

COMMERCIAL

ABARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat, 4s 9d per bushel, bags 7s; flour, stone-middling, 111 7/6d per roller, milled, 113 2s 6d per ton; pollard, 1s 2d per bushel; bran, 1s per bushel; Algerian, feed, 2s 9d per bushel; Cape barley, 4s per bushel; rye, 4s 6d; potatoes, Warrington, 1s 5s per ton; Ballarat, 1s 10s; hay, sheaves, 10s; straw, 1s per ton; hay, trussed, 1s 10s per ton; straw, 1s 15s per ton; chaff, 1s 6s per cwt; onions, 7s per cwt; carrots, 3s per cwt; butter, trestle, 47 1/2s; butter, potted, 6d; hams, 8 1/2d per lb; bacon, 6 1/2d per lb; cheese, 5 1/2d per lb; eggs, 9d per dozen.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat, 5s 1d to 5s 2 1/2d; Algerian oats, 10s; moderate sales at quotations, but business is mostly being done for immediate requirements, peas, 3s 10d; barley, prime malting, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; Cape, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; potatoes, 1s 2d to 1s 5s; prime demand offerings; hay, prime green chaff, 7 1/2s; straw, 1s 2s 6d; medium, 1s 7s 6d to 1s 10s; masher hay, 1s 12s 6d to 1s 15s; straw, 1s 2s 10s; bran, 1s 2d; pollard, 1s 2 1/2d; flour, roller, 112 5s to 112 10s.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET. Cattle—352 head came to hand for to-day's sales, principally consisting of medium and useful quality beef, with a few inferior, really good and prime being very scarce. There was a good attendance of the trade and for best descriptions, prices realized were fully equal to last week's, whilst for other qualities of which the bulk of the supply consisted the demand was hardly as firm, prices ruling slightly easier. Quotations—Prime good bullocks, 22 to 23 1/2s; single best to 21 10s; good do, 21 to 22s; medium, 20 to 21 10s; prime pen cows, 20 10s to 21s; good do, 20 10s to 21s; medium, 19 to 20s. Averages—Merino Downs, 27 bullocks, 29 6s 4d; Hutton, 18 do, 23 7s 7d; Mitchell, 7 do, 28 6s 8d; R. Boulton, 10 do, 23 3s 3d; do, 10 do, 28 6s 8d; S. Sylvester, 2 do, 27 1s; Chirnside, 44 do, 25 16s 3d. Calves—54 penned, including a fair proportion of good and prime vealers, which sold fairly well; best to 60s. Sheep—474 was the number penned for to-day's sale, only a small proportion ranging from good to prime, remainder principally useful quality above 7d. The usual percentage being inferior. There was a very good attendance of buyers, notwithstanding which sales opened at a slight decline on last week's rates, and continued throughout, prices obtained for all descriptions ruling slightly lower than the previous week, closing somewhat dull. Quotations—Prime crossbred wethers, 12s to 14s, a few to 14s 4d; good do, 11s to 12s; medium do, 9s to 10s; prime do ewes, 10s to 11s; extra to 11s 8d; good do, 9s to 9s 6d; medium do, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; prime merino wethers, 8s to 9s 6d; good do, 8s to 8s 6d; medium do, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; mairio do ewes, 10s to 11s 6d. Store sheep—2000 yarded, only a portion of which were disposed of, at fairly satisfactory prices. Lambs—1336 to hand and prime, for which late rates were hardly maintained, prices ruling easier. Quotations—Prime, 3s 10s to 4s; extra heavy, 10s 6d to 11s 10d; good, 7s to 8s; medium, 6s 6d to 7s 6d.

MELBOURNE MARKETS. R. Robinson, Grime and Co., Limited, report:—Wheat, 5s 2d. Oats—Algerian, 2s 11d to 3s; medium, 2s 10d; Algerian seed, 2s 3d; tarragins, 3s 6d to 3s 7d. Maize, 3s 6d. Peas firm at up to 3s 11d. Barley, up to 3s 1d; Cape, 3s 6d to 3s 7d. Potatoes, 1s 1d. Chaff, prime green, 1s 4s 6d; Potatoes, 1s 15s to 1s 10s. Onions, 1s 15s to 1s 10s.

MELBOURNE MARKETS. Messrs R. Shadlers and Co. (Farmers' Co-operative Association) report:—Factory butter—Prime demand, 7s to 8s. Dairy butter, 7s to 8s; medium, 6d to 7d; inferior lower. Cheese—Demand weak. Loaf, 4d to 4 1/2d; counter, 4d to 4 1/2d. Eggs, market firm, 1s 5d. Bacon, to 6 1/2d; hams, 7d to 8d; corn, 3d to 4d; lard, 1 1/2d; pigs' feet and heads, 1 1/2d. Honey, 3d to 3 1/2d; beeswax, 1 1/2d. Lard—Bladders, 4d to 4 1/2d. Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 4s 6d to 7s 6d; hens, 4s to 4s 9d. Ducks, 2s 3d to 3s 3d. Fowls—Prime young, 1s 9d to 1s 11d; medium, 1s 7d to 1s 8d; hens, 1s 1s 6d; Geese, 2s 6d to 3s 6d. Oats, 2s 11d to 3s 2d; wheat, 5s 3d; barley, 4s to 4s 3d; Cape 3s to 3s 6d; maize, 3s 7d. Potatoes, 1s 10s to 1s 15s. Onions, 1s 6d. Chaff—Prime, 1s 4s to 1s 5s; medium, 8s to 9s; straw chaff, 5s to 5s 6d. Hides, skins, wool, &c., without any change.

MELBOURNE MARKETS. George Hargreaves & Co. report:—Inst.—Wool—We sold 30 bales and a few bags, all low sorts. Greasy lambs 6d to 7d per pound, greasy fleeces and locks 2d to 4d per pound, greasy fleeces, inferior, 6d to 7d per pound, inferior scoured pieces 7 1/2d per pound.

MELBOURNE MARKETS. Sheepskins—We sold all as follows:—Butchers' fresh-killed pelts, small 8d to 12d each; medium, 16d to 21d each; good to superior, 24d to 36d each, extra to 48d. Country and station pelts, short, 1d to 1 1/2d per pound; medium to good, 2d to 3s per pound; superior to 4d per pound; lambskins, 3d to 4 1/2d per lb.

MELBOURNE MARKETS. Hides—We sold all at hand at prices about equal to late quotations. Heavies to 4d per pound, extra higher; good condition light and medium salted, 2d to 3d per pound; other sorts, 1 1/2d to 2d per pound; kip, 1 1/2d to 2 1/2d per pound; calf to 2 1/2d per pound, cut and damaged ditto to 1 1/2d per pound.

MELBOURNE MARKETS. CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE.—The most searching Blood Cleanser that science and medical skill have brought to light. Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Gout, Rheumatism, and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of any kind are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes. The Times correspondent at Pretoria states that the determined attitude of the British Government, and its repeatedly announced intention to maintain the British rights over the Transvaal conferred by the convention of 1884, have had a salutary effect in checking the intrigues which have been carried on by the Boer Government with Germany. He adds that if Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal State Secretary, reports to President Kruger that Germany will not oppose the British claim, all difficulties will be amicably arranged.

MELBOURNE MARKETS. A statistical expert estimates the population of the Great Powers to be some 366,425,790. Their armies he places at—On a peace footing, 3,403,544 men; on a war footing, 21,204,257 men. The annual cost—on a peace footing—of these armies amounts to some £12,120,000, or about 11s 7d per head of the population.

MELBOURNE MARKETS. "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. Scrofula, Scurvy, Rheumatism, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, it cures in a marvellous manner. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

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TO FARMERS AND OTHERS. PRICES OF BEEF & MUTTON FOR CASH. By the quarter or half quarters, 11s 6d per 100 lb; by the carcase, 2d per lb.; Legs, 3d per lb.; Prime Roast, 4 1/2d per lb.; Chops, from 4d to 5d per lb.; Sausages, 4d per lb.; Kump steak, from 4d to 6d per lb.

[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', Ohomist. Messages left with Mr. Andrews conveyed by telephone.

Important Announcement. Mr J. W. Harris, junr., PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST AND REGISTERED DENTAL SURGEON.

Begs to inform the residents of Beaufort and surrounding district that he has COMMENCED BUSINESS on the premises lately occupied by Mr. J. B. Cochran, HAVELOCK-ST., BEAUFORT (NEXT TO THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE).

Mr HARRIS desires to impress upon the public that only the HIGHEST CLASS OF DRUGS and CHEMICALS will be stocked, and SOLD AT MELBOURNE and BALLARAT PRICES.

Prescriptions carefully, conscientiously, and faithfully dispensed under personal supervision.

Mr. Harris having had considerable experience as a country and leading Melbourne houses, customers can rely on having their requirements faithfully and promptly attended to, and he trusts, by strict attention to business, to merit the confidence and patronage of the public.

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Teeth fitted accurately in vulcanite or gold at lowest prices. PAINLESS DENTISTRY.—Teeth extracted painlessly with cocaine, ether, chloride of ethyl, laughing gas, &c.

NOTE THE ADDRESS—HAVELOCK-STREET BEAUFORT.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SUNDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1896.

Church of England—St. John's, 11 Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 3 p.m.; 5 p.m.; St. George's, 9 a.m.; and St. John's, 7 p.m. Subject: "The spiritual and everlasting result of the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Presbyterian Church—Beaufort, 11 a.m.; Linton, 3:30 p.m.; Rev. A. Adam, M.A.

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It is now beginning to be generally recognised by the farming community that the more freight that has to be paid to get produce delivered into European markets, the smaller the net residue received, for the European buyers' prices include freight. Cheap freights from Australia to Europe, therefore, mean large profits to the farmer, and dear freights small profits. But as our enormous import duties prevent heavy and bulky goods as well—from being sent from Europe to Victoria, and as ships must make a certain amount of freight on the round or cease running, what happens? They make up by charging little or no freight on the return journey on farmers' and other produce. This surcharge of freight from, to compensate for the absence of freights to, Victorian ports, amounts in the aggregate to a very large sum, which comes out of the pockets of the farmers, and constitutes another heavy burden inflicted upon them by the present oppressive tariff. But the mischief done to the farmers by heavy import duties is not confined to the immense direct losses inflicted upon them. Their interests are vitally injured in another way. The very essence of their prosperity depends upon their having large and increasing outlets abroad for their large and increasing amount of their produce. We grow far more grain, meat, &c., even now than we can consume ourselves, and we are compelled, if we desire to prosper, to look to other countries for customers to take our surplus. But how are farmers to export if the manufacturers represented by Flinders Lane agencies will not allow of imports? This is where the protective duties step in and thwart, cripple, and restrict the farmers' dealings with their European customers. What are Europeans to pay you in, we would ask, if you refuse to take their goods? Will it be in gold or silver? No such thing. It is now well established and universally admitted that debts between nation and nation are not paid in specie (beyond what may be termed the mercantile fraction), but in commodities, and that all commerce is substantially barter. If you will only take from the European seller his goods as he can make a profit on after paying say from 20 to 50 per cent. import duty, you limit his power of buying from you, and consequently your own power of selling to him. It becomes a necessary condition of our dealing with him that we should get so low a price for our goods that the margin shall make up for the heavy im-

port duties. These, therefore, out against us both ways. Not only do we pay more for what we consume, but it must surely be seen that in the long run we get less for what we produce. We do not, perhaps, feel the pinch just now so much as we undoubtedly desire to do, but if we want to in the future secure free sales we must have some little consideration for other countries and allow them some privileges; we must endeavor to obtain free purchases. If we aspire to provide for other parts of the world, we must be content to take in payment what that part of the world will give us. "Fair play is bonnie play."

The former Board's report has been issued, and the charges of corruption and collusion found to be well founded. The board has in its report to the Minister of Justice dealt very concisely with the full scope of the inquiry; the most grave charges have been found to have been sustained by the evidence of the numerous witnesses, and the administration of justice by Honorary magistrates in the large centres of population, found rotten to the core. Small wonder is it that the board recommends drastic changes in the whole system of administration of justice in our courts of petty sessions. With respect to Mr. Rapoport, a justice of the peace for the Midland Bailiwick, the board spoke in no unambiguous terms. He has been distinctly proved to have been guilty of corruption in his capacity as a justice of the peace, to have received bribes, gifts and privileges from persons who either were or were likely to be litigants in cases which were likely to be tried before him, and his decisions undoubtedly were affected by such bribes. Again, Mr. Allan Baxter has been found guilty of corruption in his capacity as a justice of the peace, and it has been proved that he has received bribes and gifts from persons who were concerned in cases brought before him to adjudicate upon. Not only this; but Mr. Baxter has, according to the finding of the board of inquiry, on many occasions voluntarily, improperly, and to the degradation of the high office he held, visited brothels in Lonsdale-street, and although he made specious excuses, it cannot be doubted that his visits to such places were not as he asserted for the purpose of renewing the fallen. The proof is apparent that both Mr. Bear Rapoport and Mr. Baxter have as justices of the peace combined with others to devise means whereby the administration of justice could be defeated, and not only this, but they have evidently agreed together to attend courts and decide upon a certain course of action without knowing the facts of the case except from their own perquisitions, and give a verdict in accordance with arrangements made before the cases were called before the court. There is an old saying that every man has his price; who can now doubt it? Further, there is a charge against Mr. Bird, J.P., one who has hitherto been looked upon as a man of upright and strict integrity. In his case it has been shown that he was indiscreet enough to adjudicate upon cases in the interests of one of the litigating parties, he having had a personal interest in such parties on whose behalf he sat upon the bench. And, more, it was actually proved that he had been in communication with the parties prior to the case. Again, it was given in evidence that on two occasions he visited courts in which he was not accustomed to sit, and sat and adjudicated in the interests of women of bad fame and character. In fact the whole finding of the board goes to prove that there is something radically wrong in the administration of justice in our large cities, and that the whole system requires complete reorganisation. The summing up of the board is very significant, and runs as follows:—"We find that many justices of the peace in and for the Central Bailiwick have frequently migrated to courts in which they were not accustomed to sit, and have there sat and adjudicated for various reasons, and influenced by various motives—some because one of the litigants was an old customer, or was a person with whom the justice had some business connection; some because one of the litigants was an old friend or the son or a near relative of an old friend; some from a feeling of sympathy with the accused or with near relatives of the accused; some because they were requested to sit by the solicitor for one of the litigants, and others because they thought that a particular class, trade, interest or body of men would not receive justice unless they sat to watch the interest of such class, trade or body of men." In many instances the justices of the peace have been induced by these reasons and for these motives to migrate to courts in which they were not accustomed to sit in considerable numbers, sometimes by the presence of a person unofficially swamping the local justices, who had regarded these intrusions as an insult to the bench, and had consequently more than one occasion vacated their seats and left the court. This incursion of justices who are strangers to the court has also given rise to much suspicion and distrust in connection with the administration of justice. When this migration takes place on a wholesale scale, as has often been the case, it is not inappropriately termed 'bench packing,' and it is an undoubted fact that whenever it is believed that the bench is going to be packed in the interests of one litigant, or of one class, steps are immediately taken for the purpose of meeting packing by counter packing." If any reasonable man, after reading the evidence given at the inquiry and thinking the matter over, can come to any other conclusion than that the sooner the present system of allowing honorary justices to deal with cases in our big cities is done away with the better, he must be a curiosity. There

can be no doubt but that in making any change a very large question is involved, and it is a very difficult matter as to what to do for the best. But that something must be done if the honor and fair fame of the colony is to be maintained is only too apparent. It has been decided that the names of Messrs. Rapoport, Baxter, and Bird will be at once removed from the list of magistrates, and it will be for the Cabinet to consider whether a more drastic course should not be pursued in view of the co-operation to defeat the ends of justice which Mr. Justice Williams and his colleagues on the board, have declared to exist. Next Saturday there will be a meeting of the Executive Council to consider the whole matter, and it is to be hoped that the existing scandal upon the administration of justice in this colony will be wiped out by such measures being taken as will effectually prevent in the future a recurrence of the present disgrace, and such a black blot upon the fair fame of Victoria.

Social and General News. The following representatives of the Beaufort Athletic Club have been chosen to play against Warrnambool, on the ground of the latter, to-day (Good Friday).—W. Buchanan; W. Fraser; E. Lilley; G. Loo; J. McNamara; A. Parker; E. W. and A. Tromp; B. E. Thompson; E. P. Welsh. Umpire—G. Carver.

A man named R. Stockbry was charged by Constable Bray yesterday, for assaulting and molesting, and not having £1 to pay the fine, was sent to the Ballarat goal for a week. Three "drunks" were discharged.

The following are the handicaps for the Beaufort Cup at the Beaufort Athletic Club, to be played on Monday, 4th April:—T. Williams 3 yds., G. Worthington 4 yds., J. D'Arcy 6 yds., J. Burke 6 yds., E. P. Welsh 8 yds., T. W. Carver 8 yds., J. McNamara 8 yds., E. H. Welsh 9 yds., A. Elder 9 yds., A. McDougall 12 yds., J. Harris 12 yds., D. McPherson 13 yds., J. Lillie 15 yds.

An important announcement was made by the Premier on Wednesday, in reply to a deputation from the Ballarat Benevolent Asylum, who complained that the share of the charitable vote has been reduced. He said that some new scheme for supporting the poor would have to be adopted, and Parliament would have to be asked to consider the question of either doubling the income tax or causing a special poor rate to be levied by the municipalities. He intimated that probably the latter course would be pursued.

The customary arrangements have been made by the Post and Telegraph Departments for the Easter holidays. To-day (Good Friday) postal money orders, and Savings Bank business will be entirely suspended. No mails will be despatched, nor letters, &c., delivered. In cases where mails other than daily mails are despatched from a post town and return thereon on the same day, and one of the days of despatch is Friday, such mails, instead of being forwarded on Good Friday, must be sent the day following.

In telegraph offices, Sunday arrangements will be observed. On Saturday all post money orders will be open to the public, with the exception of money order and Savings Bank business. On Easter Monday all post offices will be closed to the public at 10 a.m. The first delivery only by factor will be effected. No telegraph office or Savings Bank business will be transacted. All country mails will be received and despatched as usual. Telegraph offices will be open from 8.30 to 10 a.m., and from 6 to 7 p.m. On Tuesday, 7th April, all post and telegraph offices will be open to the public, and business will be transacted as usual, except money order and Savings Bank business, which will be suspended.

Special attention is directed to the advertisement in our columns announcing the sale of the site for the erection of a new building with this year's Eight Hours Fete and Art Union. The site will be held in the Exhibition Building, Melbourne, on Tuesday, the 21st April—the fortieth anniversary of the Eight Hours movement—and the drawing for the Art Union prizes will take place on the evening of Monday, the 27th April, publicly in the Rotunda Hall, Bourke street. The prizes total £1,800 in value, the first taking the very attractive form of £1,000, without any deduction whatever. The second and third prizes are £200 and £100 respectively. Tickets may have an equal value in the Art Union, which the purchasers are present at the fete or not. There has been a large sale of tickets, and this anniversary of the Eight Hours movement promises to be a greater success than any of its predecessors. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. Alex. Cunningham, the Beaufort agent.

The many friends in this district of Mr. John Simpson will have learned with the deepest regret that he expired on Sunday at his residence, Trawalla, Toorak, at the age of 73 years. The deceased gentleman came to Victoria from Fifehire, Scotland, early in the fifties, and at once embarked in pastoral pursuits in partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. John Simpson, the late Philip Russell, brother of the late Mr. Russell, of Carnarvon, taking up his residence in the Ballarat Suburban property, near Ballarat. Subsequently, when the partnership terminated, Mr. John Simpson became the owner of Trawalla Station (now the property of Captain Bridges, R.N.), near Beaufort. He took a great interest in sheep-breeding, and was one of the best known pastoralists in Australia. At the time of his death he was the proprietor of Burley Station, in the Liverpool Plains District, New England. He married Miss Luke, a Fifehire lady, who survives him, and he has left four daughters and one son. Three of the daughters are married, one to Mr. L. K. S. Mackinnon, one to Major Reynolds, and one to Mr. O. N. Hake. The deceased, Mr. Simpson, had been ailing for about 12 months past, and was attended by his family physician, Dr. Crivell. During the many years that Mr. Simpson resided at Trawalla Station, he took an active interest in local public affairs, and gained the good will and esteem of the people throughout the neighborhood. He was the first president of Riponshire, and occupied the chair with much ability and tact for seven years. Both he and Mrs. Simpson were very kind and thoughtful about the poor old people of the district, and Mrs. Simpson deserves the credit of starting the Beaufort Benevolent Society, which is still administered by Mrs. D. G. Stuart, Miss Adam, and others. Mr. Simpson sold Trawalla Station to the late Mr. John Wilson, the father of Mrs. Bridges, and invested in New South Wales property. The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson from Trawalla was very much regretted, and the loss which Mrs. Simpson has sustained is a sympathy for them in their bereavement. He was

We have received from Messrs Craig, Williamson and Fenwick, whose advertisement appears elsewhere, an elaborate catalogue, profusely illustrated with views, showing the extent of the various departments of their warehouses in Melbourne, Ballarat, and Bendigo, and showing the vast variety of goods that go to make up the stocks of their establishments.

Dora Mostyn's Dramatic Co., from the Alexandra theatre, Melbourne, will produce the sensational drama, "True Midway," at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Friday evening next. The company has had a successful season in the metropolis, most successful in New Zealand, and lovers of the drama may rely on getting good value for their money by patronising the play—to judge from the very flattering Press criticisms which have been showered upon it.

The full strength of the company will appear at Beaufort, and we are informed that some magnificent scenery is also to be shown. The prices of admission are 3s, 2s, and 1s; children half-price.

Larcenies from dwelling-houses in Beaufort are still being reported. Mr. Archard had a jar of eucalyptus oil stolen from his residence. It was probably mistaken for whisky. Messrs Brennan and Eastwood also had seven razors pilfered from a shelf in their shop. During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. A. McNamara, on Wednesday night, some thief went through their tent and appropriated articles to the value of £10, even cutting up a clothes-line, ostensibly for the purpose of fastening the tent. The goods comprised a pair of new tweed trousers, lady's sealskin jacket (valued at £23 3s), a pair of lady's shoes, two pairs of blankets, a sheet, a quantity of tea, butter, pickles, sugar, flour, &c.

Professor Lylo, who has been so successful in his experiments with the Röntgen x-rays, utilized for photographing objects through wood and other substances, on Friday gave a demonstration at the University laboratory before about 80 members of the Victorian branch of the Medical Association. In the course of a series of most interesting experiments, in which the action of the electric current when introduced into glass tubes, in which the air had been exhausted to various degrees was demonstrated, the professor showed that when the tube was almost a perfect vacuum the effect of the electric current differed radically from the effect produced in tubes where the air had been less completely exhausted. A perfectly new effect was produced, and the professor formulated the ingenious theory that the non-luminous rays which emanate from the glass tube are caused by the molecules of air inside the tube, which are produced by the electric current with half the velocity at which light travels upon the interior surface of the tube, and hammering upon the glass with this enormous speed set up vibrations of the division in character to the vibrations which produce the sensation of ordinary light on the human eye. The experiments (says the "Argus") were watched with great interest, and at the conclusion of the demonstration Dr. M. O'Sullivan, president of the Victorian branch of the British Medical Association, thanked Professor Lylo very warmly for his instructive address.

As the electors of the colony may be called upon in a few months to vote for candidates for the Federal Convention, it will be of interest to the holders of electors' rights (remarks the "Argus") to know that the rights dated earlier than 31st December 1895, must be renewed before 1st Jan. next if they wish to have their names retained as electors' votes. Those who have no rights, and are not qualified to vote by having their names on the ratepayers' rolls, must also secure rights before that date. The names of electors who do not register as his deputy, if they wish to vote for the federal election and for the general elections for the Legislative Assembly, will probably be held about this time next year. The rights issued from this date onward will hold good till the 1st December, 1896. The registrar will insist upon the voter delivering up his old right, and if he is unable to do so, in consequence of its having been lost or defaced, he must get from the registrar a receipt in which he obtains it a "substituted" right, and then present that for renewal.

Inspector Nestor, in dismissing the men at the regrading works on Wednesday for the Easter holidays, remarked that he was very well satisfied with the men who had been engaged. One day he had employed 25 additional men, thinking he had put on all the unemployed about the place, but found next day that about 125 more wanted a job. However, he had employed as many hands as he possibly could. He further informed them that the work on the Beaufort cutting was nearly completed, and that on the resumption of work only 30 from each of the five gangs would be taken on again. He did not know more than the men themselves where operations were to be continued afterwards, but there were several places in the neighborhood where the regrading works would probably be undertaken.

The Beaufort Athletic Club's 25th annual sports gathering, to be held on Easter Monday in the Park, should attract a big attendance of the general public. The programme contains no fewer than 23 events, and it entries are forthcoming, as they certainly should be, it is quite on the cards that this year's sports will afford far better amusement than any previous gathering here for many years past. The programme is varied enough to please every body, and includes the following races:—50 yds. race, 100 yds., 150 yds., 200 yds., 300 yds., 400 yds., 500 yds., 1 mile, 1 1/2 miles, 2 miles, 3 miles, 4 miles, 5 miles, 6 miles, 7 miles, 8 miles, 9 miles, 10 miles, 11 miles, 12 miles, 13 miles, 14 miles, 15 miles, 16 miles, 17 miles, 18 miles, 19 miles, 20 miles, 21 miles, 22 miles, 23 miles, 24 miles, 25 miles, 26 miles, 27 miles, 28 miles, 29 miles, 30 miles, 31 miles, 32 miles, 33 miles, 34 miles, 35 miles, 36 miles, 37 miles, 38 miles, 39 miles, 40 miles, 41 miles, 42 miles, 43 miles, 44 miles, 45 miles, 46 miles, 47 miles, 48 miles, 49 miles, 50 miles, 51 miles, 52 miles, 53 miles, 54 miles, 55 miles, 56 miles, 57 miles, 58 miles, 59 miles, 60 miles, 61 miles, 62 miles, 63 miles, 64 miles, 65 miles, 66 miles, 67 miles, 68 miles, 69 miles, 70 miles, 71 miles, 72 miles, 73 miles, 74 miles, 75 miles, 76 miles, 77 miles, 78 miles, 79 miles, 80 miles, 81 miles, 82 miles, 83 miles, 84 miles, 85 miles, 86 miles, 87 miles, 88 miles, 89 miles, 90 miles, 91 miles, 92 miles, 93 miles, 94 miles, 95 miles, 96 miles, 97 miles, 98 miles, 99 miles, 100 miles.

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 are not eliminated but (through any cause) detained in the blood, they influence nutrition and function and finally produce organic diseases. The Hunanizer. In cases of Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad 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 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

At present the gross amount of European indebtedness is £4,664,000,000, or £12 16s per head of population. At an average of 4 per cent, the annuity required to meet the interest charges is £185,600,000, or about 10s 1d per head.

The English Church Association has petitioned the House of Commons to be granted an enquiry into the church patronage exercised by the Prime Minister and the archbishops and bishops.

BEAUFORT UNITED COMMON.

A meeting of the managers of the above common was held at the secretary's office on Monday last. Present—Messrs Humphreys (in the chair), Flynn, and Browne.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The secretary reported as under with reference to the financial position of the common:—Balance bank, £118 15s 11d; cash in hand, £6 10s; making a total credit of £125 5s 11d, less an outstanding cheque of £2 15s. Fees received during date for current half year, £26; unpaid for same period, £5 13s; making the total assessment to date, £131 3s. Percentage due herdsman, £10 8s; being £3 5s 6d on current fees and £2 2s 6d on arrears collected. The old arrears now stand as follow:—For Jan. 1895, 6s; July 1895, £3 6s; and for Jan. 1896, £6 9s; total, £10 1s. Out of the £20 voted by the sheep council, £18 8s 3d has been expended to date on rabbit extermination.

One nervous reported that 400 sheep and 60 head of cattle passed through the common since last meeting; and that as the laying of poisoned wheat has been completed during the past fortnight, he will now be able to get on more rapidly with the assessment of stock for the current half-year.

The managers having taken into consideration the amount of old arrears on the books, and the herdsman having stated that he had repeatedly called upon the defaulters urging them to pay up, it was resolved to issue summonses within a fortnight for the recovery of arrears.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—Herdsman, £10 8s; rabbit destruction, £3 5s 6d; Wetherburn & Co., 7s 6d; M. Flynn, 18s; G. Taylor, £3 2s 6d; W. Dunn, £1 10s; W. Trengove, £1 10s. Total, £119 17s. The meeting then adjourned.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

A committee meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening. Present—Messrs H. M. Stuart (president), Welsh (secy.), Stevens, T. Buchanan, Cochran, Topper, P. Dder, McKeich, Gibson, Parker, VanderStell, B. E. Thompson, Archard, and Kelly.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

From Victorian Athletic League, inviting attendance of delegate at annual meeting to be held at Bendigo on 8th April.—To be informed that the President will be in Bendigo that day and will attend the meeting if time will permit.

From Bendigo Athletic Club, stating that in consequence of the unsatisfactory arrangements existing between the League of Victorian Wheelmen and country clubs a conference has been called for 8th April at Bendigo, and requesting attendance of delegate. The reasons why a new cycling association was necessary, were stated as follows:—That clubs giving prizes should have representation on the governing body; that the handicapping fees are excessive, and the percentage on prizes unjust and unwarranted; and that country clubs having recognized dates for sports meetings should be protected against competition by other clubs.—It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Messrs Cochran and Topper, to send the President as a delegate; £2 2s being allowed as expenses.

From League of Victorian Wheelmen, agreeing to the club's nomination for bicycle races, to save further expense, but that the large fees accounted for the small entries.—Received.

From Cyclists' Club, stating that no entries had been obtained.—Received. The President reported that as only one additional entry for the bicycle races was received since the date was extended, the sub-committee appointed to deal with them had decided to strike these events off the programme. They also authorised the secretary to apply to the League of Victorian Wheelmen for a refund of the 35s percentage on prize-money.—Action of sub-committee endorsed on motion of Messrs Polder and Gibson.

The following post-entrance events were then substituted for the four bicycle races:—Handicap half-mile footrace, £2, £1, and 10s; handicap walking match, one mile, 30s and 10s; quarter-mile wheelbarrow race, £1 and 10s; handicap mile bicycle race, £2 and 10s; putting the stone (61b.), £1; local sculling match, 10s; menagerie race, 100yds., 10s; vaulting match, 15s and 5s; hurdle race, 130yds., £1 and 10s; quarter-mile handicap footrace, £2, £1, and 10s. The entry was fixed at the rate of 1s in the £.

Mr VanderStell moved, and Mr Polder seconded, that Mr Stevens be authorised to get the scrutaries marked out, the tilting poles erected, and the track levelled, and other necessary work on the ground attended to. Carried.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer were appointed to draw up the official programme of sports.

The Secretary was instructed to get 60 posters—revised programme of sports—printed. The Secretary having intimated that Mr. K. Simpson had promised a silver medal for an open champion high jump, that event was included in the programme. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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 are not eliminated but (through any cause) detained in the blood, they influence nutrition and function and finally produce organic diseases. The Hunanizer. In cases of Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Skin, and Blood

Cr Lewis thinking the Government should pay the money; Cr Cameron suggesting that the salary be raised; the secretary stating it struck him to find that was done they would have to raise the salaries of all the inspectors, as that was ridiculous for Mr Ivey and to compare his duties with those of the north riding inspector.

From A. C. Wilson, Mt. Emu, asking permission to move gate at present across the road between allotments 38 and 4, parish of Yangbarwill, and at the S.E. and S.W. corners of the allotments, northwards to the N.E. and N.W. corners of allotments 2 and 1, same parish.—To lie on table for a month and engineer to report on motion of Cr Lewis and Cameron.

From Rabbit Inspector Bourke, serving a notice to destroy rabbits on the Mt. Emu reserve, and stating that he cannot accept the council's view that his action lies with Mr Brown, the tenant.—The secretary to write and ask Inspector Bourke why he does not take action against the tenant on motion of Cr Lewis and Cameron.

From Wm. Ingram, applying for a renewal of a dancing license for the Societies Hill, Beaufort.—Granted on motion of Crs Bridges and Lewis.

From Ernest G. Austin, Skipton, applying to be put on the roll as occupier of the Buryallock Estate.—Mr Austin to be informed that the proper course is to apply to the Revision Court, on motion of Crs Lewis and Cushing.

From Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society, asking council to co-operate with adjoining shires in taking some means of suppressing the sparrow nuisance.—Co-operation already granted to Ballaratshire.

From Contractor Bradshaw, asking for an order to enter upon Mr W. Lewis's Stonehill Estate for contract material.—Granted on motion of Crs Lewis and Beggs.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the Finance Committee:—Salaries, £40; Cr S. Stevens, £2 5s 9d; J. Dal, 1s; D. D. Cameron, £1 7s 6d; J. Christie, £1 6s 9d; J. Tompkins, £1 13s 6d; C. Wright, £1 4s 4d; Mrs Taylor, £1 1s 6d; Cr Clark, 10s 6d; per secretary, £7 19s 6d; Cr Clark, 10s 6d; Riponshire Advocate, £5 4s 9d; Arnall and Jackson, £3 7s 8d; Jas. Thompson, 10s; W. Schlicht, 2s; H. H. Jackson (registering mail New Discovery), 5s 6d; Lysbach Bros. (wire netting), £4 10s 7d; for roadwork, £2 7s 6d; J. Whittle, £2 10s; J. Whittle, £2 12s; W. McFarlane, £2 12s; R. Gibson, £2 12s; W. Stevens, £4 6s 8d; M. Muir, £2 12s; M. Meehan, £10 3s 6d; M. Corrigan, £10 16s; W. Watson, £3 6s; W. Harris, £2 12s; W. Ward, £4 1s; Jas. Star, £3 0s 6d; W. Fraser, £1 2s; T. Kenny, £1 4s 9d; H. M. Stuart, £2 13s; A. Wilkinson, £2 15s; J. Danks, £2 14s 4d; Thos. Cleveland, £2 3s; E. Milligan, 5s; Hawkes Bros, 5s 6d; J. Smith, £2 11s 6d. Contract deposits: J. F. Watkin, £8 10s; J. Smith, 10s; Geo. Hellyer, £1 1s. Contract payments: S. E. Pimblett, £30; J. F. Watkin, £25 9s 9d; John Smith, £9. Total, £335 18s 1d.

I have the honor to report that this sum of money on the water race has been completed, and are very satisfactory. The dams at Chepstow and Stockyard Hill have been cleaned out, and are ready for the reception of fresh water. I have surveyed a site for a rubbish tip at the extreme north-east corner of the township, in a blind gully, where the stuff will not be blown about or washed away, and at a convenient distance from the water race, and the railway. I have invited tenders for seven contracts returnable to-day. With respect to Captain Bridges' application for permission to erect three wire-netted gates on roads in Yangbarwill, I find that the two north and south roads are not likely to be required for traffic. There can be no objection to gates being put on them. The other road is known as Stewart's lane, and is fenced on both sides, and a short portion of it has been made, still there is very little traffic on it. The road between McLaughlin's and Phillips' in Haddon, has been partly made, but part of the 30 chains that are not made is rather bad for heavy traffic in the winter, being a little side-long and rutted.—

Cr Cushing, who stated that he was well acquainted with the roads on which Captain Bridges had applied for permission to erect three wire-netted gates, and on which there was very little traffic, moved that the application be granted. Seconded by Cr Lewis, and carried. Cr Lewis considering that the man who erected a mile of wire-netting did good to himself and the country at large.

The north riding members reported that at a meeting of the members of the North Riding Committee, held on the 2nd inst. after the meeting of the council, the three members being present, it was resolved:—That the water be laid on to J. F. Watson's premises, as requested, that Mr Wm. Kelly be informed that a slaughtering license will issue when the inspector reports that the premises are fit; that immediate steps be taken to get a gazette notice deposited, and that engineers report as to site of night soil depot; that a road be formed from Trainor's to the road below the church at Waterloo; that all local institutions be requested to send a copy of last annual balance-sheet.—

Dr. Johnston, health officer, reported that with the engineer he visited the piece of land near the Beaufort ride butts which he intends to recommend as a tip for every way suitable for the purpose.—

Cont. No. 13.—Making over part and approaches near A. Dalgleish's homestead: S. E. Pimblett, £38 8s; J. Carmichael, £33 2s 6d; J. F. Watkin (accepted), £25 10s.

Cont. No. 14.—Forming 14 chains and building culvert at Waterloo.—S. E. Pimblett, £43 10s; J. F. Watkin, £29 6s; J. Carmichael (accepted), £28 10s.

Cont. No. 15.—Supplying 200 yards of gravel in Hebb's lane, Trawalla.—J. Carmichael, £16; S. E. Pimblett, £10; A. Dalgleish, £12 10s; J. F. Watkin, £10 10s 8d; J. Hellyer (accepted), £10.

Cont. No. 16.—Supplying 43 road posts.—S. E. Pimblett, £8; Adamant, £18 8s; G. Tupper, £3; C. Dunn, £6; A. Dalgleish, £3; J. F. Watkin, 6s.

Cont. No. 15.—Fixing wire netting round Mt. Emu Reserve. Labels only: E. W. Haggis (accepted), £2 6d; McCracken, £15; Smith and Anderson, £11 12s; H. Hayward, £8 10s.

Cont. No. 17.—Forming building culverts, &c., at Skipton.—A. R. Slater (accepted), £40 5s; Madden Bros., £44 16s; W. Bradshaw, £51 8s 9d.

Cont. No. 16.—Re-forming and metalting on the Lake Goldsmith and Carham Road.—W. Bradshaw, £300 18s 9d; C. Bradshaw, £329 3s 4d; A. R. Slater (accepted), £233 2s 3d.

GENERAL BUSINESS. The following applications were received for wire-netting loans:—Thos. Hutton, parish of Raglan, 279a, 2 1/2 miles, cost £50; M. A. Tempest, parish of Trawalla, 40a, 1 1/2 miles, cost between £30 and £40; Frederic De Serre, parish of Raglan, about 20a, 800 yds, cost £18; Geo. H. Clarke, parish of Raglan, 70a, 2r. 25p., 60 chains, cost £25; Wm. Waldron, parish of Raglan, 40a, 1 1/2 miles, cost £12; J. W. Harris, parish of Raglan, 79a, 3r. 36p., 1 1/2 miles, cost £30; Thos. Liston, parish of Raglan, 111a, 4r. 41 miles, cost £35; Wm. Smith, parish of Beaufort, 25a, 1 mile, cost £34; M. Franc, parish of Trawalla, 20a, 60 chains, cost £18.

Cr Beggs moved that the secretary make application in due form for a loan for wire-netting purposes. Seconded by Cr Lewis, and carried.

Cr Beggs drew attention to the unsatisfactory postal service at Beaufort, and thought they should urge the Postmaster-General to return to the old hours. The post and telegraph offices were closed from 5 to 7 p.m., which seemed altogether unnecessary, as surely one of the officials could give out letters during these two hours. He moved that the secretary be instructed to write to the Postmaster-General, asking him to keep the office opened during these hours.

The President thought the townspeople should take the matter up. Cr Beggs said that as there were a great many complaints about it, the council might take it up. An attempt had been made by the Government at retrenchment in cutting off a boy at 10s or 15s a week, while £100,000 was to be spent on the Flanders-street railway station. A telegram could not even be sent during the hours mentioned.

Cr Bridges said he was very glad to second the motion. Cr Flynn was very much pleased to support it. The Government had acted in a very high-handed manner in this matter. As they were aware the postage had been increased from 1d to 2d. (Cr Bridges: And telegrams to 9d.) Yes, and now they refused a delivery, which was really cutting the painter too short. In a township like this it was ridiculous and unjust that they could not get their letters for two hours, or have them despatched, if they were a few minutes later than 5 o'clock, by the first mail. If the matter was proposed to the Government, it was a proper right, it might be altered.

The motion was carried unanimously. Cr Lewis moved that the rate book be signed by Crs Cushing, Beggs, and Flynn. Seconded by Cr Bridges, and carried.

The council, on the motion of Crs Lewis and Cushing, then went into committee to talk over the questions of severance and sparrow destruction.

A tremendous fire has occurred at Calcutta. It broke out in the Kidderpore quarter of the city, and destroyed a square mile of streets. The damage caused was immense, and the number of lives lost very great.

British Freemasons raised £62,700 during 1895 on behalf of their three central charitable institutions.

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 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

Mr Shillinglaw, on behalf of the pharmacy board, has prosecuted W. J. Davis and Co., ironmongers of Maryborough, for selling "toxa," and C. Buxton, storekeeper, for selling "poisoned wheat," in contravention of the Poisons Act. A fine of £1, with £4 3s 3d costs, was inflicted in each case.

At the Dandenong Police Court, Thomas Mills, late rate collector of Dandenong shire, has been charged with appropriating two sums of £37 5s and £4, moneys of the shire council, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

In South Australia the drought, which has now continued for several months, is becoming a very serious matter, and if rain does not fall shortly, not only will farmers have cause for complaint, but many other industries will also suffer.

"KEATING'S POWDER" destroys BUGS, FLIES, 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 "KEATING'S" L., with the signature THOMAS KEATING on each tin, as imitations are numerous and cheap. Sold in tins, 6d each, by all chemists.

At Portarlington operations are being extensively made in onions. One large firm of produce merchants, of Flinders street, has bought to the extent of £1,000, at prices ranging from £5 to £6 per ton, according to sample.

The following are the reported yields for last week:—Albion, 8oz; Wright, 5oz.; Lilly, 1oz. 8dwt.; Baker, 1oz. 4dwt. White and party will wash their first machine from their present shaft tomorrow. Some foul gases which had penetrated into the main drive became ignited by the candle on Friday night. The flame of fire spread along the drive for some distance, but, beyond considerably frightening the two men in the drive, did no damage. The Lady of the Lake party were compelled to draw their shafts after sinking 50ft. They erected a whim on the shaft, but could not beat the water, which came in through a drift. They are now trying in order to discover whether it is possible to find a place to sink where the drift does not exist. Nothing short of steam power would deal effectually with the flow of water they encountered. Generally speaking, mining seems to be very dull in the district, and no fresh prospects have been reported.

The following Waterloo yields of gold are to hand for the week ending 28th ult.:—Oraswell, 8oz. 7dwt.; Volworte, 3oz. 5dwt.; Try Again, 2oz. 18dwt. 18gr.; Martin, 4oz. 1dwt. The Last Chance obtained a prospect of 3 1/2dwt. to the dish.

BEAUFORT OUP. PROGNOSTICATIONS BY "OLD PED." DURING the week great excitement has existed among the local "sprinters" owing to the fact that the handicaps for the Beaufort Oup (to be run on Easter Monday) have been issued. There are 15 entries, and judging from the form shown by some of the men on the track, the race should be out in very fair time. T. Williams (Syds.) is the back man, and the limit is 10yds. I don't think the back men have a chance, and I doubt whether they will reach the final. The Syds. mark will, I think, supply the winner, for J. McNamara's name figures there. What I have seen of this runner on the track, shows that with a try he can just about win. On the same mark I notice the names of T. Carver and E. P. Welch. The former has been let in very lightly, but as he has not been running up to his true form lately, I can only give him second place. As regards Welch, well, he is not training, I do not think he has a chance. Last year's Cup winner, E. H. Welsh, is on the Syds. mark, but on his present form I doubt if the limit would be of any use to him. A McDougall has 12yds, and if he is what he is made out to be, he must run into a place, providing he beats the "outside favorite," J. A. Lilly, who is on the 15yds. mark. It is rumored that this man (Lilly) can do the distance in even time, if so, he must win the Cup, but personally I don't fancy his chance. Providing they get away on an even start, I think the result at the final will be as follows:—

J. McNamara, Syds. ... 1
T. Carver, Syds. ... 2
A. McDougall, 12yds. ... 3

The Association of the Banks has ceased to exist.

In the March quarter of this year there was an increase of 23,356 oz in the quantity of the Victorian gold received at the mint.

Profound sympathy is being expressed throughout the colonies with the many unhappy families who have suffered bereavement through the terrible colliery disaster which occurred last week at Brunner, in New Zealand.

During the voyage of the steamer Aberdeen, which left Melbourne on 5th February with a cargo of frozen produce, the freezing machinery broke down after the vessel had left Cape Town, on 25th February. Many of the rabbits, of which 1,558 crates were shipped at Melbourne, are mouldy. All those stowed on the orlop deck have been condemned.

FOR INDIGESTION, THE BEST REMEDY is undoubtedly KEATING'S GASTRO-ENTERIC PILLS. They are confidently recommended as being mild in operation and absolutely free from injurious drugs, acting at once as a splendor tonic and a gentle aperient. For nearly 100 years they have proved EQUALLED for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sick-Headache and Liver and Stomach complaints. Sold in bottles, in 1/4, 1/2, 2/6, and 1/1s, by all Medicine Vendors throughout the world. A simple, safe, and certain Remedy.

Mr G. Birrell, manager of Bailey and Wynne's Terminus E-state, was standing on the top rung of a ladder, when it broke, and he fell to the ground. It was found that the breast bone had been driven in on the lung. The injuries are very serious.

New South Wales Parliament will be summoned for the despatch of business on 14th May. The Premier hopes by the session in November, and in the future will endeavor to keep Parliament sitting during the cooler months of the year only.

For the past quarter of a century there has been 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 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

Early 17,000 persons were present on the St. Kilda Cricket Ground on Saturday to witness principally the great match between Parsons, the Victorian champion, and Martin, the American wonder. In cycling circles during the past week scarcely anything else has been spoken of save this match, which was for one, five and ten miles, and for a stake of £25 aside, and a purse of 40 shillings, presented by the St. Kilda Cricket Club. On Saturday Martin won the one mile event in 3min 27sec, and the five miles in the five miles, in 10min 49 1/2 sec, and won the 10 miles event by a factor, in 22min 42 1/2 min. The two latter are Australian records.

Another perilous ice adventure has happened to a party of fishermen off the coast of Finland. Twenty-five fishermen were on the ice, when a great cleavage ever discovered, and it will free the system from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, is effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

BRUIN WAS AFTER HIM. The Strength of the Imagination Proved by This Man's Story. "Talking about the strength of a person's imagination when he is scared," said a Sinnemahoning citizen, although nobody had been talking on the subject, "I know somebody who had an experience once that showed how powerful a man can imagine under such circumstances. That somebody was me. An old she bear and her cubs had been hanging around my place down on the Sinnemahoning, and one day I made up my mind to go out and put them out of the way before they got into somebody's trap or other. I went out, and three miles up the creek came to a couple of cubs asleep in a pile of dead leaves. I shot 'em both and was looking their fat carcasses over when I heard a great snapping and cracking of brush off to my right, and the next minute out of the scrub sprang a tremendous big bear. I knew at once this was the mother of the cub, because she wouldn't have come at me that way if she hadn't been. I only had time to put two bullets in the bear, and as they didn't stop her I dug for a tree and shinned up it only too quick. But the savage old bear followed me right up the tree and was chasing me right toward the top when a branch in my way just more than reaching for broke, and down I went. I passed so close to the bear as I went down that she made a grab for me with one fore paw and took from me the best part of my clothes. I lit at the bottom of the tree in a pile of leaves and didn't hurt myself. I just gave one look up and saw the bear coming down on the tumble, just as I had come down. I didn't wait for any more, but struck for home through the scrub oaks as tight as my legs could carry me.

"Crisby-to-crash through the brush, right at my heels, I could hear that bear on my trail. I dug my toe nails in the ground, and how I did put on steam to get out of them woods! But, no matter how fast I ran, right behind me I could hear that bear scrambling after me, snapping and snarling. I was finally on the point of giving up the race and doing my best in a tussle with the bear when I came out on Pete Ware, who was hunting along by.

"Shoot her, Pete, I yelled. 'Shoot her and make a sure shot, for in ten seconds more she'll have her claws on me if you don't!'

"Shoot what? Pete yelled back. 'I don't see nothing to shoot!'

"Just then I stabbed my toe and fell. I hadn't dared to take the time to look behind me before that, but as I tumbled I gave one look over my shoulder, expecting that it would be my last look, and where the bear wasn't behind me.

"Where is she? I says to Pete as soon as I could catch my wind.

"Where's who? says Pete.

"The bear," says I.

"I hadn't seen no bear," says Pete.

"She hadn't been more than one jump behind me for something like three miles," says I. 'Why, I could feel her breath when I hollered to you to shoot her!'

"Pete looked at me as if he was scared, and I told him to come with his gun and take my back track, and I'd show him. We went back over the whole of the three miles I had raced through the scrub oaks, and what do you think? There laid the old bear at the foot of the tree, dead as a stone! She hadn't taken a step on my track, because both of my bullets had hit her vitals, and when she came tumbling out of the tree she came down dead. But nobody was ever chased by a bear to greater perfection than I was chased by that bear over those three miles of scrub oak barren. But, then, I've got a particularly active imagination.

"said the man from the Sinnemahoning, and no one disputed him.—New York Sun.

General's Not Card Players. As a general rule, warriors are greater adepts at whist than doctors. But there are always exceptions. Dr. Arnal, a physician to the third Napoleon, was a skillful player and pitiless to the faults of those who associated with him in his pleasures. He was playing at the Tuilleries with a General A., who committed every kind of whist enormity. It was soon observed that at each blunder the doctor's annoyance increased and that as instances of imbecility occurred he fidgeted more and more on his chair. Twenty times at least he checked any further display of his indignation by a supreme effort.

At last the general crowned the edifice of his folly with so dreadful a blunder that the doctor lost all patience. Looking fixedly at his partner, he hissed out the words, with sufficient loudness for the whole company to hear, "Yes, it is very clear that it is not very difficult to become a general."—Academy.

Naturally. There is a good story told of a Hertfordshire farmer. A few nights ago he went home late and drank a pint of yeast in mistake for butter-milk. He rose three hours earlier the next morning.—London Million.

Another perilous ice adventure has happened to a party of fishermen off the coast of Finland. Twenty-five fishermen were on the ice, when a great cleavage ever discovered, and it will free the system from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, is effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

CHOCOLATE AND COCOA. Their Difference and Some of the Secrets of Their Proper Making. The difference between chocolate and cocoa is simply that cocoa is chocolate from which the oil has been extracted. As half of the cocoa bean is cocoa butter, the difference is considerable. Cocoa butter is used by confectioners, and the demand for it so far exceeds the supply in this country that over 2,000 tons of cocoa butter were imported last year. It is the cocoa butter which gives the gloss to the sweet chocolate cakes sold for eating, for sweet chocolate is nothing but a mixture of chocolate, cocoa butter, and sugar, either with or without some flavoring extract, such as vanilla. To make cocoa for drinking purposes the cocoa butter must be extracted. This is done in various ways, by pressure, filtration or some chemical process. In the Chicago works the chocolate is taken from the grinder and placed in little canvas bags and then put in a hydraulic press, where a pressure of 70 tons drives the oil out of the chocolate and leaves the cocoa in solid, dry, oilless lumps, which are broken with a mallet and taken away by the men who examine me and said my heart was weak. He also gave me medicines, but I only got temporary ease from them, and in a short time was as bad as before. All this time I was so nervous and depressed that I had no desire for company. On the contrary, I seemed to want to be alone with my misery. Even a knock at the door frightened me, as though I expected bad news, yet I did not really. My nerves and muscles ran away with my knowledge and judgment. Thousands of women who have suffered in this way will understand what I mean.

"Year after year I thought in this condition and what I went through I cannot put in words until I wish to try. It will answer the purpose to say that I existed thus for eleven and a half years, as much dead as alive. I spent pounds on pounds in physic, but was not a bit the better for any of it.

"In October, 1892, a book was left at our house, and I read it in it of cases like mine being cured by Mother Seigel's Syrup. I got a bottle of Mother Seigel's Syrup from the pharmacist, Street, Derby, and when I had taken this medicine for a few days, my appetite was better and I had less pain. I kept on taking it, and soon my food agreed with me and I gained strength.

"After this I never looked behind me, but steadily got stronger and stronger. When I had taken three bottles I was quite like a new man. All the nervousness and depression of my heart was sound as a bell. Since then I have enjoyed good health, and all who know me say my recovery is remarkable. I am confident that Mother Seigel's Syrup was the means, in the hands of Providence, of saving my life; and out of gratitude, and in hope of doing good, I freely consent to the publication of this statement. (Signed) Mrs. ANNE COOPER, 10, Popper's Lane, Lambeth, Grimsby, May 1893."

This letter is endorsed by Mr William J. Toller, of the same town, who writes for the truth of what Mrs. Seigel has said, as he personally knew of the condition of her illness at the time they occurred. No comment can add a jot to the force of this open, candid, and sincere communication. Whoever reads it must needs be moved and convinced by it. The disease which filled this woman's life with pain and misery for nearly twelve years was indigestion or dyspepsia, an ailment still and causing as much trouble and suffering as any. Send for the book of which Mrs. Seigel speaks, and read the symptoms in order that you may know what it is, and how to deal with it. The book costs only 1s, but it is worth buying as if every leaf were hammered gold.

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My cousins kept a particularly good cook and good cellar, and their guests, especially some who hailed from the city, certainly enjoyed at their table other "feasts" besides those of reason. And so I must confess did I in those days of good appetites after a long day's work, and I sincerely pitied Dean Stanley, who had no sense of taste and scarcely knew the flavor of anything which he put into his mouth. When the company was not quite up to his mark, the tedium must have been dreadful to him, whereas, in my case, I could always, provided the menu was good, entertain myself satisfactorily with my plate and knife and fork.—Life of Frances Power Cobbe.

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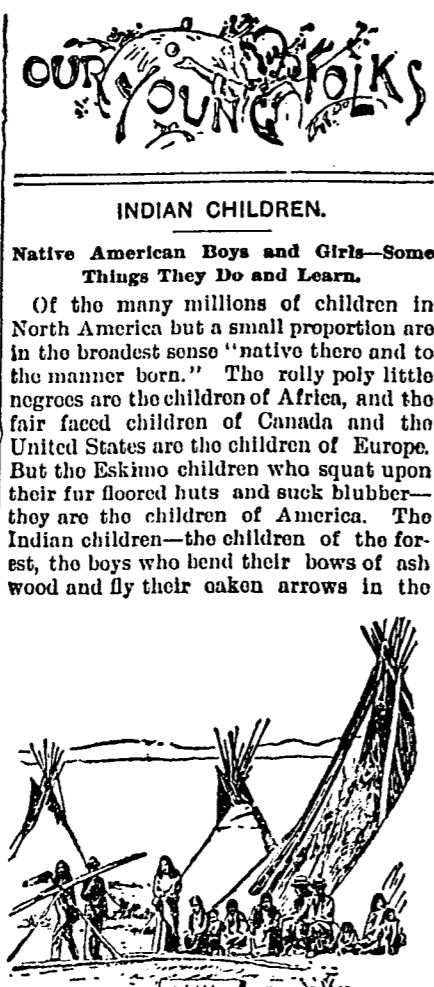
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ON REASONABLE TERMS.
MINING SCRIP, CALL, RECEIPT
DELIVERY BOOKS, &c.,
Prepared on the shortest notice.

NOT ENOUGH SOCIETY. That was what she said, and she must have it. A rickety old wagon, with a weather stained cover, drew up in front of a little crossroads store near the west line of Missouri.



INDIAN CHILDREN. Native American Boys and Girls—Some Things They Do and Learn.

Of the many millions of children in North America but a small proportion are in the broadest sense 'native thro and to the manner born.' The rolly poly little negroes are the children of Africa, and the fair faced children of Canada and the United States are the children of Europe.



AN INDIAN ENCAMPMENT. heart of the deer, the boys who race the best wind, the girls who sit at the wigwam doors and weave odd baskets of scented grass and thread beadwork—they are the children of America.

HEADACHE, BACKACHE, INDIGESTION, FLATULENCE, SOUR STOMACH & LIVER COMPLAINT, PROMPTLY CURED BY CLEMENTS' TONIC. TIRE D NATURE'S GREAT RESTORER.

Mr W. H. Clarke, 205 Richardson-street, North Carlton, Victoria, writes on January 21, 1893.—It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I write in testimony of the valuable properties of your wonderful Clements' Tonic, for I had been a great sufferer from indigestion, liver complaint, and general debility, and symptoms of yellow jaundice, and having consulted various medical practitioners, and spent no end of money in prescriptions, also having tried homoeopathy and patent medicines, and feeling myself getting worse day after day I had fairly given myself up for gone, and being distracted what to do next I thought of your Tonic, and I would try Clements' Tonic, which I admit ought to be called "Magic Tonic," for it immediately acted like a charm on me, for I had only used it a few days before I began to feel the good effects, and find out its great restorative powers. I will recommend it to all sufferers from any complaint they may be suffering from, for I can testify it is a sure cure for neuralgia, toothache and headache, having used it for the same in my family since I first found it out, and always continue to keep it in the house, and will advertise it to all friends and acquaintances with the hope of relieving the suffering public, as I am happy to say it has done to myself and family, and I am certain only one bottle will often save the expense of doctor and medicine. Wishing you a long life and prosperity to dispense such a curative medicine.—I am, faithfully yours, W. H. CLARKE.

Business man.—"You remember that 'ad.' I had in your paper, and took out two months ago? Well, I want to have it put back again." Editor.—"Why, I thought you said no one noticed it while it was in." Business man (humbly).—"They didn't seem to until I took it out." The mere fact of your advertising less people know you are still in business; also that your business is a decidedly important stand advertising. If you are in business you cannot afford to do without advertising, as it is too much of an admission to the world at large.—Extract from an interview with a man who has profited by newspaper advertising.

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S BLOOD PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the urinary system, in either sex (neither of 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 COUNTRIES DETROIT CO., Lincoln, England.

A robbery under arms has been reported to the Port Melbourne police by James Sloss, a stoker, who was accompanied by a man who presented a revolver and robbed him of his week's wages.

"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."—Clark's World-famed Blood Mixture is a guaranteed cure for all Blood and Skin Diseases. It is the most searching blood purifier ever discovered, and it will free the blood from all impurities from what is called arsenic. 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 6d, 4s 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

Reports from various parts of the colony indicate improving demand for land, and the realising of better prices at sales. The dual Caulfield C. P. winner Paris, now known as Paris III, has at last given the English public a taste of his quality by winning the Northamptonshire Stakes, a handicap of 1000 sovs.

Ladies' French Safety Pills INSTANTLY restore regularity, however obstinate or long standing, and bring about all that is desired in a few hours. Ladies will therefore save time and money by getting them at first, as one trial is sufficient to prove their value. Safe! Satisfying! Sure! Box postpaid, 7s 6d; extra strong, 20s (per box of 6). Address: PROFESSOR LEO HAYMONT, R.M.D., Victoria street, North Melbourne. All letters burned.

Flamingoes Frozen in the Tropics. A traveler relates that at the foot of Mount Ascotan, one of the peaks of the Andes in Chile, there is a hot spring that flows into a lake some distance off, the warmer near the base. The fishes find the warmth agreeable, and the flamingoes that visit the spot from the lower lands of Bolivia find the fishes very agreeable eating. After fishing all day the birds rest during the night in the shallow water of which is tangle of strong grasses. They learn to do strange things with heads and to stain with the juice of berries the quills of the birds their brothers shook. These they use for headresses and belts.

Accidents Will Happen. Enter uncle, who is neglected. He finds a glass on the table, and being thirsty drinks. As he drinks there comes a scream of despair from his niece Alice. In astonishment he asks, "What is the matter, and Alice replies:— "You drank my aquarium and swallowed my three tadpoles."—Golden Days.

HINTS TO FRIENDLY READERS You want to see the local paper a successful institution. Talk about it wherever you go. Mention it to the tradespeople with whom you do business. If they don't advertise in it, try and induce them to do so. If you are induced to buy anything from what you have read in its advertising columns mention the fact to the tradesman. Don't lend your paper to any person who can afford to become a subscriber, but is too mean to support local enterprise.

"If the blood is diseased the body is diseased."—Remember that the blood, whether pure or impure, circulates through the organs of the human body—Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kidneys, Brain, etc.—and if it is impure it spreads disease on its course. 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 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

A disastrous fire has occurred at Manila, the capital of the Philippine Islands. All efforts to stop the conflagration proved unavailing, and 4,000 houses were burnt to the ground, 30,000 persons being rendered homeless.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling out, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER," for it will positively restore it to its original color, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most hair-restorers. It makes the hair luxuriantly beautiful, as well as promotes the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER," sold by J. C. Clark, 205 Richardson-street, North Melbourne, and per bottle, Wholesale dep. of 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

The Minister of Mines has discovered that a large number of plans and maps of the various mining fields of the colony are stored in the Treasury vaults, and he has decided that these shall be distributed among the Mechanics' Institute and wardens' offices in the mining districts.

TUBERCULAR AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritations of the throat and hoarse voice will be greatly surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Tonic." These famous lozenges are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s 1d per box. Persons troubled with a "hacking cough," a slight cold, or bronchial affections, cannot try these lozenges, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic Affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Tonic" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN L. BROWN & SONS, Bazaar-st., S. E. Corner Depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, and England.

New Narandura a selector named Thomas Traoter was riding through his paddocks when he was thrown from his horse on an ant-bell and rendered unconscious. On regaining his sense he was covered with ants, his mouth being full of the insects. He was quite unable to move, and lay on the ant-bell suffering great agony until found three hours after the accident. Ants were then crawling up and down his throat, and it took over an hour to clear them off. The man is in a weak state.

"FOR BLOOD IS THE LIFE"—If the blood is impure it impurities it spreads disease all round the body through the organs of the human body—Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kidneys, Brain, etc.—and if it is impure it spreads disease on its course. In cases of 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 6d, 4s 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

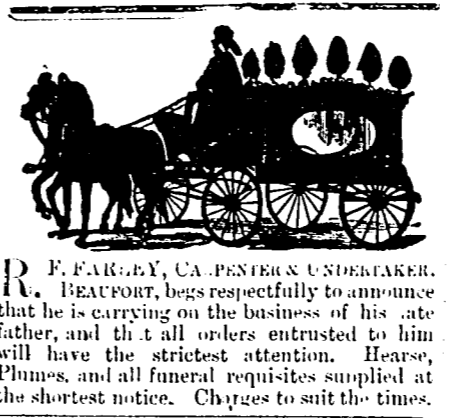
The black plague, which caused such ravages in Hong Kong in the year 1894, has broken out in Yokohama the port of Tokio, the population of which is over 150,000. Great mortality is being caused by the epidemic.

Of the 400,000,000 subjects of Her Majesty, 52,000,000 are of British speech and blood; the remaining 348,000,000 are as diverse in race, speech, complexion and religion as the "pop'le nations and tongues" to whom King Nebuchadnezzar addressed his famous message.

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-headers, 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.

An advertisement is a paper man's marketable commodity, and it is quite as much so as a side of bacon, a pound of butter, or a ton of flour. No man can afford to give away the things he sells for a livelihood, and the man who does so in order to get business is generally in a bad way. Don't try to put the paper man "in a bad way." But exercise a little human nature. Support him; he needs encouragement and support; but do it in the legitimate way. If the printer gets a few pounds worth of printing orders from you, he is not in a position to give you a pound's worth of advertising for nothing. And you have had value for the printing already. Go into a grocer's or draper's for L3 worth of goods, and the grocer man or draper will not throw in gratis L1 worth of something else that you may ask for. Try him if you don't believe us.

Advertisement for Holloway's Pills, detailing its benefits for various ailments like indigestion, constipation, and general debility.



Advertisement for William Baker, Undertaker, located at Lawrence Street, next Post Office, and Neil Street, opposite State school.

Advertisement for Money at 4 1/2 per Cent. offered by M. C. L. and Co., 21 Market Street, Melbourne.

Advertisement for Ministering Children's League, offering cottages by the sea for children with various ailments.

The Sufferer's Best Friend. Advertisement for Holloway's Pills, highlighting its effectiveness for various ailments.

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BEAUFORT, SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1896.

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THE ONLY RELIABLE DISINFECTANTS
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CALVERT'S
No. 5 Fluid Carbolic CARBOLIC POWDER
In 8 and 16 oz. ribbed Bottles, at 1/- and 1/6 each; 1/2, 1 and 1 gallon Tins, at 2/6, 4/-, and 6/6 each.
(The quality adopted by the British Government after bacteriological tests.)
Bulk lots at lower proportionate rates.
Dr. R. M. GOVERN, in his report to the Director-General of Prisons, says:—"Carbolic Acid is the most certain and powerful of the numerous substances used as disinfectants. The preparations supplied by Messrs. CALVERT & Co. are, in my opinion, such superior to any other."
F. C. CALVERT & CO., Manchester, Eng.
Awarded 70 Gold and Silver Medals and Diplomas.

J. R. WOTHERSPOON & CO.,
Wholesale & Retail Grocers,
Wine & Spirit Merchants,
Ironmongery, Crockery, Earthenware
and Produce Dealers.
HIGHEST PRICE GIVEN FOR GOLD.

FIRST SHIPMENT
OF
NEW GOODS!

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 satisfactory in its working; thus it was that the custom of buying and selling, using a standard currency was introduced. One form of that currency is known as "paper money," and of paper money there is more than one kind. All kinds are useful, but not every kind retains its original value. The "paper" money most valuable is a newspaper proprietor is that which is him by "Subscribers and Advertisers," and he will do his utmost to entitle him to good share of it.

"The Riponshire Advocate" is the Advertising Medium for all Contracts let, and notifications of the Shire of Ripon, and is the

ONLY NEWSPAPER That is Printed and Published within the boundaries of the Shire.

And as the advocate of the interests and for the welfare of this district it has a claim to a 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 Office.

The Circulation of Riponshire Advocate is Steadily Increasing,

And the Proprietor, recognising the increased support in this direction, will use his utmost endeavors to merit and sustain the patronage accorded him by giving the Latest possible Local and General News, and the most interesting and instructive information.

"The Advocate," PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING, CIRCULATES in the following districts:—Beaufort, Stockyard Hill, Lase Golsmith, Sillor's Gully, Main Land, Raglan, Clute Warroo, Eranroon, Banger, Mlado Creek, Shirley, Frawalla, Skipton, and Caranham. With every issue of the Paper is given a FOURTEEN-COLUMN

SUPPLEMENT, Containing an Interesting Serial Tale, Amusing Anecdotes, Pastoral News, Poultry Farming, Agricultural Intelligence, Recipes, Gardening Items, Etc., 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—"He who in his 'biz' would rise, Must either 'bust' or advertise." And advertisers cannot do better than make the Riponshire Advocate the medium for their announcements.

Arthur Parker, Printer and Publisher, LAWRENCE STREET, BEAUFORT.

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OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. BALL TICKETS & PROGRAMMES. ADDRESS & BUSINESS CARDS. MINING & ENGINEERING. PAMPHLETS, CERTIFICATES, BOOKLETS, DELIVERY BOOKS. DRAPERS' HANDBILLS. CATALOGUES, NOTING CARDS, SOIREE & WEDDING CARDS, ETC., ETC., ETC.

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GENERAL PRINTING
AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES,
"The Advocate" Office, Beaufort.

J. H. REED,
(LATE T. LONGSTAFF),
CHEMIST AND DENTIST,
8 BRIDGE STREET, BALLARAT.

THE DISPENSING OF PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS A SPECIALTY.
The Machinery in Laboratory and General Appointments of the Establishment are the Most Complete in the Colony.

PLASTIC STOCKINGS, KNEE-CAPS, Anklets, India-rubber Bandages, Flesh Grippers, Trusses (English and American), Hot Water Bags, Air Cushions, Air Beds, Chest and Lung Protectors, Ladies' Belts, Gent's Belts.

REED'S The best family aperient Pills you can keep in the house. No fear of taking cold after them. As these pills are being inflated, take only REED'S, and see the registered trade mark (a castor oil plant) on wrapper round each box. 1s, 2s, 6d, 9s.

REED'S HAIR RESTORER Is the best yet introduced. It restores grey or faded hair to a natural color, and prevents it from falling out. It contains nothing injurious. One trial will prove its efficacy. In bottles, 2s, 6d each.

BOLT'S BURN KILLER Is a painless and certain cure for hard or soft corns, it immediately relieves any degree of LITTLE'S BURN KILLER completely destroys the corns. 1s per bottle.

LILY CREAM—A little rub over the face and hands removes Sunburn, Freckles, Redness, and Itchiness, and imparts delicacy to the skin, making it soft and white. In bottles, 1s, 6d, 2s, 6d.

This preparation will be found SUPPLEMENTARY to any OILS or STARCHES used in the GLASSY APPEARANCE to LIPS, &c., as much admired, and for imparting a degree of stiffness to the hair, tinted by any other preparation. In boxes, 6d, 1s.

CHINESE STARCH GLAZE BOLT'S NERVE KILLER Cures TOOTHACHE INSTANTLY, and forms a soothing in the tooth. In bottles, 1s each.

POISONED WHEAT Now being so largely used by farmers for POISONED KILLING SPARROWS, NICE, &c. WHEAT KILLING SPARROWS, NICE, &c. WHEAT KILLING SPARROWS, NICE, &c. WHEAT KILLING SPARROWS, NICE, &c. WHEAT KILLING SPARROWS, NICE, &c.

STRYCHNINE, in 1/2 oz bottles, 6s.
DENTAL DEPARTMENT. Teeth Extracted, 2s 6d; and quite painlessly by Laughlin's Gas, 5s.
Teeth Stopped, 5s.
Artificial Teeth inserted at Most Moderate Rates.

J. H. REED,
8 BRIDGE STREET, BALLARAT.

Agent for Beaufort—MR J. B. COCHRAN
ANTI-KOFFYIN

TESTIMONIALS.
EXTRACTS FROM MANY RECEIVED.
Mr. J. H. REED, Chemist, Ballarat.
Miss N. ANDERSON, Buninyong.
The following is the Anti-koffyin has completely cured my asthma.

Important Announcement.
A. KILGOUR,
PRACTICAL TAILOR,
Has Commenced Business in the Premises opposite the Post Office, in LAWRENCE STREET, Beaufort, and trusts by Strict Attention to Business combined with MODERATE PRICES and Good Workmanship, to merit Public Patronage.
Choice Collection of Tweeds and Coatings always on hand.
"MOTTO"—NO FIT, NO PAY!

WM. C. PEDDER,
Blacksmith and Wheelwright,
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Farm and Timber Waggon, Farm, Road and Spring Drays, Waggonettes, and all kinds of Vehicles made and repaired on the premises. Horses Carefully Shod.

ALBION HOTEL,
GENERAL STORE,
NEWS AGENCY
—WATERLOO—
Good Accommodation. Moderate Charges.
T. D. MARTIN, Proprietor.

BILLIARDS
MR. W. VOWLES begs to announce that he has fitted up first-class Billiard Tables (Mack's), with patent Imperial law cushions, at the Camp Hotel, Beaufort, and solicits a share of public patronage.

GRASP THIS STARTLING FACT.

MIKADO TEA
Is Unrivalled!

LOCAL AGENT:
T. A. ARCHARD,
Storekeeper.

MEDICAL.
Markell's Pills.
A boon to the suffering, the friend of the household. These wonderful pills quickly cure in either sex, all liver, stomach, bowel and kidney complaints, constipation, biliousness, headache, &c. Food, disease and female complaints. Markell's Pills act like magic on the liver, stomach, bowels and kidneys, stimulate and strengthen all the vital organs of the body, purify the blood and restore the bloom of health. If you are suffering from any of the above ailments, and you will know the way to cure. Sold at all chemists and grocers in the world, 1s, 2s, 6d, with full directions. Use them once and you will never be without them.

LOST MANHOOD
From youthful folly, excesses or any other cause. Guaranteed CURE. A great scientific discovery by anatomy. Treatise on "Lost Manhood" pointed out as it does the way of relief to those unfortunate sufferers to whom love is but a hideous, form-ruining dream. Write at once for a blank Every man and youth should read it. Post free. Apply by letter or personally, PROFESSOR B. H. MARKELL, 41 Collins Place, Melbourne.

Womans' Salvation.
The Wife's welfare within her own control. Treatise pointed free, sealed. Apply by letter or personally, PROFESSOR B. H. MARKELL, 41 Collins Place, Melbourne. This treatise will teach you more about prevention in ten minutes than all the years you've lived.

DR. BOXWELL'S FEMALE PILLS (registered) restore regularity, soothe what aches, always succeed. The only certain remedy recognized throughout the world, 5/6 per box. Obtainable all chemists, or by post, Address, "MANAROA" 539 Elizabeth-st., Melbourne.

Sufferers from the effects of *Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Asthma, Hay Fever, and all kinds of Catarrhs*, &c. Send stamped addressed envelope, and I will forward you full particulars of my own case—how I suffered for years—tried almost every so-called remedy and specialist, and when all had failed—how I eventually found a cure. Address, HAROLD S. BELL, G.P.O., Melbourne.

LADIES' PAIN-RELIEFING REMEDY restores regularity and removes obstructions without pain in 48 hours. No obstruction can resist them, and they leave no bad after-effects. Price 7s 6d, (postage). Write "SERVICIAN," G.P.O., Melbourne.

CURE WITHOUT MEDICINE. Loss of Nerve, Nervous Debility, Prolapse of Uterus, &c. Send stamped addressed envelope and I will send full particulars free, showing sufferers how to cure themselves WITHOUT MEDICINE. Address, H. A. DELEON, agent, Flinders-st., Melbourne.

Oriental Female Pills restore regularity without fail. Any case, sure and safe. Box, 1/6, 2s, 6d. Write MR. GARFIELD, agent, West Collins-st., Melbourne.

CURE YOURSELF—All unnatural discharges, from urinary organs, chronic, secret diseases, losses, weak back, and all diseases of men arising from indigestion, acidity, &c. Send stamped addressed envelope, and I will send full particulars free. Price 5/6 per box. Obtainable all chemists or by post, Address, "MANAROA" 539 Elizabeth-st., Melbourne.

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So useful for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Miner's Complaint, and all Lung and Chest Affections.
COMPLETE, 5s.
Separately—Inhaler, 3s; box tablets, 2s; stuff, 1s. Full particulars from J. H. REED, CHEMIST, Bridge street, BALLARAT

Mr. KERR, Makdon—Nothing I have used has done me real good until I tried the Anti-koffyin, which appears to have cured my bronchitis, and I now get good rest and sleep every night.

Mr. JAS. RYAN, Birchip—I have suffered from asthma over twenty years. The Anti-koffyin is the only thing that has ever given me relief.

Mr. ALEX. DOWNES, Grenville street—I find the Anti-koffyin Inhaler and Tablets always give me immediate relief from asthma, although I am over seventy four years of age. I can recommend them highly to sufferers.

Mr. BAKER, Makdon—Nothing I have used has done me real good until I tried the Anti-koffyin, which appears to have cured my bronchitis, and I now get good rest and sleep every night.

W. BAKER,
Cabinet Maker, Upholsterer, Window Blind and Belding Manufacturer.

W. Baker has ON SALE the following fitting boards: Californian, kauri, and clear pine, 1 to 36 inches; cedar, all thicknesses and widths; table legs, sashes, doors, arched 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 supplied at Timber Yard prices.

JOHN HUMPHREYS,
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ACCOUNTANT ETC.,
Neill Street, Beaufort.
RENTS and Debts Collected. Agent for the South British Fire and Marine Insurance Company.
Agency Business of all kinds attended to.

H. A. M. MORGAN, M. & C. E.,
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AUTUMN AND WINTER DISPLAY

Mantles, Jackets, Capes, Furs, Millinery, Underclothing, Corsets, Morning Wraps, Pelisses, Dress Material,

Silks, Velveteens, Ribbons, Laces, Hosiery, Gloves, Fancy Goods, Trimmings, Haberdashery, Blankets, Flannels, Flannellettes,

Bed & Table Linen, Hats, Shirts, Collars, Ties, Men's, Youths' and Boy's Clothing, Suits to Order, Boots & Shoes.

NOTICE.
THE Proprietor of the "Riponshire Advocate," in thanking his numerous patrons for past favors, respectfully solicits a renewal of support, and desire to state that increased attention will be given to all matters of local and general interest. As a record of news he will always endeavor 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 6d per quarter, as from that date 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 to 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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IMPORTER,
NEILL STREET,
BEAUFORT.

You can get almost anything you want at
HAWKES BROS.,
THE IRONMONGERS,
—WHOLESALE AND RETAIL—
IRON AND TIMBER MERCHANTS,
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LIME, CEMENT, & BUILDING MATERIALS.
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FURNITURE—Colonial and Continental
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BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

A committee meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening. Present—Messrs. H. M. Stuart (president), E. P. Welsh (secy.), Pedder, Sinclair, VanderStoel, Parker, Gibson, Topper, B. F. Thompson, Kelly, and Woltherspoon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. From Secretary League of Victorian Wheelmen, stating that request for return of percentage on prizes (35s) would be submitted to the committee, when no doubt it would be granted; also asking if nomination fees had been returned.—Replied to in the affirmative by the secretary.

From Victorian Athletic League, forwarding list of names of clubs who have joined the League.—Received.

FINANCE.—The following accounts were passed for payment:—Mechanics' Institute, £1 18s; W. Ingram, £1; J. McKeich, £1 3s; M. Kelly, £2 12s 6d; H. Tromp, £1 17s 6d; A. Parker, £1 16s 6d; W. Pedder, £1; J. Smith, £1 10s; J. R. Woltherspoon and Co., £2 6d; W. G. Stevens, £3 7s 6d.

GENERAL BUSINESS.—Messrs J. Tulloch and A. Tromp were appointed honorary auditors on the motion of Mr Topper, seconded by Mr Pedder.

Mr Stuart moved that the best thanks of the committee be conveyed to Mr McKeich for his gift of a finishing tape, which he said was a very pretty one and the best the club ever had. Seconded by Mr Gibson, and carried. The President having asked that a general meeting be arranged for the reception of the balance-sheet, &c., Mr Sinclair hoped an effort would be made to get a large meeting, as it was advisable to consider the alteration of the sports meeting. The recent sports were a disgrace, and it was taking money from people under false pretences. He was not throwing the blame on any officer's shoulders—the committee as a whole were to blame. Their sports were going down year by year. From the start on Easter Monday people were complaining that there was nothing for them to see. Notwithstanding that they belonged to all the leagues in the colony—bicycling and footracing—their handicap only brought six acceptances, and the first three heats were walk-overs. The whole thing was a beautiful concern, and they should seriously consider the matter.

The President said he intended giving notice to move that a general meeting be called in October to consider the advisability of altering the day of sports and of increasing the prizes. Their sports would never be anything but a one-horse shew while they only gave £50 in prizes, but they must give £80 or £90 to get a good day's sport, as it would never be done by cheapselling the programme down to £50. He gave the required notice of motion as mentioned above. This year at Bendigo £1800 was taken at the gates, and what chance had they against Bendigo on Easter Monday? The sports had dwindled down with the Fire Brigade just the same when the prizes were reduced. Rather than see the club with a big surplus he would sooner see it without a shilling so long as they catered for the public and gave the people some value for their money. By increasing the prize-list they would induce people to come. There were plenty of country places in the same fix as themselves, for instance, at Colac last year they kept outside the league, obtained entries, and were able to run bicycle races; but this year on joining the league, like themselves, they had no entries and no races. He was not a lover of the league, but had good reason to know that unless they belonged to it there was no chance of getting bicyclists to compete.

The secretary said they wanted an off-day, with no sports within 100 miles. Mr Sinclair said that candidly he was ashamed to belong to the committee after such sports had taken place. He considered they should be arrested for taking money under false pretences.

Mr Stuart pointed out that the committee had done all in its power to provide a day's sport after the bicycle races had been excused. Mr Sinclair admitted that the League of Victorian Wheelmen had something to do with the poor sports. Mr Stuart contended that the two things responsible for the failure of the sports were the small prizes and the high nominations and acceptances. Mr Woltherspoon concurred with this. Mr Sinclair—Then we are to blame, and not the L.V.W.

Mr VanderStoel—We have to live and learn, my boy, and find these things out by experience. We must alter it next year. The President pointed out that they did not want to run the sports on commercial principles; all they wanted was to clear themselves.

Mr VanderStoel, regarding the holding of sports on an off-day, said the business people should be considered. If sports were not held at Easter or on Boxing Day they might as well shut up, as the people would go away. Mr Topper had come in contact with a lot of people who said that Easter Monday's sports were the best the club had had.

Mr Stuart endorsed this. Not sporting men, but the public at large thought the try-of-war alone was worth paying 2s to see. Mr Sinclair thought it was a disgrace to the public the way they rushed the thing. Mr Thompson thought the police should have kept order. Mr Stuart said he had mentioned this matter to Mr Austin, M.L.A., who informed him that under the regulations

THE POLICE

The police were not allowed to do this work unless engaged and paid by the committee. Mr Hancock had ineffectually brought it before the House when the estimates were under consideration. So far as holding the sports on Boxing Day was concerned, there was an objection that it came too close to the Jockey Club's New Year's Day races, and that both would suffer as regards donations.

Mr Kelly thought the Jockey Club might be asked to alter their meeting list, when district races were held. Mr VanderStoel pointed out that the races had already been altered from St. Patrick's Day to New Year's Day. The Prince of Wales' Birthday was suggested for the athletic sports, and Mr Stuart consented to the general meeting being called early in September. The President, who had represented the club at the conference re cycling in Bendigo and also at the annual meeting of the Victorian Athletic Association there, gave a long account of the business that had been transacted. From what he had gathered from Mr Hunter, the delegate of the L.V.W., he thought representation on the council would be given to country clubs by these clubs being formed into districts, and each district being allowed a representative. He had been the means of getting the word "large" struck out of the proposal to allow clubs giving large money prizes representation, as this meant that only B. Harat, Bendigo, Maryborough, and Stawell would be represented. As showing how strong the V.A.L. was, he mentioned that 32 disqualifications had been removed from competitors at an A.N.A. sports, many of the applicants stating that through the disqualification their living had gone. He also remarked, in reply to Mr Sinclair, that until he reached Bendigo he thought it was the intention to secede from the L.V.W., but the delegates had not the remotest idea of doing so, all they wanted being representation on the governing body, and some amendment as regards percentage of prizes and handicapping.

On the motion of Messrs Sinclair and Pedder, the best thanks of the committee were tendered to the President for his representation of the club. Mr Stuart acknowledged the compliment. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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

IS MAN MADE TO MOURN? TO THE EDITOR.—Sir,—There are those who believe that life is not worth living, and give effect to this absurd conviction by smothering themselves out of existence. A careful consideration of the matter, however, would serve to show that it is under most circumstances a pleasure to live, and that man is not made to mourn, as Burns would have us to believe. "Man," says a great writer, "is placed in this world as into a great temple, to admire the beauty of its structure, and to adore its Maker." Man does mourn incidentally, but this is very different to being made to mourn for the purpose of a grand world we live in. What a beautiful carpet it has, the green grass, interspersed with flowers. What a beautiful front door it has, where the sun rises in the morning, like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoicing as a strong man to run a race. And what a beautiful back door where the sun sets in the evening, painting the clouds with beauty and splendour. Man's senses minister to his pleasure, and may be reckoned as so many avenues of enjoyment to his mind and soul. Very much pleasure is derived from the sense of seeing. How delightful on a fine day to gaze on a lovely landscape, and from thence into the clear sky. "So deeply, darkly, beautifully blue." And then there is the sense of hearing. How pleasing to listen to the sweet sounds of music, and the loving voices of friends.

"Sweetest to hear the watch-dog's honest bark Bay deep-mouthed welcome when we draw 'Tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark Our coming, and look brighter when we come. 'Tis sweet to be awakened by the lark, Or lulled by falling waters; sweet the hum Of bees, the voice of girls, the song of birds, The lip of children, and their earliest words." These are some of the pleasures incidental to our existence, and in most cases within our reach. We should be thankful, too, that we have a Father who watches over us, and whilst there is a general providence in our favor, there is also a special one. The sacred writer refers to this when he says:—"When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." A great deal of pleasure is derived from the study of certain subjects to the reflective mind. What an interesting study are birds. How beautifully formed is a feather, combining lightness with strength. How prettily the filaments of a feather are hooked to each other. You may separate them, but how readily they join together again. How pleasing to contemplate the movements of those denizens of the sky "Who with sythe-like sweep of wings can dare The headlong plunge in eddying gulls of air." By way of conclusion, I would remark that I think that I have proved that life is worth living, and that "man is not made to mourn."—Yours truly, A NAVVY.

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A criticism on imported dairy produce, published in the London Standard, states that Victorian and New Zealand butters are superior to the Danish. New Zealand cheese is said to be better than Dutch. The Victorian donkeying ex Colgate are selling at 3s 3d a piece, and the chickens at 2s 9d. In Melbourne deferred deposit receipts have had a little more notice since the holidays, and the tendency of prices has been upwards.

MINING NEWS.

The local yield last week were very poor. Owing to the Easter holidays the week was a short one as far as actual work was concerned, which partly accounts for the falling off in the returns. White and party headed the list with 20z 14wt, Wright coming next with 20z. The former company have an increasing supply of water to deal with, and so far, the lead is very narrow. Bending and party did not report off last Saturday. The other reported yields were all under an ounce. The rush on the Sailor's Gully road has turned out a failure, as the gold cannot be traced away from the prospectors' claim. It appears to be a surface patch, of which there are so many in this district. The Lord Brassey abandoned claim has been pegged out again, and the new party intend to make an effort to get the reservoir permission to get a main drive under the embankment. The last wash obtained by the Lord Brassey yielded over 20z to the set, and in these days of depression it seems a pity that such payable ground should be left unworked without an effort being made to get it.

The following Waterloo yields are to hand for the week ending Saturday, 11th inst.:—Last Chance, 8 oz 15 dw; Volunteer, 7 oz 10 dw. At the end of last week the Golden Gate party struck wash at a depth of 250ft. in the S.W. drive, but obtained no prospect. The Excelsior party, who when on good gold in their first shaft were swamped out, have met with a similar fate in their new shaft. They are now compelled to bore and sink on the reef. The Try Again have struck wash, and expect to try a machine this week.

RIFLE SHOOTING.—Only six members of the Beaufort Rifle Club competed in the monthly match on Wednesday. The ranges were 400 and 600 yards; seven shots at each. The prizes, namely, 50, 30, and 20 per cent. of the entrance money, 1s, 15p, and 10p, were won by Mr. J. W. Tilley, F. Kendall, and W. Johnston respectively. Appended are the scores:—

Table with 5 columns: Name, Yds., 400, 600, Hd'p, T'v. W. Tilley ... 32 24 6 62. F. Kendall ... 30 23 9 62. W. Johnston ... 26 14 18 58. J. Kibbig ... 24 27 6 57. A. Tromp ... 33 18 5 56. T. Sands ... 16 22 10 48.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with teething? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, it relieves the child from pain, and the little clear-cut 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 diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine Dealers everywhere at 1s 4d per bottle.

The profits of the recent A.N.A. fête amounted to £2800, which will be distributed amongst the charities, the Metropolitan Committee, the board of directors, and the branches of the association, each receiving £700. Mr. Joseph Caden, of Fitzroy, who considers that Mr. W. J. Lormer referred to him in an offensive manner in connection with the recent exposures, is suing Mr Lormer for £1000 for slander. Most of the councils in the colony have agreed to co-operate with the Shire of Creswick in an effort to have the work of collection departmental statistics paid for by the Government. Some eight years ago Constable Ryan mysteriously disappeared from White Hills, near Bendigo, and no clue could ever be obtained as to his whereabouts. It is now averred that he was sentenced to death by a Chinese secret society.

Dr. Lang, of Oroposa, N.S.W., has always discarded the use of boots and shoes for his children, arguing that they are much healthier without them. One of his daughters was recently seen pattering barefooted down Collins street, Melbourne. A railway accident has occurred near Napier (N.Z.). An excursion train ran into a bullock, the engine being derailed and turned right over. Several empty trucks were reduced to splinters, but no one appears to have been hurt, though the driver and the fireman had a narrow escape.

There is an old lady in Gippsland who has attained her 102nd year of existence. She has been in the colony since '51, and has never seen a railway train. She says she would like to see a bicycle, because she "cannot believe that a man on one wheel can keep along as if it was dragged by an invisible chain or rope." It is 37 years since she saw Melbourne, and she has "no desire to see the place again." She has a vivid recollection of the battle of Waterloo. "They talked of nothing else when I was a girl," she said.

In the recent terrible dust storm a man riding down the Darling from Wilcannia was overtaken. Although a bushman of 30 years' experience, he found it impossible to proceed. Near Wentworth the storm was equally severe. At Menandie a telegraphic communication was suspended for 24 hours, and the lamps had to be lighted at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. On Kinlochga some entirely new sand hills were formed, and a fence recently erected was quite covered with drift, while 4 feet of sand drifted into a tank in the same locality. The commissioner of Income Tax, in his estimates furnished to the Treasurer, sets out the amount likely to be derived from income tax during the present year. It is expected to be about £1,700,000, the same as last year. Up to a fortnight ago 15,250 assessments had been issued, and probably about 30,000 will be issued. Altogether the average assessment is about £6 9s.

BALLYROGAN.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Ballyrogan Debating Club was held on Saturday night last. The weather, though cold, was fine, and the attendance was large. Mr R. Lewis occupied the chair, and the usual business being disposed of, called on Mr P. Gordon for his essay, "Is theatre-going demoralizing?" The essayist dealt with the subject in a very able manner, and was of opinion that theatre-going was not demoralizing. Mr C. Stewart followed, and in a very good speech condemned the stage, and was of opinion that there was nothing in the theatre to elevate the moral standard of mankind. The following ladies and gentlemen took part in the debate:—Misses M. and K. Lewis, Messrs J. and R. Lewis, Brunton, A. McDonald, and Mr G. Miles as a visitor. The voting was 10 in favor of theatre-going, and 3 against. The social hour was a very enjoyable one. Songs, recitations and readings were given by the following:—Miss S. Gordon, Messrs P. Gordon, J. Gordon, H. Gordon, Brunton, J. McLeod, C. Stewart, A. McDonald and J. Lewis. The subject chosen for next night meeting is, "Is ambition a vice or a virtue?" Votes of thanks to the ladies, the visitors, and the chair brought the meeting to a close.

The local cricketers journey to Beaufort on Saturday (to-day) to play the return match with the Beaufort Deceivers. FLORIN.—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Florin" 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 Florin," which is equally effective, gives to the breath a delicious taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s 6d, of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot, 53, Farringdon Road, London, England. Mr Gladstone, according to one who met him recently, "is dwindling rapidly; he is very thin; his voice deeper marked with the childish treble; there is something between a trembling and a twitching of the hands; but the eyes are what they ever were."

There is every promise of the export trade of the colony continuing to exhibit a very marked improvement this year. A hopeful feeling pervades Melbourne mercantile circles, encouraged by an improvement in country and suburban trade. A market is opening up in South Africa for Australian mutton, despite 2d per lb duty plus heavy importation charges. The rabbits, 1362 crates of which were shipped at Melbourne by the Colugo, are selling freely in London at 1s a piece. Sheep decreased in number in the United States from 47,274,000 in 1893 to 23,848,000 in 1896. A Melbourne lad 11 years old accompanied his father on a five days' cycling tour at Easter, and rode 303 miles. As compared with the corresponding week last year, the stocks of grain on Victorian stations exhibit a decrease of 406,950 bags. From the beginning of the season to 1st March, 1,395,000 bushels of wheat and flour were shipped from America to these colonies. Fully 200,000 bags of wheat will be delivered at Hopetoun station this coming season. Seventy thousand acres will be under crop. The total quantity of beer brewed in Victoria last year was 14,497,602 gallons, an increase of 77,945 gallons on the quantity brewed in 1894. The total quantity of Victorian grain loaded since 1st January shows a decrease of 1,480,255 bags as compared with the corresponding period last year. A shocking accident has occurred at Maidstone to an infant, 10 months old, who fell into a bucket of soap-suds and was drowned. Detective inspector Christie has seized on the s.s. Guthrie 100 casks of cigars, tobacco, cigarettes, fancy goods, and silk smuggled by Chinese. "SAXE'S WORLD-FAMOUS 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 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations. The bodies of six babies have been found in the Thames near Reading. It is believed to be the work of baby farmers. As it is expected that more bodies will be found, digging operations are being proceeded with. A woman named Annie Dyer has been arrested in connection with the above alleged baby farming. Five generations in one family were represented at the Korot Industrial Exhibition last week. Mrs Ann Shaddock, a lady of 87 years of age, headed the list. The youngest of the family was Mrs Shaddock's great-grand-grandchild. The old lady and her descendants are all strong and active, and in the best of health. Statistics show that a large number of infants die annually in the colony from diarrhoeal diseases which arise from improper feeding. Dr Gresswell is of opinion that if the number is to be reduced to any great extent steps should be taken to have a house to house visitation in each municipal district for the purpose of giving some instruction to people in poor circumstances as to the care of their progeny. The honorary staff of the Children's Hospital, he mentions, has prepared an explanatory sheet on infant feeding, and the circulation of this might also be productive of good results. The last statistics issued by the Assistant Government Statist (says the Argus) show that the deaths from diarrhoeal diseases have amounted in the last 10 years to 4092, the greatest mortality occurring in December and January.

CARRHAM TURF CLUB.

President, Mr George Russell; Judge, Mr Charles Walker; Treasurer, Mr Donald Cameron; Starter, Mr A. Roddis; Clerk of the scales, Messrs W. Murray and W. Douglas; stewards, Messrs D. Cameron, J. Douglas, C. Walker, W. Hayward, A. Roddis, W. O'Sullivan, P. Smith, T. Phillips, W. Wooley, J. McSwain, J. McTear, J. McTear, J. McTear, A. M'Kay, P. Glynn, H. Johnson, R. Suttie. There was a great deal of uncertainty about the weather on Easter Monday, which no doubt, had its effect on timid people in deterring them from going any distance from home. The week end proved very fine, but during Saturday night one of those changes set in which are characteristic of the season of the year. Heavy showers of rain fell in portions of the district, and there was altogether a wintry appearance about, which did not promise well for outdoor gatherings. The sky cleared somewhat on Monday morning, but not sufficiently to inspire general confidence. The attendance at all sports meetings throughout the district was consequently unacceptably interfered with, and this was specially noticeable in connection with the annual race meeting on the Carrham Recreation Reserve. The takings at the gates—always a certain guide to the success of the meeting—were very low. The receipts in other directions were also largely reduced. The weather was tantalizing. The breezes stirred up a large quantity of dust, which the rain was not heavy enough to keep down. In spite of these "inconveniences" the gathering was a successful one in many respects. The officials worked hard, and a deserve credit for their energy and cheerfulness under adverse circumstances. The gathering as a whole was orderly, though a little attention was now and then necessary on the part of the stewards. The racing events were well contested, and the Cup, with its couple of competitors, resulting in an exciting run. Only one or two bookmakers put in an appearance, and they did not seem to spend a penny. There were a few "explosives" about whose nature was infernal, if long faces are any indication of hard luck. The publican's booth seemed to be fairly well patronized. The luncheon arrangements will bear reorganisation. The sandwiches and the pastry supplied were good, but the charge of one shilling was excessive. It is to be hoped that the inducement to dine at home or in the township, should be made known, then people would come prepared. It is attention to these apparently minor, though highly important details that tends to build up a meeting, and it is in the interests of the club to refer to them. Mr W. Walker is a respected authority, and his advice on knotty questions proved very serviceable at times. He had to leave the course after the fourth race, and his duties were taken up and efficiently carried out by Mr D. Cameron. A prominent feature of the gathering was the magnificent start due to the strict impartiality of the starter. It would be almost impossible to find a better man than Mr Roddis for such a difficult and thankless position. Credit is due to Mr Whitla and his assistants, the stewards, for the general arrangements. There was one incident to mar the enjoyment of the visitors. Ripon, Mr D. McFadden's horse, fell heavily in the Maiden Race, at the jump opposite the judge's box. The horse turned a complete somersault, and the rider experienced a really marvellous escape from a terrible death. He escaped with an ugly wound above the left ear, received from Ripon's hoof, when the horse was struggling to recover his feet. The Snythebalds horse, Barmind, won the Hurdles after a good race. The Hurdles were appropriated by The Hope. Jubilee won the Pony Trot. The Handicap was appropriated by The Tyler, though the Melbourne Cup horse had greater difficulty than was expected in throwing off Betsy Bealman. The Horse Trot was a gift to Bute. The Welter Handicap was won by Betsy Bealman from Buehligh and Hawk away. The Pony Race was one of the best contested events of the day, and was won after a splendid finish by one of the most unlikely looking youngsters of the crowd, Jack—a Skipton non nation. The Flying Handicap was won by Betsy Bealman from The Hope, the other competitors. A Hack Race was improvised, and was won by Coolgardie. Appended are the details of the racing:—

HURDLE RACE, of £12. About 14 mile. C. McVicar's b Barmind, 6 yrs, 11st. (Edwards) ... 1. W. J. McLennan's g Harkaway, aged, 11st (E. Tomby) ... 2. W. Hall's br Blue-light, aged, 9st 10lb (Henderson) ... 3. Other starters—D. McFadden's Ripon, J. Traitor's Strop. Betting—Even money Harkaway, 2 to 1 Barmind, 3 to 1 on the 6 to 1 others. From a tip-off start Harkaway went to the front and led the first hurdle, followed by Barmind and Blue-light, and Strop went away over the next two hurdles, with Ripon and Blue-light well up. Entering the straight the horses were well together, and Ripon was leading. Barmind came to grief. Blue-light made a brief sprint, but the race was virtually over, and Barmind led the remaining mile, followed by Harkaway under the whip, and Blue-light.

TRIAL STAKES, of £7. Weight for age. 2 mile. James Mitchell's g The Hope, 4 yrs, 8st 9lb (Edwards) ... 1. T. Simpson's b Tara, aged, 8st 12lb (Simpson) ... 2. Mr. Hoysted's br Prince, 5 yrs, 8st 9lb (Edwards) ... 3. Betting—3 to 1 The Hope, 3 to 1 bar 30 others. Prince was the first to show out, but was speedily displaced by The Hope, who won with out effort. Tara came on second place when entering the straight. PONY TROT, of £5. 14 hands and under. Non-nation. Weight for age. 1 mile. R. Knight's br Jubilee, 7 yrs, 5sec, bhd. (R. Knight) ... 1. J. McSwain's g Quamby, aged, sec. (Wooley) ... 2. W. J. McLennan's g Harkaway, aged, 8st 11lb (E. Tomby) ... 3. Betting—3 to 1 on Jubilee. Little Jim also started. Jubilee won from the start soon after the start and won easily. CARRHAM CUP (Handicap), of £15. About 14 mile. C. Hall's g The Tyler, aged, 9st ... 1. R. Simpson's b Betsy Bealman, 5 yrs, 8st (Simpson) ... 2. Betting—5 to 1 on The Tyler. From a good start Betsy Bealman made the front for a short distance, and coming round the home turn both horses were racing together, The Tyler having a tight rein. Leaving the straight The Tyler pulled out, and won, though Betsy Bealman made a good show at the finish. HARKIDRAC TROT (Horse), of £7. About 2 1/2 miles. Weight 10st or over. J. Shearer's br Bute, aged, 5 sec, bhd. 1. W. J. McLennan's g Harkaway, aged, 8st 7lb (E. Tomby) ... 2. D. O'Brien's g Bobby, aged, 10 sec, bhd. 3. Won easily. A protest was lodged by the owner of Daisy against the winner on the ground of wrong nomination—it being alleged that it had previously won a race under the name of Laughing Stock. The protest was dismissed. FLYING HANDICAP, of £7. Six furlongs. T. Simpson's b Tara, aged, 8st 12lb (Simpson) ... 1. W. Hall's br Blue-light, aged, 9st 10lb (Henderson) ... 2. W. J. McLennan's g Harkaway, aged, 8st 11lb (E. Tomby) ... 3. Barmind was the only other starter. Betting—5 to 1 on Betsy Bealman, 10 to 1 bar 30 others. The favorite led from start to finish, and never seemed to be called upon to make an effort.

CROWN LANDS.

THE under-mentioned applications have been lodged, and will be dealt with by a local Land Board to be held at this office on Thursday, the 30th April, 1896, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.:— SECTION 67, THE LAND ACTS, 1890-1. Parish of Eurambine; George Topper; junr; 136 acres; formerly held by Robert Fitzpatrick. Parish of Langi-Kal-Kal; James Cleland; 55 acres; portion of block formerly held by J. Trengrove. CHAS. J. JOY, Land Officer at Ballarat. District Land Office, Ballarat, 15/4/1896.

Beaufort Philharmonic Society.—Noted after MONDAY, 20th inst., the above Society will meet for practice on MONDAY, instead of Thursday, at 8 p.m., sharp. Copies of "Cello." A. WILGOUR, Hon. Secy.

The number of electors for the Victorian Legislative Assembly (see Hayter's Year Book) is 229,026. The number of electors for the Victorian Legislative Council (see Hayter's Year Book) is 153,442. Every owner of a house or property valued at £10 a year is an elector for the Legislative Council. Every occupier of a house or property rented at £25 per year is an elector for the Legislative Council. An owner of a Riverina station and his sons recently d-stroyed 30,000 rabbits in four days. Two lady shareholders and commission agents are advertising themselves on the Auckland Stock Exchange. The share council of Euroa has received applications for 60 miles of wire netting for farmers. Financial writers on the spot estimate that the accumulations of money in Great Britain cannot be less than £400,000,000. More than twice as many bicycles were imported into Victoria last year as were received in New South Wales. In almost every district in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, or Queensland, the work is in progress in some of the big estates of letting out the land on the "shares" system. There is now every likelihood of a sugar beet factory being erected at Maffra, in the Gippsland district. Miss Janet Livingstone, a sister of Dr African Livingstone, the Great African explorer, has just died at the age of 77. At a sale of coins in London recently silver pennies of the Anglo-Saxon period realised sums ranging from £5 to £60 each. Reports are current in St. Petersburg that the Russian Government intends conducting parleyings with Great Britain with regard to the evacuation of Egypt. A Riverina landowner recently erected a rabbit-proof fence round a waterhole, and distributed arsenically impregnated water just without the boundary. Next day he saw 16,000 rabbits lying dead. At Bright the heavy rains of the last week have succeeded by intensely cold weather. Snow has fallen in large quantities on the mountains, and the road to Oneco is partially blocked by the snow. A train from Melbourne, when crossing the cattle-pen on the main road to Mortlake, ran into a waggone which was crossing the line. The hinder portion of the vehicle was smashed to pieces, and the driver was hurled on to the road. The following from Punch is not bad:—In connection with the now much-discussed question of the political appointment of J.P.'s, one member of a late Ministry treasures for exhibition a document to the following effect:—"Sir,—What about J.P. you would promiss about? I see that catel duffer, R.S., is won, and I think I'm more fiter than him. I asked you first, and think you ort to put me on. Poor and honest men gets no show of justis as things are. After your promiss you ort to be ashamed not putting me on. Other farmers get on—catel duffers, too. I won't vont for you no more, and when I won't nobody down here will neither. So you can keep your J.P., and I will kepe my vote.—Yours disgusted."

"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-famous 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 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes. Matters in connection with the strike at the Coal Creek mine have not improved, and from appearances there seems little prospect of the men going back to work at the reduced hiring rate, and just as little probability of the company altering its decision. A villainous act was performed at Breayley's claim, Ellesmere, a few nights ago, when the rope used at a shaft 80 feet deep was cut half through. The injury was not noticed, and one man went down on the rope. Soon afterwards the rope parted when a bucket of dirt was being hauled. A dreadful colliery disaster occurred on Tuesday near Wellington Quay on the Tyne. An explosion of fire damp took place and a number of men engaged in the pit were instantly killed. Altogether, so far as is known, 17 lives have been lost, and it is believed that the whole of the men have been accounted for. Victoria's Speakership has been chiefly held by Irishmen. Sir Matthew Davies and Thomas Bent represented the native population, while Sir Graham Berry is the only Englishman who has occupied the chair. It is stated that the woman Annie Dyer, who was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the murder of the six infants whose bodies were found in the Thames at Reading, has made an ineffectual attempt to commit suicide. The winner of the first prize in the Drenit's art union is Miss Mary Ann Baker, of Fraser-street, Coburg.

Advertisement for Crown Lands, including details of land parcels and applications for purchase or lease.

Advertisement for Beaufort Philharmonic Society, mentioning a meeting and the secretary's name.

Advertisement for the Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited, providing details of their services.

Advertisement for Victoria Rabbit Co. Ltd., mentioning rabbit trapping and land services.

Advertisement for Freehold Land, mentioning a large estate for sale or lease.

Advertisement for H. Gilloch, a family butcher, located in Neill Street, Beaufort.

Advertisement for Jeremiah Smith's Timber Yard, located in Willoby Streets.

Advertisement for New Goods, featuring various household items and clothing.

Advertisement for Cougle's Manchester House, offering a wide range of goods.

Advertisement for This Week, Grand Display, featuring new millinery and mantles.

Advertisement for New Dress Goods, featuring various styles of clothing.

Advertisement for New Umbrellas, featuring various styles and brands.

Advertisement for Geo. H. Cougle, featuring a wide range of goods and services.

Advertisement for The Best Value in the Trade, featuring various household items.

DO YOU SUFFER FROM LIVER COMPLAINT, INDIGESTION, CONSTIPATION, HEARTBURN, FLATULENCE,

Of any symptoms of disordered digestive apparatus? If so, there is no remedy in the world so safe and sure to give relief as F. M. Clements' Tonic and Blood Purifier. Do not be misled into wasting time and money on any of the "All-failing" nostrums so glibly advertised by designing quacks and dishonest rogues. Remember, these two remedies have stood the test of time, that their merits are proved, and that a few shillings invested on them may save you weeks and months of suffering, and, perhaps, pounds of expense, for they have cured so many hundreds of cases, and will send you to bed with a good night's sleep on receipt of your name and address. Remember, delay is dangerous, and that every hour you neglect your cure becomes more difficult. Slain the cheap quack doctors and designing nostrum compounders; stick to the remedies Clements' Tonic and Fletcher's Pills. They are absolutely genuine, and have proved their efficacy in hundreds of cases and will do so every time. They are sold everywhere, and made only by F. M. Clements, Newtown, Sydney.

The statistics of flower farming tell us that the British Isles and Europe consume annually, at the very lowest estimate, 150,000 gallons of perfumed spirits, under various names. The luxury implied in the quantity of flowers used by one of the large perfume houses is almost beyond imagination. He uses yearly 140,000 pounds of orange flowers, 12,000 of cassia flowers, the acacia from which most of the violet perfume is made, 150,000 pounds of roses, 32,000 of jessamine, 20,000 of violets, besides rosemary, citrus thyme and other aromatic plants in larger proportions. The final stages under these vast quantities of flower petals. One-third of an acre grows 30,000 jessamine plants, yielding 2,000 pounds of flowers. Half an acre set with rose plants bears 2,500 pounds of petals, which give from 200 to 250 of pomade. An acre and a quarter will yield 20,000 pounds of violet flowers.

"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, Head Lags, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

Mr. Macleod, of Queensland, has received the appointment of Victoria railway manager.

In order to improve the Japanese cavalry it is proposed to establish 20 Government stables throughout the country, and to introduce a number of thoroughbred sires from England, Australia and elsewhere.

A storm of extraordinary severity has been experienced at Montreal, S.E. On 19th fishing and other boats in the harbor, only one remained afloat, six of the craft being destroyed and the remainder sunk. Boats were blown off many of the houses.

The Board is the source from which our systems are built up, and from which we derive our mental as well as our physical existence. The blood is the life of the body. It circulates through every vein, artery, and capillary, and carries to every part of the body the life-giving elements. If the blood is impure, the body is diseased. Clements' Tonic and Blood Purifier is the best blood purifier in the world. It cleanses the blood of all impurities, and restores it to its natural purity. It is sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

It is estimated that the purchase of the telegraph cost Great Britain over two millions of money in excess of the sum which should have been paid, and the profit of their working is still insufficient to meet the interest on their outlay.

The late Earl of Moray has left £50,000 to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, £50,000 for charitable purposes in Edinburgh, £40,000 for similar objects in the counties where his estates are situated, £15,000 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and £10,000 for church purposes in London.

A street musician in Vienna, for many years regarded as a poor old man, on being arrested for drunkenness, turned out to be a woman. She confessed that she had dressed as a man for 30 years, having found it easier to get an honest living so than in a woman's clothing.

SORE EYES!! Beyond doubt MORRIS'S IMPERIAL EYE OINTMENT is still the safest, speediest and best remedy in existence. For over 50 years it has been really marvellous in its effects, 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, or any other cause, or writing, &c., and this will save further trouble and expense. Avoid all imitations 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, containing sufficient for six or more cases. —(Adv.)

A correspondent of the Farmers' Advocate, Ontario, gives the following plan for making straw a profitable stock fodder. He heats about four parts of water to boiling, adds two quarts of flax seed, and, after stirring, allows the mixture to cool. Then the thick, slimy mixture is poured into two barrels—two parts in each; several pails of cold water are then added to each barrel. He then fills a large box with silage and cut straw in the proportion of two to three, adding enough of his flax mixture to thoroughly moisten the mass as it is mixed up. This is left for 24 hours, when the whole is moist and warm. Two boxes are used, keeping one filled ahead.

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 constitutions and local maladies which are so frequently encountered by residence in unhealthy climates and by ignominious living. The Ointment is a wonderfully healing application, as it cleanses the surface of the skin and allers, soothes the throbbing and pain in cases of inflammation, and checks the progress of skin diseases. The Pills give the blood, cleanse the liver, and remove all noxious matter from the system.

FARM AND GARDEN

FERMENTATION OF MANURE.

Controlling Fermentation by Supplying Moisture.—The French Method. The decomposition of manure is done, as a rule, to the classes of ferment, the active ferment on the outside of the heap, or where the air circulates freely, and the slow ferment in the interior of the heap, or where the supply of air is limited. The regulation of the two kinds of fermentation is necessary to the successful rotting of manure. If the heap is too loosely built, the decomposition is too rapid. On the other hand, if the manure is too firmly packed, the decomposition may be too slow, and the manure will not become sufficiently disintegrated to produce the best effect in the soil.

A powerful means of controlling fermentation is the supply of moisture. The addition of water lowers the temperature, and thus retards fermentation. French authorities maintain that the principal precautions necessary to prevent losses of ammonia consist simply in regularly and properly watering the manure with the leachings. In case of drought, if the leachings are insufficient, the lack should be made up with water. The need of keeping manure moist is especially marked in case of horse manure, which is naturally dry and decomposes with great rapidity. The same is true in a less degree of sheep manure. The common and harmful "fire fang" is the result of an insufficient supply of water and may be readily checked by sprinkling. The sprinkling, however, should be regularly done and the heap kept in a constant state of moisture; otherwise the alternate wetting and drying will result in a loss of ammonia. Preservation of manure in this manner is generally practiced in Europe, and the product obtained is highly esteemed as a fertilizer. It is very dark colored, or even black, and acquires a highly offensive odor, while the straw in it loses its consistency and becomes soft and incoherent.

This black substance is held by certain French agriculturists to possess special value as a plant food. A method employed in the preparation of this well rotted manure in France is as follows: The manure is placed on slightly inclined plates of packed earth or cement, so arranged that the leachings drain out into a pit from which they are pumped up and distributed over the manure heap. It is usual to provide two manure plates arranged that when one is full (when the manure is eight to ten feet high) it may be allowed to ferment undisturbed while the other is used. The manure is carried from the stables to the top of the manure heap in wheelbarrows over an inclined plane of boards. Care is also taken to smooth down the sides of the heap to prevent the too free access of air and the loss of leachings.

It has been questioned whether the construction of expensive cisterns for collecting the manure leachings repays the cost, but it is obviously desirable from what has been said regarding the value of the liquid manure and the desirability of promoting regular and uniform fermentation of the manure that the leachings should be saved and added to the manure heap by some means. Stored separately, the liquid part rapidly deteriorates, and the solid part, for lack of moisture, is liable to undergo "fire fang," or harmful fermentation. Professor W. H. Boal, in the Farmers' Bulletin, from which the foregoing is an extract, says that experiments have indicated that 131 degrees F. is the most favorable temperature for manure fermentations.

Level Culture For Potatoes. The Rural New Yorker begins its advocacy of level culture for potatoes and corn about 18 years ago, and it has not since seen any reason to change. There is no reason for hilling potatoes except to kill weeds. True it is that potatoes in hills are more easily harvested than those in drills, but this is offset by the difference in yield. Where land is not well drained, we have some reason for hilling, but such land is not well suited to potato culture. If the vines are to be killed up, the sooner the work is done the better. It is then equivalent to planting deeper. Hilling the soil about the stems directs the rain from where it is most needed to where it is least needed. It is best to cultivate shallow until the vines prevent cultivation.

Potatoes From Sprouts. W. F. Massey of North Carolina writes to Rural New Yorker that there is no reason why potatoes grown by the sprouting method should not be just as good for seed or even better than those grown from small cuttings of the potato. He says: "If I wanted to bring a new sort to the highest perfection for seed, I would propagate it in this way, get the tubers ripe in May and then grow a good crop of seed from them in the fall. This seed would then give the type in perfection."

Cheapest Way to Feed Cotton Seed. Whole cotton seed has a feeding value of \$15 per ton; cottonseed meal, a value of \$20.25 per ton. Southern Cultivator says that the best and cheapest mode of feeding cotton seed is a ration composed of one pound of cottonseed meal to five pounds of cottonseed hulls. The cost of feeding will not exceed 10 cents per day for each animal, and the droppings furnish a very rich and valuable fertilizer.

For the past quarter of a century there has been a continuous flow of letters bearing testimony to the truly wonderful cures effected by Clarke's World-famous Blood Mixture. "The best 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 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.

A CASE OF NERVELESS PROSTRATION RESULTING FROM INDIGESTION.

They say that misery loves company, and they have had it so often it has passed into a proverb. Yet it is an all-round truth. Some kinds of misery detest company. They want to be left alone. They hate to be allowed to question and talked to. A wounded dog will always crawl into some retired place by itself. The insistent body injured man, after a battle, is the same. Ailments that are mostly fancy tend to set tongues wagging. But rest, quietude and dangerous diseases do not in the least. Crises which are big with fate usually come and go in quiet.

That is why Mrs. Southam had no desire for the society of even her best friends at a certain time she is going to tell us about. "Up to April, 1881," she writes, "I never knew what it was to be ill. At that time I never felt that something was amiss with me. I had no relish for my meals, after eating my chest felt heavy and cold, and my heart would beat and thump as though I meant to tear out of its place. Presently I became so swollen round the waist that I was obliged to unloose my clothing, as I could not bear anything to touch that part of me."

"Even the lightest food gave me pain; a little fish setting my heart beating at a great rate. My feet were cold, and cold, clammy sweats would break out over my face, leaving me exhausted and worn out. At night I got no sleep to speak of, and in the morning I felt worse tired than when I went to bed. I also suffered a great deal from my feet being so hot and swollen. I could scarcely get about the house. I went shopping I had to ride to the town and back as I could only walk a few yards. As time went on I lost my flesh and strength more and more, and gave up hope of ever recovering the precious health I had so sadly lost. I took medicines, and consulted a local doctor at Derby who examined me and said my heart was diseased. He also gave me medicines, but they only gave me temporary ease from them, and in a short time was as bad as before. All this time I was so nervous and depressed that I had no desire for company. On the contrary, I seemed to want to be alone with my misery. Even a knock at the door frightened me, as though I expected bad news, yet I did not really. My nerves and judgment. Thousands of women who have suffered in this way will understand what I mean. "Year after year I remained in this condition, and what I went through I cannot put in words, nor do I wish to say anything that will give pain to any one who has ever been in a similar state. I existed thus for eleven years, a half years, as much dead as alive. I spent pounds on pounds in physic, but was not a bit the better for it."

"In October, 1892, a book was left at our house, and I read in it of cases like mine being cured by Mother Seigler's Syrup. I got a bottle from Mr. Seigler, the chemist, in Normanton Street, Derby. I took it for a few days, and my appetite was better and I had less pain. I kept on taking it, and soon my food agreed with me and I gained strength. "After this I never looked behind me, but steadily got stronger and stronger. When I had taken three bottles I was quite like a new woman. All my nervousness had left me, and my heart was sound as all who know me have enjoyed good health, and all who know me say my recovery is remarkable. I am confident that Mother Seigler's Syrup was the means, in the hands of Providence, of my recovery. I feel of gratitude, and in hope of doing good, I freely consent to the publication of this statement. (Signed) Mrs. Ann Southam, Copper Lane, London, E.C. 2, England. This letter is endorsed by Mr. William J. Tolson, of the same town, who vouches for the truth of what Mrs. Southam has said, as he personally knew her, and knows the illness at the time they occurred. No comment can add a jot to the force of this open, candid, and sincere communication. Whoever reads it must understand that it is the truth. The disease which filled this woman's life with pain and misery for nearly twelve years was indigestion or dyspepsia, an ailment slow and cunning as a snake, and which is so dangerous. Send for the book of which Mrs. Seigler speaks, and read the symptoms in order that you may know what it is, and how to deal with it. The book is sent free of charge, and it would be worth buying it if every leaf were hammered gold."

A considerable proportion of explosives imported into the colony since the war has been denominated as unit force. Already this year £63,450 lb. of an estimated value of £3,000,000, has failed to pass inspection. From the year 1890 up to the present the total quantity condemned has been 230,880 lb., valued at £21,500. The explosives included dynamite, blasting-gelatin, gelatine dynamite, gelatin, Hercules powder, Chlorate of Potash, smokeless powder, powder, detonator, coloured fuses, and smokes. The chief reasons for condemnation have been exudation of nitroglycerine, unreasonably dangerous nature of material, chemical instability through deterioration, and mechanical deterioration through long storage.

Don't Cough.—Relief can be obtained immediately. Use KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES. Known as the strictly unvarnished COUGH Remedy. Strongly recommended by many eminent physicians. It acts at once to break the cough and remove its cause without any other medicine. It is therefore can take them. One Lozenge alone gives ease—one or two at bedtime ensures rest. Sold everywhere in tins 18d. each. Owing to the high price ruling and the general belief that this state of things will continue, farmers in the Wimmera are putting as much land under wheat as their holdings and means will permit. A strong demand exists for good farm horses, and, as a consequence, high rates are ruling. The scarcity is partly owing to the large numbers that have been shipped to Western Australia, and present supplies not being equal to the extra labor involved in the increase in area being ploughed.

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The export of wine from this colony fell off considerably in 1894, but last year it picked up to the extent of 87,867 gallons, and amounted in the sum to 318,186 gallons. Ten years ago it was 100,554 gallons, and the highest quantity exported as yet has been 326,964 gallons in 1893. A duel has taken place in Germany arising out of recent court scandals. The principals were Baron von Schrader, one of the masters of ceremonies at the Imperial Court, and Herr von Kotze, chamberlain. Baron von Schrader was seriously wounded, and has since died.

The Government intends asking Parliament next session to pass a bill requiring all butter, meat, fruit, and other perishable products intended for export abroad to be subject to Government inspection before shipment. On the P. and O. fleet 780,000 bottles of wines and spirits and beer, and half a million bottles of aerated waters are consumed annually, and for which passengers pay an extra.

"FOR 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, etc. Clarke's World-famous Blood Mixture will absolutely 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 per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

HOPE FOR LEPERS.

Promising Experiments Made With an Alleged Cure in Venezuela. Experiments are being made in Maracaibo, Venezuela, with a treatment which, if it will not permanently cure, will at least stay the progress of leprosy. The prime mover in these efforts is E. H. Plumacher, United States consul in Maracaibo. He is aided by the directors of the lazaretto of that city and members of the local government. The experiments thus far have resulted so satisfactorily as to attract the attention of the medical profession in various parts of South America, where lepers are more or less numerous.

An exhaustive report on the subject was sent recently to the state department at Washington by Mr. Plumacher. It is the discovery of Dr. S. C. Bothwell, an American physician now residing in Maracaibo, who became acquainted with it while traveling in the western part of the United States. Mr. Plumacher says: "As to the effects, I may say that I am well content and with increasing hope. From the commencement of the medicine a great improvement could be observed. The features regained a more natural aspect, and there was a marked increase of appetite. That the remedy would cure certain effects of the disease was demonstrated beyond a doubt, and although the process of cure was slow it was sure and constant."

The preparation of the medicine and care of the patients have proved an expensive undertaking, so much so as to be beyond the means of the directors of the lazaretto. In this emergency the government of Venezuela has been appealed to, and the matter will be taken up soon as a national affair. Medical societies and individuals are offering their aid. Heretofore leprosy has been considered beyond cure. The wretches who were stricken were ostracized from their fellows and lived a few years in misery and pain until death relieved them.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

TO LEARN FROM US.

Russian Officials Are Here to Get Points For the Siberian Railroad. Among the arrivals on the steamer Peking from the orient were two officials of the Transiberian railway, who have come to America to study the railway and ferry systems of the country. G. Adarov, one of the party, is chief engineer of the big Siberian railway, and P. Sokolov, who accompanies him, is the vice president of the board of directors. They have a letter of introduction from Secretary Greenham to the presidents of all the large railroads in the country, and they will travel in search of information which they expect will prove valuable in the operation of the Siberian road. They are more interested in ferries than in railroads, however, for the establishment of a line of ferry steamers on the Amoor river is contemplated, and the visitors say they want the advantage of the experience of Americans in such matters.

"One of the most interesting features of the government railroad across Siberia to Vladivostok," said Mr. Sokolov, "will be the ferry system on the Amoor river. We expect to operate the steamers throughout the winter with the aid of some contrivance to be placed on the boats to break the ice. Our ideas on that matter are not perfected. We are now studying it." The two officials expect to visit the locomotive works in the eastern states with a view possibly of adopting the American locomotive for use on the Siberian railway. They expect to adopt many American ideas. Mr. Langaria, a photographer and secretary to the officials, is with the party.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Mikado's Son Not in Need of a Wife. The report that American girls, if they are very rich, may have a chance to get their caps for the Japanese prince imperial is absurd, officials of the legation here say. The mikado is not casting his eyes westward, they declare, for a wife for Prince Yoshitoki. The heir to the throne of Japan is only 15 years old, and nothing, the legation officials remark, will be done toward selecting a bride for him for some time yet. Besides, it is a strictly observed custom for the prince of Japan, when they get ready to marry, to choose their wives from among the distant branches of the imperial family.—Washington Letter in Boston Advertiser.

Caricaturing a Reformer. Mrs. Ormiston Chant cannot retire into private life. Since the Empire affair she has been the most written about woman in London, and now she is in fame—her toy image is being sold about the streets. The toy consists of a bladder, with a woman's face, which, when blown out, flourishes a little red umbrella, shrieks and shakes its head and finally collapses. The vendors cry out, "Here is Mrs. Ormiston Chant—making a fuss at the Hempley."

Remarck's Birthday. All over Germany grand preparations are being made for the celebration of Bismarck's eightieth birthday on April 1, and statues, busts and monuments erected to the greatest living German will be unveiled that day, gifts and medals to be presented, charitable institutions will be dedicated to his memory, and all other forms of deep respect and admiration will take on concrete shape.—Berlin Letter in Chicago Record.

The Overworked Kaiser. Emperor William complains of overwork. Naturally. There being only 24 hours in a day, it is too much for any one man to write poetry and music and send out complimentary copies, imprison everybody who does not enthrone over his productions and convince the world at the same time that he is vice Almighty.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

FOR INDIGESTION, THE BEST REMEDY IS UNDOUBTEDLY NORTON'S CAMOILLE 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 many years they have proved equally valuable for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sick-Headache, Liver and Stomach complaints. Sold in bottles, 1s 4d, 2s 6d, and 1s, by all Medicines Vendors throughout the world. A simple, safe, and certain remedy.

HINTS TO FRIENDLY READERS.

You want to see the local paper a successful institution. Talk about it wherever you go. Mention it to the tradespeople with whom you do business. If they don't advertise in it, try and induce them to do so. If you are induced to buy anything from what you have read in its advertising columns mention the fact to the tradesman. Don't lend your paper to any person who can afford to become a subscriber, but is too mean to support local enterprise.

Mr. N. Wimple, formerly Secretary for Lands, died on Sunday. The deceased gentleman arrived in 1848, and was for 40 years in the public service, having entered in 1854. "If the blood is diseased the body is diseased."—Remember that the blood, whether pure or impure, circulates through the organs of the human body—Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kidneys, Brain, etc. It is laden with poisonous matter if diseased on its course. 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 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, dogtags, bill-headers, letter-headers, 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 you 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 out, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER," for it will positively restore to every color, grey or white, its original color, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not diseased. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 5s 6d per bottle. Wholesale, de. 33, Farringdon Road, London, E.C. 4.

An advertisement is a paper's most marketable commodity, and it is quite as much so as a side of bacon, a pound of butter, or a ton of flour. No man can afford to give away the things he sells for a livelihood, and the man who does so in order to get a business generally fails. "Don't try to put the paper man 'in a bad way.' But exercise a little human nature. Support him; he needs some encouragement and support; but do it in the legitimate way. If the printer gets a few pounds worth of printing orders from you, he is not in a position to give you a pound's worth of advertising for nothing. And you have had value for the printing already. Go into a grocer's or draper's for £3 worth of goods, and the grocer or man or draper will not throw in gratis £1 worth of something else that you may ask for. Try him if you don't believe us."

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Tablets." These famous lozenges are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s 1d per box. People troubled with coughs, colds, or 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 Tablets" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN L. BROWN & SONS, Boston, St. James Street, 33, Farringdon Road, London, and England.

Business man.—"You remember that 'ad.' I had in your paper, and took out two months ago? Well, I want to have it put back again." Editor.—"Why, I thought you said no one noticed it while it was in." Business man (humbly).—"They didn't seem to until I took it out." The mere fact of your advertising less people know you are still in business; also that your business is sufficiently important to stand advertising. If you are in business you cannot afford to do without advertising, as it is too much of an admission to the world at large.—Extract from an interview with a man who has profited by newspaper advertising.

IMPURITIES IN THE BLOOD.—We have seen dozens of letters from people who have received great benefit from the use of Clarke'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.

President Cleveland has written a friendly letter to the Spanish Government offering to mediate in the dispute between Spain and Cuba, with the view of ending the disastrous civil war now raging in the island. "COTTAGE BY THE SEA," QUEENSCLOPP. Opened by Lady Brassey, December 17, 1895. Children admitted through any part of Victoria. Children admitted through any M.G.L. Branch or an Associate Member. Supported by voluntary contributions of money or provisions. Committee—Mrs. R. Harper, "Myoors," Toomb's Mrs. Morris, "Tintern," University, Melbourne; Mrs. Hitchcock, "Roslyn," Geelong. "COTTAGE BY THE SEA." Literature can be obtained at 372 Little Collins St., Melbourne.

THE FRIEND.

A Cure for Cuts and Fistulas. Diseases of the skin parts may be relieved by the use of the potent and efficient use of this ointment and healing Ointment, whose action is so rapid and powerful, as to be a judicious choice of the patient—the anxious patient will soon experience wonderful cures from this treatment.

COUGHS, COLDS AND ASTHMA.—The Ointment of "The Friend" is the most powerful of all remedies for Coughs, Colds, and Asthma. It is so powerful, that it will cure the most obstinate cases of Coughs, Colds, and Asthma. It is so powerful, that it will cure the most obstinate cases of Coughs, Colds, and Asthma. It is so powerful, that it will cure the most obstinate cases of Coughs, Colds, and Asthma.

GOUT AND RHEUMATISM.—These are undoubtedly BLOOD DISEASES, and they require the same treatment. The Ointment of "The Friend" is the most powerful of all remedies for Gout and Rheumatism. It is so powerful, that it will cure the most obstinate cases of Gout and Rheumatism. It is so powerful, that it will cure the most obstinate cases of Gout and Rheumatism.

DROPSY, SWOLLEN LEGS OR ANKLES.—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 superfluous or injurious, and they force every fluid.

BAD LEGS, BAD BREASTS AND OLD ULCERS.—This valuable Ointment is an infallible cure for any wound, sore, or ulcer, of however long standing. For Pimples, Blisters, Itch, Bad Legs, and Scrofulous Ulcers, it is equally efficacious. Both the Ointment and Pills should be used in the following cases:—

1. Bad Legs. 2. Swollen Legs. 3. Dropsy. 4. Gout. 5. Rheumatism. 6. Coughs. 7. Colds. 8. Asthma. 9. Cuts. 10. Fistulas. 11. Old Ulcers. 12. Pimples. 13. Blisters. 14. Itch. 15. Scrofulous Ulcers. 16. Wounds. 17. Sores. 18. Burns. 19. Scalds. 20. Frost-bites. 21. Bruises. 22. Sprains. 23. Dislocations. 24. Fractures. 25. Amputations. 26. Stitches. 27. Wounds. 28. Sores. 29. Burns. 30. Scalds. 31. Frost-bites. 32. Bruises. 33. Sprains. 34. Dislocations. 35. Fractures. 36. Amputations. 37. Stitches. 38. Wounds. 39. Sores. 40. Burns. 41. Scalds. 42. Frost-bites. 43. Bruises. 44. Sprains. 45. Dislocations. 46. Fractures. 47. Amputations. 48. Stitches. 49. Wounds. 50. Sores. 51. Burns. 52. Scalds. 53. Frost-bites. 54. Bruises. 55. Sprains. 56. Dislocations. 57. Fractures. 58. Amputations. 59. Stitches. 60. Wounds. 61. Sores. 62. Burns. 63. Scalds. 64. Frost-bites. 65. Bruises. 66. Sprains. 67. Dislocations. 68. Fractures. 69. Amputations. 70. Stitches. 71. Wounds. 72. Sores. 73. Burns. 74. Scalds. 75. Frost-bites. 76. Bruises. 77. Sprains. 78. Dislocations. 79. Fractures. 80. Amputations. 81. Stitches. 82. Wounds. 83. Sores. 84. Burns. 85. Scalds. 86. Frost-bites. 87. Bruises. 88. Sprains. 89. Dislocations. 90. Fractures. 91. Amputations. 92. Stitches. 93. Wounds. 94. Sores. 95. Burns. 96. Scalds. 97. Frost-bites. 98. Bruises. 99. Sprains. 100. Dislocations. 101. Fractures. 102. Amputations. 103. Stitches. 104. Wounds. 105. Sores. 106. Burns. 107. Scalds. 108. Frost-bites. 109. Bruises. 110. Sprains. 111. Dislocations. 112. Fractures. 113. Amputations. 114. Stitches. 115. Wounds. 116. Sores. 117. Burns. 118. Scalds. 119. Frost-bites. 120. Bruises. 121. Sprains. 122. Dislocations. 123. Fractures. 124. Amputations. 125. Stitches. 126. Wounds. 127. Sores. 128. Burns. 129. Scalds. 130. Frost-bites. 131. Bruises. 132. Sprains. 133. Dislocations. 134. Fractures. 135. Amputations. 136. Stitches. 137. Wounds. 138. Sores. 139. Burns. 140. Scalds. 141. Frost-bites. 142. Bruises. 143. Sprains. 144. Dislocations. 145. Fractures. 146. Amputations. 147. Stitches. 148. Wounds. 149. Sores. 150. Burns. 151. Scalds. 152. Frost-bites. 153. Bruises. 154. Sprains. 155. Dislocations. 156. Fractures. 157. Amputations. 158. Stitches. 159. Wounds. 160. Sores. 161. Burns. 162. Scalds. 163. Frost-bites. 164. Bruises. 165. Sprains. 166. Dislocations. 167. Fractures. 168. Amputations. 169. Stitches. 170. Wounds. 171. Sores. 172. Burns. 173. Scalds. 174. Frost-bites. 175. Bruises. 176. Sprains. 177. Dislocations. 178. Fractures. 179. Amputations. 180. Stitches. 181. Wounds. 182. Sores. 183. Burns. 184. Scalds. 185. Frost-bites. 186. Bruises. 187. Sprains. 188. Dislocations. 189. Fractures. 190. Amputations. 191. Stitches. 192. Wounds. 193. Sores. 194. Burns. 195. Scalds. 196. Frost-bites. 197. Bruises. 198. Sprains. 199. Dislocations. 200. Fractures. 201. Amputations. 202. Stitches. 203. Wounds. 204. Sores. 205. Burns. 206. Scalds. 207. Frost-bites. 208. Bruises. 209. Sprains. 210. Dislocations. 211. Fractures. 212. Amputations. 213. Stitches. 214. Wounds. 215. Sores. 216. Burns. 217. Scalds. 218. Frost-bites. 219. Bruises. 220. Sprains. 221. Dislocations. 222. Fractures. 223. Amputations. 224. Stitches. 225. Wounds. 226. Sores. 227. Burns. 228. Scalds. 229. Frost-bites. 230. Bruises. 231. Sprains. 232. Dislocations. 233. Fractures. 234. Amputations. 235. Stitches. 236. Wounds. 237. Sores. 238. Burns. 239. Scalds. 240. Frost-bites. 241. Bruises. 242. Sprains. 243. Dislocations. 244. Fractures. 245. Amputations. 246. Stitches. 247. Wounds. 248. Sores. 249. Burns. 250. Scalds. 251. Frost-bites. 252. Bruises. 253. Sprains. 254. Dislocations. 255. Fractures. 256. Amputations. 257. Stitches. 258. Wounds. 259. Sores. 260. Burns. 261. Scalds. 262. Frost-bites. 263. Bruises. 264. Sprains. 265. Dislocations. 266. Fractures. 267. Amputations. 268. Stitches. 269. Wounds. 270. Sores. 271. Burns. 272. Scalds. 273. Frost-bites. 274. Bruises. 275. Sprains. 276. Dislocations. 277. Fractures. 278. Amputations. 279. Stitches. 280. Wounds. 281. Sores. 282. Burns. 283. Scalds. 284. Frost-bites. 285. Bruises. 286. Sprains. 287. Dislocations. 288. Fractures. 289. Amputations. 290. Stitches. 291. Wounds. 292. Sores. 293. Burns. 294. Scalds. 295. Frost-bites. 296. Bruises. 297. Sprains. 298. Dislocations. 299. Fractures.

MINING NEWS.

The following are the reported local yields for last week:—Bending, 140z 1dwt (for the fortnight); White, 20z 1dwt; Wright, 5oz 4dwt; Lilly, 10z 7dwt; Baker, 10z 3dwt. Wright's party is now blocking, and expect to finish in about three weeks, when they will sink another shaft further north. A party of six has sunk a north at the foot of Mopoke Gully. The prospect of the lot was not very encouraging, but they have erected a whip and intend to give the ground a trial. From the rush on the Sals' Gully road there is nothing new to report, the locality being almost deserted. The prospectors and one other party are still getting a little gold. Chessman and party have found another shaft on the site of McCracken's abandoned claim in Cumberland, from which they obtained an encouraging prospect of the bottom. The yields of gold obtained by the various co-operative parties last week (writes our Waterloo correspondent) were:—Volunteer, 12oz 10dwt; Last Chancer, 7oz 15dwt; Craswell, 3oz 13dwt; Alion, 2oz 17dwt; Robertson and party, 3oz 13dwt; Red, White and Blue, 2oz 6dwt; Golden Gate, 11dwt.

VICTORIAN TROOPS FOR BULUWAYO. A MILITIA PROPOSAL.

The renewal of hostilities in Matabeleland and the prospect that the Chartered Company and the authority of the Imperial Government will require to maintain a long and difficult campaign, have induced a number of the Victorian militia to offer to form a contingent for service in that country. It is recognized that not only would the despatch of a small Victorian force help greatly to convince the world of the unity of the Empire, but would afford our men an opportunity of practical work in the field, the value of which cannot be over-estimated. At the same time the officers who have taken the initiative in the formation of such a force do not desire to proceed to South Africa merely as individuals. They want to go as the representatives of Victoria, the Victorian Government to offer their services to the Imperial Government, so that from the beginning the matter may be an affair of State. They are prepared to go if the Victorian Government will pay the cost of transporting men, guns, and horses, for the proposal is to send a light battery of artillery to consist of, say, 100 men picked from the service or from men who have been in the ranks. The scheme has been submitted to headquarters by the officer who is prepared to organize the party. The Minister of Defence states that any person desirous of volunteering for service in South Africa will be permitted to do so at their own expense. As, however, there is not enough money available for all the local requirements of defence, the Government is not at all disposed to expend money in foreign expeditions.

An operation, which demonstrates the opening of an entirely new field of surgical science, has come under notice in Warrambool, and although medical men do not usually give publicity to their doings, the case in point is one that possesses great interest to the profession as well as to the public generally (says the "Warrambool Standard"). Consequently, we have obtained particulars of the case. The patient was the Rev. E. Doddrell, pastor of the Congregational Church in Warrambool. For about 18 months he was in ill-health, suffering more particularly from indigestion, and some 10 weeks ago he was compelled to take to his bed. Dr. T. Scott diagnosed his case as a stricture of the pylorus, and Dr. Flewwood, while Dr. Miller administered chloroform. It was an operation that required great skill and care, and that these were given is evidenced by the fact that it was attended with success. The operation occupied an hour and a half, and for some four days afterwards the patient had to be fed through the bowels. He has progressed favorably, and is now pronounced to be out of danger. This is the first operation of the kind recorded in Victoria, and until quite recently, there were only eight cases known in the world. The operation was successfully performed by Dr. Scott, who has been a pioneer in the field of surgery. Hitherto, thousands of people have been simply starved to death through a stricture of this kind, and the saving of life by the success of this operation can therefore be imagined.

The claim made in the "Argus" of Thursday from Warrambool, that the operation for stricture of the pylorus is the first of its kind performed in the colony, is disputed here. Nearly five years ago, a well-known resident of Glenlyon was operated on at Kyronet by Mr. R. B. Dunbar, under precisely similar circumstances. The patient, a lady, at the time of operation weighed 7st, and was dying from starvation. She now weighs 14st, and has enjoyed the most perfect health since the operation.

The value of wheat exported for the last month was 1764s as against 1138,317 for the corresponding period of 1895. Mr. Z. Lane says that he has affidavits to prove that some W.A. properties on which developments have been described have never had a pick in them. Others have reported thousands of tons of ore, stone at grass, when the whole of the available stuff for crushing could be carried off in a day.

At Broken Hill, J. F. Powell, for criminally assaulting his sister Emma, aged 12 years, at Tibbourn, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude and 25 lashes. The evidence showed that prisoner abducted the girl in January, walked with her to Innaminka, 210 miles distant, during the height of summer, and made her wear boy's clothes.

The Golden Reef which was found by Patrick Gaden a week ago, 4 miles from Alexandra, has turned out richer than expected. A crushing of 1 ton has yielded 2 1/2 oz of pure gold. The cake was on show in Alexandra, and was viewed by a large number of people. Mr. Harry Musgrove, the manager of the Australian Cricket Eleven, has arrived in England, having left the Quaco at Naples and proceeded overland.

SILK CULTURE.

We have received from Miss Tempest (who is, at the next committee meeting of the Victorian Silk Culture Association, to be nominated hon. correspondent for the Beaufort district), some printed matter relative to the above subject. If any of our readers are interested therein, and care to try silk culture, they may obtain suitable mulberry trees for the feeding of silkworms through Miss Tempest, or direct on application to Mr. A. Brown, the secretary V.S.C.A. We clip the following extract from the association's second annual report:—"The primary object for which the Association was formed, namely, to induce owners of land to plant the Morus Alba (white mulberry) extensively, so as to secure in future years an abundant supply of leaf food for the silk worm, has been steadily kept in view by our committee, and with a considerable amount of success, as shown by the large number of young trees, and cuttings distributed through the Agricultural Department and Forest Branch during the last planting season. Through these sources 22,577 trees were distributed throughout all districts of the colony, and in addition many were sold through private sources, of which no accurate knowledge can be obtained. When the Association was formed two years ago it was impossible to obtain either seed or trees of the Rosalia variety in Melbourne, now both can be obtained in any quantity desired, having been imported from Europe. So far this is an advance in the right direction, but much remains to be done, for without extensive groves of mulberry no permanent success can be expected for the silk industry. During the month of February the cocoons grown in the colony in small experimental lots have been examined together with the object of ascertaining their quality, and thus obtain accurate demonstration of the value of Australian cocoons. Thirty-two lbs. of cocoons have thus been received, but unfortunately many of them are of the inferior pointed Indian variety, but some excellent ones were secured through the kindness of Japanese cocoons have been received from members of the Association reared from 'graine' distributed by the committee in October last. One of the difficulties in the way of commercial silk culture in this mild climate, is that the young silkworms emerge from the egg too early in the spring, before its natural food is available, and liable to perish, or through being fed on unsuitable substitutes, permanent injury is done to the constitution of the insect. With the object of overcoming this difficulty premature hatching, an experiment was made on September 1st, 1895, by subjecting a quantity of 'graine' to heat, and the result was that the hatching was retarded until December 16th, when on exposing the eggs to the ordinary temperature of a room facing the north, and after immersing them for a moment in warm water of a temperature at 80 deg. Fah., they hatched out in an excellent produced good cocoons. It will be necessary to carry out this method in the future, when large quantities of 'graine' are required. By adopting this method the rearing season can be considerably prolonged, and successive broods can be produced in the one season, which will largely increase the extent of the area of land to which the extent of the quantity of leaf food available."

Leonard Pozzi, in his work on "Silk Culture" (which gives a vast amount of practical instruction from the planting of the mulberry tree up to the production of the cocoons and silk-worm eggs), deals with the question, "Will silk culture pay in Australia?" as follows:—"If a farmer plants, say, one acre of land with mulberry trees, and will also utilize the land for the production of other crops, the mulberry trees would be planted at 30 feet apart. To an acre of land 48 trees at the above distance, and when about three years old he can begin to utilize the leaves to feed the worms, and when they are about eight years old will produce about 400 pounds of cocoons. When the farmer is in possession of the mulberry trees and the other few req. sites, he has scarcely any further expenses in connection with it, except the light labour and short attendance supplied by the farmer in a simple and primitive mode; but as people will gain knowledge on the importance and extension of the industry, naturally the best principles and most strict attention will be observed."

"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 6d. Beware of worthless imitations.

Mr. T. Prout Webb, the commissioner of taxes, informed the Treasurer on Wednesday that the assessments under the Income Tax Act for 1895 would be about equal those for 1894. He also stated that the tax for 1895 would produce close upon the £170,000 estimated by Mr. Turner in the Budget, and that the arrears received during the current financial year for the 1894 tax would be about £30,000, thus making in all £200,000 which the Treasurer will derive from this impost during 1895-6. Mr. Webb further stated that there was no definite movement in incomes to be reported one way or the other. The increases were just about counterbalanced by the decreases.

Councillor Luxton, mayor of Prahran, is to contest the vacancy in the South-Eastern Province, in opposition to Mr. Balfour. A new penny society paper is to appear in London shortly. The distinction of it is that it to be written by poets for the people. Arthur Young, residing at Elmore, while pigeon shooting, had his left hand shattered by an unexpected discharge of his gun.

In Blun Blun Shire the Width of Tires Act has been adopted. One councillor stated that he had seen as much as 12 tons of palings carried by a bullock wagon. The Stawell Athletic Club have come out with a loss of about £70 in connection with their Easter sports, the unpropitious weather which the club experienced being the chief cause of this large deficit.

CRICKET.

BALLYROGAN v. BEAUFORT DECEIVERS. The return match between these clubs was played in the Beaufort Park on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for the Deceivers by 26 runs. Thanks to the fine batting of E. Barnes and McDonald, who made 38 (not out) and 27 respectively, the Deceivers were able to declare their innings closed when 94 runs had been scored for the loss of 5 wickets. Baker obtained the whole of these wickets at a cost of 27 runs. R. Lewis, who was wicket-keeping, received a severe blow from a fast ball. His lip was bruised and slightly cut, and he was compelled to leave the field. Ballyrogan had an hour and a quarter to make the runs in, but the last wicket fell a couple of minutes before call of time with the total at 68, or 26 runs behind. Baker (who received a nasty blow on the kneecap at the commencement of his innings and had to retire, but was allowed to resume) was top scorer with 19; whilst Neate made 14, and McDonald 10. McDonald obtained 5 wickets for 32 runs. A. Parker 3 for 19, and W. Trompf 2 for 1. The visitors were treated to light refreshments on the ground. Appended are the scores:—

BEAUFORT DECEIVERS. W. Trompf, c Robinson, b Baker ... 3 E. Trompf, b Baker ... 9 A. Parker, b Baker ... 19 J. McNamara, b Baker ... 27 E. Lilly (capt.), b Baker ... 0 E. Barnes, not out ... 38 G. Loo, not out ... 7 Byes, &c. ... 1

Innings declared closed—5 for 94 Ballyrogan. —C. Baker, 48 balls, 27 runs, 5 wts.; T. Miles, 30 balls, 24 runs; McDonald, 30 balls, 1 wide, 20 runs; Ogier, 42 balls, 1 mdn., 16 runs.

BALLYROGAN. Neate, b McNamara ... 14 McDonald, b McNamara ... 10 Ogier, b McNamara ... 0 Walker, b Parker ... 0 O. Baker (capt.), c G. Carver, b Parker ... 19 T. Miles, b Parker ... 9 T. Miles, b McNamara ... 9 R. Carver (sub.), b W. Trompf ... 2 J. Lewis, b McNamara ... 0 Gordon, b W. Trompf ... 0 Robinson, not out ... 0 Byes, &c. ... 14 Total ... 68

Bowling Analysis.—A. Parker, 48 balls, 19 runs, 3 wts.; J. McNamara, 64 balls, 1 mdn., 32 runs, 5 wts.; W. Trompf, 18 balls, 2 mdns., 1 run, 2 wts.

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B41 PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, in either sex (required or constitutional), Gravel and Pains in the Back. Guaranteed free from Mercury. Sold in boxes, 4s 6d each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicines Vendors; Sole Proprietors, THE LANCET AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG CO., LINCOLN, ENGLAND.

Satisfactory progress is being made by the income tax officials with the issue of the assessments, and on those sent out the average amount of tax due will be about £6 8s, which is slightly better than last year.

A strike is threatened by the trades unionists engaged in the London building trade. The men demand an advance of a half-penny per hour in their wages, and also a new code of rules. They declare that unless their demands are granted they will cease work next month.

The officer in charge of Birdsville (Queensland) has reported to the inspector of stock that the state of the country in the vicinity of Birdsville is very dry indeed. Food for stock is very bad and scarce, and though frequently threatening rain, it usually ends in dust storms. The outlook for the winter is extremely bad.

Cycling has broken out in a fresh direction for the Salvation Army officials, with their strong business proclivities, have decided to give the wheel a trial. A dozen machines have been ordered, and if they prove as economical as expected, 500 will be ordered.

A shocking outrage has been committed in Lison, which is attributed to the anarchist, who in February last showed so much activity that special legislation of a repressive character was resorted to cope with the evil. A dynamite bomb exploded, killing two persons, the victims being a wealthy gentleman and his coachman.

On the Mahonga, Bullenborg, Boree Creek, Urangeline Creek, and other places between Albany and Narandera, the effects of the drought are being most severely felt, while nearer Albany ploughing cannot be carried on owing to the hardness of the ground. Numbers of men are engaged on the stations to devote their whole time to skinning the sheep as they die.

Among illustrious personages with queer fads must be numbered Prince Leopold of Bavaria. His collection of beetles is the most extensive and complete in the world, and the prince is a skilled entomologist.

E. D. Davies, a well-known ventriloquist and musical entertainer, who at one time leased the Theatre Royal at Newcastle-on-Thyne, has shot himself at Sydney. He arrived there a fortnight ago and was engaged in sharebroking. Deceased was 76 years old.

The Aroa Shire Council has decided in respect to advertisements of tobacco, &c., painted on the hand railings at culverts and bridges in the shire, to prosecute all persons so displaying shire property.

A somewhat remarkable discovery (writes the "Argus" Horsham correspondent) was made the other day by a district resident whilst robbing a hive of wild bees. When he exposed the honey to view he found the carcass of a full-grown rabbit encased in the comb.

The Wellington correspondent of the New Zealand Probationists states that of the revenue of the Wellington Working Men's Club £2483 was from liquor and tobacco and £205 from billiards; while only £11 4s 6d was spent on the library.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL INDUSTRIES.

Notwithstanding that the last wheat harvest was the worst ever recorded in Victoria since the colony commenced to grow wheat on a considerable scale, the experience of the banks and some of the private mortgages and stockholders is that in many districts payments of interest and reductions of principal have been better met than for many years past. The explanation is twofold. In the first place, the price realised this year is double that of last year, and in the second place the harvest was better in some parts of the colony than in others. The sales of the past season probably aggregated 11,040,000 bushels, and taking the average price realised by the farmers at 1s 2d, 500, or say, £1,250,000. Coming to the present season the yield of the harvest may be placed at 6,000,000 bushels, more or less. In addition, there were 1,500,000 bushels of old wheat either in the farmer's hands or under their control on the eve of the new harvest. This gives 7,500,000 bushels to dispose of at an average to the farmer (so far as the season has proceeded) of say 4s 3d, opposing the whole quantity of say 4s 3d, the price realised in the months ending last month, with that of the corresponding period of 1894-5. During the nine months just closed 16,410 3/4 of butter was exported to London, valued at £572 14s, as against 23,684 8/9b, valued at £888,182, exported in 1894-5, or a decrease in value of £1,360,000. In referring to this decrease the Minister says:—"It must be borne in mind that the figures quoted have reference only to London, and must not be taken to indicate falling off in production to the extent shown. Returns to hand show an increased export to New South Wales, South Australia, and Queensland during the past season of 2,468,883b, or the previous season. This quantity at 11d per lb would mean an increase for the past season in the value of the export to the three colonies named of £1,122,633. This amount might be treated as a set off against the decrease referred to above. When the very bad season which we have passed through is taken into consideration, the result must be regarded as satisfactory." The report states that during the nine months just ended 82,644 carcasses of mutton were exported, as against 3453 in 1894-5, and 645,115 rabbits compared with 154,374 in 1894-5. Of green fruit, 5472 cases was sent to London in 1894-5, as against 11,404 up to the 31st ult. The total value of perishable products exported abroad during the last nine months was £847,414, or £65,325 less than the value of those shipped in 1894-5.

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Despatches from Cape Town state that a severe engagement has taken place between a band of 60 men, under Dr. Macfarlane, and the Matabele insurgents. The Englishmen encountered the Matabeles about three miles from Bulawayo, and fought for two hours, at the end of which they were forced to retire, owing to their Maxim gun becoming jammed, and consequently unworkable. Only two whites were killed, and it is stated that the rebel loss was 50. The town of Bulawayo has sufficient provisions to last the beleaguered residents a period of two months, or until the relief forces have arrived. The only operations that can be carried on by the residents at Bulawayo against the insurgents in the meantime will be of a strictly defensive nature. An effort will also be made to clear the heavy scrub surrounding the larger for an area of three miles. A number of mail coaches have resumed running between Mafeking and Bulawayo.

In the March quarter passenger traffic on the N.S.W. railways yielded £12,759 more than in the same period of 1895. The value of the domestic export of New South Wales per head of population last year was £12 19s 11d against £9 16s 10d for Victoria.

Of all the colonies, Queensland last year showed the greatest improvement, the imports increasing by 23.32 per cent, and the exports by 2.13 per cent. For Blood is the Life.—If the blood is impure, it circulates through the organs of the 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, 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 6d each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicines Vendors; Sole Proprietors, THE LANCET AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG CO., LINCOLN, ENGLAND.

What is claimed to be the most crowded spot on the earth's surface is the "Manderaggio," in the city of Valletta, in Malta. In this spot of multitudinous humanity is a locality less than 2 1/2 acres in extent, in which are living no less than 2574 persons. This is at the rate of 636,000 persons to the square mile, or 1,017.6 to the acre. Liverpool, which claims the distinction of being the most crowded city in the United Kingdom, has only 116.4 persons to the acre in its most densely populated portions.

Greeners, the gunmakers, have 50 men in their employ who have been with them for forty years. It is a fact worth knowing in these days of labor troubles. Evidently the making of guns is a very peaceful pursuit for the makers.

Mr. J. B. McEwan, the New Zealand Government expert in cheese-making, has arrived in Melbourne, having been lent to the Victorian Government in order to give instruction in the manufacture of cheese. Mr. McEwan is at work in the Western District, and will visit all the principal dairying centres in Victoria.

"PUNCH" EXTRACTS.

Barristers Higgins, M.L.A., and Topp are making the biggest money at the Victorian Bar. Topp, if anything, slightly leads. Two prominent temperance advocates in Ballarat are named Jolly and Dry. The sex problem of the present day? To say whether the knickerbocker party on the bike is a male or a female. Ex-Commissioner for Railways Spoight has for some time past found a profitable occupation in umpiring on arbitration cases at £10 a day.

Verbatim letter by a Victorian J.P. to the Shire Inspector of Nuisances:—"A horse is dead five days in front of my premises. Get him shifted, Michael, and he sticks." Cyclist Martin neither smokes nor liquors. But his language is as variegated as an old time bullock driver's. He is said to have made over £600 since his advent to Australia.

Saturday's benefit meeting will stand in Champion "Jack" Parsons about £200. Lord Brassey is the talker of Australian Governors. The others are better listeners. The Patterson Memorial Fund has reached the magnificent sum of £87, the chief part of which was contributed by Parliamentarians. Sir James had much lip-service before and after his death, but those who were so loud in asserting their admiration for the departed politician do not appear to have been very liberal in shelling out.

The death of Baron Hirsch, which was announced on Tuesday, has somewhat disturbed the home market for securities. It is estimated that he has left behind him a fortune of £20,000,000 sterling. In every mercantile circle the great rainfall which has visited Riverina and the whole of Victoria has been the cause of jubilation (remarks the "Argus"), not merely because it is a rainfall, but principally because it has come at the very nick of time. The pastoral industry benefits very greatly, while the seed-bed for the cereal crops is made perfect. The conditions for wheat-growing have rarely been more favourable, and on both sides of the Murray a large area is being sown. It has to be recognised that the centre of Australian wheat-growing is gradually shifting into Riverina. Reverting to the rainfall, the general opinion, even if founded to some extent on blind instinct, is that the prospects of the next Australian producing season are more favourable than for two or three years past.

In a letter which the Secretary of State for the Colonies has addressed to His Excellency the Governor, relative to the selection of Colonel Bingham to command the military branch of our defence forces, Mr. Chamberlain states that this appointment is a matter of gratification, as it shows that the Victorian Government is anxious to keep its defence forces in an efficient state.

The black plague, which caused such ravages among the Chinese in Hong Kong in the year 1894, and recently broke out in Yokohama (Japan), is again raging in Hong Kong. The mortality is increasing daily.

Thomas Keogh, a village settler at Eagle Point, in the Bairnsdale district, planted three acres with the small black Russian sunflower, from which he has harvested over 30 bags, containing 175b of seed each. At the offered price of 3s 1d per lb this would give a return at the rate of £25 per acre.

Mail adients from Mauritius state that a violent cyclone passed over the island towards the end of February, but not much damage was done to the sugar crops, though the heavy rainfall caused floods, which did great damage to the sugar in stores. Over 20 inches of rain fell in one day, and 52 inches in three days.

During the hearing of a Chinese case in the Bendigo Police Court recently, a solicitor made some remarks concerning the disappearance of Constable Ryan from White Hills some years ago, and hinted that his disappearance was due to the workings of a secret Chinese society. The matter came under the notice of the Superintendent of Police, and Detective Macnaman was instructed to proceed to Bendigo to investigate it. The officer has returned, and it is stated that there is not the slightest foundation for the allegation as to the Chinese being concerned in the removal of Constable Ryan. What Macnaman has to say concerning the secret society has not transpired.

A Sydney meeting has adopted a resolution in favor of the principle of establishing State pensions for the aged, and urging that a Royal commission should be appointed to investigate the matter.

During the hearing of a charge of larceny at the Brisbane Police Court the prisoner's solicitor had some words with the police magistrate, and was ordered to leave the court. Mr. Morris refused, and was then forcibly removed.

Charles Beer, of Unley, agent, one of the candidates opposing the Premier in the West Adelaide electorate, has been charged at the police court with being a pauper lunatic. The prisoner was referred to Dr. Michie for examination, and the doctor ordered him to be sent to the asylum.

Captain Wallington has sent in his resignation as private secretary to his Excellency the Governor, owing to a re-arrangement of His Excellency's staff, which will embrace the appointment on his arrival of the Honorable Randolph Capel, brother of Lady Brassey.

Further intelligence has been received from Omdurman, the Khalifa's headquarters, stating that 500 of his bodyguard were killed in the recent tribal quarrels that took place, and not 50, as previously reported.

Sir Henry Parkes on Thursday night showed considerable improvement, and was able to partake of solid food for the first time. The action of the heart, however, is very weak.

Tea inebriation is said to be on the increase in America. One doctor of the Pennsylvania Hospital reports 125 cases. Of these 72 per cent. were in persons of nervous temperament, 20 per cent. had frequent attacks of faintness, a similar proportion had insomnia, and nearly half had persistent headache. The state of many of them was deplorable, says the doctor, and all through excessive tea drinking. Austria is the country most lenient to murderers. In the 10 years ending in 1879 there were 816 criminals found guilty of murder, of whom only 23 were put to death.

Mr. John Cooke, dealing with the export of frozen mutton in England, told the shareholders of the Riverina Frozen Meat Co. last week that young, plump, neat carcasses, of medium weight, were in greatest request. The growers' key-note should be early maturity.

The second prize in the Druids' Art Union has been claimed by Mr. Edwin G. Roden, of 200 Charles-street, Launceston, Tasmania; and the third prize goes to Mr. F. G. Milligan, baker, Bridgewater-on-Lodon.

"Our work is for the poor. If the rich like to help us, thank God. If they will give us a push along, all right; but we are for the very poor people." Commissioner Coombs, echoing sentiments expressed to him by General Booth.

Mr. William Bird, of Drouin, this year obtained 70 bushels of flax from 7 1/2 acres. At the Government oil mill the seed was crushed, producing 128 gallons of oil. Including the Government bonus Mr. Bird will clear £10 from his plot, and has yet to treat the flax. His crop, which was the best in the district, was sown in the autumn.

At a meeting of the Melbourne Hospital committee on Tuesday, Miss Gamble and Miss Greig, two lady doctors, were elected among the six resident surgeons required to serve in the hospital.

The Colonial Bank of Australasia earned a net profit of £2564 during the half-year, which, with £1023 to credit forward, the directors propose to carry forward. The bank finds itself with too much money lying idle, which militates against profit earning.

The family of Thomas Hoy, at Gunnedah, after eating a meal preserved upon on Wednesday night, were seized with vomiting, which resulted in the death of a son, aged 9, and a daughter, aged 13. Hoy and another child are very ill.

The rainfall has been specially heavy and particularly welcome in Riverina and Tasmania. A demand for Victorian butter and cheese is being stimulated at Cape and in India.

It is estimated that during the recent engagements that have taken place between the British at Bulawayo and the natives who are endeavouring to save the town, 1000 Matabele all have been killed in action, and that fully 300 of the white population have been murdered since the breaking out of the insurrection.

The "Volksstem," a Boer journal published in Pretoria, states that when the Volksraad meets in May a prompt movement will be made to impose an extreme and prohibitory taxation on the operations of the gold and diamond mines within the Transvaal territory, with the avowed intention of excluding all foreigners from the country.

Sporting authorities agree that never in the world's history has one man owned so grand a quartette of stud racehorses as those possessed by Duke of Portland, at Welbeck Abbey Stud—to wit, Sir Simon, Donovan, Ayshire, and Carbine.

A French scientist, M. Ragonneau, has just discovered how to make a plant grow from the seed in thirty minutes as much as it would under ordinary circumstances in as many days. Heretofore nature has shared this secret with the yoghis of India alone, and the methods pursued by these clever magicians in performing this trick have often been described. They plant a seed in the earth and cover it with a cloth. In a few moments the cloth begins to push upward by the growing plant, which in a short time attains the height of several feet. Various theories have been advanced as to the *modus operandi* of this miracle, one of the latest being that the spectators are all hypnotised by the magician. During his travels in India M. Ragonneau saw this trick performed frequently, and noticed the Hindus always combined the seed in soil which they brought with them especially for that purpose. At last he learned that they obtained this earth from ant-hills. Now, as everybody knows who has inadvertently eaten one of these industrious insects, ants contain a large proportion of formic acid, with which in time the soil of their habitation becomes charged. This acid has the power of quickly dissolving the integument surrounding a seed and of greatly stimulating the growth of the germs within. After a little experimenting with this acid the learned Frenchman was able to duplicate perfectly the Hindoo trick. His further researches have led him to believe that this discovery may be profitably applied to agriculture. By infusing ants in boiling water acid as strong as vinegar can be obtained. M. Ragonneau has achieved the best results and most perfect growth by using earth moistened with a solution of five thousand parts of water to one of acid.

Edison prophesies that in 10 years horseless carriages will be the rule, and horse-propelled vehicles the exception. A statement has been made by the Johannesburg correspondent of the "Lamburg Courier" to the effect that the Boers of the Transvaal, relying on assistance from the Orange Free State, and the Afrikanders of Cape Colony, are ready for war unless their demands are conceded.

Rains are reported almost all through the colonies. A Winchelsea contractor has initiated a novel and ingenious method of tending, by offering to work for £1 less than the lowest tender received, whatever it might be.

The cycles in use in the French army are to be provided with an electric light which can be turned on and off at will.

MR and MISS McRAE desire to THANK their many kind FRIENDS for letters, programs, floral tributes, and many other kindnesses during their recent sojourn in Melbourne. Beaufort, 24th U.S.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL, ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, will be held on WEDNESDAY next, to commence at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. Canon Tucker, Vicar of Hamilton, will preach. RICHARD HOSKIN, Immovent.

PIONEERS OF FIERY CREEK. R. MILLIST, PHOTOGRAPHER. Will open a Studio early next week for the purpose of taking Portraits of the Old Identities of Beaufort and district, for insertion in a large picture similar to the one he has just completed of Ararat. The picture, when completed, will be the property of the town, but copies will be available should any desire to purchase them.

SHIRE OF RIFON. FRENCHMEN, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing five per cent. cash deposit, will be received up till 11 a.m. on Monday, 4th May, 1896, for the following works:—

Cont. No. 21.—Making metalled road between Waterloo and Main Leat, repairs, &c. EAST RIDING. Cont. No. 22.—Forming, gravelling, and repairs on the Morehead road, near David Baird and Ferguson's farms.

Cont. No. 23.—Forming and metalling by Ringing's homestead, Lillitrie. WEST RIDING. Cont. No. 24.—Forming and metalling on the Skipton to Steamham road, near Steamham.

Cont. No. 25.—Supplying Horse Feed in Beaufort for one horse. Plans and specifications can be seen at the Shire Office, Beaufort; and those for the East Riding at the Greenhead Hotel, Sarsse Valley, and the West Riding (one) at the Skipton Hotel, Skipton.

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TRAPPED RABBITS wanted in any quantity, delivered at Railway Station at highest price given. Bases provided and Freight Paid. For further particulars apply, W. WHITE, Managing Director.

J. B. COCHRAN, NEWS AGENT, BOOKSELLER, and STATIONER, has removed to premises next door to Bank of Victoria, BEAUFORT. Agent for Riponshire Advertiser, Weekly Times, Herald, Star, Australian Journal, and at Waterloo for the same papers and also Star, Courier, Argus, and Australian. Agent for Australian Willows' End Life Assurance Society Ltd.

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There! that is a statement with the seeds of an idea in it. Suppose we follow it up by...

The answer to the lady's question is: Yes, easily enough. All that is necessary is to understand...

The trustees of the Sydney Art Gallery have been asked by the New South Wales Cricket Association...

The Health and Vigor of an individual depend upon the quantity and quality of the blood...

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A splendid find of gold has been made at Upper Bingara (N.S.W.), where three men, Moin, Court, and Furry, were working in the old Bendigo shaft...

It is reported that the Siamese Government has been negotiating with Mr. E. Jerome Dyer, representing the Victorian Government...

Sir Henry Parkes is seriously ill. On Tuesday evening last he and Lady Parkes attended ball at Government House...

TAKEN FOR A BURGLAR.

The Nice Warm Reception a Polite Housemaid Got From a Thief.

There might have been a tragic ending to the domestic felicity of a young married couple who occupy a flat in Clifton avenue, Brooklyn...

Last Wednesday evening just about bedtime there was so violent a ringing of the electric doorbell in the flat opposite that the newly-wedded young man decided that something was wrong...

"Oh, thank you," she exclaimed. "I thought I never should see you in my husband's straits in a little hard of hearing, and I went out shopping and left my keys behind."

"No trouble at all, I assure you," suavely replied the young man, leading the way up stairs with a lighted taper.

"The young man stopped briskly enough, through the private hallway of his flat, to the door of the elderly woman's room...

The young man found the elderly woman sitting at a table in the dining room, while the elderly woman, who was sitting at the table...

The wife revived when she saw him safe, and then she tried to explain what had occurred. The bathroom door was opened after considerable shouting...

The husband had done something that the boarder didn't like, and he was telling some nonsense about it in rather vigorous language.

"My dear fellow," said the room-mate, "she didn't do it intentionally."

"Oh, no! It was a mistake."

"Well," she exclaimed, "I've been on a perfect wild goose chase all day long; but thank goodness, I've found you at last."

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Mr Denis Keenan, Morphett-street, Adelaide, S.A., writes on Feb. 11, 1893: "I will explain fully the misery I had to endure before being induced to try a course of Clements Tonic."

Thirty persons who attended a show at West Wallsend, N.S.W., showed symptoms of illness afterwards, presumably from something they had eaten or drunk there.

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COUNTS AND PRINCES.

Common Misinformation Concerning Four of the Chappies Now in New York.

I read that Count Castellano is out here to perfect his education; that Count Hadik is making a special study of American politics; that Prince Lubbecki is aiming to better the condition of his fellow countrymen in this country, and that Prince del Drago is going into business here.

As for Prince del Drago, he lives at the Waldorf, and his "business" thus far has consisted entirely in a rather futile attempt to sell an old crown, which he has brought over as a sort of patent of nobility.

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THE LONDON STABBERS.

An Epidemic of Insanity Which Takes the Form of Homocidal Mania.

The strange epidemic of insanity which prompts its subjects to stab strangers, usually women, in the streets of London has not yet ended, and the popular nervousness in several quarters of the city continues.

One of the most startling cases occurred on Wednesday in front of a fashionable store in Oxford street amid a large throng of shoppers.

A young man plunged his knife three inches deep into the back of a lady and then quietly waited until the police came and arrested him.

The police have been watching two or three weeks the person they believe to be the mysterious woman in black whose stabbing other parts of the west end in terror for weeks, and whose murderous deed I described in these dispatches a month ago.

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Now next to carrying a box of doves to Miss Gould every day, the hardest job that Count Castellano has done is to lead a cotillon and handle a vase.

Count Hadik's studies in American politics have thus far consisted in driving four-in-hands and teaching American girls how to dance the sardas.

Prince Lubbecki is alleviating the condition of his race to great purpose in his own noble person, for there is no one other foreigner in town who dines out so often and has such a deservedly good time.

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VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling out, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORATIVE," for it will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair to its original color.

An advertisement is a paper man's marketable commodity, and it is quite as much as a side of bacon, a pound of butter, or a ton of flour.

Support him; he needs encouragement and support; but do it in the legitimate way. If the printer gets a few pounds worth of printing orders a day, he is not in a position to give you a pound's worth of advertising for nothing.

THE GREAT AFFECTIONS AND ILLNESSES.—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 Trochiscs."

Business man—"You remember that 'ad.' I had in your paper, and took out two months ago? Well, I want to have it put back again."

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These Pills can be confidently recommended, as the most certain remedy for indigestion, flatulency, acidity, heartburn, colic, constipation, and all the many maladies resulting from disordered stomach and bowels.

Whenever persons find themselves in that state termed a "little out of health," it is necessary that Holloway's Pills should be perseveringly taken, as they are equally efficacious for both males and females of all ages, and periods of life.

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