

COMMERCIAL.

ABARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 5s 4 1/2 per bushel, bags in 4 hours...

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 5s 9 1/2; oats, 2s 4 1/2; bran, 1s 2...

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Fat Cattle—420 head comprised to-day's supply...

MELBOURNE MARKETS.

Mr Harold S. K. Ward reports—Cassia, Prime, 1s 5 1/2...

GEELONG MARKETS.

George Hague & Co. report (25.10.11). Sheepskins—The station produce sales...

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It is said that ripe pineapples are being used in America for diphtheria with very good results.

CLARK'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE.—The most searching Blood Cleanse that science and medical skill have brought to light.

H. GILLOCH FAMILY BUTCHER

NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT. W. H. S. M. T. H. FAMILY BUTCHER, BEAUFORT.

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.

MR J. W. HARRIS, junr., R.D.S., Surgical and Mechanical Dentist.

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

MR. J. H. HEILY, M.P.S.A., Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical, and Analytical Chemist.

(Late Manager for M. S. Park, Chapel Street, Prahran). I beg to inform the public of Beaufort and surrounding districts that he has OPENED a Dispensing and Analytical Chemist's Shop at the corner of the Pharmacy, Beaufort.

MR. H. E. WEBB (OF ARARAT), BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR.

MAY BE CONSULTED AT THE GOLDEN AGE HOTEL ON COURT DAYS. RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SUNDAY, 2ND MAY, 1897.

Church of England—St. George's, 11 a.m.

Travalla, 3 p.m. St. John's, 7 p.m. Subject for the day "An attempt to prove chastity."

beneficial results of equal division of labour, recreation and rest. But then, are we to accept Lord Brassey as the mouthpiece of labor organisations in this particular? Certainly if we grant the point that the son of Ethelwulf and Osberga, with inherent intuition, recognising the necessity of equal division of the three great functions of social life in the obscure administration of the Wessex throne one thousand years ago, so divided his time into equal periods of eight hours each, there are good and substantial grounds for attributing to English precept the honor of emancipating and elevating the moral condition of the working classes.

But this theory does not work out very clearly in the history of the British working classes throughout the whole range of the intervening period, and whatever amelioration exists in their condition to-day must undoubtedly be ascribed to the power, courage and precept of colonial organisations. It was just 41 years ago on the 12th of last month that Mr J. C. Burt, one of the oldest pioneers, moved his resolution, memorable in the annals of colonial labor organisations.

Local and General News. The following application for transfer of licence under the Land Act has been approved:—From Jas. Bellinger to Mary E. Cleland, 20th, Raglan and Langi-kal.

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Writing of bands and instruments reminds me (says the Melbourne correspondent of the "Ararat Advertiser") of a sensational little incident which occurred on Easter Monday at a sequestered spot, not above 30 miles from Melbourne, an incident which may yet be light more fully than will be remembered by many of his friends, who are rusticated in a well appointed hostelry of which the town boasts, and as they were holiday-making, the fun was fast and furious.

A very fine nugget of gold was discovered by John Downing and party on Wednesday at Nuggety Gully, a few miles from Talbot. The nugget turned the scale at 114 ounces, and was sold at £4 1s per ounce, subject to assay.

Parliament will meet for the despatch of business on 23rd June. In January last "The Courier" wrote: "Mr Wm. Leader, P.M. may be everything that a magistrate should be; he may be a peerless dispenser of justice; yet events indicate that he ought to be allotted another district—this purely in the interests of justice."

At the request of Mr W. Leader, P.M., the Solicitor-General, the Hon. H. Cullbert, M.L.C., has agreed to transfer him from Ballarat. An arrangement has been made for Mr R. E. Johns, P.M., who is at present stationed at Marborough, to succeed Mr Leader at Ballarat.

The third annual meeting of the Western and Wimmera Districts of Victoria Freezing Company, Limited, was held at Geelong on Monday afternoon. The chairman of the board of directors, Mr Chas. Shannon, occupied the chair, and a large number of shares were re-registered.

Mr H. Jensch, of Travalla, whilst cutting wood on Thursday, let the axe slip and inflicted a gash on his foot. Dr. Eason stitched the wound up, and Mr Jensch will probably be all right in a few days.

A floral display and Chrysanthemum Show, in aid of the Beaufort Presbyterian Church, is to be held in the Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening next. There are to be refreshment, produce, vocal, and flower stalls, with selections of vocal and instrumental music in the evening and a series of living pictures.

Mr McFarlane, head teacher of the Shirley State school, has been appointed as local secretary for Shirley in connection with the Victorian Women's Testimonial to the Queen. It is intended to found a memorial hospital for women and children, to be called the Queen Victoria Hospital, on the lines of the famous "New Hospital" in London, which is officered entirely by medical women.

The "Argus" says that Mr Foster is now more convinced than ever that an expert should be sent to London as soon as possible in the interests of mining, and has in fact made up his mind to recommend the Cabinet to sanction the appointment of a suitable man. About a dozen applications have been received for the appointment—the two great mining centres, Ballarat and Bendigo being well represented amongst them.

Mr Isaac will act as Premier during Sir George Turner's absence in England. The French people still fight an average of 4000 duels every year.

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THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE. CELEBRATION AT BEAUFORT.

A meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening, to make arrangements for getting up a musical entertainment on 22nd June in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Mr Tompkins, the convenor, explained the object of the meeting. Mr Sinclair was voted to the chair, and said that although Beaufort was not a large place, it was out right that they should do something to celebrate one of the greatest things in the history of England. It would be very good on their part if something was done.

Mr Jackson remarked that he would be very pleased to do what he could. It would be very easy to get 70 or 80 voices—not to confine them to Beaufort, but to get singers also from Raglan, Waterloo, Cluete, Main Lead, Stockwater Hill, and Sailors' Gully. They could sing anything that was suitable, or if it was possible the same hymn as was to be sung in England.

The Chairman considered the simplest way of celebrating the event, as music could be understood by all. Mr Jackson having undertaken to do his best, he was sure that it would be a success under his leadership. He certainly thought Beaufort should take some step to celebrate this important event, and it seemed a grand idea for the whole empire to sing a hymn of praise at the same time.

Mr Tompkins suggested that the proceeds be divided between the Ladies' Benevolent Society and the Mechanics' Institute. Mr Adam thought the proceeds should form the nucleus of a memorial.

The Chairman considered that the matter of donating the profit should be dealt with after the entertainment. He believed in spending some of the money in celebrating the event. He thought they might spend £7 or £8 in fireworks.

Mr Hughes stated that the funds of the Society were very carefully husbanded, and that when large sums were obtained they were not spent uselessly.

Mr Hughes moved, and Mr Hall seconded, that the admission to the entertainment be 2s for front seats, and 1s for back seats. Mr Sinclair moved that all the gentlemen in the room, with Messrs Tilley, Breen, McKeech, Waterspoon, Coughle, Hobbs, W. H. Smith, McCrear, J. W. Harris, junr., Flynn (President of Riponshire), H. M. Stuart, and Dr. Erson be appointed a committee to carry out the entertainment. Seconded by Dr. Adam, and carried.

Mr Eastwood moved that Mr Jackson be empowered to purchase what music is necessary for the occasion. Seconded by Mr Hughes, and carried.

It was decided to advertise in the local paper that a practice would be held in the Societies' Hall on Thursday night, 6th May, and to invite vocalists of the district to attend; Mr Jackson also to write to those whom he thought would help.

Important Notice. The regular monthly meeting of the Association of Business Women's Union will be held on Thursday next at 3 p.m.

HELEN REUTTER, Secretary. Sometimes her board officers are very efficient and energetic in manner. An elderly but fresh looking woman opened her door to one lady and answered the following questions.

An Ideal Dinner. The Buffalo Express says a boy of that city who was asked to give a dinner meant to be a success.

Sanitary Item. "Lay off your overcoat, or you won't feel it when you go out," said the landlord of a Texas hotel to a newly arrived guest who was sitting by the fire.

An Evidence. "Officers—Is your mamma quite well to-day?" "Pretty—I guess not."

A Definition. "Mrs. Houser—Have you any idea what 'speaking terms' means, Mr. Houser?" "Mrs. Houser—Certainly, madam. Anywhere from \$30 to \$200 per night, according to the prominence of the lecturer."

A New Definition. "What was your name," said the editor to the girl who called "something new." "But what do you call it?" "Something worked over and smashed till you can't recognize it!"—Atlanta Constitution.

An Old Friend. Bagley—That pawbaker bowed to your wife. Does he know her? Bruce—I presume he feels that he does. He has seen her picture so often inside the case of my watch.—New York Herald.

AN UNPROFITABLE ROAD. A Railroad That Cannot Compete With Mexican Burros. The recent report of the Sonora branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe system, a line extending from Benson, A. T., to Guaymas, Mexico, is not encouraging.

The ocean route to Australia and the Central and South American ports is hundreds of miles nearer Guaymas than San Francisco, and the former port was intended as a depot and entrepot for all imports and exports from those countries.

THE WEDDING FEE. The Groom and the Justice Got Mixed Over It, but Both Are Now Wiser Men. A few days since a couple from Burlington, Vt., visited Plattsburgh in search of a magistrate who would tie the nuptial knot.

Queen of Old Clothes Dealers. "La Reine du Temple" was elected in Paris and is to bear the scepter on Midlent Day. The correspondent of the London News writes: "The title 'Queen of the Temple' is euphonious. Her kingdom, the Temple, is an old clothes market in an iron building on the site of the convent of the Order of the Knights Templars."

A Dream Pointed the Way. The Psychological Society will investigate a remarkable incident that occurred in the Scottish mining district of Ben Har on New Year's day. A man, Donald McFarlane, disappeared on Sunday.

More Curious Than Dagobert. A few days ago Mrs. John Harriott went out on the prairie to look after some young stock, and on her return home was followed by seven wolves.

More Than a Century of Life. Mrs. Catherine Roland died in Litholt, Ill., last week aged 112 years and 9 days. She was born in Widdow, Ireland, Dec. 25, 1783, seven years before Washington's inauguration.

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.

FLETCHER'S PILLS never fail to cure INDIGESTION, COSTIVENESS, SOUR BREATH, HEARTBURN, LIVER DISEASE, and KIDNEY COMPLAINTS. FLETCHER'S PILLS and CLEMENTS' TONIC are the recognized household remedies of the Australian colonies.

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.

No trace has yet been discovered of the bank manager, William Murray Reay Gillespie, who is charged with forgery and uttering at Birch. South Australia claims at least two survivors of the pioneers of 1837. One is 88 years old.

Don't Cough—Relief can be obtained immediately by using KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES. Well known as the utterly unrivalled Cough Remedy. Strongly recommended by many eminent physicians.

On the summit of Ben Lomond are the smallest trees in Great Britain. They are dwarf willows, and when mature are only about 2 inches in height.

IMPERITIS 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."

There are seven West Australian mining companies upon which £18,446 has been spent in development, and £18,318 in directors' fees and administration in London.

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ONE THOUSAND LLAMAS LADEN WITH GOLD. Who doesn't like to read about buried treasure? Who hasn't dreamed of finding gold? Who doesn't long to see the rich? Shining gold, sparkling gems!

THE GREATEST AID YOU CAN GIVE YOUR NEWSPAPER IS YOUR PRINTING; if you do not feel able to run an advertisement, surely you can afford to give the newspaper your cards, loggers, bill heads, letter-heads, envelopes, and all business printing to execute.

W. M. C. PEDDER, Blacksmith and Wheelwright, NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT. Farm and Timber Waggon, Farm Road and Spring Drays, Wagonettes, and all kinds of Vehicles made and repaired on the premises.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer, Valuer, Arbitrator, General Commission Agent. BARKLY STREET, ARAHAT, and NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

J. B. COCHRAN, NEWS AGENT, BOOKSELLER, and STATIONER, best to announce to the inhabitants of Beaufort and district that he is agent for the "We-By-Times, Herald, Riponshire Advertiser, Sportsman, Free Press, Australian Journal, Argus, Australasian, &c."

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YOU CAN AFFORD IT. Very few are too poor now—days to take their country paper, and it is false economy to try and get along without it.

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.

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THOSE ACHES down your Back and through your Limbs MEAN RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, OR KINDRED ILLS. BETTER HAVE St. Jacobs Oil HANDY.

When in Town call and have your Eyesight tested GRATIA. GRASP THIS STARTLING FACT. MIKADO TEA. Is Unrivalled!

POSTAL NEWS.

3 DATES WITHIN VICTORIA.

LETTERS.—Per ounce or under 0 2
URGENT LETTERS.—Per letter 0 6
(In addition to ordinary postage)
(Urgent letters are in the town to the Post Office in the town to which they are directed, treated as telegrams, and delivered with the utmost despatch. They will not be delivered if addressed to persons residing beyond the ordinary delivery by letter messenger, nor if addressed to letter boxes having no delivery by letter messenger of telegrams.)

POST CARDS ... 0 1
REPLY POST CARDS ... 0 2
LETTER CARDS ... 0 1 1/2
(2 for 2d., 12 for 1s. 3d.)

NEWSPAPERS
Books.—For every four ounces or under (up to three lbs) 0 1
REGISTRATION FEE ... 0 3
PARCELS.—Two pounds or under (each extra pound or part, 3d.)
Bulk parcels of newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper publisher or news vendor, per lb or fraction thereof 0 1
(Not less than 4 papers in each parcel.)

PACKETS
COMMERCIAL PAPERS.—For every two ounces or under (up to 3 lbs) 0 1
(Such as acceptances, invoices, accounts, affidavits, examination papers (corrections only allowed), manuscript of books or for printing, legal documents (not in the nature of letters), bills of exchange, bills of lading, newspapers, books or cards connected with any society, pay sheets, powers of attorney, deeds or copies thereof, recognitions, specifications, stock sheets, scrip, waybills, and other similar articles.)

TERECOLONIAL RATES.
SOUTH WALES, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AGRANIA, WEST AUSTRALIA, FIJI, NEW HEBRIDES AND BRITISH NEW GUINIA.

LETTERS.—Per 1/2 ounce or under 0 2
POST CARDS ... 0 1
REPLY POST CARDS ... 0 2
LETTER CARDS TO N. S. WALES, S. AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, TASMANIA, N. AUSTRALIA, FIJI ... 0 1 1/2
Books.—To New Zealand and Fiji (up to three lbs) ... 0 1
NEWSPAPERS ... 0 0 1/2
REGISTRATION FEE ... 0 3

PACKETS
COMMERCIAL PAPERS AND PRINTED PAPERS.—Per every two ounces or under (up to 4 lbs) 0 1
(Items sent Victoria)

RATES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

LETTERS.—Each 1/2 ounce or under 0 2 1/2
POST CARDS ... 0 1 1/2
REPLY POST CARDS ... 0 3
NEWSPAPERS ... 0 1
COMMERCIAL PAPERS.—4 ounces or under ... 0 2 1/2
Over 4 ounces, but not over 6 ounces ... 0 8
Every additional two ounces or under (up to 4 lbs) ... 0 1
PRINTED PAPERS (other than news papers).—Per every two ounces or under (up to 4 lbs) ... 0 1
PATTERNS and samples. Per every two ounces or under (up to 1 lb) ... 0 1
REGISTRATION FEE ... 0 8
Acknowledgement of delivery of a registered article ... 0 2 1/2
PARCELS Post, wholly by sea.—Each parcel of 2 lbs or under ... 1 6
Each additional lb or under (up to 11 lbs) ... 0 9

LATE LETTERS must bear full postage and late fee stamp of 2d. extra, and may be posted at any time not exceeding a quarter of an hour after mail closes, at Melbourne General Post Office, any Country Post Office, Railway travelling Post Office; handed to the mail guards, posted in bag at Spencer-street, for Sydney Limited Express up to 4.50. p.m., and for Adelaide Express up to 4.25. p.m.
Late letters for places beyond Australia are charged 3d. extra postage at Melbourne G.P.O. to 2.45 and up to 4.25 at Spencer-street Station.



COLGATE'S Cashmere Bouquet

The exceeding purity, its beautiful perfume and its lasting qualities, have combined to make COLGATE'S Cashmere Bouquet the most popular and most desirable of all Toilet Soaps.

Among a large variety of other Toilet Soaps there are, White Clematis, Benedictine, Sweet Lavender, Oatmeal, Guest Room, Turkish Bath, and Demulcent Shaving Soap, which only needs to be used once to be permanently adopted. In addition to the above there is an extensive choice in Perfumes, Toilet Waters, Dental Preparations, Shampoo Mixtures, Hair Tonics, and many other Toilet Luxuries and Necessaries, about which the fullest information can be obtained on application to Colgate & Co., 231 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

D. TROY & SON, GENERAL MERCHANTS, BEAUFORT.
Wish to announce to the public of Beaufort and surrounding districts, that they are Agents for the Messrs. HARRIS MANUFACTURING CO.—Makers of all kinds of Harvesting Machinery; also Safety Bicycles—Model I Gent's, Model A Ladies.

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Acknowledged by all who have used it as being the best Horse Embrocation that ever came into their hands.
Effectively Cures every Disease incidental to Horses.

TESTIMONIALS.

A Wonderful Cure.
St. Arnaud, 1st May, 1897.
Dear Sir,—I can safely say the cure you effected was a wonderful one. I had tried various veterinary surgeons for the last two years, and they, one and all, after vainly endeavoring to cope with the disease (a serious and very rare affection of the abdomen, attended with swelling), pronounced the case hopeless. Your Solution, however, completely restored the horse.—I remain, yours truly, J. STUBBS.

Group Cured.
McCormick-st., Kensington, July 19, 1897.
Dear Sir,—I have found your Solution an excellent remedy for severe Colic and Cramp, giving almost instant relief, and also in healing Burns, Cuts, &c., I have found it unequalled. I shall certainly recommend all my friends to try it.—Yours respectfully, Mrs. K. WHITZ.

Ulcerated Udder.—A Bad Case Cured.
Newmarket (Vic), 20th Nov., 1896.
I have used Mr. Cox's Solomon Solution for a cow's ulcerated udder (as bad a case as I have seen), and in a week or two the cow was milking all right. I also used it on a dog that had the mange for two years; it cured him, and the hair grew as well as ever.—Yours truly, Mrs. J. PARKSON.

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stands alone among preparations of a similar character as a pure and nutritious combination of the most modern and effective ingredients for restoring tired and weakened nature to its normal condition. In cases of physical or nervous debility, or as a restorative after severe illness, Minerva Tonic has no equal.

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are a purely vegetable and essentially modern family aperient. They are of small size, sugar-coated, easy to take, and certain as a result. In cases of biliousness, constipation, liver affections, or gastric troubles, they are also lately the best medicine that can be prescribed.

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from youthful folly, excesses or any other cause. Guaranteed CURE. A recent Scientific discovery by anatomy, physiology and medicine, has shown that the manly vigor and strength of the body, and the ability to perform the duties of a man, are dependent upon the health of the reproductive system.

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A wide range of Ladies' Capes, Jackets, Waterproofs, Velveteens, Furs, &c., &c., marked very low. Special Values in Flannelettes, Sheetings, Flannels, Calicoes, just from the Manufacturers.

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Business Men, Read I
It was Benjamin Franklin who wrote— "What steams is to machinery, advertising is to business."

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CURING CLAXTON.

Ned Claxton was the bully of the works. A fair hand at his trade and regular at the clock, he had been promoted to the position of foreman in the mauling-shop, vested with a little real and much imaginary authority.

He was a big, powerful fellow, with a nose which he always held up as a mark of distinction. He was very proud of his nose as he lay in his beds.

The foremen's boys abhorred him, while the older men would have desisted to kick him. He was snappish and overbearing.

Claxton wasn't always a bully. Before he gave the job up he changed, and it was Bob Cresswell who changed him. Bob Cresswell, a young fellow, had started and saw him as he came in.

Bob was a strapping young fellow of twenty-two, smart and steady, with a head full of technical science, and an irrepressible desire to get on. He had served his time at the Cranes Works, and had had one of the proprietors under a debt of gratitude to him.

Claxton passed out, went home and to bed, and ordered his wife to bring the doctor immediately. His wife, anxious to see a sufficient answer to her look of inquiry, hit her hurried away.

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TALES OF A VILLAGE INN.

THE LIFE-STORY OF JOHN HENRY CHUBBLEST.

BY R. ANDOM.

PART I.

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ROCKET PHOTOGRAPHS.

An interesting invention consists of a camera combined with a parachute, especially designed for obtaining photographs of fortifications and of the course of the enemy, although pictures may also be made for general surveying purposes.

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The Golden Age.

When Strephon's flocks were straying Upon the Grecian slopes, His happy thoughts kept playing With just the self-same hopes.

—New York "Life."

Cr. Cashing—Go in for £20 for the... Cr. Sinclair did not believe in that... Cr. Austin said that the few rate...

MINING NEWS.

The rain which fell during the week... The fields of gold obtained by the... Recently the Campersdown Times...

The floral display and chrysanthemum... The floral display and chrysanthemum... The floral display and chrysanthemum...

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THE ANDREWS' INSOLVENCY.

In the matter of the insolvency of Albert Andrews, of Beaufort, chemist, the examination of the witness DeBaere, which was adjourned from the last sitting of the Beaufort Insolvency Court, was resumed on Wednesday afternoon, at Ballarat, before His Honor Judge Hamilton.

Mr. Barrett stated that the filing of accounts, ordered at last court, had been done. Petrus DeBaere, sworn, stated: That by my signature to the letting and hiring agreement (produced). It was for £200, 6s 6d and was made on 22nd April, 1896.

Andrews was to arrange with Cornell to send a qualified assistant up. The consideration mentioned there is not true. The consideration also is my own money.

Mr. Barrett applied for the postponement of the further examination of accounts till next court, but His Honor Judge Hamilton refused the application.

Mr. Andrews, sworn, stated: I am the insolvent, and a chemist, carrying on business now at Beaufort. My name is not in the list of names of the insolvent.

HAVING made statements relative to my law, which I find through medical evidence is incorrect, namely (that my jaw was fractured), I am now anxious to make any reparation to Mr Harris I possibly can, as I am convinced that my jaw is diseased, and was not fractured by Mr Harris. I humbly apologise for having put him to trouble and expense. Relative to statements current, that Mr Harris paid me money to settle the case, this is an absolute untruth.

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THE WAR IN EUROPE.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE.

WILL ENGLAND BE DRAWN INTO IT?

War has been predicted so often between France and Germany, England and Russia, and various other European countries, that it is almost unnecessary to say that the terrible struggle with a foe that is killing more people and causing more suffering than any European war could be.

It appears that Mr. De Toit was first attacked by rheumatism several years ago. It affected him principally in the left arm and hand, and also in the legs.

During the summer months in this country so many people suffer from rheumatism and depression in all their forms. Ladies particularly, during the hot, oppressive weather, are inclined to feel very much depressed, and all their troubles are very much aggravated.

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CRICKET.

TRAWALLA v. MT. LONARCH.

(FROM OUR TRAWALLA CORRESPONDENT.)

The Trawalla and Mt. Lonarch clubs played a friendly game on Saturday, 1st May, on the ground of the former, which resulted in a draw. The following are the scores:—

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like E. Lilly, R. Neil, T. Rogers, etc.

Total for 4 wickets ... 67. Bowling analysis: Trawalla, 20 balls, 15 runs, 5 wickets.

THE NUGGET OF GOLD ORE.

"That," said my friend, in reply to a question of mine, "is a very large and very rich nugget of gold mine in Australia."

What curious similitudes there are between this curious nugget of gold and the one which I have mentioned in my letter!

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GARDENING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

FRUIT GARDEN.

Now that a majority of the apples and pears are gathered, a large share of attention should be given to the fruit room; no odouriferous substance should be brought into it, and decaying fruit should be instantly removed.

Thousands of people in the colonies are astounded at the magic result of Nicholls' Consumption Cure.

Ground for transplanting onions should be got ready by trenching if necessary and manuring. Earth up celery four weeks before it is wanted for use.

Several doctors failed, Eureka Eye Ointment cured. It's also infallible for all inflammations of the eye.

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EMPOUNDINGS.

BARRETT.—Shire Pound—1 red and white Hereford bull, ears marked, JS near rump; 1 yellow and white steer, off ear marked, MD conjoined near rump.

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All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarse voices will be speedily relieved by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Tonic."

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GEELONG MARKETS. George Hague & Co. report:—Sheepskins—There was the usual attendance...

A man may as well sit down in a meadow and expect a cow to come and be milked...

The Government Actuary computes that Mr Charles Booth's scheme for providing for the aged poor...

The Coolgardie Racing Club's annual meeting is fixed for the 17th and 21st August.

In the torrent of oratory and literature which the debate at the Adelaide Federal Convention recently closed...

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W. H. SMITH, FAMILY BUTCHER, BEAUFORT. Wishes to notify that having purchased his brother's interest in the business...

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

Mr HARRIS desires to impress upon the public that only the HIGHEST CLASS OF DRUGS AND CHEMICALS will be stocked...

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

MR. J. H. HELLY, M.P.S.A., Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical, and Analytical Chemist.

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

RELIGIOUS SERVICES. Church of England—St. John's, 11 a.m. Subject, 'The imperative duty of teaching our children the true history of the world...'

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may be, who had set their faces resolutely against any interference upon the part of the State in the domain of religion.

A general meeting of the Chute Cricket Club was held at Mr C. Loft's (writing our correspondent) on Saturday evening last.

Various rumors are floating about as to probable candidates for the Ripon and Hampden constituency at the next general elections.

It is incumbent upon every man in the colony to note to see that he is not disfranchised through any neglect on his own part or failure on the part of the authorities to record any change that may have taken place in his residence.

A committee meeting in connection with the Jubilee concert was held in the Societies' Hall on Thursday evening to consider the advisability of holding a picnic in the Beaufort Park on the 22nd June.

The result of the Kara-Kara election was a considerable surprise and not a little shock to the Radicals, who had fondly imagined they were going to sweep all before them.

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Mr W. Halpin, assistant stationmaster at Burrumbidgee, had a narrow escape from a serious accident at the courting meeting of the Burrumbidgee and Ercildoune Club on Thursday.

In connection with the recent appeal by Mr T. Jess, of Middle Creek, to the Board of Advice for the School District of the North Riding of Riponshire, in the interests of a poor family at Burrumbidgee, in the matter of applying to the Education Department for a conveyance allowance for their attendance at the Middle Creek State school, Mr Browne, the Board's correspondent, has received a reply intimating that payments under the scheme are restricted to—(a) Cases where schools are closed through low average attendance;

With a view to warning any of our readers who may be thinking of going to Western Australia, Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., has sent us a private letter (received by him from the Hon. Mr. G. G. Greig) in which the following discouraging information is imparted:—'We are struggling under the influence of a very bad slump in the London market—in fact, in all the share markets—and unless things mend very much shortly, I am afraid there are bad times ahead for some of us.'

Sir William J. Clarke, M.L.C., Baronet, died very suddenly on Saturday in Collins street, Melbourne. He was on his way to offices in Melbourne, and had just alighted from a tram in Collins street, when he fell, and was carried to the hospital, where he died.

A case of some interest to the spectators in court, and also to the residents generally, who know the parties, was heard at the Skipton court on Wednesday:—One Rubenovitch, a hawker, sued one John Wilkie, a grazier, for the sum of £15, alleged to be the price of a cow sold by the former to the latter.

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MINING NEWS.

The party working near the Park have sunk their shaft to the required depth, and will open early next week.

PUBLIC MEETING.

(FROM A STOCKYARD HILL CORRESPONDENT.)

A public meeting was held at the Stockyard Hill hotel on Thursday evening, 13th inst., to select a candidate to contest the vacancy about to occur in the west riding of Riponshire council.

BURRUMBEET AND ERICOLDONE COURSE CLUB.

On Thursday and Friday the opening coursing meeting of the season was held on the Ericoldone Estate.

ALLEGED GOLD-STEALING.

A painful sensation was caused in Waterloo and Beaufort on Monday, when it became known that Stephen Provis, a miner, with a large family, residing at Waterloo South, had been arrested on a charge of concealing 7 1/2 dwts. of gold (valued at 30s) with the view of defrauding Charles Lennon, the manager of the Last Chance Gold Mining Company, at Waterloo South.

EGGS IN WINTER.

How a Small Flock of Mixed Hens Were Made Profitable.

It is very desirable to have hens lay well in cold weather, when eggs bring a good price. To succeed in this is within the reach of all who keep fowls. It cannot be accomplished without effort, however, which must be kept up as long as stormy or cold weather continues.

A PRIZE POEM.

Impounded at Beaufort.

Bay Horse, star, like O near shoulder. Bay Mare, like JJ near shoulder. Bay Filly, no visible brands.

ON SALE

JEREMIAH SMITH'S TIMBER YARD.

American shoring boards. Do lumber do. 6 x 1 7 and G Scotch flooring. 6 x 4 do do lining. 6 x 4 do do flooring.

THRICE IS HE ARMED WHO HAS HIS QUARREL JUST.

CLEMENTS' TONIC. THE WORLD'S GREAT RESTORATIVE. HAS CURED MORE CASES OF INDIGESTION, NEURALGIA, WEAKNESS, DEBILITY, DROPSY, BRUISES, AND LIVER COMPLAINT THAN ALL OTHER MEDICINES PUT TOGETHER.

READ THIS CASE.

Mrs Sellwood, 225 High Street, Prahran, Vic., writes on May 30th, 1896:—I must write a few lines to express my satisfaction with Clements' Tonic, which I have taken for Rheumatism and Nervous Debility.

THE OAKS.

For eight puppies, at 21 1/2 s. Winner, 25 5s; runner-up, 22 1/2 s. Second Messrs C. and E. Tinworth's Sunflower beat Mr. J. Dobson's Fawn and Whites; Messrs Wallis and Harry's June Rose beat Mr. W. Wallis's Wanda; Messrs C. and E. Tinworth's Playgirl beat Mr. J. Dobson's Queenie; Mr. J. A. McKean's Christmas Belle beat Miss Rose; Mr. J. Dobson's Quiver beat Mr. Benwick's Quiver for the Ericoldone Stakes.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

The mining lease of 17a, 1r, 10p, at Waterloo Flat, issued by W. Sneddon, East Keelambert was been appointed a polling place within and for the Mortlake division, for the electoral district of Ripon and Hampden.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE MULE.

A South Carolina farmer in a letter to Practical Farmer sums up the more characteristic qualities of the mule. He says: "A mule becomes attached to his owner and his surroundings, even though the one is cruel and hard and the other not conducive to comfort."

SHELTER FOR DAIRY COWS.

Shelter for dairy cows is too often neglected, and the stock allowed to shiver outside, exposed to the cold in a way that ought to appeal even to humane considerations.

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SOME BOGUS BANK NOTES.

Some bogus bank notes appear to have got into circulation in Kilmore, where a local tradesman has purchased a genuine £5 note of the London Bank of Australia.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The Education Department has been summing up the effect of the policy of amalgamating State schools, and the total saving of £18,000 has been effected.

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A syndicate of Western (American) editors offered 1000 dollars for the best...

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CLEMENTS' TONIC is a scientific chemical food and tonic... FLETCHER'S PILLS cure heartburn, headache, liver torpidity, dyspepsia, and all complaints of the stomach and bowels.

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.

To the ordinary citizen, whose income, earned by patient perspiration, is just within the tentacles of the Income Tax octopus, the return of gold from Charters Towers mine from the end of 1877 to that of 1896 reads like a dream of the golden Spanish Main, a vision of ingots.

When Superintendent Deasy, of the police force, retires at the end of the present year, Superintendent O'Callaghan, of Ballarat, will become Inspecting Superintendent. There will also be a number of other promotions at the end of the year.

The editor moves in a vortex of conflicting interests, and perhaps fails now and then, accurately to gauge the motives of the people with whom he comes in contact, but he invariably gives fair play and can recognize good work. He puts his mind and physique into his own duty, and fills a position of great responsibility honestly and fearlessly.

BEAUFORT BUTTER FACTORY CO.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders was held in the Mechanics Institute on Thursday afternoon. Present—Dr Adam (chairman), Messrs Cushing, Troy, Hannah, McDonald, Austin, M.L.A., West, Rogers, Holdsworth, Topper, McIntosh, Brennan, Parker, M. Kelly, W. Lynch, T. Jess, Rogers, Coughie, J. Jess, Eastwood, Liston, Wotherspoon, W. Kelly, and D. Maher.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The secretary (who stated that the directors had decided not to go to the expense of having the balance-sheet printed and sent to the shareholders) submitted a statement of receipts and expenses. The receipts, with an outstanding bank overdraft of £539 6s 4d, amounted to £927 6s 7d; the expenditure totalling the same with a present bank overdraft of £641 14s 3d. The liabilities were estimated at £657 3s 3d; whilst there are calls recoverable to the extent of £15 2s 6d, and the machinery and plant is valued approximately at £442 9s 9d.

The Chairman said that nobody seemed inclined to say very much, and that there was not much to say. They were in the mud, and unfortunately had to suspend operations, which no one regretted more than he, having hoped for success, and to have a flourishing industry in their midst. But they had to give it up, after trying every means to keep it going.

Mr. E. H. Austin, M.L.A., in reply to questions, was informed that so long as the payments on the land bought from Mr. Smith on the time payment system were kept up it belonged to the company, that it was considered it would bring more than the value put upon it, and that £97 out of £200 had been paid off.

Mr. Hannah thought it would be a pity to sacrifice the plant. They would be sorry for it when a good season came. If the shareholders would subscribe a certain amount of money and find the interest due, it would enable them to keep the plant; they would otherwise come in and reap the benefit. He thought they should try and keep the machinery for another year, as it was only in a good season that there was any chance of getting rid of it for anything like its value.

Mr. T. Jess thought it better for the shareholders to pay the interest for a few months than to get rid of the machinery at present.

MINING NEWS.

White and party (near the Park) have opened out, and got their chamber in. The shaft is skidded, and cages and tanks got to work. If they do not get a considerable increase of water when they touch the wash they will be able to work it with a whim.

The Grand Vizier of Turkey, Khalid Rifaat Tasha, has made strong representations to the Sultan, Abdul Hamid, in regard to the terms on which peace with Greece should be concluded. The Grand Vizier implores the Sultan to insist on the retention of Thessaly by Turkey, declaring that otherwise the Sultan will alienate the sympathy of his Mohammedan subjects.

The Standard publishes a statement to the effect that Prince Francis Joseph of Battenberg, brother of Prince Henry of Battenberg, the husband of Princess Beatrice, has been chosen by the powers to be Governor of Crete. The insurgents are burning the residences in the environs of the seaport of Retimo, in the north coast of Crete.

Mr. Austin said the guarantors also would have time to look round so as to dispose of the machinery advantageously, whereas if the company was wound up now they would have to take what they could get.

Mr. W. Jess said that the shareholders could voluntarily pay a call to pay off the interest. Mr. Lynch was informed that the late issue of shares was nearly all paid up. Mr. Hannah having withdrawn his motion, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. T. Jess, that all shareholders pay a call at the rate of 5 per cent upon the number of shares held by them in the company, to enable the directors to pay up the interest for the next six months and to look out for a purchaser for the machinery.

Mr. Eastwood moved that the directors be empowered to sell the machinery to the best advantage, pointing out that a meeting of shareholders would then not be necessary. Subsequently this was withdrawn, and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. T. Jess, seconded by Mr. Coughie, that this company being unable to continue its business owing to pecuniary embarrassment, be now wound up voluntarily, and that Messrs Troy, Hannah, McDonald, Cushing, Holdsworth, Wotherspoon, Austin, and Dr. Adam be appointed liquidators for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the company.

WINTER POULTRY HOUSE.

It seems the necessary exercise for fowls during cold and rainy seasons. There is no denying the fact that fowls need exercise in the open air during the winter season to secure the best results with them, but with the ordinary poultry house this is almost impracticable.

GRECO-TURKISH WAR.

It is reported from Athens that Great Britain threatens to withdraw from the European concert if Turkey occupies any part of Thessaly, pending the payment of an indemnity by Greece. The Grand Vizier of Turkey, Khalid Rifaat Tasha, has made strong representations to the Sultan, Abdul Hamid, in regard to the terms on which peace with Greece should be concluded.

DON'T STOP MY PAPER, PRINTER.

Don't stop my paper, printer, don't strike my name off yet. You know the times are stringent, and money is scarce. But tug a little harder is what I mean to do, and scrape the cash together, enough for me and you.

All along the Pacific coast barley is extensively grown as food for horses. In the old world barley is a standard horse food. It is said that California has over 200,000 acres in it. It is better horse food than corn and more easily and cheaply grown. It is a nutritious food. It is sown broadcast and harvested by reaper or mowder; hence no hoeing or cultivation is demanded, as in the case of corn. The crop can be grazed all fall and winter, and then yield a good grain crop when the stock is taken off. One acre of barley is said to furnish more grazing than an acre of wheat, oats and rye combined.

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HOUSE WITH COVERED RUN.

litter should be placed. Grain scattered in this will be eagerly searched for, as there are few hens that do not enjoy scratching, even when they are not hungry, provided such scratching can be done where there is light and fresh air. Such a house can be extended to any length desired, according as one may desire to keep a greater or smaller number of fowls.

MARKETING THE HONEY CROP.

The advice of The American Bee Journal is to cultivate local markets. There are many risks in shipping comb honey, especially to distant markets, with the facilities and cost for crating properly possessed by the average beekeeper. But little comb honey ever reaches its destination without damage and loss to the producer.

AN APOLOGY.

HAVING made use of abusive language and insulting words towards Mr. R. A. Sinclair on the 20th instant, I hereby express my regret at having done so, and beg to publicly tender him my apology.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

MR. BLACKMORE, The well-known Melbourne Dentist, will visit BEAUFORT. Consultations at 5, Holly's Beaufort Pharmacy, North Street.

RICHARDS & CO., THE LEADING AND FASHIONABLE BALLARAT PHOTOGRAPHERS.

On Sale AT JEREMIAH SMITH'S TIMBER YARD, CORNER OF LIVINGSTONE & WILLOU STREETS. American-shelving boards, 10 Dumber 2, 6 x 1 7 and G Scotch flooring, 6 x 4 do do lining, 6 x 4 do do flooring, American and Baltic deals, all sizes, 4 cut pine weatherboards, 6 do do, American clear pine, Fir, Spruce, Cedar, white and narrow boards, Cedar table legs, all sizes, French casements, doors, sashes, Mouldings, architraves, skirtings, Bread panes and skirtings. A stock of sizes of hardwood always on hand also GELONG LINE.

LOCAL LAND BOARD.

THE following leases under section 20, of the Land Act, 1896, have been called upon to show cause against forfeiture of their leases before the Local Land Board, to be held at Ballarat on 10th June, 1897, at 10 o'clock a.m. Kate Flynn, 268 acres, parish of Langkai-Kai; Elizabeth Lane, 182 acres, parish of Naglan.

SHIRE OF RIPON NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS.

No person will be entitled to be placed on the Voters' Roll for the current year in respect of any property unless before or on the 10th day of June, 1897, all Rates on such property shall have been paid. The Rate Collector will attend at the Shire Office, Beaufort, from the 2nd to the 10th June (both inclusive), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the purpose of receiving Rates.

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