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He has resolved to REDUCE THE SUBSCRIPTION to the "ADVOCATE" (with which is published a 14-column supplement containing well-selected reading matter) to 3s 9d per quarter, and trusts that this concession will be largely taken advantage of.

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BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 5s 1d per bushel; feed sorts, 4s 6d to 4s 10d; Algerian, 2s 1d to 2s 3s; white 14d; pens, 3s 11d to 4s 1/2; barley, prime matting, 3s 10d to 4s 2d; Cape, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; potatoes, 11 1/2 to 12s per ton; hay, prime green chaffing, 12s 12d to 13s; medium, to 13 10s; manager, to 13 10s; straw, to 12 10s; pollard, 1s 3 1/2; bran, to 1s 1 1/2; flour, roller, 112 1/2 to 112 10s.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle—280 head was the supply penned for to-day's sales, and, with the exception of a proportion ranging from good to prime, consisted principally of medium to useful descriptions. There was a fair attendance of the trade, including a few country buyers, the market opening brisk, best qualities being well covered, and prices showing an advance on last week's values, whilst other descriptions, although meeting a good sale, show no material alteration.

QUOTATIONS.—Prime pens bullocks, L7 to L9 10s; old best to L11 12s 6d; good do, L7 10s to L8 10s; medium, L5 to L6 10s; prim pens cows, L6 to L6 17s 6d; good do, L6 10s to L5 10s; medium do, L3 10s to L4 10s.

AVARAGES.—Merino Down, 10 bullocks, L5 17s 6d; 10 cows, L6 1s 7d; M. Nichol, 9 bullocks, L8 10s 6d; J. Hyland, 48 bullocks, L8 10s 1d; Thos. Bath, 15 bullocks, L4 18s 6d; Mount Napier, 20 bullocks, L4 18s 6d; Jno. James, 18 bullocks, L6 17s 6d. Cows—18 penned, which sold well; best to 6s. Sheep—4100 were penned for to-day's sales, and excepting a prime draft from Tabara and a few pens scattered throughout the sale, the remainder consisted of good to medium and inferior descriptions, balance principally medium and useful quality merino and combacks, including a small draft of very nice quality merinos from Mount Mercer. There was a good master of buyers, and throughout the sale competition was animated, prices obtainable for all descriptions showing a material advance on last week's prices, closing very firm.

QUOTATIONS.—Prime crossbred wethers, 13s 6d to 14s 6d; good do, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; medium do, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 11s to 12s; extra to 12s; good do, 9s to 10s; prime merino wethers, 8s 6d to 10s 6d; a few to 11s 7d; good do, 8s to 9s 6d; medium do, 6s to 7s; merino ewes, 6s to 7s, a few to 9s. Store sheep—2000 yadled, for which there was a fair demand, nearly all being disposed of. The price of lambs, and only very few being up to trade requirements; suitable lots were readily disposed of at quotations, others were taken by graziers at full rates.—Prime, 9s to 9s 6d; extra heavy, 10s to 10s 6d; good, 7s 6d to 9s; medium, 6s to 6s 6d.

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT SALES ARE REPORTED:—

By Messrs Hepburn, Dowling and Crawford.—250 merino wethers for Mr. E. H. Austin, M.L.A., St. Enocals, to 3s 3d, and 100 lambs to 7s 3d; 94 lambs for Mr. J. Fraser, Lake Goldsmith, to 7s 6d.

MELBOURNE MARKETS.

Meats E. C. Robertson and Co., chaff and grain merchants and commission agents, 50 Spring-street, Melbourne, report that consequent on the damaged state of the chaff arriving, good samples of the same are receiving fair attention, while other lines are without much alteration.

We quote:—Prime to L4 10s; good, L4 7s 6d; medium, L4 2s 6d; straw chaff, L3 10s; Oats, 2s 9d to 3s 2d; wheat, 3s 11d to 3s 12d; stout, 3s to 3s 1d; peas, 3s 11d; barley, 3s 6d to 3s 11d; ducks, 2s to 3s 3d; Fowls.—Prime young, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; mixed, 1s 6d to 2s. Geese, 3s to 3s 6d. Oats, 2s 9d to 3s 2d; wheat, 3s 11d to 3s 12d; Cape, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; barley, 3s 6d to 3s 11d; Onions, 7s 10d. Potatoes, L2 2s 6d to L2 10s. L7 10s. Chaff.—Prime, L4 10s to L4 12s 6d; medium, 8s to 8s 6d; straw chaff, L2 10s to L2 12s.

GEELONG, &c., MARKETS.

George Hague & Co. report (29th ult.)—Wool.—The third series of the London Colonial wool sales opened to-day with a good attendance of foreign buyers, and compared with the closing rates of last series, prices generally showed a decline of 5 per cent. The total quantity available for these sales, including old stocks, is 275,000 bales.—There was the usual attendance of local and other buyers at our sale to-day, and very keen bidding for all lots submitted. We had a full supply, and sold all as follows:—Butchers' fresh peats, small 18s to 21d each; medium 27d to 30d each; extra to superior, 30d to 35d each, extra to 40d. Country and station skins, short, 10s to 2d per pound; medium to good, 8d to 4d per pound; superior to 6d per pound; lambskins, 2d to 4d per lb.

Hides.—We sold all to hand at prices about equal to late quotations. Heavies to 4d per pound, extra higher; good conditioned light and medium suited, 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, out and damaged ditto to 1 1/2d per pound.

Tallow.—The market is rather quiet, but we have made advances in shipping order, at satisfactory prices, and our usual supply of ordments at current rates.

CLARK'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE.

The most searching Blood Cleanser that science and skill have brought to light. Sufferers from Scrofula, Rheumatism, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and sores of any kind are solicited to give it a trial to test its efficacy. It has cured wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

The League of Victorian Wheelmen declines to sanction the match between Martin, the American bicyclist, and the trotter, Osterley, and consequently the match is off, Martin having to forfeit his £20 deposit.

Joseph Tooley, son of ex-Superintendent Tooley, and a respectable connected young woman named Holman were committed for trial at Geelong on Tuesday for stealing firewood from the yard of a storekeeper named Nash.

The lucky holder of the winning number in the Eight Hours' Art Union was Mr. T. F. Ward, of King-street, West Melbourne. The second prize went to New South Wales, and the third to Mr. G. H. Whitehead, in the Warranabool district.

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

WILLIAM SMITH, FAMILY BUTCHER, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

Prime Meats kept. Soft goods always on hand. Orders called for daily.

TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.

PRICES OF BEEF & MUTTON FOR CASH. By the quarters or half quarters, 17s 6d per 100 lb; Corned Beef, 15s per 100 lb; Mutton, by carcasses, 2d per lb. Legs, 3d per lb; Prime Roast, 4d per lb; Chops, from 4d to 5 1/2 per lb; Sausages, 4d per lb; Rump Steak, 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' Chemist. 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 STREET, BEAUFORT (NEXT TO THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE).

Mr HARRIS desires to impress upon the public that only the HIGHEST CLASS OF DRUGS and CHEMICALS are used, and SOLD AT MELBOURNE and BALLARAT PRICES. Prescriptions carefully, conscientiously, and faithfully dispensed under personal supervision.

Mr Harris having had considerable experience in 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.

Mr J. W. HARRIS, Junr., B.D.S., Surgical and Mechanical Dentist, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

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 (Next Mechanics' Institute), BEAUFORT.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SUNDAY, 2ND MAY, 1896.

Church of England.—St. George's, Harvest Festival at 3 p.m.; St. John's, 7 p.m. Subject for the day, "The Jews and the wheat, the parable of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, expounded and illustrated."

Presbyterian Church.—Beaufort, 11 a.m., Loston, 3.30 p.m., Rev. A. Adam, M.A.

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THERE can be no doubt but that for many years there has not been a more energetic Minister of Agriculture than Mr. J. W. Taverner, or one who has taken a greater interest in our export trade, especially in those branches which most concern the agricultural community. Mr Taverner has, of course, like all men holding a public position, come in for a certain amount of adverse criticism, but this is only what may naturally be expected when any man takes bold and progressive steps for the public weal. But at the same time those who have watched Mr Taverner's career since he has held the responsible and important position of Minister of Agriculture cannot but admit that while he may have made mistakes—and what Minister can avoid doing so?—his energy and forthrightness on behalf of the export trade are worthy of the highest commendation. Mr Taverner's latest movement, and one which has evoked much criticism, is a most important one. He has, it is stated, induced Dalgety & Co. and Sanderson and Co., the agent for the Aberdeen and Lund's line of steamers respectively, which have received the Government contract for the conveyance of perishable products to London after the 1st inst., to make arrangements to finance butter, factories, or in other words to make advances against butter forwarded to Melbourne for export pending its sale in London. As the announcement was certainly an important one, considerable pains have been taken to ascertain how the middlemen view the matter, for if the arrangements as projected are carried out, their occupation will be gone. Some of the middlemen who have been interviewed point out that for many years past Dalgety and Co. have been endeavouring to secure a share in the butter trade by acting as Melbourne agents or middlemen for butter factories, and that they have acted in that capacity for some of the factors. In playing into the hands of Dalgety and Co. the Minister therefore is merely aiding one middleman against another in securing the movement in no way assisting to disperse with the middleman, as Mr Taverner states is his reason in making an alteration from the present system. But although this may be true to some extent, and that the contracting firm will to a certain degree act as middlemen, they cannot adopt the "barbaric" practices that have hitherto prevailed much to the detriment of producers. The two companies are to a certain extent under Government control, the latter being Government contractors, and it will be much easier to ensure that the duties

hitherto carried out by the middlemen "whose name is legion," are carried out fairly by the firms mentioned under close Government supervision. But there is a still more important feature to be considered so far as the producer is concerned, in that as the contracting companies in making advances against consignments of butter will charge only the current rate of interest for the accommodation, and there will be no further charge against the shipper of the butter until sixty days after its arrival in London, when interest will be levied at the rate of five per cent. These are certainly very favorable terms, and much better than those obtained under the present system, by which varying rates of interest are demanded from the time the advance is made. According to the terms offered by the Lund and Aberdeen companies producers who send home butter may get an advance at the exchange rates on London, and have two months after the arrival of the ship in which to sell their produce without incurring any interest. By this means, if a shipment reaches London during a depressed market, sellers can hold off for a rise without adding to their liabilities, except for storage charges. All that the manager of a butter factory now has to do is to forward his butter to the Government stores and immediately it is received there an advance will be given up to by the shipping companies, and they will do all the business connected with it, that is all done by the Melbourne agents. It may be seen at a glance that the proposed arrangement is far preferable to that which has for so long existed. In this matter there can be no doubt whatever but that Mr Taverner is doing excellent service on behalf of the producers, and that he deserves their hearty thanks for his action.

Local and General News.

The marriage of Miss A. Carver and Mr. M. Kelly, both of Beaufort, was celebrated in the R.C. Church, Ararat, on Wednesday.

The monthly meeting of the Riponshire council takes place on Monday. Tenders are invited for several contracts, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns.

The P. and O. Company's Royal mail steamer Britannia, with the English mails to April 3, arrived at Albany early on Thursday morning, and sailed in the afternoon. She should reach Adelaide on Sunday, and the Beaufort portion of the mails may be expected on Tuesday.

A regimental order received by Captain Jenkins, D Company Rangers, notifies that special field firing parties will be conducted by the officer commanding the Rangers. These will take the place of the half-yearly inspection for those sections which have not been inspected, and every effort must be made to get as many men as possible to attend. The practice will take place for A and D Companies at Ararat on the 3rd June, and Rangers who are unable to attend the field firing practice at Stawell on the 22nd instant are specially warned to be present. Attention is also directed to the following order:—I. Special care is to be taken in the inspection of arms on account of the exposure and risk of damage to which they were subjected during the Easter camp. 2. The commanding officer directs that no more men employed by the Victoria Rifles be enrolled as Rangers, on account of the impossibility of their leaving their stations except on the occasion of their annual leave.

A good deal of inconvenience and disappointment was caused to those people who had business at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday. A notification having appeared in Friday's "Gazette" appointing every Tuesday and Thursday as days for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Beaufort, in lieu of the days previously named, viz. the second and fourth Monday of the month, Mr. C. J. Leadbeater and Captain W. B. Bridges, R.N., the Justices of the Peace present, decided that the Court could not be opened. In making the announcement, Mr Leadbeater pointed out that as the summonses made returnable for that day had now lapsed, it would be necessary to issue fresh summonses, but whether the Government would remit the amount he could not say. Six days' notice had been given, two of which were settled out of Court. The hour has also been altered from 12.15 p.m. to 10.30 a.m. There are three local magistrates, as well as six in the surrounding district, but, excepting two, their attendance is very irregular, whilst the P.M. only visits Beaufort once a month. As the local court has not hitherto been held for punctuality, but on the ordinary magistrates' time, but has been wasted through hunting up a second magistrate, it is clear that with the increased tax on the time of the magistrates, unless additional local magistrates are appointed. Two sittings a month have been ample for the small amount of business done, and the change therefore is ill-advised, from the fact that more than half the time is probably the time when the chances are, that litigants will be kept waiting while the police are searching for magistrates.

The Postmaster-General seems to be very chary in granting postal conveniences to country residents. Shortly after the regading works started at the Beaufort cutting, we complained about the local post-office being closed between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m., because of the great inconvenience caused thereby. Mr. E. H. Austin, M.L.A., at once interested himself in the matter, and has kindly forwarded us the following letter, showing how his application was received:—"Post Office and Telegraph Department, General Post Office, Melbourne, April 27, 1896. Sir,—With reference to your personal request that the post and telegraph office, Beaufort, be kept open between 5 and 7 p.m. on the days the men employed on the regading works receive their wages, I have the honor to inform you that instructions have been issued for the office to be kept open, as desired, to-day (pay-day) and on all future pay-days. I have the honor to sign, JAMES SMITH, deputy Postmaster-General. This concession comes to late to be of much use to the regaders, and late to work is almost completely near Beaufort. But there is still no reason why the department should not study the convenience of the general public by regularly keeping the office open between the hours named.

Received from Messrs Hendy, Leary & Co., Geelong, six agents for a quantity of Gun Unclaimed Money Agency, a specimen copy of Gun's Index to Advertisements which will appear since 1890, for next-of-kin, heirs-at-law, legatees, and others entitled to unclaimed money. Specimen copies of the Index may be obtained gratis from the firm named.

Death is fast removing the pioneers of the district. On Saturday Mr. Eliza Whiting, senr., expired at the age of 70 years, after a long and painful illness of the system. Deceased had followed the occupation of a gardener for some years, and had been a successful exhibitor of vegetables at the Beaufort Agricultural Society's Show. He leaves a grown-up family of two sons and a daughter (all of whom are married), besides a number of grandchildren, to mourn his loss. The funeral took place on Monday, the remains being interred in the Beaufort Cemetery. Mr. W. Baker, undertaker, Beaufort, satisfactorily carried out the mortuary arrangements. The Church of England burial service was read by the Rev. R. Hosken.

A trolly accident happened on Tuesday morning on the railway line between Beaufort and Middle Creek. A number of navies were travelling in two trolleys at a fast rate of speed to the regading works, when they were struck by a Black trolly that they would run into the trolly ahead of them, jumped off, with the result that Black dislocated his shoulder, and Kane sustained an injury to the lower portion of his spine. The injuries were attended to by Dr. Adam.

Mr. Clus. J. Joy sat to transact local Land Board business at Ballarat on Thursday and recommended the following applications:—Section 67, parish of Eurambone—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. Trevergo.

Mr. Robert Chirnside, J.P., of Carranballach, has (says the "Grenville Standard") definitely decided not to contest the seat for the Nelson province at the ensuing September elections. His brother, Mr. Andrew S. Chirnside, of Koort Koort, is contesting the seat on a trip to Europe very shortly, which will throw a large amount of additional responsibility upon Mr. Robert Chirnside. He is of the opinion that, under the circumstances, it will not be advisable for the present to undertake duties that are likely to entail much additional work and anxiety. This intimation will be received with much regret by the many friends of Mr. Chirnside, who had anticipated his ready acquiescence in their wishes as already looked upon his election to the seat for the Nelson province.

A young man named James Callister was brought before Messrs A. Andrews and J. W. Harris, J.P.s, at the Beaufort Court of Petty Sessions on Thursday, on a charge of having no visible lawful means of support. He pleaded not guilty. It appeared from the evidence of Senior Constable Downey (who arrested the accused on Tuesday night) and Mr. Van der Stoep, the Callister had tea at the Victoria Hotel and refused to pay for the meal. A brother of Callister's swore that the accused had been employed on the regading works from September to Easter, when he gave him £2 to try his luck at Waterloo. He never knew him to drink till Easter. As far as the charge was concerned, he could support his brother, and give him work as a cook at his boarding-house in the morning. If he would never appear before the court, Mr. Andrews administered a caution to the accused. He (Callister) must not think for a moment that he could go rolling about the hotels and do as he liked. They believed Mr. Vander Stoep had given his evidence truly; simply because he (Callister) had had a drink or two was no excuse, and he would have to be more careful. In consideration of his brother having spoken in his favor, the Bench had decided to deal leniently with him, to give him an opportunity of reforming. He was liable to 12 months' imprisonment, but would be discharged.

Judge Hamilton sat in the Court at Warranabool on Thursday, 23rd ult. The executors of W. and J. Thompson, of Warranabool, and W. O. Thomas, miller, of Warranabool, for £230 damages for the conversion of wheat. Mr. M'Larty, farmer of Aubrey, deposited the wheat with the defendant, who sold it to pay the amount owing. M'Larty subsequently denied giving instructions for the sale of the wheat, which he said did not belong to him. A quantity of evidence was taken, and the judge finally adjourned the case to the September sittings, remarking that it is a sad case, and that the jury of farmers or business people who were conversant with the use in such matters. A similar action of E. Smith v. W. O. Thomas resulted in a non-suit.

It has been decided by the military commandant, Sir Charles Kellied-Smith, as the result of an interview with the Minister of Defence, that there will be no review of troops on Queen's Birthday as has been the custom hitherto. He said there will be general parades at Beaufort, which will be of a more instructive and serviceable character. The horse and field artillery will parade on the 25th under the command of Colonel Kelly, and the Metropolitan Brigade of garrison artillery militia will be exercised at the Geelong Barracks, while the Geelong Battery will spend the day at the Queenscliff, and the permanent artillery, The Western District batteries will occupy the Warranabool, Port Fairy, and Port Land rivers, and the engineers' submarine mining and field will do some practical work at their orderly room, Yarra-bank. A company from each battalion of the Infantry Brigade, and also from the Rangers, will be selected to be exercised in firing with ball cartridges under as near as possible service conditions, including a march of about ten miles. A trolly will be given to most efficient company to become the property of the corps; winning it twice, and medals will be presented to each member of the successful team. It is notified that the Mounted Rifles will be given permission to fire in this competition if they wish. "Argus."

Owing to being unavoidably detained in Ararat through pressure of work, Mr. Millist was unable to take the portraits of the pioneers of Fiery Creek this week; but announces that he will open a branch studio in Beaufort early next week for the purpose of taking portraits for the representative picture. Sixty old residents have consented to sit for the picture, but as about 100 are required it is now intended to include the principal residents of Beaufort. Mr. Millist recently worked up a splendid picture of the old identities of Ararat, which found a ready sale. He proposes to insert views of Beaufort in the early days and as it now appears, and such an interesting picture of the town and its people should result in a large number of copies being disposed of.

The rainfall for the week ending yesterday at 9 a.m., at Beaufort, amounted to 3.5 points.

A tuberculosis conference was held at the Ballarat City Hall on Saturday, Cr. J. G. McDonald, the Mayor, presiding. Among the local bodies represented were those of Subsoilport, Crewick, Clunes, Browns and Scarsdale, Ballarat (shire), Grenville, Burgaroe, Talbot, Buninyong, Lexton and Ripon (Cr. Beggs representing Riponshire). Dr. Gresswell, chairman of the Public Board of Health, Messrs W. Anderson, M.L.A., and Cr. Shoppe, members of the board, were also present, and occupied seats on the platform. A long discussion took place relative to tubercular diseases in cattle, and suggestions were made with a view of protecting the public health in the way of supervising the meat and milk supplies. Dr. Gresswell pointed out the importance of the question under discussion, saying that sanitary government had been placed in the hands of local councils, and should be properly carried out. He advocated the appointment of more expert inspectors, the periodical examination of dairy cattle by veterinary surgeons, and the slaughtering of cattle at abattoirs under direct municipal control. From 14 to 16 per cent. of people in civilized countries suffered from tubercular disease, and in Australia about 6000 persons died annually from one particular form of the disease. In Ballarat City, Ballarat East and Sebastopol there was an average of two deaths per week from phthisis and tubercular meningitis. Dr. Gresswell illustrated his remarks with diagrams. Finally it was resolved on the motion of Cr. Shoppe (Ballarat City), seconded by Mr. T. E. Treloar, chemist, "That the delegates attending the conference approve of appointing a veterinary inspector for the Ballarat district, and pledge themselves to recommend to their respective councils that a sum be voted annually for such purpose." At luncheon, Dr. Gresswell, in acknowledging the toast of his health, stated that if the cattle trade of Victoria with the home countries was to flourish there must be rigid inspection of all animals exported.

The annual Harvest Festival Service was held at St. John's Church of England on Wednesday evening. There was a good congregation, the building being filled. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Three arches, composed of ears of corn, variegated leaves, flowers, evergreens, and grapes, were formed above the altar rails, whilst similar arches were placed in the aisle in the centre of the building and near the door. The pulpit, lamps, window ledges, organ, &c., were also nicely festooned and decorated with flowers, fruit and foliage. Vegetables were also prominently displayed. The lessons and hymns were appropriate to the service, and the congregation joined the incumbent, Rev. R. Hosken, in giving utterance to a general thanksgiving prayer. The Rev. Canon Tucker, vicar of Hamilton, preached an earnest, thoughtful, and eloquent sermon from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, VI, 7, 8: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatever a man soweth, that shall he reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." He showed that God's principles and actions were the same in all spheres—and in grace, so in nature. He provided for the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field, and all must rely on His love, thoughtfulness, and care in the visible world and in the invisible world, the body belonging to the one and the spirit to the other. They could live as though this world were their only sphere, but that would never give them the character necessary to belong to God; they must acquire godliness to take to God. St. Ignaceus, disciple of St. Paul, who lived a worldly life they would reap corruption, but if they lived so as to gain a God-like character, they would become fit to see Him face to face and mind to mind through all eternity. The preacher pointed out that they were as sheaves, and that every time a person spoke an angry word, or did wrong he or she was sowing the evil seed; and every time they checked the angry word and spoke patiently, thoughtfully and forbearingly, they were putting forth good fruit. He especially urged parents to exercise care that their children were spiritually ripe for the harvest, and in conclusion he sought all to pray for wisdom and the power to judge aright. The Rev. R. Hosken asked that fruits, sheaves, vegetables, &c., used in decorating the church might remain, as he had promised the Middle Creek congregation what assistance he could in this respect towards decorating St. George's Church for the Harvest Festival the following Sunday afternoon.

A very sad death occurred at Clute on Tuesday last, when Mrs Henry Wilcox died in giving birth to a child. Deceased, who was 34 years of age, leaves a husband and seven young children to mourn her loss. The funeral took place on Thursday, and was very largely attended. The remains were interred in the Waterloo Cemetery. Messrs Stevenson Bros. carried out the ordinary arrangements.

A preliminary meeting of ratepayers in the East Riding, Shire of Ripon, who feel dissatisfied with the manner in which the business of the riding is carried on, was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Snake Valley, on the evening of the 23rd ult. It was decided that a requisition be prepared and presented to the president, requesting that gentleman to call a public meeting of the ratepayers in that riding for Saturday evening, 2nd May. The principal item of business will be the question of severance.—"Grenville Standard."

In a stained-glass window of an English cathedral, dated over a hundred years ago, is depicted a bicyclist riding through a town with an admiring populace watching him. It is said that the pneumatic tire was patented in 1745.

The falling-off in the supplies of Australasian wool for the London sales is now very marked. The net supplies available for sale in London show a falling-off of no less than 159,000 bales compared with the corresponding series of 1895.

The total value of ratable property within the metropolitan fire district amounts to £4,737,705 for the last financial year. This is a decrease of £942,002 on the amount returned in 1894.

It is announced that the Transvaal Executive has commuted the capital sentence passed on Colonel Frank Rhodes, Messrs Lionel Phillips, George Farrar, and J. Hays Hammond; but it is not yet known what penalty will be substituted.

CONFESSION—A QUESTION OF HISTORY.

Confession among Catholics and Protestants.

The following is the concluding portion of the sermon preached by Rev. H. W. Cleary, in the R.C. Church, Beaufort, on Sunday week:—

We have seen that when Christ came upon earth He found the practice of confessing sins already established. We have no evidence that He condemned it, although He, as God, foreknew it would be the practice of the overwhelming majority of Christians in all ages. In fact His first disciples were of the multitude who came to St. John and "were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins."

The Old Law was, as we know, the type or figure of the more perfect New Law. The abolition, &c., of the Old Law were but figures of the more perfect abolition of the New-Baptism. The scriptures of the Old Law were but prophetic types of the higher and better Sacrifice of the New Law. It is not unreasonable to infer that the confession of sins which God commanded in the Old Law would likewise be a figure of a more perfect kind of confession in the New. The overwhelming majority of all Christian people have ever held that this superior kind of confession is implicitly contained in the words of power which Christ gave to His Apostles when he said: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven them, and whose sins you shall retain they are retained" (John, xx, 22, 23).

The apostolic right and duty are twofold: sometimes they are to forgive, sometimes to retain. Confession of sins is the ordinary and only way by which God's ministers can know when the solemn responsibility of their office requires them to forgive, and when to retain sins. This knowledge, this confession, are alike the necessary conditions to the rational exercise of that power—unless we blasphemously suppose that Christ established a new kind of capricious despotism, and sent forth men with power to condemn and absolve without knowledge of the cause. With this I shall deal more fully when treating of the Sacrament of Penance. My present purpose, as already explained, is merely to deal historically with the fact of confession to a fellow-man as an act of religion.

The Apostles were entrusted with the "ministry of reconciliation." St. John declares that "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John, i, 9). And the Acts (ix, 18) tell us how "many of those that believed came and confessed, and showed their deeds;" (as the Authorized Version has it). Here we believe, not making a mere vague confession, but actually showing their deeds in the very days of the Apostles themselves! Of these passages, more at another time.

THE EARLY CHURCH.

It is almost needless to prove that certain sins of an aggravated character had to be confessed to the clergy in the early Christian Church; for this no instructed person would deny. The Protestant writer of the article on "Penance" in Smith and Cheetham's Dictionary of Christian Antiquities admits that confession of the three mortal sins (murder, idolatry, and adultery) was obligatory, even if the sins had been secret. We have evidence that confession much more extensive than this was known in the early Church. St. Ignaceus, disciple of St. Paul, who was a disciple of St. John, is witness for the practice in his day, in the case of Cerdon and others (Contra Hæres. lib. i, c. 3). Tertullian (died A.D. 245) bears the practice, as we do, on the words of Christ in John xx, 22, 23, and condemns those who "keep their sins secret, as if we could conceal them from God by hiding them from the sight of men." (De Pænit. c. 9 & 10). Origen (died about A.D. 250) exhorts sinners to "look around diligently for one to whom you should confess your sins, and who will judge if the sin is of such a nature that 'it ought to be exposed in the meeting of the whole church' (public confession); he exhorts people to 'reveal their sins not only to God, but also to those who can heal our sins and wounds, &c.'" (Hæret. ii, in Pænit. 30, c. 6). St. Cyprian (died 258) praises those who "come to the priest of God to confess with simplicity and sorrow, disclosing the secrets of their consciences" (De Læpse). St. Athanasius (died 333) says: "He who confesses his sins in a penitential spirit obtains from the priest the remission of them" (Tract. in Evang. S. Lucæ, c. 19). Lactantius (died 325) exhorts the faithful to confess and warns them against the evil of "concealing that which they have committed" (Inst. div. lib. iv, c. 17). St. Basil (died 378) says: "It is necessary to confess our sins to those who are entrusted with the disposition of the mysteries of God" (S. Basil. quad. Liberum, vol. iv, p. 167). Copious extracts were given from the writings of St. Ephrem, Cyril of Jerusalem, Gregory Nazianzen, Ambrose, Augustine, &c., &c., and many Councils to prove the continuous existence of the practice of confession to priests, not alone in the Church, but also among the sects, up to the date of the Fourth Council of Lateran in 1215.

The public confession of sins in the early Church was regulated and preceded by private confession. As public confession was a disciplinary regulation, the Church could, and for sufficient reasons eventually did, dispense with it. But the practice of private confession being, as we shall more fully see at the proper time, a discipline instituted, continues in full force to the present day.

Of the vast number of Protestant witnesses to the antiquity of the practice of confession in the Church, let the two following (one a layman, the other a divine) suffice. Bishop Taylor, in his Holy Living, says:—

"Because we may be very much helped if we take in the assistance of spiritual guide, therefore the Church of God hath not only commended, and in most ages enjoined, that we confess our sins, and discover the state and condition of our souls, to a person whom we trust our consciences judge fit to be consulted." The Deistic historian Gibbon says, in his Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire:—

"The scholar cannot resist the weight of historic evidence which establishes the fact of confession as one of the principal points of the faith of the Papal Church during all the period of the first four centuries."

CONFESSION AMONG PROTESTANTS.

It is pleasant to record how many of the sixteenth century Reformers either retained the practice of confession, or frankly deplored its abolition. Luther retained it to the end of his life, and Luther inherited it to it as "the only remedy for afflicted souls" (De Captiv. Babyl., cap. 1). In the Small Catechism, published shortly before his death, he says: "We have to declare to the confessor only the sins which we know," and gives particulars as to the method of examination of conscience

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL

MONDAY, 4TH MAY, 1896.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Department of Public Works, intimating that as the petition for severance of areas from the Shires of Ripon and Hamden was, upon examination, found in its present form to be insufficiently signed, no further action can be taken thereon.—Received.

From Treasury, forwarding account for completion for L452 16s 3d, being endowment for half-year ending June 1896.—Attended to.

From Department of Victorian Water Supply, stating in reply, that it has been decided to renew the mortgage in connection with Riponshire waterworks for a period of 20 years from 1st July next, and the Crown solicitor has been instructed to give effect to such proposal. It is not proposed to alter the conditions of the existing mortgage in the renewal.—Received.

From Secretary Public Health, requesting full report from health officer as to proposed rubbish tip in Beaufort, giving particulars as to methods to be adopted for dealing with the refuse, nature of soil to about 6ft. in depth, relation of site to population and water-courses, and geological condition of adjoining areas.—Referred to north riding members.

From Hon. G. Turner, Premier, forwarding copy of Dr. J. W. Springthorpe's report as representative of Victoria at the Public Health Section of the Intercolonial Medical Congress recently held at Dunedin, and inviting special attention to resolution respecting tubercular disease, adopted at conference, and also Dr. Springthorpe's comments thereon.—Received.

Cr Beggs, who represented Riponshire at the recent conference at Ballarat re tubercular disease in stock, gave an account of the proceedings. He could not say it was a conference, as it turned into a lecture by Dr. Gresswell. It was a very interesting lecture, and by means of a magic lantern the disease was shown in a microscopic form. Cr Shoppe had a motion prepared, to the effect that a recommendation be made to the adjoining municipalities as to the advisability of appointing an inspector of health to visit abattoirs and dairies, but nothing was said about outside shires. No step was taken except for Ballarat and the adjoining boroughs. It seems to be of no use to have an ordinary inspector of stock—he must be a really qualified veterinarian to say whether stock were affected or not. Dr. Gresswell laid great stress on the question of the inspection of abattoirs and dairies in Queensland, both of these colonies being very much ahead of Victoria in this respect. He did not see how they could appoint a veterinarian, but they could see that all dairies were registered and kept clean. He inquired as to what constituted a dairy, but got no reply.

Cr Beggs was accorded the thanks of the council, on the motion of Crs Bridges and Lewis, for attending the conference; Cr Beggs briefly acknowledging the compliment.

From Talbotville, asking co-operation in obtaining an amendment of the Dog Act 1890, being of opinion that every household should be allowed to keep a dog without paying the tax.—Cr Flynn thought that every owner of land should be allowed to keep one dog free, Cr Russell, who moved that every household be allowed to keep one dog free, pointed out that miners and poor people were able to catch rabbits with dogs, which helped them to get a living, and that they were more entitled to the concession, as landholders were better able to pay the tax. Seconded by Cr Flynn, who wished the motion qualified so as to exclude sporting dogs, which were dangerous things. Cr Cushing said that where the rabbits were landowners required a dog, but not so householders. He moved as an amendment that the privilege should only apply to landowners. Cr Bridges referred to owners of sporting dogs and dogs having to pay the tax in the old country. It appeared to him to be right to support the amendment, which he seconded, but he did not want to press it. Cr Lewis thought it was better to let the Act remain as it is and not try to alter it. The motion and amendment were withdrawn, and the letter was ordered to lie on the table.

From Araratshire, notifying that John Carroll's tender at L88 had been accepted for forming and gravelling on the boundary road between Berryman's and Black's bridge, and asking, as this exceeds by L8 the sum mentioned, Riponshire council to sanction the acceptance of the tender.—Sanction given on motion of Crs Flynn and Beggs.

From Mayor of Melbourne, re Bruner Colliery Accident Relief Fund, suggesting the formation of a local committee to raise subscriptions.—To lie on the table.

From Country Fire Brigades' Board, notifying that the probable expenditure of the Western Fire District has been estimated at L451 10s for year ending December 1896, Ripon's proportion being L58 8s 8d, and claiming L2 1s 5d for March quarter.—Included in payment.

From Public Health Department, requesting report by engineer relative to doorways, fire appliances, &c., at Societies' Hall, Beaufort; also, later, acknowledging receipt of report, and forwarding copy of letter sent to Mr Ingram concerning certain improvements demanded.—Left in hands of engineer and champion.

From Dr. Champion, notifying the admission into the Ballarat Hospital of Joseph Wm Hudson, Trawalla, suffering from enteric fever.—Received.

From Dr. Donaldson, notifying case of enteric fever (George Snell) at Snake Valley, and of scarlet fever (Mrs Jas. Brown, junr.) at Chertswode.—Received.

From Health Inspector Bourke, notifying the death of Mrs J. Brown, junr., of Chertswode, from scarlet fever, and stating that every precaution has been taken to prevent the further spreading of the disease.—Received.

Application by Waterloo Mechanics' Institute for renewal of dancing license.—Granted on motion of Crs Beggs and Flynn.

From Dr. Wilkie, offering to light Ripon's two lamps in Skipton from April 8 to September 30 for Ld 15s, the same average as contracted for by him with Hamphenshire.—The secretary stated he had written authorising Wilkie to light the lamps until the council met.—Granted on motion of Crs Lewis and Russell.

From Contractor Slater, asking for an order to enter the property of Mr A. Wilson, Mt. Emu, to get material for contract on Ovingham and Lake Goldsmith road; also to enter Mr Chirnside's Carranballe Estate and Mrs Ritchie's Blythevale Estate to get material for contract on Streatham and Skipton road.—Granted on motion of Crs Beggs and Lewis.

From J. H. Gardiner, Baangal, asking that council's portion of road leading from the Streatham road into Baangal be re-gravelled.—Referred to engineer for report.

From J. Holdsworth, Beaufort, applying for renewal of license for boiling-down establishment, situated on Ararat road, about half-a-mile from the township boundary.—Dealt with subsequently.

From Rabbit Inspector Bourke, Snake Valley, in reply as to why he does not press council's tenant, Mr Brown, to destroy the rabbits on Mt. Emu Reserve, stating that he could not go beyond the provisions of the Act, and consequently could not recognise any tenant of the council until such time as the Act is amended giving him power to comply with council's request.—Cr Flynn could not understand Inspector Bourke, who had not to look for back for convictions against tenants. He knew of one man who was sued at the Linton Court and narrowly escaped being fined for not destroying rabbits on land which he agreed to lease for 12 months, but which he refused to take possession of when he saw the state of the land. He remembered several cases where convictions were obtained against tenants. Cr Lewis stated that Mr Bourke informed him there was no clause in the lease to make the tenant destroy the rabbits, but he was confident Mr Bourke was wrong. Several councillors expressed the same belief. The President suggested that a man be put on for a fortnight to assist Mr Brown to clear the reserve. Cr Beggs said they had already given him assistance. Cr Lewis moved that Mr Bourke's letter be sent to Head Inspector Black, to see what he will do. Seconded by Cr Beggs; Cr Bridges suggesting as an addition that Mr Black be informed that there is a clause in the lease whereby the tenant must destroy all vermin on the reserve.—Cr Cameron said that if the tenant was pressed he would not be able to pay. Cr Lewis had no wish to be hard on the tenant, but if he were allowed to throw up the lease the council would then have to clear the reserve of rabbits. The next tenant might afterwards turn round and do the same thing again. Cr Bridges agreed with the President that they should give the tenant some assistance. Cr Cushing thought it was a matter for the east riding members to deal with. Inspector Bourke was the cause of all the trouble. The Secretary understood that Mr Bourke said the council had no right to lease the reserve at all. Cr Russell asked what Bourke had to do with it. The Secretary: "He is the bush lawyer of Carungam." (Laughter.) Cr Russell was understood to say: "We are not going to stand that." The motion was carried.

Cr Lewis said that they had gone to the expense of netting the reserve, and Brown had been voted L5 for poisoned wheat so that something should be done, but he had not applied for it. The Secretary was instructed to write asking Brown to apply for the poisoned wheat. From J. Keating, Enoch Park, asking what a mile of wire-netting would cost, through the council, under the Vermin Destruction Act, if there is any fixed date for applications, and to whom would be applied.—The time fixed for applications has passed.

From National Wool Company of Australia Ltd., asking in view of the arbitrary action of the Pharmacy Board in prosecuting Tox's distributors, that the same secretary be allowed, in the interest of rabbit extermination, to obtain a permit from the Pharmacy Board to sell Toxa.—No action; the engineer stating that Toxa could be obtained from Mr J. W. Harris, chemist, Beaufort.

From W. H. Williams, Beaufort, asking permission to sink a shaft within about 40ft north of the Beaufort Reservoir bank, and to put a drive under the bank for the purpose of obtaining the gold which it has been proved is lodged there. The drive would be a narrow one, and securely timbered, so as to prevent the subsidence of the bank; he and his party believing that it could be so constructed as not to endanger the bank, and at the same time obtain the gold.—Referred to the Board of Land and Works, as the council are only the lessees of the reservoir.

From J. and A. Mulcahy, Lake Goldenith, agreeing to take L25 for past and future damages caused by cutting a drain through their land at Eurambien, providing the council does not enter the land again or do any more damage to same.—Cr Bridges stated that Mr Mulcahy had called on him and said he would take L25 in full settlement. He asked Mr Mulcahy to put it in

writing. He told him (Cr Bridges) that if any little thing wanted doing to drain the council should go in and he would not object. The engineer pointed out that the Local Government Act makes a provision that if a municipality pays compensation it is allowed to keep a drain clean. It was decided, on the motion of Crs Bridges and Flynn, that L25 be offered Mulcahy as full compensation for all damage, if the council is allowed to enter the land to keep the drain cleaned out; a solicitor to draw up the agreement.

From J. E. W. Brown, secretary Beaufort Football Club, asking permission to make a charge for admission to the Beaufort Park on Monday, 25th May, the occasion of a football match between Stowell Mercantile and Beaufort clubs; and hoping to be able to give a donation this year to the Park Improvement Fund.—Granted on motion of Crs Bridges and Flynn.

From assistant Government Statist, asking for Beaufort Butter Factory return at once.—Referred to Beaufort Butter Factory directors.

From W. R. Nicol, Beaufort, complaining about a 5s water rate on garden, and as he had not used any water there for the past two years, he thought it unfair that he should be asked to pay it.—Referred to Water Commission.

From W. Provis and about 20 ratepayers, Beaufort, asking that a bridge be erected over the channel near the dog-house, Beaufort.—Referred to north riding members.

Postponed application of A. C. Wilson, Mt. Emu, asking permission to erect wire-netting gates across roads in the parish of Yangerahwill.—Granted on motion of Crs Lewis and Bridges.

From R. Milist, photographer, asking council to grant its patronage towards a large representative picture which he proposed making of the Beaufort pioneers and principal residents, the councillors and officers to form a centre piece, and the picture to belong to the town, and asking councilors to forward their photos, with name and date of arrival endorsed on back. Copies could be obtained at 2s 6d each.—Cr Cushing, who moved that the patronage of the council be granted, said that he did not see why Beaufort should not be reproduced and handed down to future generations to see the men who had put it in its present position. Seconded by Cr Russell, and carried.

FINANCIALS.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the Finance Committee:—Salaries, L40; J. A. Daly, 19s 4d; W. G. Stevens, 19s; J. A. Cameron, 19s; W. K. Downey, L2; D. D. Cameron, L10; Mrs Taylor, L1; J. Tompkins, L1; L. B. Gid; Country Fire Brigades' Board; L3 15s 6d; R. Clark, L3 6d; Martin & Gress, 3s; A. Parker, L3 6d; Taylor, Buckland & Gates, L4; McChollie, Carrying Co. Ltd., L3 3s; Felton, Grimwade & Co., L10 18s 2d; Government of Victoria, L10 18s 2d; Vermin Destruction Loan, L101 13s; Excise, L15 15s 11d; Whitehead, L3 4s; W. McEwen, L3 5s; M. Muir, L7 14s; M. Moehan, L12 9s; Jas. Lynch, L4 10s; D. Esplin, 6s 6d; M. C. Crigan, L13 10s; H. Kelly, L1 7d; J. Sheehan, L7 4d; W. Watson, L2 11s 6d; R. Gibson, L7 5s; W. Stevens, L4 6s 8d; H. M. Stuart, L7 4s 6d; J. Holley, L2 2s; Hawkes Bros., 7s 5s 3d; T. Trevelan, L2 3s 3d; W. Johnston, 9s 6d; W. C. Pedder, 12 3s; J. A. Slater, 5s; T. Chibnall, L3 7s 6d; J. White, L2; W. Chibnall, L3 7s 6d; J. Danks & Son, L14 10s 8d. Contract deposits:—Nunn Bros., 10s; J. W. Edwards, 8s; J. W. Waterhouse & Co., L1; Schlicht & Carmichael, 10s; W. Edward, L1 4s; J. Whitaker, L1 3s 6d; Eyles Bros., L1 9s 6d. Contract payments:—S. E. Pimblett, L31; Nunn Bros., L7 10s; Smith & Anderson, L20; Carmichael & Schlicht, L7 14s; J. Carmichael, L30; E. and W. Higgs, L10 0s 6d; A. R. Slater, L120. Total, L513 7s.

ROADS.

Cont. No. 21.—Metalling road between Waterloo and Main Lead, repairs, &c.—J. F. Yarkin, (accepted), L46 5s; C. Broadbent, L62 5s; J. Carmichael, L72 7s 6d; S. Pimblett, L71 7s 6d.

Cont. No. 22.—Supplying Horse Feed in Beaufort for one horse.—D. Troy (accepted), hay chaff, 4s 3d per cwt; straw, 3s 9d per cwt; straw, 1s 6d per bundle; J. R. Waterhouse & Co., chaff, 5s per cwt; oats, 3s 6d per bushel; straw, 3s 6d per cwt; bran, 1s 4d per bushel.

Cont. No. 23.—Forming and metalling by Ringing's homestead, Lillifre.—C. Broadbent (accepted), L26 8s; F. Smith, L4 9s 6d; H. Hayward, L32 6s 6d; Nunn Bros., L28 17s; Madden Bros., L34 4s.

Cont. No. 24.—Forming and metalling on the Skipton to Streatham road, near Streatham.—A. R. Slater (accepted), L283 12s; C. Broadbent, L298 13s 9d; Madden Bros., L358 3s 6d.

HARVEST FESTIVAL ST. GEORGES, MIDDLE CREEK.

This Festival Service was held in the above Church on Sunday afternoon, May 3rd, commencing at 3 p.m. Long before the time appointed the congregation began to gather around the church, and soon after it was opened it became full. The service began with the hymn, "Come, ye thankful people, come," then followed the order for evening prayer as far as the first collects, with special psalms appointed. The lessons were taken from Deuteronomy IV, and St. Matthew xiii, with the "Magnificat" between the lessons, and the "Cantate Dominus" following. After the Apostle's creed, special prayer was offered, with the hymn, "Hail to the seed time, when the buried grain," coming between, and hymn, "We plough the fields and scatter," following. The subject of the sermon was our Lord's parable of the "Tares of the field." After the offertory, the hymn, "Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing," was sung, and the service, which was bright and profitable, was concluded with prayer; the Incense being conducted throughout. The Church was very beautifully decorated, surpassing it is thought, any former attempt. There was a profusion of flowers, fruit, and vegetables tastefully arranged from chance to entrance door, testifying to the liberality and diligence of those who contributed and laboured towards an effect which made a deep impression upon the large congregation present. The Church committee of St. George's desire here to express and offer their sincere and hearty thanks to the congregation of St. John's, Beaufort, for their large donation of most useful gifts towards their Harvest Festival of 1896.—[COMMUNICATED.]

BEAUFORT UNITED COMMON.

The managers of the above common met at the secretary's office on Wednesday, Present—Messrs Homphreys, Flynn, and Browne (secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

From the secretary, reporting balance to credit, L197s 11d, as per bank book; fees received to date for current half-year, L35 7s; unpaid fees due on stock registered, L10 12s; making the total assets to date L45 19s. Percentage due to herdsman, L8 6s 6d, being L3s 6d on current fees, and L5s on arrears, which are now reduced to L3 3s. The result of the action taken to recover arrears is stated in the herdsman's report.—Received.

From the herdsman, reporting that 9,000 sheep and 200 head of cattle passed through the common since last meeting; that in accordance with instructions given at last meeting summonses were taken out to recover arrears for past half-year. Some were settled, and the two remaining cases did not come on in consequence of one party being absent. The balance of one case has been settled since, leaving but one to be dealt with.

Resolved that the Crown Law Department be applied to for a refund of the cost of the summonses issued, as a Court was not held on the day named on the summonses; also that in the event of the one defaulting paying the first half-year's fees by the 11th inst., time be given to pay the balance, failing which, a fresh summons to be served at once.

From Jessie Holdsworth, applying for permission to select 20 acres of land on the common, being part of allotment 7, parish of Karanbuen.—Permission granted, the managers being of opinion that it will prevent the applicant's sheep from trespassing on the common.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—Herdsman's percentage, L8 6s 6d; secretary, L2; Fitzpatrick, L1 10s.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

The transfer of a license for 20a, under 49th section, parish of Trawalla, from Mary A. Thompson to Petrus DeBaure, has been approved.

Applications for grants approved:—Jessie Callister, 12a, 3r, 26p, under 18th section, parish of Langi-Kal-Kal; Wm. Callister, 19a, 3r, 33p, under 18th section, parish of Langi-Kal-Kal; Emily Callister, 11a, 2r, 26p, under 18th section, parish of Langi-Kal-Kal.

A supplementary roll of State school teachers, with the classification up to the 30th April, is published.

The statement of accounts of the Bangor Public Cemetery for the year ending 31st December 1895, is published. It shows a credit balance of L1 3s 6d.

The police have not yet succeeded in clearing up the mystery surrounding the poisoning of the Wiffin family at Auburn. Three of the children are out of danger, but the "little boy" Arnold is still in a precarious condition. The detectives have not been able to ascertain anything concerning the candy up to the time it was found on the table by the eldest daughter.

APURITIES IN THE BLOOD.—We have seen hosts 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."

Swarms of caterpillars are making havoc with the green feed in the Graton district, N.S.W.

The Age makes the startling admission that it is quite possible that in certain circumstances free trade might be more beneficial for a country than a policy of protection.

Farmers, according to all advice, are sowing as much grain as they can, but the sale of grass seeds is this year smaller than usual.

THE QUESTION OF MAKING PROVISIONS FOR LADY PARKES AND THE YOUNGER CHILDREN BY THE SECOND WIFE OF SIR HENRY PARKES, WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN AN ALMOST DESTITUTE CONDITION, HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE N.S.W. C. BINET, AND IT WAS PRACTICALLY DETERMINED THAT PARLIAMENT SHOULD BE ASKED TO VOTE A SUM FOR THEIR SUPPORT. LADY PARKES WILL BE CONSULATED UPON THE SUBJECT.

In connection with the Auburn poisoning mystery, the analyst has found arsenic in the vomit of the children. The large quantities which must have been in the candy, are believed to have been derived from "Rough on Rats."

In the libel case, Mirams vs. "The Argus" a verdict was given for the plaintiff, with L5 damages, the jury holding that though the words complained of were libellous, they were perfectly fair comment and there was no evidence of malice.

As there is a scurrilous rumour that a Beaufort concerning me, I wish to disabuse the minds of the public by contradicting the said rumour, and if anyone will give such information as will lead to the conviction of a person or persons who started the rumour, I will handsomely reward. W. H. ELLIOTT, Nurseriesman, Ararat.

BEAUFORT COURAGING CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Mansfield's Victoria Hotel on Monday evening, 11th inst., at 8 o'clock, to elect Officers and arrange a Couraging Match.

TO LET.

GRAZING Paddock, about 250 Acres, securely fenced, well watered, near Langi-Kal Estate. Good grass. Apply Mr. FLYNN, Waterloo.

MIDDLE CREEK PUBLIC HALL.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the above Hall on Monday, May 18th, at 8 p.m., to consider about enlarging the building.

The Mining or Private Property Act 1884.

APPENDIX A.—RULE 4.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MINING LEASE.

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

Name in full of each applicant, with the full address of each, and style under which it is intended that the business shall be carried on—Charles Lennox, Waterloo South; "The Last Chance" (Limited), No. 2 Gold Mining Company.

Extent and situation of land, and whether on or below the surface, or both, or a lode—About 25 acres of allotment 20, of section V, parish of Beaufort, in name of P. Blackmore on plan, commencing at north-east corner of allotment, thence along Trawalla road northwards (10 chains) thence north-westerly to the western boundary of said allotment, thence by western boundary, north-east, and northern boundary to commencing point. Below surface.

Name of each person who owns the land, or any part thereof.—The Executors of the late Philip Blackmore.

Name of each person (if any) who is in occupation of the land—Jacet Louisa Blackmore.

Minimum number of men to be employed.—For the first six months, two men; subsequently, when in full work, twelve men.

Precise locality of the land—as described above.

Term required.—Fifteen years.—When time of commencing operations.—When lease is granted.

Amount of money proposed to be invested, and in what manner the land is to be worked.—£200; steam machinery and manual labour. Whether the boundaries of the land applied for will include any river, creek, deposit of permanent water, spring, artificial reservoir, public roads, or subject to any public rights.—None.

General remarks.—None. Date and place—6th May, 1896, Waterloo South.

Dated this 6th day of May, 1896. CHARLES LENNOX, Applicant aforesaid.

NOTE.—Warning to Applicants.—If at any time after the execution of the Mining Lease granted on this application a less number of men be employed, or if the ground be not worked to the best advantage, then in either case the Mining Lease will be liable to be forfeited or decreed void.

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It is announced that a census of the world is to be taken in the year 1900. During last quarter there were 110 deaths from typhoid fever in West Australia.

NOTICE. ALL persons trespassing with dogs or guns without permission on MAWALLOK Estate will be prosecuted. GEO. LEWIS, Manager.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT. Yellow and White Bull, near ear slit, no visible brand. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold 23rd May, 1896.

Bay Mare, blotch near shoulder, like M. Bay Filly foal, progeny of above. Gray Horse, B near shoulder. Black and white Bull, no visible brand. Red and white Bull, no visible brand. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold 30th May, 1896.

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There is a statement with the seeds of an idea...

In December, 1890, says the writer, "I fell into a passion of health..."

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A SUPERNATURAL STORY.

The Contents of a Paper Found on the Person of a Madman.

Here is a story of the supernatural. It happened more than 100 years ago...

Yet in those days the invention of news was not yet known...

That of Lameston—escaped. That was no new thing...

As the woman, although very mad indeed, was quite harmless...

They went about their search in a leisurely fashion...

At last they found her drowned in a shallow ditch...

On preparing the unhappy woman for the grave they found in her pocket...

They called her stays—something that rustled. They cut the thing open...

A small parcel rolled up tight in some waterproof stuff...

The parcel was a document written on parchment...

It was written very small and misspelled, but this was how it ran:

"The man came along after dark. He stopped at our door...

He seemed a sailor and said he was respectable and showed money...

"Elizabeth," said aunt, "he can have your room, and you shall sleep with me..."

There were two bedrooms in the cottage up a ladder...

During the evening he sent me out for drink, and he had a lot and was drunk...

He got up the ladder safe and so in. In the night I heard aunt get out of bed...

There was a moon shining in the twilight window. "She took something and went into the man's room..."

Then I was frightened and sat up in bed, and I heard a sound as of a blow...

Presently aunt came back, and in the moonlight she saw me sitting up in bed...

"Get up," she said, "go down stairs and get, if you can, a light..."

So I did and brought the righthand up the ladder. Aunt had the Bible in her hand...

"Swear," she said, "that you will never tell any one what has been done..."

So I swore, trembling, and wished I might go suddenly mad if I told. "Then," said she...

"I've killed the lodger. His pockets were full of guineas, and I'm a made woman..."

"So she made me help to drag the body down into the room below and out in the garden..."

Where we dug a hole under the cabbage and laid it as deep as we could. Then we covered all up...

And they dug up the garden in the place indicated and found the dead body...

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...

Don't lend your paper to any person who can afford to become a subscriber, but is too mean to support local enterprise.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.

If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling off, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER."

It will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair to its original color, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers."

It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots...

It is sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 5s 6d per bottle.

Wholesale depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, E.C.4.

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 £3 worth of goods...

and the grocer or draper will not throw in gratis £1 worth of something else that you may ask for.

Try this if you don't believe us.

THE TREAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.

All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Hoarse Voice Lozenges."

These famous lozenges are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s 10d per box.

People troubled with a "hacking cough," a slight cold, or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon...

As soon as they are used, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic Affections...

"Brown's Hoarse Voice Lozenges" are on the Government Stamp from each box. Prepared by J. L. BROWN & SONS, Boston St., European Depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, E.C.4.

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 notice it, but the mere fact of your advertising lets people know you are still in business..."

and 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.

"FOR BLOOD IS THE LIFE."—If the blood is impure it imparts its disease to every part of the system...

Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kidneys, Brain, Clarke's World-Famous Blood Mixture is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities...

It is sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 5s 6d per bottle.

Wholesale depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, E.C.4.

PLAYS FOR YOUNG GIRLS.

Many wise mothers think that the theater should be reserved for adult life. They regard it as a stimulant and to be necessary for the growing mind.

It may be compared to those drugs which relieve headache by affecting the heart.

Still the mother who would make of her girl a woman holy and wise will not exclude the theater.

But outside of some special representations of Shakespeare she will select only simple plays, such as "Kip Van Winkle," "Sweet Lavender," wholesome comedy where the deep passions of life are not exhibited...

and the sinful follies of youth are not presented for sympathy and for commiseration.

There is one other class of plays which she may some time allow for the same reason that she cheerfully provides romance in books, and that is the real old fashioned melodrama in which the hero is triumphant, the villain is brought to justice and all comes out right in the end.

Such a treat is like the "frolics" at surprise parties and straw rides, which were enjoyable because of their rarity.—New York Times.

MOURNING PAPER.

Mourning paper is a satire in itself. It wears the deepest possible black margin for the first six months, say. Then it grows a little narrower. Is that sign that you are not mourning so much as you were during the first half year?

THE TURKEY.

Reasonable Hints Furnished by a British Fancier and Worthy of Note.

At the age of about 8 or 9 weeks, or in some cases a little more, turkey cockerels begin to develop their distinctive characteristics.

The carunculated skin about the head and neck and a little later on the hornlike contractile comb on the forehead also assume a marked character.

At this critical period the system requires a plentiful supply of nutritious food, together with the very best attention of the turkey raiser.

Comfortable dry sheds for retreating during the day, in case of rain or very hot sun, will be of great assistance.

Perching accommodation in large, well ventilated houses free from drafts should be provided for the poults.

The distinctive sexual marks being well established, the young birds of the name of chickens begin to show their points as soon as they begin to throw, or, as it is generally called, shoot the red—a little more care for a short time, together with a little extra allowance of fresh meat, and now and then a bit of hemp seed, will be well bestowed upon them.

The time of danger will soon be over, for they will become every day stronger, more vigorous and hardy, and the turkey poult, which was so very delicate and required so much attention as a chicken, will after passing this stage rapidly develop into the mammoth of the poultry yard, with a constitution befitting his extraordinary size and handsome appearance.

However, in order to grow turkeys up to the required standard of perfection and also to compensate in some degree for loss of size and stamina a further judicious course of feeding must be continued until a large frame has been built up and all the bone possible grown in as short a time as possible.

There was a time, and that not very long ago, when the turkey was bred and reared expressly to grace the tables of those who could afford such luxuries at Christmas.

But at the present day these noble birds are justly classed among other fancy fowls. Classes are provided for them at many of our leading exhibitions, and prices are ruling higher, and it must be very gratifying to breeders to be able to note the number of first class birds which change hands at very satisfactory prices at many of our best shows.

The increasing demand for first rate specimens at remunerative prices should therefore be an inducement for farmers to go in more extensively for this handsome and useful race of poultry.

COST OF CUTTING AND CURING HAY.

Here is an estimate made by The American Cultivator. The cost of cutting and curing hay and putting it in the barn will necessarily vary much with circumstances.

In a good field, where there are two tons of hay to the acre or more, a man with a pair of good horses can begin in the afternoon and mow three or four hours; the next morning, after the dew is off, a smart boy can stir it up with the tedder, and in the afternoon can draw it into windrows with the horse rake, and if the weather has been good it may be driven into the barn at once, or if not quite cured enough it may be bunched and covered with hay caps, to sweat during the night, when a very little stirring the next day will fit it for the mow, and the cost of labor of man, boy and teams need not be over \$1 a ton at fair wages.

If the grass were heavier than two tons to the acre, it would not reduce the cost very much, as not as many acres could be cut unless the horses were very heavy, and it would be more work to get it properly cured, and the drawing in and putting upon the mow would be just as much for a ton in one case as in the other.

But where the grass is not more than a half ton to the acre, and we have seen many fields mown that fell far short of that, to mow with the hand scythe and rake with hand rake and to give an extra handling in airing because of lack of facilities for getting it dried the same day, two men would do very well to put in six tons in a week, and their time should be worth in haying not less than \$30, and it would cost \$5 per ton, and if one or two showers delayed and made it necessary to dry the hay several times it could be increased much more than that.

Probably a fair average for a good farming town or county would be from \$2 to \$2.50 per ton as expense of curing and putting in, but the poor farmer's hay will very likely cost him at least \$3 per ton more in expense than does the hay of his better equipped neighbor upon richer and more highly manured land.

FEEDING STAFF FROM MOLASSES.

A company has been formed in Cothen, Germany, to utilize beet molasses by manufacturing it into a feeding stuff which can be conveniently handled and transported.

It has been found that by mixing certain materials with molasses, which also adds to its value for food, dry, mealy food can be produced.

Experiments with this new molasses food by farmers and at some of the experiment stations are said to have given excellent results.

Arrangements are being made to manufacture this food in large quantities.

EXPERIMENT STATION NOTES.

At the Georgia station a herd of 12 cows has been successfully dehorned without causing fever or diminution in milk, but with a favorable change in the disposition of the animals.

Three stations have been organized in Idaho—at Grangeville, Idaho Falls and Nampa.

It is stated in a bulletin from the division of ornithology that hawks and owls commonly considered enemies to the farmer are in point of fact his friends and with few exceptions to be encouraged.

Only 6 of the 73 species and subspecies of hawks and owls of this country are injurious, and of these three are so extremely rare that they need not be considered.

At Purdue University, Indiana, the average results of shallow cultivation of corn for three years proved it to be better than either medium or deep cultivation. The soil was a dark loam.

FOR INDIGESTION, THE BEST REMEDY IS UNDOUBTEDLY NORTON'S GOMOLLE.

It is a simple, safe, and certain remedy, and is sold by all chemists and druggists.

DO YOU SUFFER? ARE YOU AFFLICTED WITH INDIGESTION, BACHACHE, TIBED ACHING LIMBS, LIVER COMPLAINT, LASSITUDE, OR CLEMENTS TONIC IS A QUICK, PROMPT AND SURE CURE. IT DOES NOT MERELY ALLAY THE SYMPTOMS, BUT EFFECTS A PERMANENT AND POSITIVELY LASTING CURE.

Mr Ernest Edward Feah, Berry, N.S.W., writes on April 8th:—I am only too happy to give you a testimony re Clements' Tonic. I had a severe attack of indigestion nearly two years ago. I had the attendance of a medical man from whom I derived no benefit.

The symptoms from which I suffered were severe headaches, sore throat; I was unable to retain anything I had taken on my stomach. My attention was drawn to one of your books, and after I had taken three bottles of Clements' Tonic I found great relief from that time until now.

When I feel unwell I always take Clements' Tonic and no other. I wish anyone suffering from the above symptoms would do the same; I believe it is the best medicine in the world. As far as I am concerned, it cured me when all others failed.—Yours truly, ERNEST EDWARD FEAH.

Mr H. H. Champion has written to the local press intimating that, if he is petitioned, he will stand for Villiers and Heytesbury at the next election.

General Marshall, vice-president of the Surrey C. C., holds that the Australians have virtually revolutionized English cricket. He assured the new team that they would have a hearty reception wherever they played.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a box of Mrs. Winstanley's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately.

It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to take; it produces natural, quiet sleep by softening the gums, relieving the inflamed state of the mouth, and acting as a "soothing" agent.

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 diarrhea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winstanley's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine Dealers everywhere at 1s 10d per bottle.

Queensland's revenue for the 10 months ended April 30 was £3,038,000, as compared with £2,839,000 for the corresponding 10 months of last year, and the excess of revenue over expenditure for the 10 months just ended is £588,387.

An application was recently made to the Governor of Queensland for a subscription to the Eight Hours' demonstration fund, but was refused, as his Excellency thought that the fund was connected with a political organization.

On being informed otherwise, he advised the committee that a cheque was at their disposal. After careful consideration, however, that body decided that under the circumstances it could not accept the donation.

The food 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 impure, the system is diseased. Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds are invited to give Clarke's World-Famous 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. It may possibly have escaped your recollection (writes a correspondent of a contemporary) that Colonel Rhodes, now under sentence of death at Pretoria, was once a familiar figure in Victorian ball-rooms.

He was attached to the staff of Sir Henry Loch when the latter first arrived in the colony, and after spending a few months here—about 15—departed to join his brother Cecil, who was then a rising man in Africa, but the connection was still continued, and Colonel Rhodes and Sir Henry Loch kept up a cordial correspondence. The Colonel, naturally following his brother's lead, rapidly made money, and it is understood that Sir Henry Loch persistently joined them in their ventures and reaped a profitable harvest therefrom.

Out of this connection arose his interest in that Cape Colony which he was subsequently called upon to rule, and I am disposed to think that had he been at the head of affairs instead of his more sporting colleague, Sir Hercules Robinson, the recent disastrous developments in the Transvaal would not have taken place.

"AS A SAFE, PAINLESS, AND WARRANTED CURE" for Pimples, Scrofula, Scurvy, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, we can with confidence recommend Clarke's World-Famous Blood Mixture. It is a scientific and medicinal food brought to light. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere, at 2s 6d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations.

A mysterious case of poisoning was reported to the police at Auburn on Tuesday. Four children belonging to the family of Mr Edward Wilton, residing at Burwood road, became very ill after eating some candy, and they are all in a critical condition.

About 8 o'clock this morning the eldest daughter, aged 16 years, found some stuff on the dining-room table, and she gave it to her mother, who divided it amongst five children. All but the youngest ate their share, and shortly afterwards they were seized with violent retching and severe pains in the stomach.

They were in great agony, and Drs John and James Merrilles were summoned. The three eldest recovered somewhat under vigorous treatment, but Arnold, aged 11 years, continued in a most serious condition.

It appears that the youngest did not like the taste of the candy, and gave his share to Arnold. How the candy came to be on the table is a mystery. The children declare that they did not buy any sweets, and Mrs Wilton expresses the opinion that some person must have been attempting to poison her children. The police are investigating the matter.

"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. If it is laden with poisonous matter 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. Sold in bottles of 1s 10d, 2s 6d, and 5s, by all Medicine Vendors throughout the world. A simple, safe, and certain Remedy.

POSTAL NEWS.

RATES WITHIN VICTORIA. LETTERS.—For a distance of 100 miles, 1d. For a distance of 100 to 200 miles, 1 1/2d. For a distance of 200 to 300 miles, 2d. For a distance of 300 to 400 miles, 2 1/2d. For a distance of 400 to 500 miles, 3d. For a distance of 500 to 600 miles, 3 1/2d. For a distance of 600 to 700 miles, 4d. For a distance of 700 to 800 miles, 4 1/2d. For a distance of 800 to 900 miles, 5d. For a distance of 900 to 1000 miles, 5 1/2d.

URGENT LETTERS.—For a distance of 100 miles, 1d. For a distance of 100 to 200 miles, 1 1/2d. For a distance of 200 to 300 miles, 2d. For a distance of 300 to 400 miles, 2 1/2d. For a distance of 400 to 500 miles, 3d. For a distance of 500 to 600 miles, 3 1/2d. For a distance of 600 to 700 miles, 4d. For a distance of 700 to 800 miles, 4 1/2d. For a distance of 800 to 900 miles, 5d. For a distance of 900 to 1000 miles, 5 1/2d.

RECORD BOWLING.—The record bowling feat has been accomplished in the cricket match between Dinbulla (he Wimmera premier) and Nhill. F. Marks, bowling for the former team, took five wickets with five successive balls; Trumble being at the other end, and utterly powerless to save the downfall of his best men.

At Waverley, N.S.W., while a lady was collecting for the charities, a burly fellow snatched her box from her hand, and three accomplices hustled her while the thief made off. The party then decamped, having accomplished its contemptible mean theft.

The Agricultural Department wishes it to be known that it is now open to receive produce at its cool stores, Flinders-street, for the steamer Gulf of Siam, due to leave Melbourne on 18th inst., direct for Manchester.

Mr Mathison holds that most certainly wherever there is a suburban line or a country coachpark that has a small traffic, a conductor should be put on to book in the train, leaving the guard to his own work, and the road-side staff should be removed.

The appeals made in the case of charity to the citizens of Sydney on Saturday by the ladies who volunteered their services was most successful. Over 1200 ladies, of all ages, staid themselves at street corners in Sydney and suburbs, and during the course of the day they gathered in contributions amounting to £2265, as compared with £2288 collected last Hospital Saturday. It is expected that when the country lists are received the total contributions will amount to £4000.

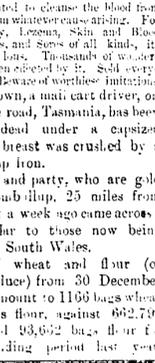
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Thomas Buxton, a mail cart driver on the Tumbidge road, Tasmania, has been found lying dead under a capized vehicle. His breast was crushed by a projecting lamp iron.

Drummond and party, who are gold mining at Tomball, 25 miles from Benalla, about a week ago came across a diamond similar to those now being found in New South Wales.

Exports of wheat and flour (of Victorian produce) from 30 December to 2nd inst. amount to 1166 bags wheat and 9922 bags flour, against 662,795 bags wheat and 93,662 bags flour for the corresponding period last year.

THE SUFFERER'S BEST FRIEND.



All Disorders affecting the Liver, Stomach, and Bowels.

These Pills can be confidently recommended as the most certain remedy for indigestion, flatulency, acidity, heartburn, colic, constipation, and all the minor ailments resulting from disordered stomach or bowels. These Pills are alternatives and strengtheners of the stomach. They may be taken under any circumstances.

Weakness and Debility, Nervous Irritability.

The wholesome effect exercised by these admirable Pills on the blood is like a charm in dispelling low spirits, and restoring cheerfulness. Their mild aperient qualities well fit them for a domestic medicine, particularly for females of all ages and periods of life.

To Regain Health, Strength, and Vigour.

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 not only rid both solids and fluids of all morbid matters, but regulate all disordered actions, and thoroughly strengthen the frame.

Chronic Coughs, Colds, and Asthmatic Affections.

These Pills, assisted by rubbing Holloway's Ointment very effectually twice a day upon the throat and chest, will be found the most effective remedy for all pectoral diseases. This treatment has proved wonderfully efficient in not only curing chronic coughs and colds, but asthma of many years standing.

COMMERCIAL

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 4s 9d per bushel, bags in 4 flour...

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 5s 1d per bushel, feed stots, 4s 9d...

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle—One of the smallest supplies for years...

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

WILLIAM SMITH, FAMILY BUTCHER, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

TO FARMERS AND OTHERS, PRICES OF BEEF & MUTTON FOR CASH.

By the quarters or half quarters, 17s 6d per 100 lb...

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

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...

Mr HARRIS desires to impress upon the public that only the highest class of drugs and chemicals will be stocked...

Mr Harris having had considerable experience in country and leading Melbourne houses, customers can rely on having their requirements faithfully and promptly attended to...

Mr J. W. HARRIS, Junr., B.D.S., Surgical and Mechanical Dentist, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

Teeth fitted accurately in vulcanite or gold at lowest prices.

NOTE THE ADDRESS—HAVELOCK STREET (Next Mechanics Institute), BEAUFORT.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES, SUNDAY, 17th MAY, 1896.

Church of England—St. John's, 11 a.m. Subject: "The revelation of Jesus Christ as the life-giver of the new creation..."

Presbyterian Church—Linton, 11 a.m. Waterloo, 3 p.m., Rev. A. Adam, M.A.

THE Riponshire Advocate, Published every Saturday Morning, SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1896.

No sooner is one petition for severance from a portion of the Shire of Ripon disposed of, than another section of dissatisfied ratepayers in the east riding...

The following will represent the Beaufort Tennis Club in a friendly match with Linton Club, at Linton, on 26th May...

The match between the Australian Eleven and Lord Sheffield's team resulted in a draw. Lord Sheffield's team, requiring 258 runs to win, scored 190 runs for the loss of only four wickets...

An old Chinaman named An Gee having died at Linton on Sunday without receiving medical attention, the coroner, who reported a magisterial inquiry to be held...

It is said that a number of electors of the Nelson Province are not at all satisfied with the manner in which the Hon. S. Williamson represents them in the Legislative Council...

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The west riding members have ungrudgingly devoted thousands of pounds towards works in the east riding...

Mr R. Chirnside, of Carrabullic, having declined to come forward for the Nelson Province, it is probable that Mr McKinnon, the well-known barrister, will be asked to contest the seat.

A silver cup has, we ("Advertiser") learn, been presented to the Ararat Football Club for competition by Messrs McGibbon and Wild, of this town...

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Amie Allan deposed to seeing J. Collins running across the paddock and D. Hehir after him. She heard a covey for assistance, and saw the men on the road, with D. Hehir on the top of Wm. Collins and T. Hehir pulling his brother off. She afterwards saw the blood streaming down the side of Collins's face, and he seemed to be very dazed.

Cross-examined—She was about 100 yards away, but it was not near enough to say what the men were doing; she saw Tom Wilkin's Dan of W. Collins, who was on the ground under D. Hehir, and who was above Collins. She did not tell any of the Hehirs that she did not know what she was summoned for, as she knew nothing about the case.

Senior-Constable Downey gave evidence as to W. Collins coming to him on 6th inst. at the railway station with a flesh wound on the side of his face and matted with blood. There was only one wound on the head, and it was not near the cheek. It appeared to have been done with one stroke, and did not seem to be a deep wound. Collins was not dazed at that time.

Daniel Hehir, a farmer residing at Travalla for about 31 years, swore that when the Collinses came to his place and asked about the sheep, he said to Wm. Collins, "Don't you mind, when looking at the crop at the damage done, you pointed out there were 62 in the mob, that I had 60 and yourself 2." W. Collins said, "You're a—." J. Collins said, "Yes, you stole the sheep." J. Collins said, "Yes, you stole the sheep and will have to account for them." He replied that he had been living for 32 years in the colony and had never before been accused of stealing a sheep or lamb, and said that they had better clear off the premises. The young man made a kick at a private part and caught him in the stomach. He said, "You coward, why not use your hands like a man; you're big enough." Collins cleared and he ran after him, but did not pick up a stick. He did not hit Collins, and he never did ever assault any man unless assaulted, but was able to take his part like a man, and if he had been beaten, well and good. He was not able to catch J. Collins, and returning home came up to W. Collins, who threw himself on the road—he'd scorn to strike that man—when he was within reach of him. He never touched him. Collins remained there about half a minute, and said he knew this was always a good man and gave him great praise, saying "God bless you," and praying that he would not touch him. Witness said there was no danger of that, but told him not to accuse him of sheep-stealing again, when Collins said he never would so long as he lived, and that he had done wrong to have done so. Tom pulled witness off to restrain him.

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He did kick D. Hehir in the stomach. He was not ordered off the premises before this; it is false if Hehir says that he (the witness) said it would take a better man than Daniel Hehir to clear him out. Others had had rows of this sort before with the Hehirs, and he knew the two would get on to him. He did not say to Dan, "You stole the sheep alright." His reason for clearing out was that the Hehirs did not fight fairly and had assaulted people frequently. The Hehirs had never been charged or convicted for assaulting people that he knew of. He got a kick above the knee, and was not able to work next day. His trousers were out, and his leg was marked with lumps as big as his finger.

Amie Allan deposed to seeing J. Collins running across the paddock and D. Hehir after him. She heard a covey for assistance, and saw the men on the road, with D. Hehir on the top of Wm. Collins and T. Hehir pulling his brother off. She afterwards saw the blood streaming down the side of Collins's face, and he seemed to be very dazed.

Cross-examined—She was about 100 yards away, but it was not near enough to say what the men were doing; she saw Tom Wilkin's Dan of W. Collins, who was on the ground under D. Hehir, and who was above Collins. She did not tell any of the Hehirs that she did not know what she was summoned for, as she knew nothing about the case.

Senior-Constable Downey gave evidence as to W. Collins coming to him on 6th inst. at the railway station with a flesh wound on the side of his face and matted with blood. There was only one wound on the head, and it was not near the cheek. It appeared to have been done with one stroke, and did not seem to be a deep wound. Collins was not dazed at that time.

Daniel Hehir, a farmer residing at Travalla for about 31 years, swore that when the Collinses came to his place and asked about the sheep, he said to Wm. Collins, "Don't you mind, when looking at the crop at the damage done, you pointed out there were 62 in the mob, that I had 60 and yourself 2." W. Collins said, "You're a—." J. Collins said, "Yes, you stole the sheep." J. Collins said, "Yes, you stole the sheep and will have to account for them." He replied that he had been living for 32 years in the colony and had never before been accused of stealing a sheep or lamb, and said that they had better clear off the premises. The young man made a kick at a private part and caught him in the stomach. He said, "You coward, why not use your hands like a man; you're big enough." Collins cleared and he ran after him, but did not pick up a stick. He did not hit Collins, and he never did ever assault any man unless assaulted, but was able to take his part like a man, and if he had been beaten, well and good. He was not able to catch J. Collins, and returning home came up to W. Collins, who threw himself on the road—he'd scorn to strike that man—when he was within reach of him. He never touched him. Collins remained there about half a minute, and said he knew this was always a good man and gave him great praise, saying "God bless you," and praying that he would not touch him. Witness said there was no danger of that, but told him not to accuse him of sheep-stealing again, when Collins said he never would so long as he lived, and that he had done wrong to have done so. Tom pulled witness off to restrain him.

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BEAUFORT BUTTER FACTORY.

A meeting of the directors was held on Saturday last. Present—Dr. Adam (chairman), and Messrs Troy, Hannah, McDonald, and Holdsworth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

From New Zealand Co., giving prices realised for shipments of butter as follows:—Per Otaiaha, 96s; Oceana, 86s; Orya, 88s; Orient, 87s; Australia, 86s; Oriuz, 94s; Massilia, 90s; and Orotava, 88s per cwt.—Received.

From same, expressing regret that higher prices were not realised for shipments per Oceana, Orient, and Australia, but in the absence of advices from London it is uncertain as to the condition of the butter on its arrival in London.—Received.

From same, re the sale of five boxes of butter in Sydney, also forwarding account sales per Himalaya and Ophir, showing a credit balance of £4 18s 3d and £9 15s 1d respectively.—Received.

From same, stating that the Co. is prepared to continue to act as export agents on the most reasonable terms; that their representative, Mr. Nolaui, will call at an early date and furnish any information desired, and trusting that an agent will not be appointed for next season until an interview has taken place.—Received.

From the agents of the P. and O. and Orient line, stating that the mail steamers will carry butter all through the coming and following seasons at reduced freights.—No action.

From the Secretary for Agriculture, forwarding terms of new contract for conveyance of butter to the English market, also an agreement for signature of the company's representative.—Consideration deferred.

From Jas. Moore, quoting butter boxes for coming season at 11d each delivered at Spencer-st.—Received.

The secretary reported, according to promise, a visit by Bartram and Sun's agent soliciting orders and the export agency for next season.

CRICKET.

The veteran pedestrian, W. A. Abley, aged 71 years, who recently walked from Creswick to Ballarat and back in four hours, did his 10 miles at Tatura on Saturday, finishing by walking through the whole walk taking about two hours. A collection was taken up on behalf of the aged pedestrian.

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

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

Name in full of applicant or applicants, and style under which it is intended that the business shall be carried on—John Provis: "The Lucky Chance Gold Mining Company." Full address of each applicant—Waterloo, via Beaufort.

Supposed extent of ground applied for, and whether on or below the surface, or both, or a lode—about 5 acres; both on and below the surface.

Name of each person (if any) who is in occupation of the land, so far as the applicant has been able to learn—None.

Minimum number of men to be employed for the first six months, two men; subsequently, when in full work, as many men as can be profitably employed.

Time of commencing operations—On the granting of the lease.

Amount of money proposed to be invested, and in what manner the land is to be worked—£100; by steam machinery and manual labor.

BEAUFORT CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES.

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GAZETTE NOTICES.

Applications for licenses approved.—J. and R. Pichey, 2a, Raglan, under 123rd section, Josiah Pichey, 3a, Raglan, under 123rd section.

BALLYROGAN. (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.) The usual fortnightly meeting of the Ballyrogan Debating Club was held on Saturday night last.

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were read and confirmed.

THE SECRETARY reported that he had been interviewed by one recipient of relief, Mrs. Johnson, who wished to know as to whether relief payments would be continued during her absence in Ballarat.

THE SECRETARY was instructed, on the motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Cameron, to inform Mrs. Johnson that relief payment would not be allowed her whilst non-resident of the district.

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General remarks—Nil. Date and place—12th May, 1896, Beaufort. The address for the service of all notices of objection or otherwise is—Beaufort.

Signature of Applicant—SIDNEY HANCOCK.

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MIDDLE CREEK PUBLIC HALL. A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the above Hall on Monday, May 18th, at 8 p.m., to consider about enlarging the building. P. RUSSELL, Hon. Secy. Hall Committee.

SHIRE OF RIPON. NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS.—No person will be entitled to be placed on the Voters' list for the current year in respect of any property unless before or on the 15th day of June, 1896, all Rates on such property shall have been paid.

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RETIRING FROM BUSINESS. NOTICE.—Mr. WILLIAM SMITH, Butcher, on retiring from business at the end of the present month, begs to return his thanks to the residents of Beaufort and district for the patronage extended him during the long term of 40 years. He has, on the 15th inst., retired from the business, and trust that the same patronage will be extended to them. SMITH must be paid on or before the 25th inst. for payment of same on or before the 25th inst. next, or proceedings will be taken for recovery, 15th May, 1896.

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Beaufort Coursing Club. THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Vanderboel's Victoria Hotel on Monday evening, 18th inst., at 8 o'clock, to elect Officers and arrange a Coursing Match. E. H. WELSH, Hon. Secy.

Beaufort, Raglan, Charlton, and Eurambone United Common. I HEREBY give notice of my intention to Mator all United registered Goats on the Common at the following places, namely, Beaufort, Waterloo, Chute, and Main Road, and all Goats not claimed and the fees paid within 48 hours of being yoked, will be sold or destroyed. I. D. CAMERON, Herdsman, 17/5/96.

NOTICE. ALL persons TRESPASSING with dogs or guns without permission on MAWALLOK Estate will be prosecuted. GEO. LEWIS, Manager.

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BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle 217 head was the supply penned for to-day's sale, principally comprising useful quality, a fair proportion ranging from good to prime. There was a large attendance of the trade and continued sales competition was maintained, and although the extreme prices of last week were hardly unobtainable still altogether prices realised show very little alteration, sales closing firm. Quotations—Prime pass bullocks, 10 to 13s; good do, 8s to 10s; medium do, 7s to 9s; poor do, 6s to 7s; good do, 10 to 12s; medium do, 8 to 10s; poor do, 6 to 8s; ewes, 11s to 12s; good do, 10 to 12s; medium do, 8 to 10s; poor do, 6 to 8s; lambs, 10 to 12s; good do, 10 to 12s; medium do, 8 to 10s; poor do, 6 to 8s.

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A STEADY though slow improvement in

the state of commerce and finance has been perceptible since the beginning of the year. Believers in the cyclo theory of commercial prosperity and depression have of course been convinced for the last two years or more that such a revival was due in the natural course of events; but owing to a series of unfortunate litches their hopes have been constantly deferred. Now, however, if we can believe the metropolitan dailies, the fact is unmistakable. There is no need to point out that this pronouncement, if we can only accept it as correct, is the most welcome message of glad tidings that the colony, tired of stagnation and depression, could possibly receive. Very few of us are so placed that we are altogether beyond the influence of good and bad times—life would probably be but a dull business if we were—and in this industrial age it is superfluous to insist on the universal importance of those questions which once affected only certain classes of the community.

As to finance, there is not the smallest doubt but that a steady improvement is taking place. The speculator generally leads a revival, and during the last few years he has frequently turned his fingers by leading where no revival followed. Victorians were first in the field with a crop of Western Australian gold companies, which were scattered over the colonies so profusely that a leading daily, which once a week strove to factiousness, remarked that "it was not true that a man had been arrested for being found without a West Australian prospectus in his pocket." The revival of financial enterprise has, of course, a considerable effect on commerce. Even the promotion of companies to develop auriferous areas in the other colonies tells on the volume of industrial activity in this colony, as is told by the satisfactory exports of mining machinery, food, fodder, etc. from this colony to West Australia. And if the improved regions of West Australia are found to be as rich as prospectuses would have us believe, and a flourishing population springs up in the deserted wastes, there will be material for a genuine and permanent trade of a solid character. All this still lies, however, as Homer says, "on the knees of the Gods," and the question with which we are more immediately concerned is this revival of commerce. Financiers, as we have seen, have been busy enough—have producers, traders and merchants been busy alike? There is it is generally admitted a revival in trade, but it is still slow and decidedly partial. The railway traffic returns certainly show but very little sign of a general and well spread return of commercial activity. Last year business was as stagnant as it could be, and unfortunately the movements of merchandise showed but little improvement; we can only hope that this year will tell a more pleasant tale. However, the next best thing—a general revival is a partial one, and that we have no need to hope for—it is here, and two or three swallows, though they may not make a spring, show at any rate that spring is coming, apart from

unforeseen meteorological accidents. Our best swallow is the satisfactory increase of our exports to the old country. The looms in the mother land are going busily, and reports from the centres of the woolen and worsted trades are most encouraging, and are fully borne out by the official figures. Moreover, this stimulus acts again indirectly by promising a better price for raw wool to struggling Victorian breeders, and foresthadows a return of confidence, and a revival of general trade in our sheep-breeding colonies. Commercial activity has only to spring up in one corner of the world, and so closely are we knit together in these days of cablegrams and rapid transit that it spreads as if by magic. The continued peace in the East has also acted favorably upon almost every industry, and we in Victoria feel this. But not only in Victoria, but in all the colonies, it is felt that there is a certain revival of commercial activity, and that the revival is still going on. It may at present be patchy and confined to a few industries, but there can be no doubt that it will spread rapidly to all branches of trade, if only the general course of events will allow it to develop unchecked. The public temper is thoroughly attuned to a belief in a return to more prosperous times; and with good spirits and an enterprising Government, with a "mandate" based on common sense to help us, we are already more than half way thither.

The Minister of Agriculture and Commissioner of Public Works, Mr J. W. Taverer, at a complimentary banquet tendered to him by his constituents at Sea Lake at the end of last week, referred to the action he had taken in breaking down the shipping ring and obtaining lower freights. That he had to face fierce opposition in effecting this object, everyone now knows; that he accomplished his object is also equally well known. Every agriculturist throughout the colony will, unless his judgment is awayed by undue and unfair pressure, admit that the arrangements which have been made by Mr Taverer for cheaper freights for our produce must prove of inestimable benefit to the producer, and be the means of enabling us to compete even more successfully than we have hitherto done in the home markets. It is now pretty generally known that the great success which has attended our export trade of late, much of the credit of which must be attributed to the energy displayed by Mr Taverer in this direction, has excited the jealousy as well as the admiration of other nations, many of whom have hitherto had somewhat of a monopoly in the British markets, and who are now determined to leave no stone unturned to retain that extensive trade they have so long reaped the benefit of. If it is possible by any means to retain the trade, there cannot be any doubt but that every effort to do so will be made by those countries which now have found such a formidable rival. But it is more than satisfactory to find that the export of the article of dairy produce, which has already proved the salvation of the colony, is likely to be larger than ever should the seasons prove favorable. Mr Taverer has, by his action in securing cheaper freights, put the butter export industry on a firmer basis than it has ever been in this colony. And the industry is likely to continue to flourish, as English dairying has for a long time past been somewhat neglected. There is not that compact co-operative system in England which we have in this colony, and which has been conducive to our success. The English agricultural papers all confess that butter-making in the old country, which in any case could not supply the wants of its constantly growing population, is in somewhat of a transition state, the dairying system having deteriorated and the factory system not having grown proportionately. This of course gives an opportunity to a butter-producing colony like Victoria, whose output is capable of development. And the development of the butter export trade, as well as of other branches of produce of the soil, lies in the hands of Mr Taverer, and with him rests the responsibility of the whole matter of success or failure. But the word "failure" does not seem to be known to our energetic Minister of Agriculture; his actions in the past on behalf of the producer speak for themselves, and we may safely be said that so long as Mr Taverer pursues the same course that he has in the past for the benefit of the farming community he will be long and gratefully remembered by his constituents.

Although on debt case was set down for hearing at the Beaufort Court of Petty Sessions on Tuesday, neither justices nor litigants put in an appearance, and the clerk of courts adjourned it till Thursday. The case, however, had been settled out of court.

In consequence of the allowance for the duties of postmaster at Raglan having been cut down from £16 to £10 per year, Mr C. Tucker has resigned that position after discharging the duties for 28 years. We are informed that Mrs Padfield has now received the appointment of postmistress at that place.

Monday next having been gazetted as a public holiday, the customary arrangements will be observed in the Post and Telegraph Department.—All post offices will be closed at 10 a.m. Only the first delivery by letter-carrier will be effected. No money order or Savings Bank business will be transacted. Mails (except Melbourne suburban) 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.

Playtime is nearly over; only about six weeks more to run, and at the end of May (says the Melbourne correspondent to the "Ararat Advertiser") we shall read the announcement that Parliament is further prorogued to the 24th June, then to meet for a session of business. The wages used to say that the proclamation should read—then to meet for the despatch of business and the Government; but that does not apply in this case for the Turner Ministry appears to have grown stronger in recess than it was when in session. And the habitual dislike of members to ruffle the pool of politics in the last session of Parliament should help them greatly.

The death is announced of ex-Senior-constable Alexander Gibson, who (says the "Star") expired at his residence, Edgar-street, Beaufort, on Monday. He was a native of County Galway, Ireland, and came to this colony during the fifties. He joined the Victorian police force in July, 1869, and subsequently had charge of several stations. He was the officer in charge at Egerton when the noted bushranger, "Captain Moonlight," robbed the bank there, and he was also stationed at the same place when the great Egerton mining case was before the public. He did duty in this city, and was stationed at Beaufort for some time prior to his retirement from the force about three years ago. A few years ago the deceased suffered from a paralytic stroke, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. He leaves a large family, all of whom are grown up. The remains of the late Mr Alexander Gibson, ex-senior constable of police, were interred in the Ballarat New Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was very largely attended by a number of the members of the police force. Many beautiful wreaths and other floral tributes were sent by friends, including a splendid wreath sent by the members of the Christian Police Association. The police marched in front of the hearse, each carrying a wreath. The following acted as coffin bearers:—Constables J. Rodgerston, E. Taylor, A. Nicholson, J. Ross, T. Glanville, W. Jay. The pall-bearers were Messrs J. Ballantyne, W. Mitchell, W. A. Biggs, E. Boyce, W. Anderson, M.L.A., and D. Ferguson. The Rev. W. Fraser officiated at the house and grave. Mr Chas. Morrison conducted the funeral arrangements. [As stated above, Mr Gibson was in charge of the Beaufort police station for some years prior to his resignation, and during his residence there he was a prominent member of the Rechabite and Orange institutions. He was also connected with the Free Masons' Lodge, and was the superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School for some time before his departure for Ballarat. Deceased was of a very charitable and kindly disposition, and was widely respected for his excellent qualities. Much sympathy is felt here for his wife and family in their bereavement. At the monthly meeting of the Fiery Creek Lodge of Free Masons on Wednesday evening, the secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Bro. Gibson.]

We learn from the "Advertiser" that Mr Henry DeBaere (brother of Mr Patrus DeBaere, of Beaufort), a well-known grazier of the Ararat district, met with an unpleasant experience on Saturday afternoon. He was driving up "Incident-street" in a light spring cart when his horse took fright and bolted. When almost opposite the Borough Chambers the animal swerved and the vehicle was overturned. Mr DeBaere was thrown out, but unfortunately did not fall clear of the trap, and was caught by it and pinned to the ground. The accident was observed by Messrs Major and others, who found Mr DeBaere under the vehicle and the tail-board resting on his neck. They released him, and it was found that he had miraculously escaped with some abrasions on the face and a good shake. He was able, however, to proceed to his home after a short rest.

The monthly committee meeting of the Beaufort District Rifle Club was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening. Present—Messrs Kilbey (vice-president), Messrs McKelch, O. and A. Tromp, Brooks, Parker, J. Johnston, B. E. Thompson, D. E. Troy, and W. Hill. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From Amphitheatre Rifle Club, forwarding a challenge for a friendly match at Amphitheatre on 25th inst., or, if that will not suit, on a date to be fixed.—Held over till a convenient day can be fixed, of which notice will be given. From Linton Rifle Club, accepting challenge for a friendly match on 25th inst., and suggesting 7 men aside, with 10 shots each.—Attended to. From District Rifle Club, inviting 4 of Beaufort's best shots to accompany a team to Wangaratta on 25th inst.—Attended to. From P. Russell, reply to a request for a trophy, stating that as he has been so interested in rifle shooting he does not feel inclined to assist the club.—Received. From W. A. Whiteshead, Rupunyup, forwarding scheme for country rifle club's championship competitions, and soliciting support.—Joining fee of £1 to be forwarded to the hon. treasurer, on the motion of Messrs McKelch and Troy. Captain McKelch's report, to the effect that the team match on Wednesday had resulted in Messrs Troy and Kilbey's teams winning 1st and 2nd trophy respectively, was received and adopted. It was arranged that the members of the winning teams should shoot off for the trophies on the following Wednesday, and that there would be no match next month, as the battle-firing and musketry courses have to be put in. It was decided, on the motion of Messrs Troy and Brooks, to take £1 out of the funds of the club to defray half of the travelling expenses of the team to Linton. Mr Troy drew attention to the dangerous state of the marker's hut.—Secretary and captain to inspect and report at next meeting. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the proceedings.

Local and General News.

The silver cup presented to the Ararat Football Club by Messrs J. McGibbons and T. A. Wild is (says the "Advertiser") attracting the attention of outside clubs. The cup, which is a fine massive trophy of sterling silver, and valued at £20, is now on view at Mr J. McGibbons' shop. It is of neat design, stands on an ebony plinth, and has a figure of a footballer "marking" on the lid. It has been made to order by Mr Fisher, of Geelong, and forms a very handsome trophy, which should excite a series of keen and interesting competitions.

The will of the late Mr John Jope, of Beaufort, who died on the 4th ult., is being proved. He appointed the Trustees, Executors and Agency Company, Limited, executors, and the business will be transacted through Mr William Little, district agent for the company. The estate is valued at £7483 17s 2d, being £160 realty and £7333 17s 2d personally. The testator directs the executor to pay to his wife £2 per week during her life; and to his daughter (Mary Conley) during any widowhood £1 a week during his wife's life; so increased to £2 a week after her wife's death; also, as soon as convenient, to pay to his wife and daughter legacies of £100 and £50 respectively, his wife to have the use for her life of the house and garden in Beaufort occupied by testator at date of will, together with furniture, &c.

During the past fortnight 1 inch 43 points of rain fell at Beaufort.

We have received from the local agent, Mr Welch, the third series of "Broadner Britain." This collection comprises an interesting number of gazettes and cuttings, the Niagara waterfalls and cataracts, the Niagra waterfalls and cataracts, the Niagra waterfalls and cataracts, being particularly well depicted.

Mr F. W. Kenny, of Beaufort, had the misfortune to meet with a painful accident at the Beaufort railway station yesterday morning. He had tipped a load of ballast out of a dray, and whilst pulling the body of the dray back his right hand got under a wheel and was so much crushed that the middle fingers were so much crushed that it became necessary to amputate them at the first joint.

The Solicitor-General has approved of the days and hours for holding the Beaufort Court of Petty Sessions being altered to every Monday, commencing on Monday, 1st June, at 1.30 p.m. Mr W. Leader, P.M., will attend at Beaufort on the 1st and 22nd June, for petty sessions, licensing, and warden's business, at 1.30 p.m., and all business now fixed for Thursday, 28th May, will be adjourned to the 1st June next.

John Phillips, a woodcutter, of Beaufort, met with an accident on Saturday. He was standing on the wheel loading a wagon with firewood, when the horse mired on. Phillips attempted to step on the shaft to catch hold of the rein, but his foot slipped and he fell. The wheel of the wagon passed over his leg, the calf of which was badly cut and bruised. Dr. Adam closed the wound up with six stitches.

The following players have been chosen to represent the Beaufort Football Club in their match with the Stawell Club on the 25th May, in the Beaufort Park—W. J. White, C. Cowell, J. Harris, N. Chan, E. D'Arcy, Fitzpatrick, R. Wilson, French, McDougall, Cheeseman, Scott, Reid, and W. Buchanan. Mr T. Murphy will act as field umpire. A charge of £6 will be made for admission to the ground.

At the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, it was decided that Parliament should recess for the transaction of business on Tuesday, the 22nd prox. The opening ceremony will be performed by His Excellency the Governor, and as previously announced the Hon. the Attorney-General and Hon. the Chief Justice will be present. The first measure dealt with by the Assembly. Bills to establish a State bank and a Credit Foncier system, and to amend the mining and electoral laws will be submitted in due course.

The Minister of Lands has decided to lend the full sum asked for by the municipalities which have applied for a rating-netting loan. It is believed that a rating-netting loan will be kept up to the price of 3 per cent. The "Ararat" interest, which has been fixed at 3 per cent. per annum, will have to be paid on the loan from the time the money is received from the Government, but as a number of the shires have overdrafts on which they are paying 6 and 7 per cent., it is probable that the money will be used to reduce the indebtedness for a few months until the market for wire-netting becomes easier.

At the May meeting of the committee of the Victorian Silk Culture Association, the secretary (Mrs. E. S. Crocker) reported that 10,000 rooted trees would be available this season, grown at Macedon from seeds imported by the Association. These seeds will be distributed in June, applications to be sent in before 31st May. It was resolved that applications (sent to the "Silk Grower") for the best variety of silkworm "grains" (eggs) for distribution next season, also that an order be sent to Europe for a quantity of seed of the roseleaf mulberry. Miss M. A. Tempest was appointed hon. correspondent to the Association for the Beaufort district.

There was a very lively meeting of the members of the Ararat Agricultural Society on Tuesday. A special meeting was then held to consider a report on the committee as to the winding up and reorganization of the society. For some years the society has steadily gone back, until its financial position indicated a crisis, and a special committee was appointed to report upon the best means of improving the status of the society. The committee recommended the winding up and reorganising, and after considerable discussion the report was adopted. A special meeting will be held in a fortnight to elect a fresh committee. This is to be composed of three pastoralists, three farmers, three viculturists, three horticulturists, and three townsmen.

A preliminary meeting, for the purpose of forming a debating society, was held at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening. Present—Messrs W. O. Pedder (in the chair), Drummond, H. Smith, Kilgour, J. Tulloch, J. B. Humphreys, E. Congle, and E. Pedder. Messrs R. J. (Drummond), Drummond, and Humphreys having addressed the meeting, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Messrs R. J. Pedder and Drummond, that those present form themselves into a society. Mr Smith moved that a general meeting of members and intending members be convened for Wednesday evening next, for the election of officers, and drafting of rules. Seconded by Mr Kilgour, and carried. Messrs Drummond and Kilgour were appointed canvass for members, and all present promised to do their utmost to make the society a success. Mr R. Pedder was elected secretary pro tem. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

A meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs Drummond (in the chair), Jackson, Drummond, Dungey (secy.), McKelch, and McDonald. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From Department of Trades and Customs, forwarding copies of International Tariffs, published by the International Tariff Bureau, Brussels.—Received. From Mr J. Watson, secretary of the Shire of Ripon, forwarding cheque for £15, 1st instalment of the grant to the Institute. It was then decided, on the motion of Messrs McKelch and Thompson, that the secretary call a special meeting for Wednesday evening next for the purpose of considering ways and means of increasing the income or reducing the expenses. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

Tenders are invited for repairs to the Reginald State school. Particulars may be learnt at the Beaufort police station.

Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A. for Ripon and Hampden, will review the work in the past session on Tuesday evening next, in the Societies' Hall, Beaufort. He will also address the electors at the Waterloo Mechanics' Hall the following evening.

Mr Millist, photographer, who is making a representative picture of the old industries and prominent citizens of Beaufort, and prominent citizens of Beaufort, desires a sitting for individual photographs to-day and during next week, as he will be here for that purpose. His studio is next door to the Fire Brigade meeting on Wednesday, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Millist for his kindness in supplying such excellent photos of the pioneers of Ararat, and which the Mayor had framed and then presented to the council.

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MINING NEWS.

Last week White and party obtained 4oz 6dwt. gold from the old workings. This party is of opinion that they have not much payable ground to work, as they have struck old workings at the northern end of their workings, and the gold is poor and narrow on the lead. Bending and party had only 4oz 2dwt. A better yield was expected. Tromp and party washed a machine from the shallow ground near the Siders' Gully road, which yielded 1oz 11dwt.—a payable return. The party in John's Gully has not done so well, and party are busy erecting their hoek, and have applied for a lease of the ground. A party of four engaged in taking out the old stowings and solid blocks in the old ground in Shepherd's Gully obtained 1oz 4dwt from a small machine. The party in M-pok Gully will wash off their first machine to-day, and from prospects washed expect a payable return. The party in John's Gully has not done so well, and party are busy erecting their hoek, and have applied for a lease of the ground. 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THE BUANGOR RIOT.

PROGRESS OF THE WOUNDED MAN.

TWO MORE ARRESTS.

Two more arrests were made at Buangor yesterday, in connection with the riot which resulted in the shooting of William Fogie by Constable Crowle. Although three men besides Fogie, it is alleged, made themselves very prominent in the disturbance on Wednesday last, which rested so unfortunately, their names being Patrick O'Leary, Michael O'Connor and a man known as "Nuggett." Yesterday, Constable Mooney arrested the first-named on the Buangor railway platform on a charge of riotous behaviour, as he was about to leave by train, whilst Michael O'Connor was arrested by the same officer in the bush near the re-erecting works. "Nuggett" had left the place. Inspector Larkin visited Buangor on Friday, and held an official inquiry into the affair, and has forwarded his report to the Chief Inspector of Police. As many threats against Constable Crowle have been indulged in, he has been removed to Ararat for a few days, and Constable Mooney, of Ararat, transferred to Buangor in his place. The two men arrested yesterday will be brought before the Ararat Court of Petty Sessions this morning, and an application made for their remand.

DEATH OF FOGIE.

The shooting case at Buangor has had a tragic termination, the regner who was shot by Constable Crowle expiring on Tuesday evening. As we ("Ararat Chronicle") stated in a previous issue, the hospital doctor failed to discover the bullet in Fogie's leg, and he called in Dr. Bove in consultation. There was no outward sign to denote that any very extensive injuries had been sustained, notwithstanding Dr. Palmer fully appreciated the gravity of the case, and adopted the usual measures generally approved in emergencies of the kind. The unfortunate man Fogie, when brought into the hospital, had unquestionably received a very severe shock, but he was full of hope, and cheerfully asked the doctor, whilst moving his foot about, whether he thought his leg was broken. Dr. Palmer had little hesitation in replying in the affirmative, and because the knee-bone was plainly out of position with the higher part of the limb, and he acted as the outward appearance of the wound suggested to his professional mind. Up to Tuesday Fogie appeared to be progressing very favourably. The temperature of the lower part of the limb was normal, and the unfortunate man seemed in good spirits. He said to Dr. Palmer, "For God's sake save my leg if you can," and he needed to state that the resident surgeon exercised his skill to the utmost to that end. On Tuesday afternoon, however, Fogie became uneasy, and Dr. Palmer recognised the gravity of his patient's condition. He sent word to Sergeant Orr, and called in Drs. Bove and Thompson (of the Asylum for Insane, Dr. Smith being away from home at the time). A consultation was held, and amputation decided on. The external wound was omitted to state, had almost healed; there was no secondary hæmorrhage. Eider was administered, and the operation performed. It must be remembered that secondary amputation is always more dangerous than primary, and in view of the condition of Fogie's leg, the operation was imperative. The unfortunate man, when the operation was decided on, was informed of the decision by Dr. Palmer, and he quietly resigned, recognising the doctor's attention throughout. "Very well, doctor; when must I die?" Every hour is a day, he replied. "Very well," was the done at once. "Very well," was the submissive response. The limb was skillfully removed, and poor Fogie was just recovering from the effects of the ether when he expired. The septic change had occurred from within, a slight gangrene disoloration extending towards the trunk. The bone was completely shattered to the knee, but up to late on Tuesday evening the ball had not been recovered. Dr. Palmer's theory is that the bullet hit the bone full, breaking it, and that it then entered the cavity and proceeded towards the knee joint, splitting the bone as it went, as it was split longitudinally to the knee, the fracture being what is known as a compound comminuted one. The deceased was a fine, muscular man, and is well spoken of by his comrades. Constable Crowle was greatly shocked when he heard of the fatal termination. The very day of the sad and regrettable death, Fogie was paid the money due to him, 10s 10d, and signed his name without effort in a good hand.

THE INQUEST.

We learn from the "Advertiser" that Mr R. E. Johns, P.M., the coroner for the district, conducted an inquiry at Ararat on Thursday, touching the death of Fogie. The Superintendent Larkins conducted the case for the Crown, and Mr. Grant watched the proceedings on behalf of Constable Crowle. Dr. Palmer was of opinion that death resulted from shock following secondary amputation of the thigh, necessitated by the injuries (described by him in his bullet wound). On the request of Robert Fogie, brother of deceased, the inquest was adjourned till 10 a.m. the following day, in order that he might have his witnesses and a lawyer present; Constable Crowle and Mr. Grant (for Constable Crowle) agreeing to the adjournment, being anxious to have the fullest inquiry. The inquest was yesterday further postponed till Thursday next.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE MEMBERS OF THE WINNING TEAMS.

The members of the winning teams in the teams' match last week fired off for the trophies at ranges of 400 and 500 yds. on Wednesday afternoon. The first prize fell to A. A. Tromp with a score of 57 off the rifle, whilst the second was won by F. G. Kendall, who also made 57 with the aid of 7 points as a handicap. Appended are the scores:—

TRUMP'S TEAM.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Yds., H's, P's, T's. Rows include F. Kendall, D. F. Troy, G. W. Tiley, and W. Cowley.

KILBEG'S TEAM.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Yds., H's, P's, T's. Rows include A. Tromp, W. Johnston, J. Kilbeg, and B. F. Thompson.

SKIPTON NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

A very sudden and sad death occurred in our midst on Sunday evening at about 7 p.m., when the wife of Mr Chas. Bradshaw, contractor, of Skipton, breathed her last. She leaves a baby about 10 days old to the care of her sorrow stricken husband, together with 3 other little children. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and was largely attended by friends and sympathisers from all round the district. The Rev. Stuart Ross conducted a very impressive service at the grave. Mr Robert Dixon carried out the funeral arrangements in his usual satisfactory way.

THE MILDURA SETTLEMENT.

The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has ordered that a Royal Commission issue for the following purposes, namely, to make diligent and full inquiry and report generally for the information of the Executive Council, to the condition and prospects of Mildura, also to ascertain and report as to the condition of the irrigation works in and of the settlement, and as to the causes of such condition. The Commission will further inquire into the general financial condition of the settlement, having regard to the present condition of the works and settlement. The Commission will inquire into the contracts and obligations now existing by or between the settlers and any other persons or corporations with regard to land in the settlement, and particularly to ascertain the claims and rights of all mortgagees or transferees of mortgages or debentures, holders as to any and what steps have been or are likely to be taken with respect to the land, and what arrangements are likely to be entered into respecting the same. They will also ascertain how far the obligations of the Chief Officers Limited on the one side and the settlers on the other side have remained unfulfilled, and as to the advisability or otherwise of rendering State assistance to the settlers. The following gentlemen have been appointed to act on the Commission:—Messrs S. W. Cooke and S. P. East, M.C., and Messrs A. L. Tucker, W. D. Bennett, J. S. Bennett, Kennedy, and T. Smith, M.L.A. Mr Tucker is appointed chairman of the Commission.

THE ORGANISM OF MAN.

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THE UNITED STATES CONSULS.

France has made reports on mushroom cultivation in the district of the Valley (says the "Times") a very considerable one, employing capital in and around Paris alone of over £1,250,000, the production being valued at nearly £300,000 while 60 wholesale firms in Paris deal exclusively in mushrooms.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY OF DIAMOND BEARING COUNTRY.

A large tract of country has been pegged out. About 300 carats of diamonds have been picked up on the surface, and a few are of good color, but the majority are of a yellowish tinge. Experts, however, declare them to be undoubtedly diamonds, but of poor quality. Sapphires of fair grade have also been found in the vicinity.

ADVICES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM JAPAN.

The Sydney representative of the Kanematsu, merchant, of Kobe, to the effect that a bill was successfully passed through both Houses of the Japanese Parliament in March last, providing for the admission of Australian wool duty free. The bill came into force on 1st April. Prior to that date raw wool was subject to an ad valorem duty of 5 per cent.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SEINE, FRANCE.

There are said to be over 3000 caves in which mushrooms are grown, and in these live about 300 people, champtomisians, who rarely see the daylight. The caves are usually exhausted stone quarries, the descent into them being by way of rope ladders.

LORD BRASSEY SAYS THAT DURING THE SHORT TIME HE HAS HAD THE HONOR OF RESIDING IN VICTORIA HE HAS SEEN THAT WHICH MADE HIM FEEL A GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE HIGH IDEALS OF LIFE.

The Sydney Freemasons Benevolent Institution possesses a credit balance of £3046.

AS A SAFE PERMANENT AND WARRANTED CURE FOR PIMPLES, SCROFULA, SCURVY, BAD LEGS, SKIN AND FEET OF GOOD COLOR, BUT THE MAJORITY ARE OF A YELLOWISH TINGE.

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BOARD OF ADVICE.

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADVICE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE NORTH RIDING, SHIRE OF RIPON, WAS HELD AT MR BROWN'S OFFICE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Present—Messrs Browne (chairman and correspondent), Topper, Tucker, and Parker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From A. H. Cunningham, head teacher Travalla school, notifying that typhoid fever has broken out in the school premises and gatehouse adjoining, and that he had notified the health officer and Education Department.—Received.

From Miss Clancy, head teacher Middle Creek school, requesting improvements to school grounds.—Attended to by correspondent.

From R. G. Tiley, head teacher Beaufort school, requesting certain repairs at Beaufort school.—Attended to by correspondent.

BOARD OF ADVICE HOLIDAYS WERE GRANTED AS FOLLOWS BY CORRESPONDENT AND APPROVED OF.—

Chute and Sailors' Gully schools one day each.

The action of the correspondent in having repairs effected was endorsed.

From Miss McFarlane, head teacher Skipton school, Shirley, asking for four holidays at disposal of board from 28th to 29th May.—Granted.

The correspondent reported that he had granted the Middle Creek residents permission to use the old school building on the occasion of the annual public picnic at that place.—Approved of.

That the teacher had drawn the Department's attention to it and was referred to the Board.—Left in Mr Tucker's hands to have repairs effected.

Mr Parker mentioned, Mr Dungey's non-attendance at meetings, that he had asked Mr Dungey what he intended doing in the matter, informing him that the Board had no desire to recommend his removal if he would attend. Mr Dungey had replied that he thought he had been treated unfairly by the meetings being called so early in the day, as he could not possibly attend before 4 p.m. on a Saturday, but that he would not night meetings. As this would not suit a country member and the correspondent, it was decided to adhere to the former resolution, namely to request the Department to remove Mr Dungey from the Board owing to his non-attendance.

The district school attendance returns for the quarter ending 31st March last were then considered. Several of the worst cases of irregular attendance were noted.

Mr Parker considered that before they recommended any cases for prosecution they should give parents or guardians an opportunity of explaining why their children or wards were not sent to school the required number of days. He pointed out that 11 cases were recommended for prosecution the previous quarter on the reports of the head teachers, but out of these no less than 7 were withdrawn on the production of medical certificates as to the sickness of children, or through pleadings that the children were kept at home owing to poverty preventing parents from providing boots or suitable clothes for the children to go to school in, the fathers in some instances being away from home looking for work. As a member of the Board, and therefore a party to the prosecutions, he said that he had felt very small when he heard these reasons given in court. Had these circumstances been made known to the Board he felt sure that the prosecutions would not have taken place. As the reports of the teachers seemed to be unreliable, it made the duty of the Board all the more objectionable.

Mr Browne remarked that he also was heartily sick of the work.

Mr Tucker said the great fault of the present Government was its desire to get work done as cheaply as possible so far as the smaller fry were concerned, whilst the larger fry escaped the pruning knife. If possible of the large salaried men had been proved to the same extent as the Beggars' Guild, whose allowance had been cut down from £16 to £10 per annum, the Government would very soon get in some cash. He certainly thought that truant officers should be appointed to do this work as formerly.

Mr Parker thought that as the Board had already recommended that teachers should be called upon to recommend prosecutions, and that the Board should be relieved of the disagreeable duty, they should make a stand and decline to recommend any cases for prosecution.

Mr Browne was of opinion that the truant officers had been and that they should be controlled by the Board.

It was unanimously resolved to decline to recommend any prosecutions; and the secretary being instructed to notify the Department accordingly and to draw its attention to the following resolution adopted at the February meeting:—"That in the most Blood Mixture the head teachers of State schools have ample opportunity to make inquiries as to the irregular attendance of scholars, and should therefore be instructed by the Department to recommend cases for prosecution, and to submit such recommendations to Boards of Advice for consideration or otherwise, as was done heretofore by truant officers."

IMPRUDENCES IN THE BLOOD.

"We have seen hosts 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 state that "it is the most 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, 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.

INSPECTOR LAWLER, OF THE GOVERNMENT SPOOK DEPARTMENT, HAS BEEN VISITING THE DISTRICT OF THE SEYMOUR.

A few bad eggs were discovered. A cow recently bought by Mr Grant, of Seymour, was found to be suffering from tuberculosis in an advanced state, and another cow killed at Mr John Carnie's residence was found to be infected with the same disease. The inspector's discoveries show the necessity for appointing local inspectors in the interest of the public health.

MIDDLE CREEK.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

A public meeting was held in the Middle Creek Public Hall on Monday last, to consider about enlarging the building. There was a large gathering of the public present. The secretary of the committee of management (Mr P. Russell), being the convener of the meeting, was voted to the chair, and explained the object of the meeting.

Mr W. G. Pickford, chairman of committee, was in sympathy with the movement, and gave an account of the work done during their term of office (3 years), the hall when they took office broken down. Since then they had put the fence and hall in order and at the present time the hall was self-supporting. He considered the present a fit and proper time to undertake the enlargement, timber and labour being cheap. If subscription lists were opened, he thought liberal support would be received from the public; if they only made an effort the work would soon be done.

Mr Grange, one of the Hall trustees, also favored the movement. He thought the place being so small was a great drawback; he had seen the hall time after time so crowded that there was no possibility of people enjoying themselves. If the committee of management decided to undertake the enlargement of the hall and would draw up a plan of the enlargement and bring their views before the trustees, no objection would be offered, but he thought none of the trustees would be responsible for any debt incurred—all responsibility would have to be with the committee of management.

Mr L. J. Berryman also favored the enlargement, but thought the proper course was to appoint a building committee from the public present. He moved that the hall be enlarged. Seconded by W. Bickerton, and carried.

Moved by Mr W. G. Pickford, and seconded by Mr L. J. Berryman, that subscription lists be opened and collectors appointed to canvass the district. Carried.

Moved by Mr L. J. Berryman, seconded by Mr W. G. Pickford, that Messrs W. L. Fay, P. Russell, W. G. Pickford, and the mover be appointed collectors; Messrs W. L. Fay and P. Russell to take the district north of the railway and east from the Spring Creek, and Messrs W. G. Pickford and L. J. Berryman to take the district south of the railway and west from the Spring Creek. Carried.

Moved by Mr W. G. Pickford, and seconded by Mr S. Luton, that Mr W. L. Fay be appointed secretary pro tem. to conduct all correspondence in connection with the building. Carried.

Moved by Mr L. J. Berryman, and seconded by Mr W. L. Fay, that Mr W. Bickerton be appointed treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Mr W. G. Pickford, and seconded by Mr W. Bickerton, that Messrs W. L. Fay, P. Russell, G. McMillan, H. Dunn, L. J. Berryman, J. Ferguson, W. Bickerton, with the mover, be appointed a building committee, with power to add. Carried.

The meeting was then adjourned till Wednesday, 27th inst (when the committee decided to meet to draw up plans of the proposed enlargement), with a vote of thanks to the chair.

BEAUFORT COURSE CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Coursing Club was held at VanderStoep's Hotel on Thursday evening. Present—Messrs VanderStoep (in the chair), E. H. Welsh (hon. secy.), R. Smith, Hooper, French, Parker, and Schofield.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The secretary submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the past year, showing the receipts to have amounted to £11 11s, and the expenditure to £3 15s 6d thus leaving a Cr. balance of £7 15s 6d.—Adopted.

Mr VanderStoep moved, and Mr French seconded, that a coursing match be held on the fourth Wednesday in June, namely, the 25th, a 16 all-aged dog sweepstakes of 5s to be run, the winner to receive 24, and the runner-up 30s (the latter being added by the club). Carried.

The following officials were appointed:—Judge, Mr J. Gillespie; slipper, Mr R. Wilson; president, Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A.; secretary, Mr E. H. Welsh.

Resolved that the members' tickets be the same as last year (5s). Mr Hooper moved, and Mr Smith seconded, that 50 members' tickets and 50 cards be printed. Carried.

The secretary stated that Mr Austin had given permission to run the course on St. Enock's, also that Mr Brunstan, manager of Langi-Willi, had written last year stating that the club could run a match there whenever they liked. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

THE CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY REFERRED AGAINST BEAR RAPPORT AND ALLAN BAXTER.

Two ex-judices of the peace, will be heard on Wednesday next.

What is known locally as the "burning bog," beyond Dimboola, is in active operation at present, and the fire can be plainly seen issuing from the large crevices in the earth. This unusual phenomenon is regarded as a great natural curiosity, and is well worth a visit.

Telegrams from Moscow in cipher have been received at Milan which state that a decision has been made to murder the Czar Nicholas has been discovered by the police in the first-named city. According to these telegrams a bomb factory was found under the street on the route along which the Imperial procession will pass at the forthcoming coronation of the Czar. The existence of a nihilist plot is further shown by the fact that a seditious manifesto has been posted in the streets of the city. A number of workmen who were employed at the Kremlin have been arrested.

BUANGOR RACE CLUB.

President—Mr J. R. McDonell. Stewards—Messrs George Thomson, W. Hillman, J. E. McDonell, Thomas Gibson, J. G. Brebner, E. M'Leod, J. C. Ware, Thos. Sutherland, S. Pickford, J. G. Ware, Thos. Sutherland, W. Jones, Thos. Ford, T. Boggs, John M'Kenzie, A. B. Nette, Judge—Mr Walter Deans.

Starter—Mr A. M'Guinness. Clerk of Course—Mr H. Jones. Handicapper—Mr J. M'Gibbons. Clerk of Scales—Mr W. Pickford. Auctioneer—Mr W. E. Nickols.

The annual race meeting under the auspices of the Buangor Club took place on Wednesday last, under somewhat unfavorable conditions. The heavy rain which fell on Tuesday night rendered the course somewhat heavy and the lowering sky in the morning was no doubt responsible for the absence of many of the old patrons of the meeting. Although threatening all day the sun broke out in the evening, and those who braved the elements were well rewarded by a very pleasant outing. Unfortunately, too, the holding of a race meeting at Landaborough the same day told on the entries, and in several cases, both by this cause and the liberal resort to the right of sending the fields were much reduced. Notwithstanding these disabilities the stewards enthused the meeting with a good deal of life by the spirited manner in which the events were brought off. Mr R. St. John was, as usual, a model secretary, and had everything in perfect order; whilst Mr M'Guinness got his fields off on all occasions in first-class style. The refreshment bar was in the hands of Mr W. Jones, who provided an excellent luncheon for the stewards.

The following are the results of the various events:—

TRIAL STAKES, of 3 svs.; three-quarters of a mile; weight for age. Mr J. Curtis's br Splendaline, 4 yrs, 8.9, carried 8.12 (Owner) ... 1

Mr W. White's b m Teal, aged, 8.12 (McDonell) ... 2

Mr J. M'Farlane's br Donald, 4 yrs, 8.2 (J. Kelly) ... 3

Mr W. J. Riley's b g Erin, aged, 8.9 (A. Belling) ... 4

Mr W. Jones's ch g Bradaw, aged, 8.12 (Owner) ... 5

Mr W. White's b m Teal, aged, 8.12 (McDonell) ... 6

Mr W. Jones's ch g Bradaw, aged, 8.12 (Owner) ... 7

Mr W. White's b m Teal, aged, 8.12 (McDonell) ... 8

Mr W. Jones's ch g Bradaw, aged, 8.12 (Owner) ... 9

Mr W. White's b m Teal, aged, 8.12 (McDonell) ... 10

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Mr W. White's b m Teal, aged, 8.12 (McDonell) ... 24

Mr W. Jones's ch g Bradaw, aged, 8.12 (Owner) ... 25

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Australia's exports of wool to Japan last season amounted to 5000 bales, and it is expected that this total will be doubled next season.

An important vote has been passed in the House of Commons with the object of strengthening the force of the Australian naval station. During the discussion of the navy estimates the Government brought forward a motion that an additional sum of £1,000,000 be expended in increasing the naval strength of the station. The motion was carried.

Mr H. C. Sockington, a butcher and a justice of the peace, a well-known resident of Georgetown, committed suicide on Saturday by shooting himself through the head with a rifle.

A Riverina pastoralist who had 60000 hags of wheat last year as his share of crop under the hawkes system, will this year have 10,000 acres cropped, and others have largely increased the areas under wheat. The squatter does not receive any return unless the yield exceeds five bushels to the acre.

The Australian Eleven has defeated the Eleven of England by an innings and 221 runs.

A remarkable admission has been made in the Cape House of Assembly by Mr John Xavier Merriman, a prominent politician who has several times held office in Cape Ministry. Mr Merriman admitted that he had received a telegram from Mr J. G. Kotzee, the Transvaal Chief Justice, who stated that unless the charter of the British South Africa Company was abrogated and Mr Cecil Rhodes punished for their complicity in Dr. Jameson's raid a lasting breach would be caused between the South African Republic and the Cape Colony.

The Railway Commissioners (says the "Star") express great satisfaction with the way in which re-grading operations have been carried out on the Serviciation line from Ballarat to Glenorchy. Mr Syder states that the grade reductions form the best piece of work which has been accomplished for years past, for a considerable benefit will result from a comparatively small expenditure.

The Coal Creek men have come out again. The difficulty is ostensibly due to the amount of slack deducted from Saturday's pay, but it is said more serious reasons are at the bottom of it, namely, reductions in the shifts and wages.

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intended to re-introduce the Factory Bill, which could be passed in a very short time in consequence of the standing orders permitting a bill to be taken up at its last stage in a previous session. He intended giving this bill his hearty support. Touching on a Mining Bill, which he was sorry had not been passed, Mr Austin thought an alteration should be effected in the tributary system, the royalty charged by landowners also being too high. He hoped the Government would grapple this bill, as it was very much needed. The manner in which Mr Isaacs' Companies Bill had been pulled to pieces was next touched upon. Stringent laws were much needed upon to come up directors; but Mr Isaacs would never let the people suffer than have a bill that was not his in toto. The Credit Foncier Bill was also to be introduced, and as it would give cheap money to the farmers it would have his support. In conclusion Mr Austin thanked the audience for the attention given to him.

The Chairman, in soliciting questions, referred to the exhaustive and instructive address given by Mr Austin, whom he said would stand by what he thought was right. In answer to questions, Mr Austin favored a reduction from 5s to 2s 6d for miners' rights, and promised if there was no clause to that effect in any bill brought before the House he himself would move it to test the feeling of the House. As regards a similar reduction in woodcutters' licenses, he had asked the Minister for this reduction, but as it entailed a loss of something like £2000 a year he could not see his way clear to alter the price. To show that he was in sympathy with the woodcutters, Mr Austin mentioned that he had been the means of getting the license for cutting slash reduced from £10 to £4. He was not in favor of the referendum, but in the event of the two Houses disagreeing over the Amending Companies Act Bill he thought the members should go to the country on it. In Switzerland the referendum was only applied after three months when a bill was passed and the country did not vote. It was not in favor of the referendum was in vogue in Adelaide or New Zealand. He wanted to see the Companies' Bill passed so that defrauding directors could be got at. He did not think that a too stringent clause could be made in this respect. He was not in favor, as he said before, of the poor of Melbourne being employed on works in country districts to the detriment of local men. He was not in favor of woman's franchise. He was in favor of local option with compensation.

A very orderly meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair (proposed by Mr Austin).

MIR AUSTIN AT WATERLOO.

There was a small attendance at Mr Austin's political meeting in the Waterloo Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday evening. The meeting was quiet and orderly, and Mr Austin was well received. Mr C. J. Leadbeater, J.P., was voted to the chair. He remarked that judging by the small number present the people took a very small interest in political matters. As in the past, however, Waterloo would speak out and make itself heard when an election does occur, and when the candidates were there a few nights before the election the hall would be filled and the electors would not be so indifferent and apathetic as now. The Member was present to give an account of what he had done and what he would do, and having been in Parliament for about four years he should know how to take care of himself, so that he would leave him in their hands, with the hope that he would get a patient hearing.

Mr Austin was sorry there was not a larger meeting. It looked as though the people were satisfied with his actions, or there would have been a lot present to put questions. Mr Austin then reviewed the work of the past session on much the same lines as at Beaufort the previous evening. In condemning the Turner Government for allowing the House to lead them, he said that (although the Government had done good work) if this was the case in future Ministers should be paid lower salaries. Touching on the Mildura Commission, he said that the Government had made a mistake in carrying out their agreement, the settlers would have been in a far better position. The Commission was only appointed to get rid of the difficulty and to get Parliament to vote a sum of money to relieve the settlers. Referring to the promised bill to consolidate all mining laws, which should have been passed long ago, Mr Austin was applauded for remarking that he did not think any royalty should be given landowners, nor should they expect to receive anything but for damage done to their property, as the Government only sold the surface of the land and not the minerals below. He hoped the bill would become law.

In reply to Mr Cochran, Mr Austin did not think it a good plan for the Government to advance money to struggling mining companies on their plant, as he would rather see the prospecting vote minimized. Although there were cases where this vote had been abused in the past, yet on the whole the country had gained benefit. He instanced the Star of the East, at Ballarat, as having been kept going through the vote. Mr Assall, in asking Mr Austin if he would be in favor of assisting the residents by using his influence to obtain a small public battery from the Government, to be repaid when the money was forthcoming, pointed out that the district carried a considerable amount of quartz, but owing to the expense in getting it crushed, very little prospecting was done. The miners wanted assistance to develop quartz mining to the extent of proving whether it was payable or not. The locality was going down, but quartz mining would give it a future reaction. A considerable amount had been spent by the people in prospecting alluvial ground.

Mr Austin replied that he would certainly give the matter his strongest support, and would do his best to get them a battery, which would be a benefit to the district and to the colony at large. If the residents of Waterloo wanted it, now is an opportune time to approach the Minister, who was a sympathetic minister. A vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to the Chairman, on the proposition of Mr Austin (who thanked the meeting for the attentive hearing given him), and the proceedings terminated.

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BEAUFORT BUTTER FACTORY.

The half-yearly general meeting of shareholders was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday afternoon. After a trifle over an hour's delay a quorum attended. Present—Dr Adam (chairman of directors), Hannah, J. Jess, McDonald, Cusling, Buchanan, Vowles, Holdsworth, McFarlane, E. H. Austin, M.L.A., Exell, O'Loughlin, Lisron, McInosh, R. Kirkpatrick, Cogle, Parker, McKelch, Troy, McKerral, and J. Ball.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The statement of receipts and expenditure of the above Co., for the half-year ended 30th April last, shows that £141 9s 4d was the amount of capital received during that period. The net sales of butter, including balance accounts from previous half-year, amounted to £902 13s 6d. The actual total receipts for the half-year were £1057 6s; balance and cheques in hand, unclaimed account, and bank overdraft, bringing the gross receipts to £1717 9s 9d. The principal items in the expenditure are—Milk payments, £629 15s 10d; wages and salaries, £139 1s 10d; firewood and oil, £46 4s 11d; interest, £41 16s; boxes, paper, preservatives and salt, £41 6s 11d; machinery, £35 6s 6d; freight, cartage, &c., £24 17s 9d. Out of an authorized capital of £2000, £1366 14s 10d has been received. There is owing on milk accounts and sundries a sum of £98 3s 6d, whilst the approximate interest is set down at £20 13s. The bank overdraft stands at £601 7s 1d. The assets are estimated at £2326 2s 6d. The manufacturing account shows a profit of £60 11s 1d for the past six months. The directors' report reads as follows:—LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Your directors beg to place before you the audited balance-sheet and statement of accounts for the half-year ended 30th April, 1896. During that period 55,591½ gallons of milk were purchased and treated, yielding 22,820½ lbs. of butter. The milk supply shows a great falling off, compared with the corresponding period of 1895, that period having given 98,312 gallons of milk, the output of butter being 42,968 lbs., which enabled us to export 19½ tons that season, whereas for the past season the export was only 9½ tons. The falling off in the milk supply to the Company this season was no doubt in a great measure the result of the severe drought lately experienced in this district; but, at the same time, a large percentage of the falling off must be attributed to the indifference towards the Company's interests displayed by many of the shareholders engaged in dairying pursuits. However, your directors are pleased at being able to state that, notwithstanding all drawbacks, a profit of £60 11s 1d has been made on the six months' transactions, out of which a bonus is now declared to supplying shareholders of a half penny per lb. on the butter yield for October, November, December, and January, payable after all the London account sales are in, provided those entitled to participate have paid up their arrears of calls.—BASTI J. ADAM, Chairman of Directors.—Received.

The Chairman remarked that as they had everything before them he did not require to occupy much of their time. Considering all the disadvantages they had been laboring under, they had come out very well this half-year. A new system had been inaugurated in giving an advance to supplying shareholders, any surplus made to come out of the profit. They would remember that last year with the advance given they had come out at a loss, owing to the butter not selling at a high price. He was glad to see there had been a profit so that they could give a greater price. No doubt the drought had something to do with the small supply, but insufficient interest was also responsible for it. They must have a large supply before they could distribute a bonus on a large scale. He would like to see renewed interest taken this year. Now that they had got on their legs, and the overdraft had been considerably reduced, suppliers should support the company, and even yet they would make it a live concern and a success. They did not expect much success the first year, having labored under many disadvantages; but now there was no reason why they shouldn't go ahead.

Mr Linton asked if the £90 owing for butter would go towards a further bonus to suppliers, but was informed by the Chairman that a good deal of it had since come in and that the bonus had been decided upon on that understanding. Mr Linton asked why other companies could pay 3d and 3½d per gallon for milk and this company only 2d or 2½d. The Chairman said the company had paid 3d with the bonus. The whole evil is that the supply is not big enough to make a larger profit. Mr Linton said a lot of suppliers had been turned away owing to the agreement sent out by the directors. He himself had not supplied for a time, and he could name half-a-dozen at Middle Creek; one of these was milking 18 or 20 cows. If they let the agreement alone they would do better. The Chairman stated that the supplying shareholders had misapprehensions. Those having the company at heart would supply whether there was an agreement or not, and it was only intended for those who played fast and loose with the company, by supplying when they were well paid and giving it up when dairy butter brought more. If they could show that they had not the milk the agreement would not be enforced. Mr Linton said that no limit had been fixed, and that it did not pay to supply a gallon or two. The Chairman intimated that it was not intended to force supplies in such cases.

Mr Austin admitted that the price for milk was very small, but where other factories paid more, such as Glenormiston, for instance, the supply in one week was more than theirs for the year, and such as these could therefore afford to pay higher prices. If they had 20 times the supply there would be very little more cost to manufacture butter, and consequently the shareholders would get dividends. Suppliers could not expect a good price for their milk so long as the supply was small. If the dairymen around the district had the factory at heart they would supply more. He considered the directors deserved the thanks of the shareholders for the way in which they had pulled the company through. They had had an uphill fight, but had done wonderfully well. As regards the agreement, it was one-sided. He thought it was better that there should be no agreement which debarred non-suppliers from getting any benefit, but if there must be an agreement there should be a limit of profit to suppliers and a dividend to all shareholders. The suppliers had to thank the outside public for giving their money towards the factory, and should consider them. It would be advisable for the directors to see if they could not do away with the agreement, as it had caused friction, and there was an objection to sign when one felt bound to supply. He inquired whether any supplier had been fined, and if the fine was paid, as it did not appear in the balance-sheet.

The secretary replied in the affirmative, stating that the amounts were included in sundry receipts. Mr Linton thought the fines should not be carried out to the letter, but reduced one-half. The fine was sufficient for the first. The fines would only make suppliers more obstinate next year, with the result that they would not supply at all. The secretary said the agreement was no new thing, a great many companies having adopted it, and even put it in their memorandum of association, whereby supplying shareholders had to supply all their milk not required for household purposes under a penalty of £5. About a fortnight ago in Ararat he was credibly informed that the company intended adopting the agreement, having seen the necessity for it. In reply to Mr Austin, the secretary could not say that all of the £120 arrears of calls was a good asset. A number of persons had taken up shares and had never paid sixpence on them. This represented £64 15s, and he was obliged to show it until the directors ordered it to be written off. There was very little owing with the exception of that—about £20 in round numbers. The calls for new shares had come in very well, with the exception of 15 shares held by three persons who had made no response whatever. He read a statement showing that the liabilities of the company had been reduced from £957 13s 3d to £571 5s 5d from 30th June 1895 to 30th April last. This was considered very satisfactory.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the balance-sheet and reports, said that the directors were moving every effort to keep open and not allow the factory and creameries to be closed at all. He gave the manager (Mr Cross) credit for helping them as much as he possibly could, having met the directors in every way to try and keep things going. They could not afford to let the factory close, and the manager agreed to be paid according to results, which meant that the company could not lose. So long as they could keep open to advantage they would do so, and they were fortunate in having a manager who assisted them to that extent. During the time the factory was closed, the butter had been lost and never traced, so that the profit this half-year was not so great as it might have been. The manager has gone too, the directors having no hesitation in getting rid of him. He did not know who was to blame, but he was regretted very much, but it could be helped now, if the suppliers would roll up and they all worked together well, given a good season and the prices keeping up, they ought to have a very successful year.

The motion was seconded by Mr Buchanan, and carried. Mr Linton thought it was far better to close the factory during the winter months. The Chairman stated that the next business was the election of two directors. Messrs Hannah and Troy were unanimously re-elected on the motion of Messrs Buchanan and Austin. Mr Cushing moved, and Mr Hannah seconded, that Messrs J. Humphreys and A. Cumming be re-elected auditors. Carried.

The Chairman stated, with regard to Mr Linton's suggestion to close the factory, that he could not see so long as they were losing nothing why the factory should not be kept open. Some wished to continue supplying, and there was no reason why they should be debarred. If the company were losing then it was better to keep it open, as he had already said, they had made such an arrangement that they could not lose. Should the occasion arise they would close. He would tell them frankly that if they closed it was a question as to whether they would ever open again. He had always tried to keep the factory going in the face of great difficulties and a hostile spirit shown by certain parties where they expected encouragement. If it ever came to a question of closing the factory at any time, he thought it would be better to blow. Once closed, all interest was lost in it. He assured them that the directors would keep open so long as the factory paid expenses. Mr Linton said that they had lost by keeping open this time last year. The Chairman—You will find if you carry your memory back that the factory paid its way in the winter months. Mr Austin, as a large supplier, said that if the factory was closed he would not come back. He had a lot of cows in milk and a lot coming in, and if the factory was closed these cows would go to the market. He said it candidly, and not as a threat, as he could not keep on buying and selling cows. In the past he had been the mainstay of the Stockyard Hill creamery. He knew that if they closed Ararat would step in and take most of their Middle Creek suppliers and form agreements to shut them out. Ararat was hoping and praying that they would close, so as to get their suppliers and cripple them. He considered that even if there was a small loss it was better to keep open and keep it a live concern. The manager deserved great credit for the way he had worked the factory, and he hoped in time to come when there was a big profit—he hoped to see it in the near future—that they would consider the manager as well as the shareholders. (Applause.)

FOOTBALL.

A very friendly and interesting football match was played in the Beaufort Park on Monday afternoon, between the local and Stawell Mercantile clubs, and, contrary to expectation, resulted in a victory for Beaufort by 6 goals 5 behinds to 2 goals 11 behinds. There was a fair attendance of spectators, the local club realising £2 10s in gate money. E. P. Welsh captained the home team, and W. Heelis acted in a similar capacity for the visitors. Neither club had its strongest team. The game commenced at 3.15 p.m., the Mercantiles kicking towards the pavilion end. They at once put Beaufort on the defensive; Wall and Blackman each missing easy chances to score, the last-named getting a minor point, Wall shortly afterwards doing likewise and just missing the goal post from a long shot. Heelis tried, but only registered the third behind. Up to this period Beaufort had not taken the ball past the centre of the ground; but the frequent attacks on their citadel put them on their mettle, and forcing the ball into their opponent's territory, A. Welsh had two resultless long distance shots. McDougall, however, scored first goal for Beaufort by a running kick. The attack was renewed, but without effect, by W. White. Just before quarter-time Heelis missed an easy chance for the Mercantiles. Directly after changing ends A. Welsh made a good attempt, but the ball fell a few feet short. Stawell then attacked; Brown failing to score. Some good give and take play followed, A. Welsh, Cugel, and D'Arcy being conspicuous for dashing play. Wilson marked to White, who passed it on to Nolan in front of the uprights, and Nolan in turn sent it diving through. Goal No. 2, and Beaufort supporters jubilant. Kettle, who was playing a capital game for the Mercantiles, added the fourth behind. Nolan shortly afterwards marked and passed it on to White, who scored third goal for Beaufort from a difficult angle. Beaufort continued to put their opponents on the defensive, but ultimately the Mercantiles took the sphere of contention to the other end of the ground, and Hutchings grabbed their first goal with a running kick. In play again, and Mercantile's goal was again attacked, Wilson failing to score. The Stawellites then persistently tried to score, but only added four behinds; Sack missing a very soft chance about 5 yds. in front and hitting the post. At half-time the game stood—Beaufort, 3 goals 1 behind; Stawell Mercantiles, 1 goal 9 behinds. In the third quarter the Mercantiles scored first behind (the 10th), quickly followed by Beaufort's fourth goal—a fine kick by McDougall. L. Lilley added a behind for Beaufort with a running kick. The fifth goal was scored by Leo amidst great enthusiasm. Beaufort, at this stage, were playing well together, and quite outshone their opponents. L. Lilley had a shot, but only a behind resulted; Nolan adding the fourth shortly afterwards. In the final quarter the visitors had rather the best of the play. Each side scored a goal; R. Wilson for Beaufort first, then Brown for Stawell Mercantiles. Stanton, Moore, Mitchell, and Kettle had shots for the visitors; the two last-named scoring behinds, the ball from Kettle's kick being touched on its passage through the uprights. Subsequently Kettle, France, and Wall marked within kicking distance, but nothing resulted. As stated before the game resulted in a victory for Beaufort by 6 goals 5 behinds to Stawell Mercantile's 2 goals 11 behinds. The weather was well adapted for football, but the ground was in a very greasy condition. Mr T. Murphy, as central umpire, was thoroughly impartial and strict, and gave unbounded satisfaction to both teams. Those who distinguished themselves most for the victors were D'Arcy (who played the game of the 40), White, Cugel, McDougall, A. and E. P. Welsh, Nolan, and Wilson; whilst Kettle, Brown, Hutchings, Stanton, Heelis, Wall, and Blackman showed to most advantage for the losers. The customary cheers were given at the conclusion of the game.

Prior to the match against Stawell Mercantiles on Monday Mr E. P. Welsh was unanimously elected captain of the Beaufort Football Club for the ensuing season. The Beaufort footballers, after defeating the Stawell Mercantiles, decided to compete for the Ararat trophy. Messrs J. W. Harris, junr., and R. A. D. Sinclair have promised the Beaufort Football Club, for competition amongst the members this season, a trophy for the best place player and for the best goal kicker respectively.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Mr John R. Wetherpoon, J.P., has been appointed a trustee of the Beaufort Public Cemetery, vice Mr John McRae, resigned. The holding of Courts of Petty Sessions at Beaufort is altered from the dates previously appointed to every Monday, at 1.30 p.m., taking effect from and after the 1st June. Applications for licenses approved.—C. C. Tucker, 2,800 acres, Mt. Cole State Forest, under section 123. Persons desirous of being enrolled on the supplementary list of non-repaying electors for the Legislative Council or Assembly should secure rights before the 1st June, after which date the lists will be made up.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

A General Meeting will be held in the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening next, 1st June, at 8 o'clock, to receive balance-sheet and auditors' report. E. P. WELSH, Secretary.

FOR SALE.

All parties having CLAIMS against the Estate of the late JAMES BOWEN, of Waterloo, must send their ACCOUNTS on or before Saturday, June 6th, 1896, to JOHN SAYLES, Exchange Hotel, Ballarat, or Mr W. K. Shaw, Agent, Waterloo. Executors of the will of the said James Bowen. Accounts not sent in by the above-named date will not be acknowledged.

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MINES ACT 1890.

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Extent and situation of land applied for, and whether on or below the surface, or both, or a lode—Five acres (one acre on the surface), portion of allotment 6, parish of Beaufort. Name of each person who owns the land or any part thereof—William Smith. Name of each person (if any) who is in occupation of the land—William Smith. Minimum number of men to be employed—For the first six months, three men; subsequently, when in full work, five men. Precise locality of the land—Poverty Division, north of railway line from Beaufort to Ballarat. Term required—Fifteen years. Time of commencing operations—On the granting of the lease. Amount of money proposed to be invested, and in what manner the land is to be worked—£2000; horse power and manual labor. Whether the boundaries of the land applied for will include any river, creek, deposit of permanent water, spring, artificial reservoir, public roads, or subject to any public rights—No. General remarks—Nil. Date and place—29th May, 1896, Beaufort. Dated this 29th day of May, 1896. JAMES WILLIAM DOYLE, Applicant aforesaid.

Note.—Warning to Applicants.—If at any time after the execution of the Mining Lease granted on this application a less number of men be employed, or if the ground is not worked to the best advantage, then and in either case the Mining Lease will be liable to be forfeited or declared void.

MR. ARTHUR NICKOLS, of Melbourne, Agent and Organising Secretary for the British and Foreign Bible Society, will preach in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 1st (11 o'clock), and in St. John's Church in the evening (7 p.m.) A Public Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Monday, the 5th, to commence at 7.30, to be addressed by Mr. Nickols and the Ministers of the town. Collection!

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BEAUFORT v. LINTON.

The above match was played at Linton on 25th May, and resulted in a win for Beaufort by two sets, 25 games. The following are the scores:—Messrs Corke and Barry (Linton) beat Messrs McKelch and Tromp (Beaufort), 6-5, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. Messrs McKelch and Tromp (Beaufort) beat Messrs Mabrice and Gibson (Linton), 6-3, 6-3, 6-0. Messrs Troy and Thompson (Beaufort) beat Messrs Mabrice and Gibson (Linton), 6-0, 6-0, 6-0. Final result—Beaufort, 2 rubbers, 7 sets, 59 games; Linton, 2 rubbers, 5 sets, 34 games; majority for Beaufort, 2 sets, 25 games.

BALLYROGAN.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Ballyrogan Debating Club was held on Saturday night last. The night was fine, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The subject under discussion was "Which is the vainer of the sexes?" Mr Branton being voted to the chair, and the usual routine business disposed of, called on Mr P. Gordon to open the debate, which this gentleman did in an able manner and traversed a lot of ground to show that woman was the vainer. Miss F. Lewis responded, and in a very sound and logical argument maintained that man was the vainer. A very interesting and amusing debate followed, in which the following took part:—Messrs S. Gordon, M., K., and D. Lewis, and Messrs Lewis (2), Stewart (2), T. Ford, S. Berryman, H. Gordon, Brunton, and Messrs Clarke and D. D. McDonald, as visitors, also took part in the discussion. The voting showed 9 that man was the vainer to 5 that woman was the vainer. The social hour was a very enjoyable one. Mr P. Gordon's song, "Ballyrogan debates," was loudly applauded. Miss S. Gordon's song, "Tam Glen," was nicely given. Mr Norris's song, "Scaling," was greatly appreciated, as was also Mr McDonald's number, "The miner's dream of home." Mr H. Gordon recited "Kiry Urban" in his usual able manner. Mr Brunton recited "John Maynard" in good style, and Mr Clarke's recitation fairly brought down the house. Messrs Lewis and Stewart contributed readings. Votes of thanks to the ladies, visitors, and chair brought the meeting to a close. A very interesting game of cricket was played on the local ground on Saturday last between a team representing the married men of the district and all the single men and boys that could be mustered in the locality. The single men were the first to take charge of the bat, but failed to score against the bowling of Baker, McDonald, and Pickford, the whole 15 in all being disposed of for 75 runs. The married then took charge of the willow, and after an hour's stand the whole were disposed of for 82 runs, Mills being the bowler for the single men. Marriage has thus proved its success as far as cricket is concerned, and marriages will no doubt be the order before next cricketing season in this district. Luncheon was kindly provided by the ladies of the district, and the thanks of the club are due to those ladies, and also for their kindness in waiting at the tables. Appended are the scores:—Single team.—T. Miles, P. Pickford, 17; P. Lewis, B. McDonald, 10; J. Walker, P. Pickford, 0; T. Robinson, B. McDonald, 2; J. Lewis, B. Pickford, 0; A. Gordon, C. Berryman, P. Pickford, 0; P. Gordon, B. McDonald, 1; H. McDonald, C. McDonald, P. Pickford, 3; J. McDonald, not out, 22; W. Stewart, B. Baker, 7; H. Gordon, B. McDonald, 0; K. Simpson, C. McDonald, B. Baker, 0; J. Gordon, B. Baker, 0; J. Stewart, C. Pickford, B. McDonald, 0; A. McDonald, B. Baker, 0; byes, 13; total, 75. Married team.—S. Pickford, B. T. Miles, 12; A. McDonald, C. P. Gordon, B. Miles, 17; C. Baker, P. Miles, 4; T. Berryman, C. B. Robinson, 17; J. Robinson, C. Miles, 1; L. Haines, B. Miles, 3; A. Baker, C. Lewis, B. Robinson, 2; C. Stewart, B. Miles, 0; H. Gordon, B. Miles, 2; D. McDonald, not out, 0; M. Lewis, not out, 2; byes, 18; total, 82.

The fourth series of splendidly executed photographic views in connection with the issue of "Broader Britain" may be obtained from the local agent, Mr Welsh, at the low price of 6d. The ball in aid of the Australian Natives' Association, Waterloo, held in the Mechanics' Hall on Monday night, was a financial success and a very enjoyable affair. Forty couples were present. Music was supplied by Mr Miles. Mr J. Edrys made an excellent M.C. Excellent refreshments were provided by Mr Callister, of Chute. A few weeks ago the ratepayers in the eastern portion of the Riponshire shire petitioned the Minister of Public Works to sever them from that municipality and annex them to the Healesville shire. The petitioners waited on the Minister on Friday (say Monday "Argus") to support their petition, while the Etham Council appeared to oppose it. It was stated in support of the application for severance that the interests of the petitioners were bound up with Healesville, that being their market town and railway station. The councillors on the other hand, pointed out that a fair share of the revenue of the Riponshire shire had been expended in the district seeking severance, and that they had no complaint against the council. Mr Taverer stated he would decline to make an offer for severance, as he considered the petitioners had been fairly treated by the Etham Council, and, moreover, it would never do to grant severance merely because a portion of a shire happened to be nearer one town than the other. If that policy were adopted the boundaries of many shires would have to be altered.

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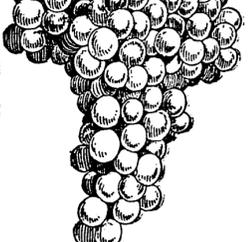
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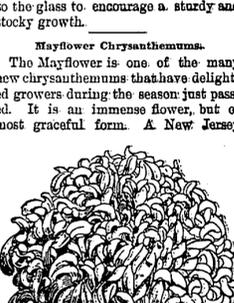
A shocking accident has happened at Lattrobe, Tasmania. A farmer named John Parker was engaged being a tree, and his wife, aged 70 years, went out to him.

A youth named Vince, while having his teeth extracted by Mr. P. Moe, dentist, Bendigo, and at the time being under chloroform administered by Dr. J. D. Boyd, died during the operation.

John Boyle, a farmer, living at Lake Mundi, 30 miles from Cisterton, has been found burned to death in his firehouse.

At Port Fairy a son of Mr. D. Bermingham, 14 years old, has died in an exceptionally sad circumstance.

Mayflower Chrysanthemum. The Mayflower is one of the many new chrysanthemums that have delighted growers during the season just passed.



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

The Australian Eleven have now won three and drawn two matches. Three Carbine colts sold at Newmarket on Tuesday took the fancy of judges, and realised a total of 320 guineas.

Dr. Cunningham, the victim of the recent outrage at Talbot, has made such rapid strides towards complete recovery that he will resume practice next Monday.

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