

COMMERCIAL.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat, 5s 1d per bushel, bags 4s; flour, stone-male, L13 10s per ton...

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET. Cattle—207 head was the number penned for to-day's sale...

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

Wishes to notify that having purchased his brother's interest in the business, he will carry on the same himself...

DR. ADAM, M.B., Ch.B., May in future be consulted at his private residence (next to Police Station).

Mr J. W. Harris, junr., 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. Carr...

Mr Drummond's school re-opens on Monday, 18th inst.

Victoria won the intercolonial cricket match against S. Australia by 49 runs. The herdsman of the Beaufort United Common notifies that it is his intention to muster all unregistered goats at Beaufort, Main Lead, and Waterloo...

Mr W. Edward Nickols announces a sale for 23rd inst., of land, dwelling house, carpenter's shop and tools, household furniture, horse, funeral furniture, &c., in the estate of the late Mr R. Farley.

Mr New Year's Day a very large number of townspersons went on picnicking excursions to Fern Tree Gully, Mt. Cole. The weather was very suitable for holiday-making.

There was no rowdiness to speak of in the streets on the occasion of the departure of the old year. The police promptly dispersed a gang who seemed bent on mischief. The New Year was ushered in with a considerable amount of discharging of firearms.

In common with other parts of the colony a heavy windstorm occurred at Beaufort on Monday. Beyond blowing some sheets of iron off Cochrans' shop, no damage was done.

Mr. J. W. Harris, junr., R.D.S., Surgical and Mechanical Dentist, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SUNDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1897.

Church of England.—St. John's, 11 a.m. Subject, "Divine providence in the life of the seed of Abraham." Holy communion to follow.

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1897. Present—Crs Flynn (president), Murray, Cameron, G. Lewis, Russell, Beggs, Astin, Bridges, and Cushing.

From Department of Public Works, forwarding copy of "Gazette" notice, re the proposed new shire of Skiptoon. Received.

From Board of Public Health, reminding Council of its obligations under section 232 of the Health Act, 1890, with respect to public buildings. Received.

From Outburst, Morrow and Must, asking to be supplied with a copy of the Skiptoon severance petition to enable them to satisfactorily answer questions submitted by Council. Attended to.

From P. G. Ball, applying, on behalf of the committee of the Raglan Public Hall, for a renewal of a dancing license. Granted on condition of Crs Bridges and Russell.

From T. J. Oude and 39 ratepayers of Beaufort, drawing attention to the unsatisfactory nature of the water supply, pointing out that nearly every summer the water is cut off from the town at night.

From J. W. Browne, applying on behalf of the managers of the Beaufort United Common for a grant of L10 towards exterminating rabbits on the common.

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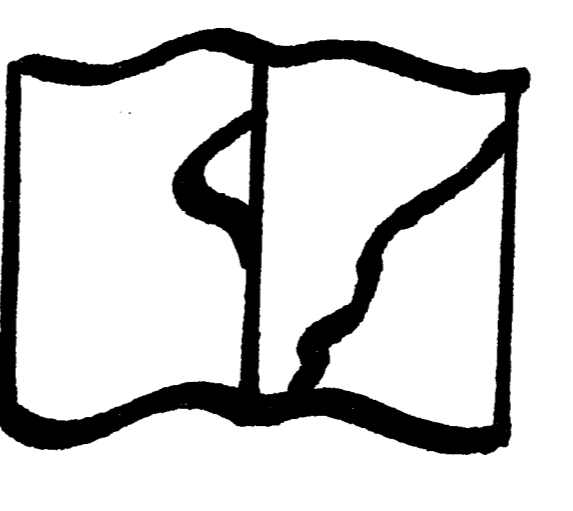
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SELLING FLAT RACE, of 5 sovs.

Handicap. Winner to be sold for £10. Five-tenths of any surplus to go to the funds of the club; three-tenths to second horse; and two-tenths to third horse. Post entry, 5s. Distance, one mile.

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Mr. J. Dickson's ch g St. Enoch's, 5 yrs, Sat, carried 8.7 (Dadswell) ... 2
Bradawl (8.7) scratched. Ailsa got away with a big start, but St. Enoch's gradually crept up, and on coming into the straight for home shot ahead. With a win almost a certainty, St. Enoch's ran off the course, allowing Ailsa to win easily. Dadswell was called before the stewards, and informed that if he had pulled St. Enoch's off roughly, as suspected, it would have been too cleverly for the stewards to notice it.

HANDICAP TROT, of 5 sovs.

Distance two miles. Post entry, 5s. Mr. F. G. Prince's br g Jimmy, aged, 20 yds bhd. scr. (Pearson) ... 1
Mr. Phil Jones' g m Hilda, aged, 400 yds bhd. scr. (Bramfield) ... 2
Hilda apparently could have won had it been so desired; whilst Billy was pulled off under a tree on coming up the straight when in a leading position.

FLYING HANDICAP, of 5 sovs.

Three-quarters of a mile. Entry, 5s. Mr. J. Redmond's (a.s) br h Morocco, 5 yrs, 9st, car. 9.6 (A. Edwards) ... 1
Mr. W. Jones' ch g Bradawl, aged, 8.7, carried 8.7 (J. Curran) ... 2
Mr. W. Kelly's b g Erin, aged, 7.6, carried 7.12 (R. Schlicht) ... 3
Nora and Miss Salkirk being scratched. Bradawl got away with a big start, but nothing interfered with his chance by crossing and passing him. A grand race up the straight—the best of the day—Morocco winning by a neck.

HURRY SUGAR, of 2 sovs., with entrance money added.

Half a mile. Entry 2s. Mr. J. Dickson's St. Enoch's, 9st (Dadswell) ... 1
Mr. W. Jones' Bradawl, 9.9 (J. Curran) ... 2
Mr. McKeich's Cissie, 6.7 (C. Maher) ... 3
Black Bob (8.7, carried 10.7) and Cissie (8.7, carried 8.4) also started. A close finish. Won by a length.

SKIPTON ANNUAL PICNIC.

The annual New Year's Day picnic and children's treat was held on New Year's Day, and was well attended, very much enjoyed, and carried out by the committee and the many visitors in a most successful manner which every one who was present will be glad to remember. The picnic was held on the grounds of the Skipton Hotel, and was a most successful one. The committee had done well to select a day when the weather was so favourable, and the day was a most successful one. The picnic was held on the grounds of the Skipton Hotel, and was a most successful one. The committee had done well to select a day when the weather was so favourable, and the day was a most successful one.

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TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—I hear the managers of the Beaufort Commons have applied to the Riponshire Council on Monday for monetary assistance to destroy the rabbits on the common to spread phosphorised wheat there. As this application seems to take place yearly when the Council's funds are exhausted, I would ask if that economy is practised by the managers which all local bodies in the colony are now and have been doing for some time past. It appears to me, from a comparison with other balance-sheets of some other commons in this and adjoining shires, that due economy is not practised. Other commons show a surplus without any outside assistance, and they manage to make the fees for all necessary expenses. There are 16,000 or 18,000 acres of Crown lands in the Beaufort common, and there is only one herdsman to pay, who also cuts the thistles. As this gentleman seems to have plenty of time to break in horses, assist the officer who collects the agricultural statistics, as well as serving rate notices, for which he no doubt gets paid, in addition to his salary as herdsman, would it not be as well to include rabbit destruction among his duties as herdsman? There is also Mr. Brown, the secretary, drawing his £12 a year. Why not spend this money in destroying rabbits? He receives £20 per annum as a member of the Easing Board, and it is questionable whether he has any right to take money for services he may perform while acting as one of the managers. If this £12 per year has been illegally paid to Brown—and I think it has—how will he be able to refund the amount he has received during the number of years he has acted as secretary? Perhaps at his meetings to be held in view of an election for a Mining Board member in February next, he will give his reasons for drawing while the other member receives only £50.—Yours, &c., Gr.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—With your kind permission and through the medium of your paper, I would like to point out the great danger that at present threatens us, in the hope that some steps will be taken at once to remedy the evil. It is only necessary to refer to the fire which took place here early this morning to bring home to us the fact that if a fire occurred in any of the more thickly populated parts of the town, and the water was cut off, as was the case this morning, it would mean the destruction of half the town, and most likely lives would be lost as well. It is high time something was done to make our water supply more efficient, and that the ratepayers wake up to the fact that there is no town member, and seemingly no one who takes any interest in the Beaufort water supply. There seems to be no one who is interested in the water supply, and it is not possible to punish those who deliberately waste the water which is so urgently required for other purposes. Trusting that some action will be taken at once by the residents of the town in regard to this very serious matter.—Yours, &c., RATEPAYER.

BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, 4TH JANUARY, 1897.
(Before Messrs F. Beggs and T. Beggs and Captain Bridges, J.S.P.)
Police v. Wm. McVicar.—Charged with insulting behaviour in a public place on Xmas Eve.
Senior-constable Downey deposed to defendant having used filthy language and resisted the police. McVicar had been in goal since.
Defendant, who said that he was very drunk and did not remember anything about it, expressed regret at the occurrence, and asked to be given another chance, when it would not happen again. Fined 20s, with 21s costs; in default 7 days' imprisonment; another charge being struck out.
H. McQueen was also charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 2nd inst., and was fined 5s, in default 3 days' imprisonment.
Ivie McEwale v. Wm. Sneddon.—Work and labour, £36. The debt was admitted. Order for amount, with 2s 6d costs.
Philip McEwale v. same.—Work and labour and material supplied, £49 19s 6d. This debt was not admitted. Order for amount, with 2s 6d costs.
K. Flynn v. Wm. Sneddon, Joseph Ogilvie, Jas. Voyles, and Geo. Wootton (co-operative parties in the Golden Gate Mining Co.).—Goods sold and delivered, £29 19s 8d. Mr. Sneddon for complainant. Judgment for the amount was previously obtained against the remaining shareholders, but when the plant was distrained on defendants pp in a claim.
Mr. M. Flynn as agent for his wife, deposed that the goods were ordered by the manager, Wm. Sneddon, who ordered on behalf of the company, whilst Sneddon had consented to be bound by what Wm. Sneddon had ordered. That being the case there can be no answer to defendants' claim, the goods being precisely those sent for before.
Captain Bridges said that in the other case there was an acknowledgment as to the receipt of the goods, whilst these defendants denied the debt.

BEAUFORT DIVISION.

THE General List for the Beaufort Division is now printed and open for inspection. It is now printed and open for inspection. It is now printed and open for inspection. It is now printed and open for inspection.

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SALE BY AUCTION. SATURDAY, 23RD JANUARY, at one o'clock. In the Estate of Richard F. Farley, Esq., late of Beaufort, Carpenter and Joiner, deceased. By W. EDWARD NICHOLS, Auctioneer. KOLLS, by instructions of the Administrator in the above Estate, will sell by public auction, at 11 o'clock, all that piece of land containing 16 and 1/2 acres, situate in the Parish of Beaufort, and bounded as follows:—On the north by the Beaufort Common, on the east by the Beaufort Common, on the south by the Beaufort Common, and on the west by the Beaufort Common.

BEAUFORT.

REWARD for return Hack, chestnut 52 Filly, star, stripe, off feet white. L. TURNER, Learmouth.

BEAUFORT.

MEETING of the above Club, for the purpose of passing accounts in connection with the New Year's Day Races will be held at the "Fruit" Hotel next TUESDAY evening, 12th inst., at 8 o'clock. A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

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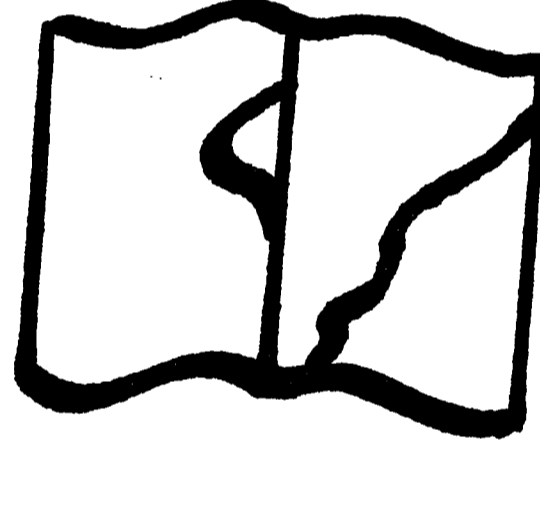
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MECHANICS' FANCY FAIR.

A general meeting of all committees of the Beaufort Mechanics' Fancy Fair was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening; Mr. McKelich (president of executive committee) in the chair, and eight members being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. From W. C. Thomas, forwarding cheque for £1 1s.—Acknowledged with thanks.

The secretary (Mr. J. R. Tompkins) submitted a balance-sheet, showing the receipts to have amounted to £104 19s 2d and the expenditure to £33 10s 6d, thus leaving a credit balance of £71 8s. Messrs J. W. Tallochan and J. W. Harris, jur., certified to having examined the accounts and found them correct in every particular.

The secretary also produced a statement showing the receipts of the following: Donations (cash), £11 13s 6d; publican's booth, £17 6s 6d; poultry and stock, £2 9s 6d; Richardson show, £2 13s 2d; fancy and other stalls, £23 0s 10d; gates, £19 5s 3d; aprts, £3 1s 1d; concert, £13 5s 6d; total, £179 14s 11d; less general expenses, £8 11s 1d—£171 3s.

Mr. Sinclair moved, and Mr. D. F. Troy seconded, that the balance-sheet and auditors' report be received and adopted. Carried.

Mr. Stuart moved that the profit on the Fancy Fair, namely, £71 8s, be transferred to the Mechanics' Institute banking account. Seconded by Mr. Topper, and carried; the secretary and treasurer being instructed to pay the money over the following day.

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TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—With your kind permission and through the medium of your paper, I would like to point out the great danger that at present threatens us, in the hope that some steps will be taken at once to remedy the evil.

Defendant, who said that he was very drunk and did not remember anything about it, expressed regret at the occurrence, and asked to be given another chance, when it would not happen again.

MR. DRUMMOND begs to intimate that his school will re-open on Monday, 18th January.

REWARD for return Hack, chestnut filly, star, stripe, off feet white. H. TURNER, Learmouth.

MEETING of the above Club, for the purpose of passing accounts in connection with the New Year's Day Races will be held at Alder's Furnace Hotel next TUESDAY evening, 12th inst., at 8 o'clock.

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Mr. Tompkins said he was very much pleased even to get a vote of thanks. He had not used his assistant secretaries as he might have done, having had the time to do more himself.

Mr. Roy moved that the best thanks of the meeting be also tendered to the concert performers, coupled with the names of the visitors. Seconded by Mr. McDonald, and carried by acclamation.

Mr. Sinclair, as stage manager, returned thanks. The concert was no trouble at all—it was the easiest to work that he had ever had anything to do with.

A fire occurred at Mudgee on Tuesday night, in which two little boys were burnt to death before they could be rescued. To other children were with difficulty saved from a similar fate.

In Norway, Sweden and Finland women are frequently employed as sailors, and do their work excellently; and in Denmark several women are employed about as State officials, generally in the pilot service.

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HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of 7 boys. Two miles. Over hurdles about 3ft. Gin. high. Entry, 7s. Mr. J. Gray's br g Huszar, aged, 11st (F. Johnson)... 1. Mr. M. McIndoe's br h Morocco, 5 yrs., 11st (A. Edwards)... 0. Finango (9 7/8), Elmore (10st), and Turk (12st) scratched.

Mr. J. Gray's d br g Black Bob, carried 8 1/2 (W. Lyons)... 1. Mr. G. A. Lunn's g. Notting, 4 yrs, 8 1/2, carried 9 1/2 (I. Weller)... 2. Mr. H. D. Carter's d n Mayflower, 4 yrs, 8 1/2, carried 8 1/2 (J. C. Martin)... 3.

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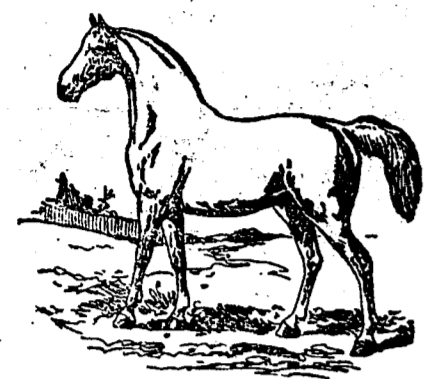
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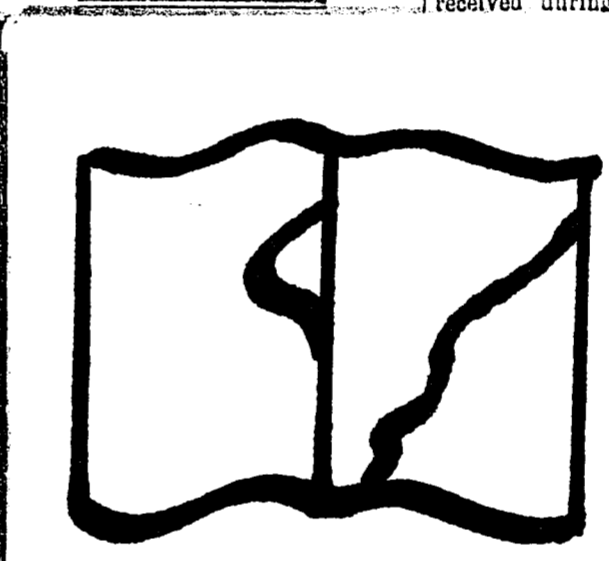
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BE CAREFUL WITH THAT LAMP! I sincerely hope that Mrs. Fimer has abandoned the custom of keeping an oil lamp burning in her room at night.

The Peach Yellow. In accordance with the Connecticut "peach yellows" statute, enacted by the general assembly at its last session, the newly appointed commissioner on the yellows, with six or eight deputy commissioners, has begun a systematic and thorough pilgrimage all about the state.

New Clematis. It is perhaps 15 years ago since the editor of The Rural New Yorker imported from England the three then new clematises, Henry, Louisiana and Smythiana.

Clematises For Winter. If you wish to have beautiful clematises to bloom in your windows or greenhouses next winter and spring, now is the time to sow the seed.

The penal system of Siberia has been so modified of late that most of the sensational accounts of its severities published within the last 10 or 12 years are no longer even approximately accurate.

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Handicap Trot.—Two miles. Weight, 10st over. Ten starters.—Thos. Vicar's Taber, 15 sec. behind, 1; Harker's Coomassie, 20 sec. behind, 2; M. Lynch's Bobby, 30 sec. behind, 3. Won easily.

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Mr Webb expects that under the new Income Tax Act the number of schedules will be reduced from 150,000 to less than half that number.

The blight of profound indifference on the part of the contracting colonies threatens to fall on the whole question of federation, and although the necessary machinery has been provided, it seems to be no one's business in particular to set the wheels in motion.

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BEAUFORT UNITED COMMON.

The managers of the above common met at the secretary's office on Monday last. Present, Messrs Humphreys, Flynn, and Browne (secretary).

MIDDLE CREEK.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) One of the heaviest rains ever experienced for some time took place on Friday, 8th inst.

GLZETTE NOTICES.

The following applications for grants under section 13 of the Land Act 1890 have been approved: J. H. George and Joseph George, 20a, each, parish of Beaufort.

MINING DEVELOPMENT.

STATE ASSISTANCE.

ITS AIMS AND PROVISIONS.

The Act passed last session "to subsidise and enable companies to further develop gold-mining and for other purposes" is one in which a large number of the people of this colony will take a keen interest.

LAND BOARD.

A PECULIAR CASE.

A Local Land Board was held at Ballarat on Thursday by Mr J. O. Joy. Amongst the selections advertised was one situated at Beaufort containing 197 acres.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The first of three fortnightly matches for an electro-plated preserve dish, to be decided by points of 4, 3, 2 and 1, with second and third prizes of 10 and 5 respectively.

A Swiss journalist, Mr Philippe Gouget, has discovered at Middelche, in Holland, among the archives of the Bentck family, 39 unpublished letters of Voltaire.

The progress of settlement in New South Wales is shown by the statistics that have recently been issued, showing that the land is being rapidly taken up, apparently in lots suitable for agricultural purposes.

The Postmaster-General, the Attorney-General, the Chief Secretary, and Mr M'Lean, M.L.A., have been appointed a committee to enquire into the working of the Postal Department, including the telephone branch.

Guided by the X rays provided by Thomas A. Edison, a lancet operated by Drs W. C. Bayley and A. Wendall has probably restored the sight of 10-year-old Mary Schoelner, of Newark, N.J.

A notice has been issued to postmasters that messengers who provide and constantly use bicycles for the delivery of telegrams will be entitled to an allowance of 13s per annum for maintenance of their machines.

The bubonic plague has been marked by an extraordinarily high death rate at Karachi. Out of a total number of 220 cases, there have been no fewer than 214 deaths.

The handsome gold vase valued at £1,000, offered as the first prize of the Hibernian Society's art union, was won by Bishop Reville, of Bendigo.

Latest news from India reports a terrible state of affairs at Bombay, owing to the prevalence of the bubonic plague. Three-fourths of the mills have stopped for want of labor, and there is a large amount of suffering.

The thirteenth contest for supremacy at cricket between the colonies of New South Wales and South Australia has ended in a easy win for New South Wales. The first of the series was played in 1890, and of the 13 now played, record of South Wales has been as follows:

On Tuesday the Executive Council issued an order gazetted Sir Andrew Clarke as Agent-General for Victoria. Mr G. H. Reid, Premier of New South Wales, returned to Melbourne on Tuesday after a quiet holiday at Lorne.

A married woman named Webb and her two little children were found in a house in Jiffney-street, West Melbourne, on Tuesday night in a terrible state of filth.

TESTING PLANT.

The erection of testing plants is primarily in the discretion of the Minister of Mines, but they must be erected only in districts wherein there is no battery within reasonable distance.

The Dowager Empress of Japan died on the 11th inst.

Two lifeboats are being built by the Townsville corporation, Queensland, for use in the town during floodtime.

RACES AND DAMS.

The construction of races and dams is also primarily in the discretion of the Minister, but in all cases the proposals are to be reported on by a geological officer, and in the case of dams, by the Victorian Water Supply.

PROSPECTING.

Prospectors who obtain with gratification that four or more persons in combination may apply to the Minister for an advance by way of loan not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds, and the loan may be granted by the Governor-in-Council.

THE RATESYERS' GENERAL LIST.

The Ratesyers' General List for the year 1896 is now printed, and may be inspected, free of charge, until the day appointed for revision, at my office, and at the office of my Deputy Waterworks.

VEGETATION DISSEMINATION ACT 1896.

IN accordance with the provisions of Regulations 121st September, 1896, under the Vegetation Act 1896, fruit-growers in the counties of Grant, Grenville, and Innes respectively are hereby required to furnish their names in full, place of address, parish in which land is situated, and area thereof, to the undersigned for registration, on or before the 31st day of January, 1897.

WESTERN DISTRICT, COMPRISING COUNTIES OF ARAT, GREENVILLE, AND RIPON.

LAND OFFICE. Geelong, 29th December, 1896.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

FIRST and second class return tickets, available by the specials only going, and for return by all ordinary trains (express excepted) on calendar month, will be issued as follows.

TENDERS, returnable at 3 o'clock, JANUARY 16, 1897.

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WEDNESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1897.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, by instructions from the Administrators in the above Estate, will sell on the premises, Neill and Livingstone Streets, Beaufort, all that piece of LAND, being Crown allotment 11, of section 37, township of Beaufort.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.

Two Red and White Heifers, like WW of ribs. Two Strawberry Heifers, JA off rump. One Red and White Heifer, JA off rump.

CHEAP EXCURSION CHEAP TRAIN EXCURSION TRAIN.

Will leave here on or about 26th January for the ANA, 2TH GREAT NATIONAL EXHIBITION BUILDING, MELBOURNE.

On Sale.

JEREMIAH SMITH'S TIMBER YARD. CORNER OF LIVINGSTONE & WILLOBY STREETS. American-shelving boards, Dumber do.

SPRING 1896.

NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS. American-clearing pine, 6 in. x 12 in. x 12 in., cedar, wide and narrow boards.

COUGLE'S

MANCHESTER HOUSE. THIS WEEK, Grand Display. NEW MILLINERY, NEW MANTLES, NEW DRESS GOODS, NEW UMBRELLAS.

The Best Value in the Trade.

GEO. H. COUGLE, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

PROFESSOR BAUMONT'S FRENCH SAFETY PILLS.

Will NEVER deceive you. They restore regularly, no matter how long delay. In all cases, they are safe. Take no others! When everything else fails, take these!

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer.

SALE BY AUCTION. SATURDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1897, at one o'clock, in the Estate of Richard J. Parley, deceased.

The late rains have made the ground fit for ploughing, and many farmers have started already.

SKIPTON.

The benefit of the beautiful rain which we received at the end of last week is beginning to be felt in the district. On the banks of the creek and wherever the younger...

What has become of the "bit" inspection? Are they a thing of the past? Is this district being watched to see if it would be advised for now to be kept on the sunny which are now being...

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CRICKET.

WATERLOO V. BEAUFORT.

These clubs met in friendly rivalry on Saturday afternoon at the Park. Waterloo were the first to bat, and the willow, but completely collapsed, owing to the deadly bowling of Barnes and H. Parker, who obtained the splendid averages of 5 wickets for 6 runs and 5 for 7 respectively.

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THE ELIZABETH STREET MURDER.

CONFESSION BY PHILLIPS. A REMARKABLE STORY.

A sensational development took place on Wednesday in connection with the murder of William Brady, bookkeeper at Messrs Cooper & Son's, in Elizabeth-street, when William Phillips, the young man who was arrested for the crime, made a full confession.

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Pts. G. Kilberg ... 52 10 62, Pts. G. Topper ... 48 12 60, Sgt. Parry ... 40 20 60, Pts. R. J. Pedder ... 40 15 55, Pts. W. Tilley ... 46 8 54, Pts. E. Troy ... 53 8 54, Pts. A. Wetherston ... 36 15 51, Pts. E. Congle ... 27 18 45, Pts. F. Cummings ... 27 16 43.

TAILED MEN.

Six years ago, in the course of a visit to the Indo-Chinese region, between 11deg. and 12deg. lat. and 104deg. and 106deg. long, M. Paul d'Enjoy captured an individual of the Moi race, who had climbed a large tree to gather honey.

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In the Australasian colonies the expenditure on railways alone has amounted to £128,107,705, whilst the outlay in other directions for water supply, electric telegraphs, and other public works brings the total up to £206,376,299.

The borrowings of the Australasian colonies during the past 20 years have increased by £195,000,000.

The blood is the source from which our systems are built up, and from which we derive our mental as well as our physical capabilities. If the blood is diseased the body is diseased.

A statement is going the rounds of the rural press to the effect that a shearer named J. Howe, who for some time past, has held the record for fast shearing, has this season, while shearing at the Alice Downs Station, Queensland, eclipsed his own record and that of all others by shearing 338 ewes in eight hours.

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Gold Vase valued at £1000 for 1st, £1000 for 1st, £1000 for 1st. Tickets only 1s. each, should be bought at once from local agents, or from the Secretary.

Two Red and White Heifers, like WW or rils. Two Strawberry Heifers, JA of ramp. Red and White Heifer, JA of ramp.

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

A correspondent of the New Zealand Farmer gives the following recipe as an effectual cure for bots: "Make an emulsion of the following ingredients and give the horse:—Half a pint of whisky, half a pint of treacle, half a pint of vinegar, and half a pint of soft soap."

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SIGN NO MORE, LADIES, SIGN NO MORE. "If men were deceivers ever, 'Twas in the first time that the eye saw him, he would bluff and beguile."

PROFESSOR HAUTMONT'S FRENCH SAFETY PILLS. Will never deceive you. They restore regularity, no matter why, or how long delayed.

STAMPS FOR AVAILABLE PAMPHLET.

FRUIT-FLOWERS

FAVORITE GREENHOUSE PLANTS.

A selection of Mixed Plants That Are Interesting and Satisfactory.



VIOLATA PERPERA.

lest a low white in bloom, they are especially desirable, and, unlike the roses, are quite independent of the sun.

Each of these plants has a large flower, and is very easy to grow in a temperature of from 45 to 70 degrees.

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THE STARCH YELLOW.

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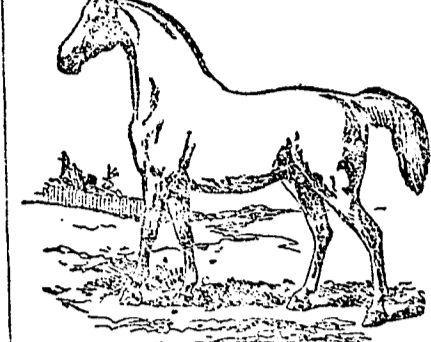
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If you wish to have beautiful children to bloom in your windows or greenhouses next winter and spring,

LIVELY STOCK

FAMOUS HORSE.

Picture of Mambrino, Founder of the American Trotting Family.



MAMBRINO, FATHER OF TROTTERS.

blo for a center on a cold winter day. His temperament was simply indomitable, and he transmitted it to all his descendants.

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GAZETTE NOTICES.

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Mr. C. Tucker has been appointed a member of the Board of Advice for the school district of the North Riding of the Shire of Ripon.

An auctioneer's license has been granted to Mr. W. E. Nickols, Bonafort.

Regulations for the distribution of the grant to agricultural and horticultural societies are published, and applications to participate in the grant must be made before the 1st February.

A MERMAID.

REMARKABLE CASE.

In the Swiss colony, near St. Floren, U.S.A., can be seen a beautiful young girl, wheeled about in a perambulator, the lower portion of which is covered.

ADVISE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth?

The most expensive bicycle in the world is probably owned by Mr. Emil Kieger, who lives in New York.

The Victorian public will shortly have the choice of three loans.

The Cranbornehire has paid bonuses on 168 fox scalps from July to December, 1896.

The latest thing in New South Wales is fixing an aboriginal for plucking wild flowers.

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.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be greatly benefited by the use of the "BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TONIC."

Epileptic fits among young ladies, caused by smoking cigarettes in excess, are becoming very common in the colonies.

THE OUTBREAKS OF PHYLOXERA AT GOORNOO AND HEATHCOTE HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO THE VICINARIES IN WHICH THE DISEASE WAS FIRST DISCOVERED.

J. E. Snell has started with the intention of lowering the cycling record between Adelaide and Melbourne established by Kux in March last.

THE LATE MRS SILAS HARDING HAVING DIED TESTATE, HER NEXT OF KIN, HER BROTHER, MARCUS W. OLDHAM, AND HER SISTER, ANN M. OLDHAM, HAVE APPLIED FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE.

PHILIP BLOOD IS THE LIFE.—If the blood is labor with impurities it spreads disease as it circulates through the organs of the human body.

NATALIUS HAS A RIVAL TO THE SEA SERPENT IN THE SHAPE OF A "LANB SNARK" WHICH RESIDES IN A POOL NEAR THE INANDA FALLS.

TEXAS HAS MORE BEEF CATTLE THAN ANY OTHER STATE IN THE UNION, NEW YORK THE MOST DAIRY COWS.

FOR THE PAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY THERE HAS BEEN A CONTINUOUS FLOW OF LETTERS BEARING TESTIMONY TO THE TRULY WONDERFUL CURES EFFECTED BY CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE.

FOR

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Take a couple of Fletcher's Pills every second night; they are a prompt and sure cure and give certain relief.

FLETCHER'S PILLS are a quick, sure and reliable remedy for all complaints arising from torpid liver, indigestion, weak stomach, and impurities of the blood.

Owing to insufficient rainfall Kansas, U.S., lost 250,000 of its population.

In a single year 452,000 children have been arrested in the United States.

Sir George Turner, the Premier, is the first native of Melbourne who has been knighted.

During last year 1155 indoor and 2500 outdoor patients were treated at the Cookridge Hospital.

Tasmania's postal-revenue benefits by £10,000 to £12,000 a year from Tattersall's sweeps.

During December the deposits in the West Australian Savings Bank amounted to £58,192 14s, and the withdrawals to £72,649.

Communication has been opened up with a view to securing a fortnightly mail service to America.

"AS A SAFE, PERMANENT, 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-famed Blood Mixture.

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THE POWER THAT PULLS DOWN

I want to present a single idea in the 60 and clearer words at my command. Here is a try at it. From the time you are able to stand on your feet, up to the time you stand no longer, there is always a power pulling you backward and downward.

FLETCHER'S PILLS are a quick, sure and reliable remedy for all complaints arising from torpid liver, indigestion, weak stomach, and impurities of the blood.

Owing to insufficient rainfall Kansas, U.S., lost 250,000 of its population.

In a single year 452,000 children have been arrested in the United States.

Sir George Turner, the Premier, is the first native of Melbourne who has been knighted.

During last year 1155 indoor and 2500 outdoor patients were treated at the Cookridge Hospital.

Tasmania's postal-revenue benefits by £10,000 to £12,000 a year from Tattersall's sweeps.

During December the deposits in the West Australian Savings Bank amounted to £58,192 14s, and the withdrawals to £72,649.

Communication has been opened up with a view to securing a fortnightly mail service to America.

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HINTS TO FRIENDLY READERS.

You want to see the local paper a successful institution. Talk about it wherever you go.

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

There have been heavy snowfalls in many parts of the colony.

The Melbourne Stock Exchange has voted £100 to the Indian famine relief fund.

The election of Mr McKinley to the American Presidency cost £282,400.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY IN THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey, or falling off, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR REGENERATOR."

From 1st January to 31st August, in 1896, £410,300 worth of bicycles were exported by America, as compared with £7,000 worth during the corresponding period of the previous year.

A man may as well sit down in a meadow and expect a cow to come and be milked, as to sit down in his store and expect to get trade without advertising.

The Hobart Exhibition Commission cost the country the enormous sum of £1750, from which not the slightest advantage has accrued to any single industry in the colony.

"CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE" is the most searching blood cleanser ever discovered, and it will free the system from all impurities from whatever cause arising.

Enquiries made at the Central Queensland Pastoralists' Association show that there is no truth in the reports of the intention of that body to reduce the shearing rates or wages in the forthcoming shearing season.

The greatest aid you can give your newspaper is your job printing; if you do not feel able to run an advertisement, surely you can afford to give the newspaper your cards, dodgers, bill-heads, letter-heads, envelopes, and all business printing to execute.

Not one of the 34,000 men who entered W.A. last year will be represented in the next Parliament.

An hotel not far from the House of Commons, London, was purchased this year for £20,000 more than was paid for it last year.

No less than three-fourths of the national wealth of the United States is in the possession of less than 2500 families.

Sir Andrew Clarke has been appointed acting Agent-General for Victoria, vice Hon. Duncan Gillies, whose term of office expired on the 5th January.

The imports of Australian wines into the United Kingdom for the first ten months of 1896 amounted to 568,662 gallons, against 513,368 gallons for the corresponding period in 1895.

The steamer Warren Hastings, conveying British troops, has been totally wrecked on the island of Reunion, in the Indian Ocean.

A dreadful calamity has occurred in connection with a fire at Buckner's Orphanage, at Dallas, in Texas.

IMPURETIES 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."

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GEORGE PAYNE, Watchmaker and Jeweller, Near the Post Office, Sturt Street, Ballarat.

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Wheat, 5s 8d; oats, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; bran, 10s;...

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle—240 head comprised to-day's supply; 4-1/2 proportion than usual;...

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

W. H. SMITH, FAMILY BUTCHER, BEAUFORT.

Wishes to notify that having purchased his brother's interest in the business, he will carry on the same himself.

Reductions for Cash Every Saturday Night.

[A CARD.] DR. ADAM, M.B., C.M., May in future be Consulted at his Private Residence (next to Police Station).

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

Begs to inform the residents of Beaufort and surrounding districts that he has COMMENCED BUSINESS as a PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Mr HARRIS desires to impress upon the public that only the HIGHEST CLASS OF DRUGS and CHEMICALS will be stocked, and sold at ALBION'S and BALLARAT PRICES.

Mr J. W. HARRIS, JUNR., R.D.S., Surgical and Mechanical Dentist, HAYLOCK-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, etc.

NOTE THE ADDRESS.—HAVERLOCK-STREET (Next Mechanics' Institute), BEAUFORT.

MR. H. E. WEBB (OF ARARAT), BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR, MAY BE CONSULTED AT THE GOLDEN AGE HOTEL ON COURT DAYS.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SUNDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1897. Church of England.—St. John's, 11 a.m.

THE Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning.

STURDLY, but with sure and measured strides, the advance to Federation is proceeding.

Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 acres of land have been taken up under the N.S.W. Land Act, 1895.

At Perth, W.A., the plasterers have decided to demand an increase of wages to 12s. 6d. per day.

The Metropolitan Board of Works is inviting tenders for a loan of £750,000, at 3 per cent.

Spain's troubles in Cuba and the Philippines have withdrawn 20,000 men from rural industry in 20 months.

Mr Sarah Bertram, of Jerilderie, while lighting a fire in the kitchen, accidentally set fire to her nightdress, and sustained such injuries that she died.

Gross exports from the port of Melbourne only cover 4571 bags of wheat and flour for the first four weeks of the year, while 20,438 bags in 1896, and 109,092 bags in 1895, were exported during the corresponding periods.

A recent issue of the W.A. Government Gazette contains a very lengthy list of gold-mining leases which will be recommended for forfeiture at an early date for the nonpayment of rent for 1896.

In 1878 the Salvation Army numbered 50 corps and 88 officers; in July, last, it had 3727 corps and 12,010 officers, holding 1,938,040 services in 45 countries and colonies.

extent of £733,000. Even as early as this, however, Sir Samuel Griffiths said the difficulties ahead and the necessity of educating the people up to a true understanding of federation.

The financial problems involved in the federation of Australia will have to be solved before the Federation can be accomplished. The inequalities and unfairness which would result from the schemes already put forward are so manifest as to require no comment.

live export trade in this article with the tobacco country. The consumption of the tobacco in England alone amounts to between sixty and seventy million lbs. per annum, while in the United States, the home of the industry, the average annual consumption of the weed reaches the alarming total of over 360,000,000 lbs.

My country hinders her destiny, but of men belonging to that class of patriotism of the plain old John Pyn, Cromwell, and John Hampden stamp, who have a will and earnestness to do, not to think of doing.

Now however, the feeling which has so long been smouldering is about to break forth into flame, we may safely take an optimistic view of the question and congratulate ourselves that the pernicious policy of separation will be shortly a thing of the past.

How long, O Lord, shall this, my country, be a nation of the dead?

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A general meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society for the purpose of drawing up the prize list for the ensuing show is March, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon in the Shire Hall at 4 o'clock.

Agricultural societies who wish to participate in the Government grant for last year must make application before the 1st prox. to the secretary for Agriculture, and give particulars as to their income and the amount of the prize money last year.

Mr John Humphreys, the retiring member for the Raglan division of the Arara Mining Board, notices in our advertising columns that he is a candidate for reelection, and solicits a continuance of support.

Miss McDonogh, who has efficiently discharged the duties of postmistress at Beaufort for about seven years, was this week transferred to a similar position at Trenton.

A meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club was held at 'Vowles' Camp Hotel on Thursday evening Mr R. A. D. Sinclair presiding, and five members being present.

Albert Ellingsen, the well-known folk-baller, narrowly escaped death while working at the Last Chance mine, Ballarat, on Wednesday.

Mr Lancelotti of Raglan, had a remarkable escape from serious, if not fatal, injury on Saturday.

A sitting of the Land Board was held on Thursday at the Lands Office, Ballarat, before Mr Chas. J. Joy, local land officer.

The Bull Bull Shire Council was amongst the first to adopt the Width of Road Act, and in 1895, more than 20 other municipalities followed suit.

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A lad named Alfred Boyd, residing at Clute, was bitten by a tiger snake yesterday morning. It appears that Boyd was chopping wood in the bush about two miles from Clute, and when pulling a piece of bark off the log he was cutting, the snake, which was about 4ft. long, bit him on the tip of the little finger of the left hand and clung to it.

The eight-half-yearly report and balance-sheet of the Commercial Bank of Australia, Limited, is to hand, and is gratifying to note that this institution, following the lines of other similar bodies, is in a satisfactory financial position.

The report states that since the last half-yearly meeting of shareholders, the directors have completed the pending arrangements with the creditors of the old bank on satisfactory lines, and the occasion seems a fitting one for the directors to place on record their high sense of the great ability with which their colleagues, Mr Robert Harper, carried through the important negotiations.

The Melbourne Tragedy. Inquest on Brady. Verdict of Wilful Murder. The inquest on the body of William Brady, the victim of the Elizabeth Street tragedy, was resumed on Thursday.

The coroner summed up. He advised the jury to look with the greatest doubt on the statement accompanying the confession by the youth Phillipps. The statement was a poetical sort of thing. Phillipps bought the revolver two days before the tragedy, and had carried it in his pocket. He had loaded and unloaded it, and done a number of things except get rid of it.

The jury found the accused, William Myles Phillipps, guilty of wilful murder of William Brady, Phillips had nothing to say, and he was committed for trial on 15th February.

There was some curiosity in the coroner's court on Thursday as to how the accused murderer, William Myles Phillipps, would take the verdict of the jury. He had been reading Brady's diaries while the jury were absent, and looked up quickly when they entered the court in a somewhat excited manner.

AN ANONYMOUS LETTER. CHARGES AGAINST BRADY. A very extraordinary letter, which, however, is anonymous, was published on Thursday, having it is said, being sent to Mr Cooper, the employer of the late Mr Brady, and by him handed to Mrs Fink and Beat, but was rejected by the coroner, as it was not evidence.

It is computed that of the sufferers by the Indian famine 20,000 men, women, and children can be maintained for six months at a cost of about £4,000. This sum the Salvation Army is endeavoring to raise.

The Sportsman (England) is responsible for the statement that the Australian horses Newhaven and Quiver have been nominated for the Grand Steeple Chase at Badon.

Dr T. de Witt Talmage will shortly marry Miss Mangum, daughter of a millionaire, whose brother recently married Dr Talmage's daughter. This will be the third marriage of Dr Talmage, who is now 65 years old.

The election of Tasmanian representatives to the Federal Convention will take place on 4th March.

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ARARAT MINING BOARD.

MONDAY, 25TH JANUARY. The chairman (Mr W. H. Jones) presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

From Acting Secretary for Mines, asking for reports upon the applications of the following:—Elizabeth Frutcher, for sale of allotment 13, section 3, parish of Lansj-kal-kai.

Mr. Broome said he did not think there was the slightest possibility of any such money being referred to being placed under the control of the board.

The annual rifle match for the Challenge Shield presented to the Victorian Rangers was fired off at Stawell on Tuesday.

SHIRE SEVERANCE.

With reference to the petition from Skipton praying for severance from portions of the Shires of Ripon and Hampden and the covering of a new shire, it is probable that the Minister of Public Works will refuse to accede to the prayer of the petition.

The Shire of Lansj-kal-kai has not the remotest chance of success, the simple reason being that about £700, or less than half the amount required in rates, is obtainable in the east riding.

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THE EXPORTATION OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

A return has been prepared by the Agricultural Department showing that during the six months ending the 31st ult., 12,071,702lb of butter, valued at £288,140; 97,887 carcases and 2,951 legs of mutton, worth £20,134; 497,652 rabbits and 10,142 hares, valued at £19,676; and 283 turkeys and 59 ducks and fowls, worth £185, were shipped from Melbourne to London.

George Giffen holds the Australian batting record with 27 centuries made in first-class matches. A record cricket match was played at Gwes on Saturday afternoon, against the same as those from the test of 45 samples made in October last.

In the Warialda district, N.S.W., during 1896 98,493 wallabies, 5844 kangaroos, 14 hares, 2667 crows, 518 eagles, 557 native dogs, and 165 native poups have been accounted for.

CRICKET.

BEAUFORT v. BALLARAT WEST. A weak team from Beaufort visited Ballarat on Foundation Day and played a match against Ballarat West on the Western oval. The visitors were rather amused at the home team borrowing pads, gloves, a bat, and a ball.

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The intercolonial match between New South Wales and Victoria was won by the former by 192 runs. The scores were—New South Wales, 169 and 570; Victoria, 269 and 268.

The result of this match has placed New South Wales in possession of the Sheffield Shield, having scored four wins, against Victoria's one and South Australia's nil. Victoria has won the shield twice, and South Australia once previously.

The gross scores in the five intercolonial matches played this season have been—Victoria 594 v. South Australia 639; New South Wales 390 v. South Australia 549; and New South Wales 320 (with 9 wickets to fall) v. Victoria 519.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF THEFT.

Even in New South Wales, where sheep ear-marks are registered, people are being continually fined for "the using of rogne's mark," or cropping one or both ears. Only the other day an instance took place in which it seemed to us, the rather light fine of £10 was inflicted.

In that colony, where there is no registration whatever, a premium is practically offered to the sheepstealer. In that colony, apparently, any selector may go to an adjoining run, drive away a score or so of sheep, take a pair of shears and snip their ears off—thus, of course, destroying the owner's ear-mark—and include them in his own flock.

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A case of supposed smallpox has been admitted to the Wagga Hospital. The sufferer said he came from Saverne, in the Corowa district, and that two children in his home had the same symptoms.

The Health and Vigor of an individual depend upon the quantity and quality of the Blood. When the tissues have been at work, there are thrown into the blood, waste products, and if these be not eliminated but (through any cause) detained in the blood, they influence nutrition and function and finally produce organic disease.

A SERIES OF TRAGEDIES.

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The record of game killed by Earl de Grey from 1867 to 1895 is a most extraordinary one. Between the dates mentioned his lordship has killed 316,699 head of game, his average during the last 20 years being about 10,000 each year.

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Electoral District of Ripon and Hampden. BEAUFORT DIVISION. THE List of Retiring Electors for the above Division is now printed, and a copy may be inspected, free of charge, until the day appointed for revision, at my office, at every Post Office within the Division, and at the office of my Deputy at Waterloo. G. W. MINCHIN, Registrar. Beaufort, 21/1/97.

ARARAT MINING BOARD ELECTION. BAGLAN DIVISION. TO THE ELECTORS. GENTLEMEN,—My term of office as one of your representatives expiring by effluxion of time, and as a CANDIDATE for RE-ELECTION I would respectfully solicit a continuation of your support. I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant. JOHN HUMPHREYS. Beaufort, 30th Jan., 1897.

ON SALE AT JEREMIAH SMITH'S TIMBER YARD, CORNER OF LIVINGSTONE & WILLOBY STREETS—American shelving boards, Double door, 6 x 1 7 and 8 Scotch flooring, 6 x 2 do, 4 1/2 do, American and Baltic deals, all sizes, 4 1/2 do, American clear pine, 4 1/2, 5 1/2, 6 1/2, 7 1/2, 8 1/2, 9 1/2, 10 1/2, 11 1/2, 12 1/2, wide and narrow boards, Cedar table legs, all sizes, French dressers, covers, sashes, Mouldings, architraves, skirting, Broad panels and shingles. A stock of distillers' hardware always on hand. Also GREELONG LIME.

NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS, AT COUGLE'S MANCHESTER HOUSE. THIS WEEK, Grand Display. NEW MILLINERY, NEW MANTLES, NEW DRESS GOODS, NEW UMBRELLAS, &c. The Best Value in the trade. GEO. H. COUGLE, BEAUFORT. HAVELOCK STREET.

SHIRE OF RIPON. TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosed five per cent. cash deposit, will be received by me on Monday, February 1st, 1897, for the following works:—NORTH RIDING. Cont. No. 41.—Making a Reservoir in Tipperary Gully, and alternative tenders for a Reservoir in Jonathan's Gully. EAST RIDING. Cont. No. 42.—Altering the road and footpath by the Mechanics' Institute at Snake Valley.

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THE COMMON BOLL WORM.

The Government Entomologist advises the following plan for the control of the boll worm...

When planting should be taken from the soil, drilled in late...

It is not necessary or advisable to crop the cotton...

Attention should be given to the South...

In some of the mountain districts of north Queensland...

At the North Queensland beekeepers' convention...

At the Ontario beekeepers' convention the general opinion...

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LINCOLN AFTER ELECTION.

Lincoln's Letter Taking of the Old Law. I was in 1830 a reporter on the New York Times...

Well, when we got there he put his hat on and walking up to a table...

Chauvinism. Chauvinism is a term that has come to mean an extravagant and absurd patriotism...

Why Windmills Burn Down. Of the production of fire by the friction of wood against wood...

Small's English Speeches. One characteristic of Mr. Small's is the power of his memory...

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

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THE POWER THAT PULLS DOWN.

I want to present a single idea in the fewest and clearest words at my command. Here goes for a try at it...

After a time the pains went to my shoulders and all over me. The distress after eating was so great that I hesitated before swallowing a mouthful...

In April (1882) I was in one of my shops one day and a customer spoke about Mother Seign's Curative Syrup...

YOU CAN AFFORD IT. Very few are too poor now-a-days to take their country paper...

How is it that Clark's Blood Mixture has obtained such great popularity? It is a question which has perplexed many...

News has been received of a terrific blizzard which has swept over the States of Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota...

Weather of exceptional severity is being felt at Chicago, where it is estimated that 50,000 persons are bordering on starvation at the present time...

DISEASE DEPIED! HEALTH INSURED!

More lives saved by Clements Tonic than by all other medicines combined. A GENUINE ARTICLE COMMANDS SUCCESS.

There appears to be less disposition in London to accept everything at its face value in connection with West Australia.

It is stated that a well-known capitalist has made an offer to embark a quarter of a million sterling in the Victorian wine trade...

A highly favorable report has been received from the experts who have made an investigation into the samples of linseed and sunflower oils...

A proclamation, signed by the Acting-Governor, is published in the Government Gazette, announcing that the election of representatives to the Federal Convention will take place on the 4th March.

A daring highway robbery was committed on Friday within a mile and a half of Coolgardie. Two mine managers named J. Mitchell and J. M. Paul drew sums of money from the Union Bank to pay the men's wages...

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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.

The return prepared by the Minister of Mines shows the gold yield for 1896, as estimated by the registers of the principal centres of the colony...

VALUABLE DISCOVERY IN THE HAIR. If your hair is turning grey or falling off, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORATIVE" for it will positively restore to every case grey or white hair to its original color...

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A BIG GOLD ROBBERY.

£5000 SOVEREIGNS STOLEN FROM THE OCEANA. Shortly after noon on Saturday the head of the Criminal Investigation department received information that some time between six o'clock the previous evening and noon the strong-room of the Oceana had been broken open and specie to the amount of £5000 (in sovereigns) stolen.

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