, forwarding a donation of L1 1s. From Mr F. Beggs, Eurambeen, forwarding a donation of L1. From Mr D. A. Ross, Trawalla, stating it is not his intention to subscribe to the club this season.—Received; the donations being acknowledged with thanks. The secretary was instructed to have placards printed drawing attention to water being obtainable for horses in the racecourse paddock. It was decided that only the judge, president, and press be allowed in the judge's box, and that a stand be erected for the convenience of the stewards at a cost of 30s. Mr VanderStoel proposed that tenders be called for the work. Seconded by Mr Maher. It was considered too late to call for tenders, and Mr Flynn moved that as Mr VanderStoel was an old supporter of the club the erection of the stand be left in his hands. Seconded by Mr M[illegible] carried. Mr Maher asked how many horses a member was allowed to drive into the racecourse. It was stated that there was an unwritten law fixing the number at two. The President suggested that in future racehorses be admitted free. It was pointed out that as they were all post entry events there was a difficulty in finding out which were racehorses. Mr McKeich differed with the President, considering that as owners of horses went with the intention of making money, that they should pay for the admission of their horses as pedestrians did to sports. It was decided on the motion of the President that any member be allowed to drive two horses or ride one in free. Seconded by Mr VanderStoel and carried, and on the suggestion of Mr Flynn it was embodied in the motion that the club would pay the gatekeeper should any member drive a four-in-hand. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs Kelly, Hayres, and the secretary, was appointed to see that the contract on the racecourse was properly carried out, on the motion of Messrs Hayres and Flynn. L2 was voted as petty cash to the secretary, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

The business people and residents of Beaufort were justly indignant on Saturday on learning from a notice posted outside the post-office that there would be no delivery of mails in the township after that day, owing to the reduction of the staff. Master B. Long, the telegraph messenger has been transferred to Ballarat. A more obliging public servant could not be met with. What with savings bank, telegraph, and the ordinary business, it is impossible for the staff to give proper attention to the public, and it is no wonder that the residents look upon it as a case of retrenchment run mad. At a public meeting of residents held in the Golden Age Hall on Thursday evening and presided over by Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., the president of the Shire of Ripon, it was resolved to protest against the action of the Postmaster-General in depriving the township of a mail delivery, and to ask that the letter-carrier should be reinstated. Mr Austin was deputed to lay the matter before the Postmaster-General, and he promised to do his best to get the boy reinstated.

LAWN TENNIS.

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A tennis match was played on the Beaufort Court on Monday afternoon between a four from the North Melbourne cricketers and a combined four from Beaufort and Stoneleigh. The match was very one-sided, but none the less pleasant. The combined team won by 55 games. The players and a goodly number of visitors were most hospitably entertained by the lady members of the Beaufort Tennis Club. Appended are the scores:—Lewis and Aitken (B. & S.) beat Moir and Bean (N.M.), 6—1, 6—1, 6—1; also Oliver and Howlett, 6—2, 6—4, 6—1. Dr. Adam and Harris beat Oliver and Howlett, 6—1, 6—3, 6—0; also Bean and Moir, 6—1, 6—0, 6—1. Totals, Beaufort and Stoneleigh, 72 games; North Melbourne, 17 games. Majority for Beaufort and Stoneleigh, 55 games.

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A sensational story is current to the effect that a large quantity of dynamite and other explosives, sufficient to wreck a whole town, was placed in a truck, together with a quantity of sulphuric acid, at the Freemantle (W.A.) railway station. The acid leaked, causing the truck to ignite. Some railway employés knew of the occurrence, and it is said, went to fetch other officers to extinguish it. Others state that the fire brigade was summoned and extinguished it. The fire was, however, put out, and an official inquiry into the affair is being held.

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CRICKET.

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BUANGOR v. BEAUFORT AVENUE.

The return match between these clubs was played in the Park on Saturday afternoon last, and resulted in the defeat of Buangor by 2 wickets and 94 runs. The visitors had to get the services of two substitutes. Buangor were disposed of for 56 runs; Parker (14), Pickford (12), and Moir (9 not out) being the chief scorers. Barnes took 5 wickets for 18 runs, Cowell 4 for 27, and White 1 for 3. The Avenue responded with the fine score of 150 for the loss of 8 wickets. E. Lilley played a first-class innings of 74 not out. C. White and Barnes also showed good form for their respective scores of 28 and 14. McGuiness was the most successful bowler, securing 4 wickets at a cost of 36 runs. Appended are the scores:—

BUANGOR.

Baker, c and b Barnes ...	0
McConachy, c T. Buchanan, b Cowell	[illegible]
McGuiness, b Cowell	[illegible]
Parker, c [illegible] Buchanan, b [illegible]	[illegible]
Dillon, b Cowell ...	[illegible]
Pickford, b Barnes	12
W. Moore, not out	9
Ellingsen, b Barnes	1
F. Levin, st. Lilley, b Cowell	2
A. McDougall, b White ...	0
J. Lilley, b Barnes	6
Byes	8
Total	56

Bowling analysis.—E. Barnes, 60 balls, 4 mdns., 18 runs, 5 wkts.; G. Cowell, 48 balls, 27 runs, 4 wkts.; C. White, 10 balls, 3 runs, 1 wkt.

BEAUFORT AVENUE.

G. Cowell, b Baker	3
C. White, run out	28
E. Lilley, not out	74
E. Barnes, b McGuiness ...	14
C. Loo, b McGuiness ...	3
T. Buchanan, c C. White (sub.), b McGuiness	5
L. Lilley, run out	3
F. Hocking, b Parker ...	4
W. Buchanan, b Parker ...	4
W. White, not out	6
Byes	6
Total for 8 wickets ...	150

Bowling analysis.—C. Baker, 84 balls, 1 mdn., 45 runs, 1 wkt.; G. Parker, 90 balls, 2 mdns., 51 runs, 1 wkt.; Dillon, 18 balls, 12 runs; McGuiness, 60 balls, 36 runs, 4 wkts.

NORTH MELBOURNE v. BEAUFORT (18.)

This match was played in the Park on Xmas. Day, and was witnessed by the largest number of spectators we have ever witnessed at a cricket match here, the fact of North Melbourne being the premier club of Melbourne the previous season no doubt helping to swell the number. Through some difficulty in getting the right given to charge for admission being amended from Boxing Day to Xmas. Day the public were admitted free, but a collection was taken up on the ground, and the sum of £2 6s 9d realised. Bean won the toss from Parker, and elected to send North Melbourne in to the [illegible] contrary to expectations a poor stand was made, North Melbourne being disposed of for 66 runs. The Beaufort boys bowled splendidly. Moir and Gourley commenced with the willow, the latter playing one of Welsh's balls on to his wicket with the score at 12—all made by Moir. Howlett (who recently made 90 odd against the Melbourne Club) partnered Moir, but was caught at the wickets by A. Trompf off Paton in a very short time. 2—2—17 looked very promising for Beaufort. Fox joined Moir only to see Moir run out when one run was added. The retiring batsman had hit well for 15, and was somewhat dissatisfied with the umpire's decision, which, however, was a correct one. Bean and Fox carried the score to 35, when Fox (another crack batsman) tapped one into Dolan's hands off Welsh, and the ball was securely held. E. Lyons and Bean then made a stand, and H. Parker took Paton's place at bowling. The change proved effective, Lyons retiring for 6. The score showed 5—6—54. Excepting Bean (who played a good innings for 33, but was missed at midwicket off Parker when he had made about 20), none of the other batsmen troubled the bowlers, five men only making two runs, and the innings closing for 66. The highest scorer remarked that the bowling was the best he had played in the country. Welsh and Parker's averages speak for themselves—5 for 28 and 3 for 7 respectively. Paton also trundled well, but had hard luck, two catches being misjudged in the long field. Lilley and Cochrane opened for Beaufort. Both played steadily, but with the score at 13, Lilley was wrongly given out by the umpire for a catch by the wicket-keeper when the ball struck his leg. The second wicket fell without an addition in the score, Bean securing [illegible]. This bowler was bumping frightfully, and as he was very fast, some nasty knocks resulted, Cochrane getting a blow which burst his finger. Cochrane was the next to retire at 20. He showed good form in getting 8. Paton, the only double-figure scorer, played good cricket for 16. He saw three of his comrades disposed of for 6, 7 wickets then being down with the total at 35. As each player only added a few runs, some anxiety was felt, but after the 11th wicket had fallen, Dolan made the winning hit, and the score was ultimately carried to 100, Hill being not out with 8 to his credit. After the match had been won, however, some soft bowling was tried. Howlett got the best average, namely, 6 for 24, Bean securing 6 for 44, Luckman 3 for 13, Moir 1 for 5, and Gourley 1 for 6. As there was not sufficient time for two innings, and Beaufort had won the match by 34 runs, to allow the metropolitan batsmen to give the spectators an exhibition of batting, Beaufort's best bowlers were not tried till the batsmen had become set. Some tall scoring was therefore done, North Melbourne only losing 1 wicket for 123 runs. Howlett, Fox, and Bean batted in fine style for their respective scores of 50 (not out), 4[illegible] and 27 (not out.) Messrs Sinclair a[nd] Pocock officiated as umpires. Append[ed] are the [com]plete scores:—

[N]ORTH MELBOURNE.

	1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
Moir, run out ...	15	
Gourley, b Welsh...	0	
Howlett, c A. Trompf, b Paton ...	2	not out 5[illegible]
Fox, c Dolan, b Welsh	7	run out 4[illegible]
Bean (capt.), c Dolan, b Welsh ...	33	not out
E. Lyons, b H. Parker	6	
Oliver, b Welsh ...	1	
T. Lyons, c H. Parker, b Welsh ...	1	
Skewes, b H. Parker	0	
Luckman, b H. Parker	0	
Dougal, not out ...	0	
Byes	[illegible]	Byes ... [illegible]
Total	6[6]	1 wkt. 123

Bowling analysis.—1st innings.—A. [illegible] Paton, 66 balls, 2 mdns., [2]9 runs, [illegible]; E. P. Welsh, 90 balls, 5 mdns., 28 runs, [illegible] wk[ts].; H. Parker, 24 balls, 7 runs, [illegible]. 2nd innings.—A. Cochrane, [illegible] 15 runs; E. Barnes, 18 balls, [illegible] C. Bak[er illegible], 8 runs [illegible] G. [illegible] 14 runs; H. P[ark]er, 18 b[alls], 4 runs; [illegible] Grant, 18 balls, 17 runs; G. Cowell, [illegible] balls, 13 runs; E. Lilley, 12 balls, 1 [illegible] 4 runs; A. Parker, 6 balls, 6 runs.

BEAUFORT (18).

E. Lilley, c [illegible], b Bean	
A. Cochrane, c Fox, b Howlett	
A. Trompf, b Bean ...	
A. G[illegible] Paton, b Howlett ...	
H. Parker, b Howlett	0
E. Trompf, c T. Lyons, b Moir	0
H. Trompf, b Bean	0
A. Parker (capt.), b Bean ...	7
A. Kilgour, b Howlett... ...	3
B. F. Thompson, c Oliver, b Howlett	[illegible]
E. Barnes, b Howlett	
C. Baker, b Howlett	
J. P. Dolan, c T. Lyons, b Bean	
G. Cowell, c Howlett, b Luckman	
E. P. Welsh, c Skewes, b Luckman	
W. Hill, not out	
S. Bak[er], b Luckman	
M. Gra[nt], b Gourley	
By[es]	
Total	1[00]

Bowling analysis.—Howlett, 90 [balls], 5 mdns., 24 runs, 6 wkts.; Bean, 90 [balls], 4 mdns., 44 runs, 6 wkts.; Moir, 12 b[alls], 5 runs, 1 wkt.; Luckman, 24 balls, [illegible] runs, 3 wkts.; Gourley, 19 balls, 1 [illegible] 6 runs, 1 wkt.

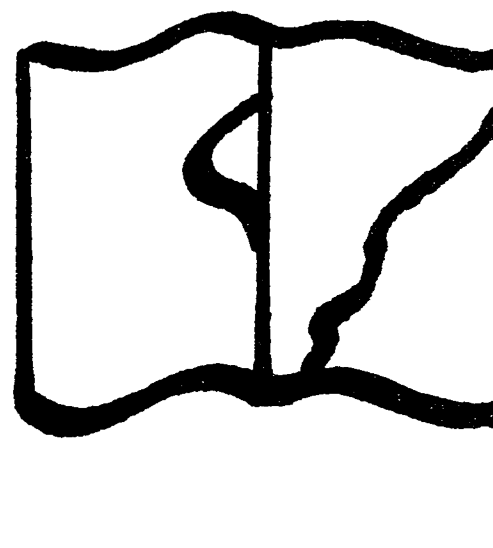
The visiting team were taken to "Belmont," the residence of Mr J. Watkin, at Main Lead, on Sun[day], and it is needless to state that [the] lavish hospitality of the host a[nd] hostess, so well and favorably know[n] about Beaufort, was extended to t[he] cricketers.

The local club treated the [N.M.] Melbourne cricketers to a picnic [at] Fern Tree Gully (Mt. Cole) on Boxing Day. The weather, unfortunately, was showery, and the Mount was rather too sloppy for thorough enjoyment. The trip, however, was not without its pleasures. The road past Freeman's had been terribly cut up by bullock waggons coming with timber from [the] sawmills, and one trap load of the party got logged in a quagmire. With the aid of ropes and a long and a strong pull the horses were [illegible] out with the trap. The funny [illegible] the party was [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] *terra firma* [illegible] farther [illegible] spring over [illegible] the edge, was bespattered with mud from [head] to foot, his [illegible] being a pretty picture. With mi[illegible] and just the party reached a pictures[que] waterfall, [pa]ssing other pic-nick[ers] comprising about a dozen of the f[air] sex. And didn't they enjoy laughin[g] at the poor fellow's inky appearance. Only three were courageous enough [to] climb to the top of the Mount, as t[he] ladies were so bewitching. Short[ly] after noon the cricketers returned to t[he] traps and the hampers were unpack[ed]. Poultry and ale disappeared rapi[dly], but the N.M. man with the wax moustache "took the bun." [His] appetite was really marvellous. J[illegible] went round the festive board, [and] "Syd. Gregory" gave an unrehear[sed] exhibition of tumbling. There w[ere] some gay young sparks about. [The] mountaineers returned in a drip[ping] condition, and having satisfied t[heir] wants, some wagers are made that a comrade could not climb to the top. He stipulates that he must be shown the way, one of the three agreeing, and pockets the sovs. after going to the second waterfall on account of the guide giving up. Some maidenhair [was] gathered and a little courting indulge[d] in, while others watch the bullocks drag the sawn timber down the side of the Mount on sledges and afterwards a bullock waggon load hauled through a bog, the waggon getting somewhat smashed. Soon the picnickers are travelling back to Beaufort, and a jolly crew vote that a day spent on Mt. Cole is after all not a bad means of enjoyment.

In return for the hospitality shown them, the North Melbourne cricketers gave a dance in the Golden Age Hall on Boxing Night. A few hours were agreeably passed in dancing, and songs added to the pleasure of the evening. The music was supplied by several ladies (piano) and Mr J. Jackson (violin). Very nice light refreshments were provided. The visiting cricketers enjoyed themselves so well at Beaufor[t] that they are anxious to arrange anothe[r] match for the Easter holidays.

TRAWALLA v. TRAWALLA ESTATE.

Christmas Day was a red letter day at Trawalla, and a very interesting cricket match took place between eleven locals and eleven young men from Capt. Bridges' Trawalla Estate. The game created great excitement amongst the players, but proved to be a sinecure for the local men, they securing an easy victory by an innings and 68 runs. The locals were captained by Mr G. Hudson and the visitors by Mr Hall, whilst Mr Geo. Packham acted in the capacity of umpire, and appeared to give general satisfaction. The proceedings were



Mr Andrews stated that he was not complaining of the public meeting but Mr Flynn's suggestion to abolish the post-office, and he objected to embody-ing in the resolution the abolition of the post-office by sending it to the rail-way station.

Mr Flynn had not advocated the abolition of the post-office, but its establishment at the railway station, which was much more central and particularly adapted for the business people, and could be much more cheaply and easily and better worked.

Mr Austin remarked that if they discussed where the post-office was to be they would never get the meeting ended. He desired them to speak to the motion, as he had allowed the dis-cussion to go further than he should have done.

In answer to Mr Sinclair, Mr Flynn stated that the delivery of mails at Waterloo had not been discontinued.

Mr VanderStoel would second Mr ...'s motion that the appointment of a local boy be brought before the ... General ... would ... years, ... was sure ... any amount of respectable ... Beaufort to carry the mails for ... per week.

The Rev. R. Jackson thought that ... a week was not enough for a decent, respectable boy, and that he would nearly wear ... out in shoe leather. The men here who had boys looking for work should protest against a boy being employed at 10s per week.

Mr Sinclair did not think there was any necessity to state the salary, but ... to ask that a local boy be appointed. The postmistress had told ... that the boy had sometimes to go ... miles with a telegram, and if ... came in just after he left it ... have to wait ¾ of an hour before ... delivered. Important telegrams ... be delivered sooner than that.

Mr Andrews referred to the dismissal of messengers and the proposed dismissal of 300, and asked if it were ... when these were dismissed to fill ... places with others.

Mr Austin said the Government had dismissed them.

Mr Andrews said the "Argus" was ... authority.

Mr Austin remarked that they could ... believe either the "Argus" or ... always. The question had been asked in the House and the answer given was that these messengers had arrived at a certain standard, and as there was not room for promotion they were given the opportunity of retiring or remaining as they were. The idea was to get boys to do the work cheaper. He had always done his best to get local boys appointed, but no member could override the Public Service Act, under which the boys were taken on as they stood on the list no matter where they came from, and that was the reason that foreign boys had come here.

Mr ... mentioned that his boy was on the list for the first vacancy in the Beaufort post-office during Mr Uren's time, and yet a Ballarat boy got the position.

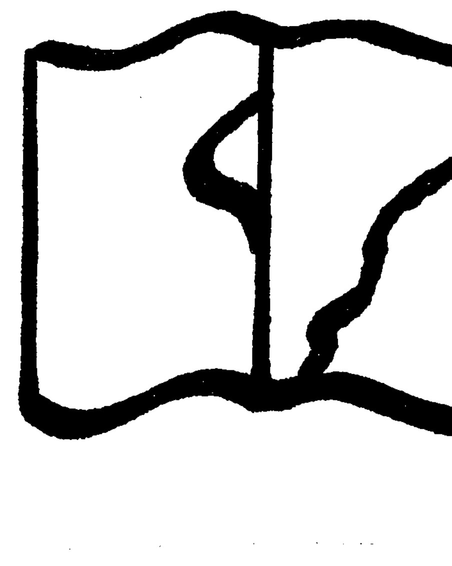
Mr Sinclair's motion was then put and carried, only one voting against.

Mr J. B. Cochran moved that the Postmaster-General be asked to rein-state the letter carrier at Beaufort. Seconded by Mr Stuart, and carried.

Mr Flynn moved that Mr Austin, M.L.A., be requested to present the resolutions to the Postmaster-General. Seconded by Mr VanderStoel, and carried.

Mr Austin thanked them for attend-ing. He was sorry it was so wet, which prevented a bigger meeting; but it seemed they were very much against the removal of the boy, and he would do his best to get him reinstated.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.



For the past quarter of a century there has been one continuous flow of letters bearing testimony to the truly wonderful cures effected by Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture, "the Blood Purifier that science and medical skill have brought to light." Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples and Sores of any kind, are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

Farmers in the United States appear to be suffering from the low prices of produce in about the same degree as Victorian farmers.

There was a collision in Hobson's Bay on Christmas Day between the paddle steamer Hygeia and the s.s. Sprightly. The Sprightly struck the Hygeia on the port quarters, bulging in her plates, but the damage done was not serious.

There is an old superstition among sailors that a parson on board brings bad luck to the ... The Ormuz, which has been quarantined ... Adelaide with a case of eruptive disease on board, has three bishops and several clergymen among her passengers.

We (*Courier*) are reliably informed that his Excellency Lord Hopetoun, to assist the Government in its retrench-ment policy, has decided to forego the whole of his salary which may be due to him from the end of November until the date of his leaving the colony, which will be in March next.

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 odour 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 depôt 33 Farringdon Road, London, England.

A young man named Percy Frank, aged 18, died on Wednesday at Wesley Hill, Castlemaine, from inflammation of the bowels, caused by having eaten unripe fruit a few days ago. The deceased, who was a pupil of the local School of Mines, had frequently dis-tinguished himself in several examina-tions.

THE HISTORY OF A SCAR.

On the back of my right hand—just about the middle of it—there is a small scar, half as big as a threepenny-piece, perhaps. You would never notice it until I showed it to you, and even then you would have to look sharp to see it. But it's there, all the same, and will be until the hand is returned to dust. It dates back forty years, that scar does. Going home from school one day another boy and I quarrelled and fought. Strange to say, it wasn't about a girl either. Anyway, he drew his jack-knife and stabbed me in the back of the right hand. The wound, I remember, was slow to heal. It was sore and inflamed for months, and hardly a day but something hit it; or I knocked it against something, and so made it worse. My whole available body appeared to be concentrated in that sore. You know how such things are. They are like boils, and if there is any comfortable spot to have a boil there are loads of money waiting for the fellow who discovers it.

Lately we have received two letters, both containing an identical expression, namely, this: "*Everything seemed a trouble to me.*" Now, none of us are so tough as to be proof against trouble, but, when *everything* is a trouble to a man the very heart inside of him must be tender and touchy. And Mercy knows, it is often enough. Grief will do it, worry will do it, and illness too.

One of these letters, or at least the writer of it, goes on to say:—"It was in March 1880, that I felt tired and languid, and without my usual energy. Before that I had always been strong and active. Now I was low-spirited and melancholy, everything seemed a trouble to me. I had a bad taste in the mouth, a pain ... I ate ... chest and sides. Even fish and poultry gave me as much distress as more solid food. I was constantly spitting up a sour, acid fluid which caused a miserable feeling in my throat and mouth.

"After I had been for some time in this condition I was attacked with gout in my hands and feet, which confined me to the house now and again for a week at a time. The parts became inflamed and swollen and gave me excruciating agony. I could not bear anything to touch them. For four years I was subject to those attacks. The doctor who attended me was able to ease me temporarily, but I was soon as bad as ever.

"In the middle of April, 1888, I read that cases like mine had been cured by Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and I thought I would try it. I hadn't taken more than half a bottle when I felt relieved. This encouraged me to keep on with the Syrup, and in a comparatively short time all symptoms of the disease left me. Since then I have enjoyed excellent health, and whenever I felt a twinge of my old enemy a dose or two of 'Mother Seigel' soon sets me right. Yours truly, (Signed) M. LEAHY, 49, Grosvenor Terrace, Grosvenor Park, Camber-well, London, September 22nd, 1892."

So much for the facts of Mr Leahy felt them. What has science to offer in explanation of them. This gout, rheumatism, and biliousness are three complaints arising indirectly from an overworked liver, or, more properly, from indigestion and dyspepsia. The poisons so engendered may lie hidden and unfelt for a long time, and then be suddenly rendered active by mental worry, exposure, over eating, wrong eating, or any of a dozen other causes. The kidneys fail (following the stomach and liver), the acid poison remains in the blood and sets up inflammation in the joints, and the retained fluids produce dropsy. All sorts of disturbances are apt to go with this condition of things, every one less a disease in itself than a symptom of the one cause—indigestion and dyspepsia. The heart and nerves are often attacked in sympathy. Cure the torpid digestion, and an all-round improvement at once succeeds. To do this is in the power of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup—as, perhaps, in the power of nothing else.

It was most unfortunate that this gentleman suffered for eight years; and no wonder, mean-while, that his mind was sensitive as his body to every approach. Knowing what he *now* knows he feels safe. *There is no darkness but ignorance*, and the German nurse shows "The Way Out."
London, October, 1892. J.M.P.

A shocking series of murders is reported from Russia, a nursegirl in the town of Nishni-Novgorod having con-fessed that she has killed no less than 17 children committed to her care.

The present year will close with about 3000 tons of colonial butter, including that shipped by the R.M.S. Paramatta, stored or in the London market.

The New South Wales Government statistician estimates the wheat yield of the colony at 7,817,476 bushels from 653,735 acres, or an average of 11·96 bushels per acre. The yield is 1,300,000 bushels in excess of that of last year.

Inspector Considine informed the Richmond bench that it cost the Railway Department between L30 and L40 every month to repair the wilful damage done to railway carriages, mostly by boys, who as a rule could not be discovered.

The police at Carcoar report that on Sunday morning two night watchmen at Coombing Park saw a flash of fire at the hayshed and two men running from it. The watchmen pursued the fugitives, one of them named Pulsford firing a revolver over their heads. He got within 10 yards of them, when one of them turned round and shot Pulsford through the thigh with a revolver, the bullet passing through his limb. The wounded man is now at the hospital. The whole of the hay in the shed was consumed.—*Argus.*

Victorians will be lacking in enter-prise if they do not hasten to grasp the opportunities now presenting themselves in various directions for initiating trade with foreign countries in colonial products. During the last few years some good work has been done in this direction, but the possibilities of extending our export trade are greater than many anticipate. Whilst Japan is making inquiries as to our leather, Russia and France are looking about for wood blocks for street paving. Victorian redgum is admirably adapted to this purpose, and considering the large quantities that could be consumed by those countries a low quotation should ensure a profitable trade. The Minister of Agriculture has had communications on this subject from the local Russian and French consulates. The late M. Poutiata forwarded redgum samples from Melbourne to St. Peters-burg some months ago, and they were submitted to the chief engineer of that city, the price quoted being L10 per thousand blocks, c.i.f. No reply has yet come from St. Petersburg, but the officers of the consulate have no doubt that a valuable trade can be established with Russia if the price is not too high. The French consul is prepared to forward to the Paris Board of Works samples of new and used blocks in the hope of having Victorian redgum used in the streets of that and other French cities.—*Argus.*

The Health and Vigor of an individual depend upon the quantity and quality of the Blood. When the tissues have been at work, there are thrown into the blood, waste products, and if these be not eliminated but (through any cause) detained in the blood they influence nutrition and function and finally produce organic disease."—*The Humanitarian.* In cases of Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, the effects of Clarke's Blood Mixture are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold everywhere, at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B 41 PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, in either sex (acquired or constitu-tional), Gravel and Pains in the Back. Guaranteed free from Mercury. Sold in boxes, 4s 6d each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors; Sole Proprietors, THE LINCOLN AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG Co., Lincoln, England.

At Coonamble (N.S.W.), on Monday, Andrew Townsley was committed for trial on the charge of shooting Eugene Tupper at Gulargambone on the 14th inst. Immediately after the close of the case Tupper and seven other young men were arrested on a charge of assaulting Townsley with intent to rob him. Townsley, who is a free laborer, states that he was assaulted and robbed of about L30 by a number of men, and that he fired his revolver in self defence. —"Argus."

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."—If the blood is laden with impurities it spreads disease as it circulates through the organs of the human body—Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kidneys, Brain. Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture is warran-ted to cleanse the blood from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

The latest bulletin respecting the health of Lord Randolph Churchill states that he is suffering from general paralysis, and is in a highly critical condition.

The loss of life during the terrible gales which raged in Great Britain on Friday and Saturday last was very heavy. As far as is at present known 105 persons perished at sea and on land.

SORE EYES!! Beyond doubt MORRIS'S IMPERIAL EYE OINTMENT is still the safest, speediest and best remedy in existence. For over fifty years it has worked really marvel-lous cures in these colonies, as testimonials will show. Every household is advised to keep a supply always on hand, and *immediately* apply it when weakness or soreness is felt through dust, heat, flies, exposure to heat or cold, excessive reading or writing, &c., and thus save further trouble and expense. Avoid all imita-tions and substitutes offered in place of this valuable Ointment. Having stood the severest test of time, no family can afford to be without it. Sold everywhere in pots, 2s, containing sufficient for six or more cases.

Among the 150 railway employés who will be retired from the service at the end of the year, the great majority are gate-keepers and others concerned in main-tenance work, whose services are rendered unnecessary by new methods of economical management.

Mr Alex. Bruce, the chief inspector of stock, says there is no doubt but crossbred sheep are much better for export than merinoes. He strongly advises sheep owners as speedily as possible to breed at least as many crossbreds as are required for exportation.

An important regulation has been framed by the Department of Mines for the hearing of disputes regarding mining leases. It provides that when disputes in connection with the working of leases arise the warden shall give due notice to the parties of an inquiry at which evidence will be taken in writing, and that the evidence, together with his report and recommendation, shall be forwarded to the Minister. Should either party be dissatisfied with the re-commendation, the Minister may on an appeal being lodged within ten days after the inquiry hold a further public investigation, at which both sides may be represented. If the Minister then finds that any breach of the covenants or conditions of the lease has been committed, and that the lease should be forfeited, he will submit the matter for determination by the Governor in Council. Hitherto political influence has been brought to bear on the Minister to reverse the decisions of the wardens, but the new regulation, it is believed, will render this impossible. The Minister will in future listen to no appeal against the wardens' decisions except in the manner explained.—*Argus.*

LADIES' SAFEGUARD. ☞ FRENCH SAFETY PILLS!!! SOMETHING QUITE NEW and HARMLESS for LOVELY LADIES. The ONLY CERTAIN and IM-MEDIATE CURE for IRREGULARITIES and OBSTRUCTIONS, any cause or duration. Box, posted, 7s 6d; Extra powerful, 20s. Write PROFESSOR HAUTMONT, R.M.D. King-street, Melbourne. ☞ Strict Secrecy!! All Letters Burned.

In commenting upon the Tariff Enquiry Board, the "Argus" says:—"The longer this precious board is in existence the less interest it evokes, the general belief being that it is a sham, and that the members have been selected to defend rather than amend the tariff. If this be so, there will be something appropriate in taking evi-dence as to the uses of varnish. The vir-tues of whitewash will probably not be overlooked."

V. R.

Electoral District of Ripon and Hampden.

MT. EMU AND ST. ENOCH'S DIVISIONS.

THE Ratepayers and General Lists for ... above Divisions are now printed, copies may be inspected free of charge, ... the day appointed for revision, at my office and at every Post Office within the Division.
EDWARD C. EARLES, Registrar.
Skipton, 26/12/94.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE.—It is the intention of the Council of the Shire of Ripon, at its meeting to be held on Monday, 7th January, 1895, at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, to make a GENERAL RATE of TWELVE PENCE IN THE POUND on the net annual value of all the property assessable in the Shire for the period ending 31st December, 1895, and to make the said rate due and payable in one payment on 12th February, 1895.

A statement of the proposed rate is deposited at the Shire Office, Beaufort, for the inspection of ratepayers.
JOSEPH WATSON, Shire Secretary.
24th December, 1894.

MR DRUMMOND'S PRIVATE SCHOOL will open on the 21st January. Boys and girls received. Course for senior pupils:—Latin, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, History, French, English Grammar, Composi-tion, and Spelling, Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Descriptive and Physical Geography, Elementary Physics, and Drawing. Course for Junior Pupils.—Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Com-position, and Spelling Geography, Elementary Drawing, and Mental Arithmetic. Fees (payable in advance):—Senior pupils, ... guineas per quarter, Junior pupils, 1 guinea per quarter. When more pupils than ... attend from the same family a reduction will be made.

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ANNUAL RACES!
TO BE HELD ON
THE NEW RACECOURSE,
WATERLOO FLAT,
ON
NEW YEAR'S DAY
(TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1895.)

PRESIDENT—Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A.
STEWARDS—Messrs Flynn, Maher, Martin, Hinchliffe, W. Loft, J. Pearson, Topper, Wotherspoon, Ross, W. Bradshaw, F. and T. Beggs, McKeich, W. Smith, C. and G. Vowles, E. P. Welsh, Cougle, Kelly, and C. Broadbent.
JUDGE—Mr R. A. D. Sinclair.
CLERK OF COURSE—Mr R. Thomas.
CLERK OF SCALES—Mr Archard.
STARTER—Mr C. Loft.
HANDICAPPERS—Messrs A. Andrews, D. Hayres, VanderStoel and Troy.

PROGRAMME:

Maiden Plate, of 5 sovs.
One mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised race. Post entry, 5s.

Handicap Hurdle Race, of ... sovs.
Two miles. Over hurdles ... 6in. high. Post entry, 7s.

Beaufort Handicap, of 10 sovs.
One mile and a half. Post entry, 10s.

Pony Race, of 3 sovs.
(Ponies under 14 hands.) Three-quarters of a mile. Post entry, 3s.

Selling Flat Race, of 5 sovs.
Handicap. Winner to be sold for £10. Any surplus to go to the funds of the club. Post entry, 5s. Distance one mile.

Trotting Match.
To be arranged on the course.

Flying Handicap, of 5 sovs.
Three-quarters of a mile. Post entry, 5s.

Hurry Skurry, of 2 sovs.
With entrance money added. Once round the course. Handicap. Post entry, 2s 6d.

Consolation Stakes, of 3 sovs.
One mile. Handicap. Post entry, 3s.

First Race to start at 11.30 a.m.
V.R.C. Rules strictly adhered to.
Jockeys must ride in colors.
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By St. Albans (sire of Malua and Coronet and many other winners); dam Seaspray.

SAVANAK is a bay horse with black points and has proved himself a good performer on the turf under heavy weights.

TERMS—£4 PER MARE.

Also, the Pony Stallion,

YOUNG TIGER.

Sire, the well-known Pony, Tiger; dam, Ettie (winner of many 1st prizes). This pony is a creamy, with silver mane and tail, 3 years old, standing 13½ hands high, with good bone, fine temper, good action, and promises to be a very fast trotter; has never been beaten in show ring.

TERMS—£2 10s.

For limited number of mares.

Good paddocks provided, but no responsibility incurred. All mares must be paid for before removal. For further particulars apply to

GEORGE ROBSON,
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TO STAND at G. A. Dunnet's farm, Stock-yard Hill, this season, THE PONY STALLION,

TRAFALGAR,

bred by Mr Lewis, of Stoneleigh. He is 6 years old, 15½ hands, black, with white star on forehead, and has good flat bone and splendid temper and action. For pedigree apply to owner.

TERMS—£2 2s.

Good grass paddocks provided, but no responsibility incurred. All mares to be paid for before removal.

G. A. DUNNET.

TO STAND THIS SEASON ... ST. MARNOCKS.

Color—Dark Brown. Height—16 hands.

ST. MARNOCKS (Victorian Stud Book, vol. 5), by MACGREGOR, out of NIGHTLIGHT. Macgregor, by Yattendon, out of Regina (imp.) Nightlight, by Maintop, out of Barnoolut. Maintop by Mariner. Barnoolut by The Premier, out of Rose. Rose, by Cornborough.

TERMS—£3 3s EACH MARE.

Cash on removal of Mares. Due notice sent owners when ready. All care taken, but no responsibility.

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In fashion and for good ... low prices, this is the house to trade with.

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POST CARDS	0 1
REPLY POST CARDS ...	0 2
LETTER CARDS ... ... (2 for 2½d., 12 for 1s. 3d.)	0 1½
NEWSPAPERS	0 0½
BOOKS.—For every four ounces or under (up to three lbs)	0 1
REGISTRATION FEE ...	0 3
PARCELS.—Two pounds or under (each extra pound or part, 3d.)	0 9
BULK parcels of newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper publisher or news vendor, per lb or fraction thereof (Not less than 4 papers in each parcel.)	0 1

PACKETS.

COMMERCIAL PAPERS.—For every two ounces or under (up to 3lbs)	0 1
(Such as acceptances, 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, music, pass books, or cards connected with any society, pay sheets, powers of attorney, deeds or copies thereof, recognisances, specifications, stock sheets, scrip, waybills, and other similar articles.)	
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POST CARDS	0 1
REPLY POST CARDS ...	0 2
LETTER CARDS to N. S. Wales, S. Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, W. Australia ...	0 1½
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BOOKS.—Per four ounces or under (up to three lbs)... ...	0 1
NEWSPAPERS	0 0½
REGISTRATION FEE... ...	0 3
BULK parcels of newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper publisher or newsvendor, per lb or fraction thereof ...	0 1
PARCEL POST.—To S. Australia, Queensland, New Zealand, Tasmania, and W. Australia only.—Per lb or under	0 8
Each additional lb, or under (up to 11 lbs)	0 6

PACKETS.

COMMERCIAL PAPERS AND PRINTED PAPERS.—Per every two ounces or under (up to 4lbs)	0 1
(Items see Victoria)	
PATTERNS, samples, packets of merchandise, &c.—Per every two ounces or under (up to 1lb)	0 1

RATES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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LETTERS.—Each ½ ounce or under	0 2½
POST CARDS	0 1½
REPLY POST CARDS ...	0 3
NEWSPAPERS	0 1
COMMERCIAL PAPERS.—4 ounces or under...	0 2½
Over 4 ounces, but not over 6 ounces	0 3
Every additional two ounces or under (up to 4lbs) ...	0 1
PRINTED PAPERS (other than news papers).—For every two ounces or under (up to 4lbs) ...	0 1
PATTERNS and samples. Per every two ounces or under (up to 1lb	0 1
REGISTRATION FEE ...	0 3
Acknowledgement of delivery of a registered article ...	0 2½
PARCELS POST, wholly by sea.— Each parcel of 2lbs or under	1 6
Each additional lb or under (up to 11lbs)... ...	0 9

LATE LETTERS must bear full postage and late fee stamp of 2d. extra, and may be posted at any time not exceeding a quarter of an hour after mail closes, at Melbourne General Post Office, any country Post Office, Railway travelling Post Office; handed to the mail guards, posted in bag at Spencer-street, for Sydney Limited Express up to 4.50. p.m., and for Adelaide Express up to 4.25. p.m.

Late letters for places beyond Australia are charged 3d. extra postage at Melbourne G.P.O. to 2.45 and up to ... Station.

WOMAN'S HIGHEST MISSION.

It has been truly said that "if modern knowledge is power, it is not wisdom"; and therefore, with increased education, the social status does not always improve, crime does not diminish, nor suffering grow less, and thus the levels of life are not lifted.

And now that woman has taken into her own hands the shaping of her destiny can she do better than accept these conditions?

Can she conceive of no higher ideals, no grander incentive, and no more beautiful fulfilment?

What is it that woman aims at in the widening of her career? Is it not freedom—the intellectual mastery and control that have made man free, and that she fondly hopes will give her freedom in turn?

How shall she best attain it? she asks.

But right here, in the answer she gives herself, is actually the mistake that she makes, and that perhaps explains in part the hostile attitude of many men and the shrinking of certain women when equal claims and rights are asserted.

Precisely by following in man's footsteps, she insists; along the lines he has chosen and with the same objects and ambitions in view.

Just what he has accomplished, I will strive to accomplish. Just as he has built, I will build; just as he has aspired, I will aspire.

But surely here is no freedom in its true sense, because no deliverance and enlargement of spirit, giving birth to new individuality and initiative.

Undoubtedly there are women gifted to excel where men have excelled in scientific and professional pursuits; but these women are necessarily exceptional. There are reasons deep-seated in her own constitution, and in the constitution of society, why it is not easy nor always to be advised that young women should be subjected to the mental strain and and strict training required to fit them for a profession, nor is it well, or often possible that girls as a rule should leave their homes and be sent into the world like boys.

But even under the most favouring circumstances, and when good result has been accomplished without too great sacrifice or injury in any other direction, it is seldom that a woman is able to devote herself without interruption, and to the exclusion of the more intimate interests of life, to the callings that require unremitting and absorbed attention.

Marriage comes in as so paramount a factor; an episode in the life of a man, it is a career for a woman, in most cases incompatible with any other career.

And for women who do not marry, the claims and duties of home are often quite as pressing and incumbent; the family tie is stronger, the dependence more subtle, and the whole affectional side of life has greater stress and obligation with women than with men.

But apart from these practical considerations, no woman who has sounded the depths of her own nature can help feeling that a profound deception awaits those who imagine that the outward extension of privilege, the liberty to enter the arena and compete for what the world prizes, will satisfy the deep inner craving, the vague but keen longing, the unknown want which the world cannot fulfil.

Women even more than men are restless, unsatisfied, seeking they know not what, they know not where; for a great hope has gone out of the world, a great light and presence once seen and felt by all.

The world cannot and need not go back to its primitive beliefs, but spiritual growth must keep pace with mental growth.

In proportion as the realm of matter is explored and brought within the compass of mind the realm of spirit must expand to receive it, filling and making radiant with its presense the whole visible universe.

The laws and harmonies of nature reveal still deeper harmony and all-embracing law; spiritual truth that reflects itself in man's inner consciousness in the workings of heart, brain, and soul.

The mysteries of growth and evolution suggest untold possibilities, and lay the foundations of life and its finalities in ideal regions far beyoed the range of physical sense.

The finite loses its grasp and man becomes aware of his relations with the infinite, of the constant, inflowing of divine energies in his own being, and of eternal reality, underneath the passing show of appearance. In the light of such understanding, knowledge becomes wisdom, and higher education becomes the education of the higher nature.

And it is women especially who have the key to this higher knowledge, in their finer perceptions and sensibilities, their more delicate organisation so quick to discern the hidden sense of things, the meanings that flash out from the unseen and that are not apprehended by the intellect alone, but by the whole personality, which kindles with sympathetic response.

This is the secret of that moral force which gives woman a strength beyond strength, faith beyond joy, and love beyond self.

And this is truly woman's "sphere,"—her "vocation," whatever post she may ...—to live within vision of the ideal, in a plane not bounded by the pleasures and pains of sense, and therefore in a certain extent released from the ...m of material conditions.

... higher mission and privilege for ...man to lead the example—to set ..., as it were, of nobler, purer, ...r lives, consecrated to deeper ...nselfish purposes?

USEFUL HINTS.

TO WASH CLOTHES IN PARAFFIN SOAP.—Cut down ½lb. paraffin soap and put it into a boiler of water to melt. Rub the clothes well out of the soda water, in which they have been previously soaked, put them into the boiler and let them boil for half an hour: then put them into a tub with plenty of cold water; wash them thoroughly, then rinse in blue water and dry.

TO CLEAN EMBROIDERY.—Gold and silver fancy-work of this description may be most easily cleaned with spirits of wine, either alone, or diluted with an equal weight of water. The common practice of using alkaline or acidulous liquors is very injurious, and frequently destroys the beauty of the articles, instead of cleaning them.

TO RESTORE SCORCHED LINEN.—Ingredients: Two onions, ½oz. white soap, 2oz. of fuller's earth, half a pint of vinegar. Mode: Extract the juice of the onions by pounding and pressing them; cut up the soap and fuller's earth, and boil all together. When cool, cover the scorched linen with this mixture, and let it dry. Wash the linen, and the scorches will disappear, if not so bad as to damage the texture.

BED-ROOM FLOORS.—Some mistresses ... a practice of ordering the floors of bed-... to be frequently washed. I wish to ... both mistresses and servants against ... practice. It is most dangerous to the he... of the person who occupies the bed-room, to wash it or scour it, unless the weather be very fine or warm, in order to allow the window to be opened for thoroughly drying the room before night. The utmost that should be done, except in favourable circumstances, is to pass a damp cloth lightly over the floor.

HOW TO CLEAN DECANTERS AND CRUETS.—The best way is to wash them out with a little pearlash and warm water, adding a spoonful or two of fresh slaked lime if necessary. To facilitate the action of the fluids against the sides of the glass, a few small cinders or pieces of raw potato may be used. A spoonful of strong oil of vitriol put into a dry bottle will, if allowed to run round its inner surface, rapidly remove any kind of dirt. It should then be drained, and afterwards rinsed with clean water. Where they have become furred by holding hard water, a little hydro-chloric acid (spirits of salts) diluted with three times its weight of water will remove it.

TO WASH CLOTHES WITH PARAFFIN OIL.—To every eight gallons of cold water put ½lb. of soap, shred fine, one and a-half tablespoonful of paraffin oil, into a boiler, put in the clothes, let them come to the boil, keep the lid close on boiler, and steam for half an hour, take out each article separately, and wring them out. When all are finished, hang them out to dry. If possible, bleach your clothes on grass after boiling; but where this cannot be done, it is yet possible with care to keep your linen white and clear. Laces and muslin should not be rubbed, but squeezed with the hands in melted soap and warm water. Be careful, in boiling them, to tie them up in a handkerchief to prevent their being torn.

PIANO KEYS.—These can be whitened by washing in a solution composed of 1oz. of nitric acid to 10oz. of soft water. Apply with a brush, taking care that it does not flow on the wood part upon which the ivory is veneered, for the joint will be spoiled. Cleanse carefully with clean water and a piece of flannel. Or, sulphorous acid with an equal quantity of water may be used as above. If the discolouration has not gone too far, rub the keys carefully with pure lemon juice. While still damp, put on a coating of whiting or prepared chalk, mixed with a little lemon juice. When dry, brush off with a dry brush, taking care that none of the mixture gets between the keys. If, however, the keys are thoroughly worn and discoloured, they must be dismounted, scraped, bleached, and repolished, which is a long and tedious affair, and requires to be done by a skilled workman.

TO CLEAN BRUSSELS CARPETS.—Brussels carpets may be cleaned in the following manner:—First, stretch the carpet tightly on the floor, nail it at the sides, and sweep it clean. Procure an ox gall from a butcher, and mix it with a pail of cold water. Have another pail ready with cold water only. Have also two woollen cloths and several dry towels. Commence by dipping a woollen cloth in the gall-water, and then rub the carpet with it. This will produce a froth on the carpet, and you will now take the other woollen cloth dipped in clean water, with which you will rub the carpet till no more froth rises from it, rinsing the cloth occasionally in the clean water. The water in this pail should be changed when it becomes dirty. You then rub the carpet as dry as possible with the towels.

TO WASH FLANNELS.—In washing flannels (notice particularly), to keep them a good colour, and to prevent their shrinking. Get from the grocer 1lb. or 2lb. (according to the size of your washing) of soap parings, which you will get cheap; for 1lb. of soap parings, put three quarts of water; boil to a jelly, and with this wash your flannels. Be sure you have plenty of warm water, not too hot; put in a handful of your soap jelly, and mix thoroughly in the water; then take the flannels, one at a time, shake all dust out of them first; then sluice the articles up and down well; rub as little as possible, for rubbing knots the little loops of wool together, and thickens the flannel; wring them in a machine, if you have one; if not, squeeze them well. Dry in the open air, if the weather permits, as quickly as possible. In washing scarlet or blue flannel, put one tablespoonful of spirits of ammonia in the rinsing water.

Lime-washing is a much more effectual mode of purification than white-washing, but is not so often used, as few persons know how to make lime-wash. If glue is used it is destroyed by the lime, and the wash easily rubs off the walls when dry. This also happens if the lime be simply slaked in water and used witoout any fixing material. Lime-wash should be made by placing some freshly burned quicklime in a pail, and pouring on sufficient water to cover it; if the lime is fresh, great heat is giving out; boiled oil (a preparation of linseed oil, sold by all oilmen) should be now added, one pint to each gallon of wash. For cheapness, any refuse fat, such as dripping, may be used instead of the boiled oil. The whole should then be thinned with water. The brush should not be left in the lime-wash, or the bristles will be destroyed. Should coloured wash be required, 1lb. of green vitroil added to every two gallons of wash gives a pleasing drab. Quick-lime slaked with skimmed milk, and afterwards thinned with water, makes an excellent wash for out-door walls, as it is not acted on by the weather.

WORKING DRESSES.—It is best to wear washing dresses to work in as much as much as possible; of course washing them or having them washed is troublesome and expensive, but dirt and grease do not ruin them, and they look fresher and better than stuff dresses, especially in summer. Never trim a washing dress with flounces or frills; they look out of place, are soon crumpled, and are very troublesome to starch and iron. Do not have a working dress made long; it is waste of stuff, and would be very much in the way. Keep your working dress clean and tidy by wearing over it a large thick apron with a bib, and turning up your sleeves.

"You say the coat is three shillings?" "Tree shillin', mine fren'." "And you warrant it all wool?" "All wool except de buttons and de putton-holes." "Ah! But how can you afford to sell an all-wool coat at three shillings?" "Mine fren', I doan vonder you vas surbrised; vy de wool in de goat is worth more as tree shillin'." "Then you lose money on it?" "Mine grashus? Mine fren', I tell you von leetle segret, und doaned you if it avay. De fleeces on de packs of dose sheeps vot grew dot wool vas misfits, und haf to be sold at great reductions."

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A curious human phenomenon has just found his way to London in the person of a young man named Spanner Pierre, a native of Augsburg, Bavaria, who possesses the peculiar power of distending his skin in a very remarkable way. By mere exercise of the will, assisted, of course, by the lungs, Pierre can expand his skin from the chest completely over the head, from the forehead so as to cover eyes and nose, and from the cheeks so as to cover the ears, and so on. It is not clear to what cause this singular physical peculiarity is ... Pierre has been examined by the eminent medical men on the Continent, and they are one and all at a loss to account for the phenomenon. Apparently, however, it is not brought about by any serious constitutional defect, for the young man has not been ill for years, and is of good physique.

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For the last day ... two gales of terrific violence have been raging in Great Britain. Enormous damage has been done, and many wrecks are reported. The steel barque Kirkmichael, 933 tons, owned by Messrs J. Steel and Son, of Liverpool, bound from that port for Melbourne, ran on to the rocks at Holyhead, and eight persons were drowned. The Manchester and London express, which was crowded with holiday passengers, came into collision at Chelford, near Manchester, with some goods trucks which had been blown across the line. The consequences were most disastrous, 13 passengers being killed and 40 more or less injured.—*Argus*, Monday.

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CALENDAR OF OPERATIONS FOR DECEMBER.

A long spell of dry weather culminating, we write in the hottest day on record, 10... in shade and 1?2 in the sun, will have tested the constitution of many plants and the means have been taken to protect and assist them.

In dry weather there are three ways of assisting plants in the open by watering, mulching and stirring the ground.

When water is at command it is better thoroughly to soak the ground occasionally than to give lighter but more frequent waterings. The rule is that roots follow moisture; heavy watering means that the water soaks into the ground, while light waterings only moisten the surface, and the roots are burned up by the sun. Mulching is putting a covering some inches thick of grass or stable litter which acts as a shield and making a break from the ... of the sun keeps down whatever moisture is in the soil. Anyone lifting the mulch ... see how moist the soil is, as compared with ground about. Stirring the soil keeps down weeds and makes a lot of air cells which prevent moisture from being drawn up ...

Beans ... instead of covering with soil, which gets so hard as to break off the young ... when coming through the soil, cover with ... round horse droppings. Let rows be ... inches and plants 6 inches apart. 1 lb sows ... feet. Matures in about 4 months.

Beet, red—Sow ready ½ inch deep, in ... inches and plants 6 inches apart. ... rows ... feet. Matures in about 4 months.

Beet, silver—Sow ½ inch deep, in rows ... inches apart. Sow thickly when the plants are to be boiled as spinage, leaving a plant every 6 inches to provide leaves in ... and March.

Borecole, ..., brocoli, brussels cabbage, ..., and savoy should be sown ... to produce plants ready for planting out ... the coming year. To grow ... plants now requires care. Sow the seed ... inch deep, and cover with a layer ... of the ... droppings of a horse ... prevents the ground from caking when ... and nourishes the plants. 1 oz sows ... by 20 feet. Plant must be kept watered ... watering it is better to water heavily and ... when the water soaks down into the ground ... the roots follow and are safe from ... rather than to water frequently and lightly ... bring the roots up to the surface, ... neglected ... or if extra hot ... experience ... the roots are scorched up ... plants die.

The next trouble is the cabbage moth ... is a great scourge. This moth is ... commencing to fly about sundown. ... chickens greedily eat the moth, and when ... do no harm. Keep the old hen in a coop ... the seed beds. To destroy the grub, water plants with a solution of tobacco water ... better with ... whale oil soap, which ... the tobacco ... to the plant, or ¼ oz ... purple or Paris green, which are deadly ... to 3 gallons of water. A handy way of ... the moth is to have a light frame on which ... tack a piece of ... sacking, which paint with ... the top, ... a few inches clean ... bottom, ... may hang below the ... Then let two people each taking an end ... tightly over ... plants from one end of the ... to the other ... the loose sacking touching the plants. The ... disturbed ... upwards ... are caught ... sticky tar. ... free from the ... worked and ... quickly that ... does little damage, ... ing its ravages ... outside leaves. If slow, and badly grown ... the plants are sometimes ... to the ... and utterly useless ... For very early cauliflower ... attention to the early ...

Celery—Sow seed 1-8th of an inch deep ... to transplant. When plants are ... their growth may be retarded ... a little moisture. As plants ... a few may be picked out ... By this means, one sowing will supply plants ... several months.

Cress—Sow 1-8th of an inch deep, thickly, ... rows or broadcast. 1 oz. sows ... 4 ... square.

Cucumber—Sow 2 or 3 seeds ... of an inch deep in hills 6 feet apart. When plants have set ... cucumbers, layer the shoots near ... and making the soil very rich ... will root into this and produce ... crops as they are layered.

Leek—Sow ¼ of an inch deep in rows ... and plants 6 inches apart. ... soil when the seed is sown to ... 1 oz. sows row 80 feet. Matures ...

Lettuce—Sow ¼ of an inch deep, 3 or 4 every foot. Let the strongest plants ... Lettuce may be grown between rows of ... growing vegetables, and be cut off before ... are in the road. Matures in 18 weeks.

Maize—Sow 1 inch deep in rows 3 feet, plants 1 foot apart. For cobs allow ... every way. It is a good plan to sow the ... at the bottom of a furrow 6 to 9 inches ... and as the plants grows work the soil ... the stem. The plant will root from the ... and thus have more root power, besides ... its roots deep down in the soil where moisture is.

Mangold wurzel—Sow ½ an inch deep, rows 2 feet 6 inches and plants 1 foot 3 apart. Seedlings, when as large as a ... may be safely transplanted, but will ... freely transplant with smaller.

Onion—Sow in richly manured ground ... an inch deep, in rows, thickly for onion salad. Tramp ground when seed is sown, such seeds require a firm surface.

Orache or mountain spinage—When sown, sow ½ of an inch deep, allowing ... between rows and plants. Leaves brown as they grow supply a splendid spinage.

Peas—In moist districts, or where water available, sow 1 inch deep, in rows 4 feet and plants 6 inches apart.

Potatoes—Sow a row to produce seed for the coming year. Throw up a furrow, and place the seed 4 inches below this furrow, draw down the earth as the plants grow.

Radish—Sow a few in rich ground, watering well; ¼ of an inch ... 2 inches apart.

Sorghum—Sow ½ a ... feet apart, where not already sown. This will give successional crops till cut off by the frost.

Turnip—Orange jelly and Swedish turnips can be sown now, ¼ of an inch deep, ... inches and plants 6 inches apart.

Scale breeds moth, and is more exposed to the effects of washes, such as kerosene emulsion; one washing now is worth three or four at other periods of the year.

... dahlias from division of ... plants, or green plants struck from cuttings. To divide tubers, split the old stem, seeing that there is a sprout on it, and let there be one or more of the old tubers. Green plants are raised from the sprouts of the old tubers, started by heat, and when large enough broken off and struck as a cutting. The finest flowers are obtained in autumn from the plants put out now.

Chrysanthemum plants should be ... back about Christmas ... about 6 to 8 inches high ... or three days till cut is ... bleed to death. If weather ... plants. A mulching of ... should be put round the plants ... soil moist and supply ... plants ...

Cineraria seed and ... should ... planted. Pansies sown ... and ... through the hot weather will produce fine plants and earlier flowers ... March sown seed.

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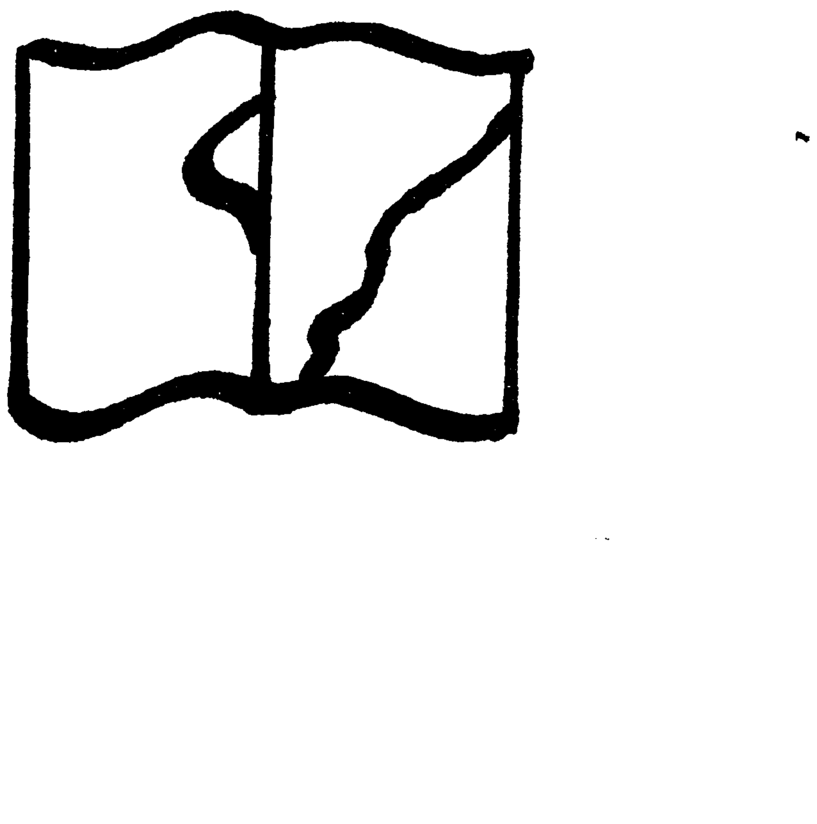
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