The Riponshire Advocate.

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POSTAL NEWS.

RATES WITHIN VICTORIA.

	s. d.
LETTERS.—Per ounce or under	0 2
URGENT LETTERS.—Per letter (in addition to ordinary postage)	0 6

(Urgent letters are, on arrival at 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 telegraph messenger, nor if addressed to a place having no delivery by letter carrier or telegraph messenger.)

POST CARDS	0 1*
REPLY POST CARDS	0 2
LETTER CARDS	0 1½
(2 for 2½d., 12 for 1s. 3d.)	
NEWSPAPERS	0 0½
BOOKS.—For every four ounces or under (up to three lbs)	0 1
REGISTRATION FEE	0 3
PARCELS.—Two pounds or under (each extra pound or part, 3d.)	0 9
BULK parcels of newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper publisher or news vendor, per lb or fraction thereof (Not less than 4 papers in each parcel.)	0 1

PACKETS.

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

*Remarks such as, "A cheque will oblige," "With thanks, etc," will render accounts chargeable as letters.

TERCOLONIAL RATES.

SOUTH WALES, NEW ZEALAND, QUEENSLAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, WEST. AUSTRALIA, FIJI, NEW HEBRIDES AND BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

	s. d.
LETTERS.—Per ½ ounce or under	0 2
POST CARDS	0 1
REPLY POST CARDS	0 2
LETTER CARDS to N. S. Wales, S. Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, W. Australia	0 1½
To New Zealand and Fiji	0 2½
BOOKS.—Per four ounces or under (up to three lbs)	0 1
NEWSPAPERS	0 0½
REGISTRATION FEE	0 3
BULK parcels of newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper publisher or newsvendor, per lb or fraction thereof	0 1
PARCEL POST.—To S. Australia, Queensland, New Zealand, Tasmania, and W. Australia only.—Per lb or under	0 8
Each additional lb, or under (up to 11 lbs)	0 6

PACKETS.

COMMERCIAL PAPERS AND PRINTED PAPERS.—Per every two ounces or under (up to 4lbs) (Items see Victoria)	0 1
PATTERNS, samples, packets of merchandise, &c.—Per every two ounces or under (up to 1lb)	0 1

RATES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

	s. d.
LETTERS.—Each ½ ounce or under	0 2½
POST CARDS	0 1½
REPLY POST CARDS	0 3
NEWSPAPERS	0 1
COMMERCIAL PAPERS.—4 ounces or under	0 2½
Over 4 ounces, but not over 6 ounces	0 3
Every additional two ounces or under (up to 4lbs)	0 1
PRINTED PAPERS (other than news papers).—Per every two ounces or under (up to 4lbs)	0 1
PATTERNS and samples. Per every two ounces or under (up to 1lb)	0 1
REGISTRATION FEE	0 3
Acknowledgement of delivery of a registered article	0 2½
PARCELS POST, wholly by sea.—Each parcel of 2lbs or under	1 6
Each additional lb or under (up to 11lbs)	0 9

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

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.

Give your orders for JOB PRINTING to the newspaper in your district, because it prints thousands of reports and notifications for which it receives no payment whatever. It is always spending its time and money to benefit and improve the prospects of the place through which it circulates. It gives you ads. in return for your printing order.

NEWSPAPER LAW.

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, in writing, are considered as wishing to continue their subscriptions.

2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their newspapers, the publisher may continue to send them until arrears are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their newspapers from the post-office to which they are directed, they are held responsible until they settle their bills, and ordered the newspapers to be discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to other places, without informing the publishers, and the papers are sent to the former direction, the subscribers are responsible.

5. The court has decided that "refusing to take periodicals from the post-office or leaving them uncalled for, is *prima facie* evidence of intentional fraud."

6. Any person who receives a newspaper and makes use of it, whether he has ordered it or not, is held in law to be a subscriber.

RE MINING LEASES.

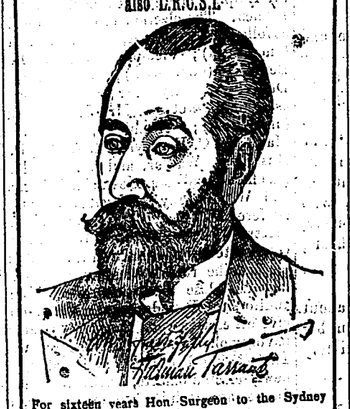
It is notified for general information that applicants for Mining Leases are required, within seven days previous to lodging the application, to insert in a newspaper published in the district where the land is situated, or if no such newspaper, then in one published nearest the district, an advertisement or notice in the form marked "A" in the schedule relating to Mining Leases.

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

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

DR. TARRANT

F.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.E., L.M.R.C.P.E., also L.R.C.S.I.



For sixteen years Hon. Surgeon to the Sydney Hospital—Registered by the

GOVERNMENT

Medical Board—has during his recent world-wide travels discovered a

NEW METHOD OF HEALING,

which acts like Magic in removing Foul Breath, Indigestion, Palpitation, Blushing, Shortness of Breath, Impaired Memory, Weak, Sore, Sunken or Dark-circled Eyes, Sallow or Pimply Skin; Dulness of Intellect; Piles, Constipation or Relaxation of the Bowels, Bad Taste, Wind, Desire for Solitude or Drink, Bashfulness, Weak Back, Bad Feet, Oozing of Saliva from the Mouth during Sleep, Neuralgia, Hacking Cough, Giddiness, Fear of Insanity or Suicide, Inclination to throw yourself down when over water, Inability to keep your Thoughts off Impure Subjects, Dreams, Twitching of the Eyelids, Numbness or Prickly Sensations, Timidity, Fear of Impending Danger, &c.

Dr. TARRANT makes

ABSOLUTELY NO CHARGE

for Advice—but One Pound is required to cure almost any complaint, including Nervous Debility, Diseases of a Secret Nature, Skin Diseases, Liver Troubles, Gravel, Scrofula, Throat, Eye or Ear Complaints, Fistula, Piles, Paralysis, Sciatica, Rheumatism, Diseases of Women, Sterility or Barrenness, Constipation, Hip Disease, Dropsy, Worms, Epilepsy (Fits), Impotency, Bright's Disease, Influenza, Lung Troubles, Coughs, Neuralgia, Varicocele, &c.

You should, to avoid delay, enclose £1 in First Letter. If Dr. TARRANT decides that he cannot cure you

THE POUND WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

All communications should be addressed

Dr. HARMAN TARRANT,

151 ELIZABETH STREET, SYDNEY,

Or if preferred, H. T., Box 1201, G.P.O., Sydney.

If you desire full information on Special Complaints, or if it is your intention to Marry, send 6d. in Stamps for Dr. TARRANT'S Exhaustive Work. This beautiful volume will be found to contain 125 prescriptions for self-cure; many appropriate illustrations and is entitled,

"PLAIN LANGUAGE."

Please mention *Riponshire Advocate* when writing.

HINTS TO FRIENDLY READERS

You want to see the local paper a successful institution.

Talk about it wherever you go.

Mention it to the tradespeople with whom you do business.

If they don't advertise in it, try and induce them to do so.

If you are induced to buy anything from what you have read in its advertising columns mention the fact to the tradesman.

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

APPLICATIONS FOR MINING LEASES.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

Attention is called to the following regulations under part 2 of "The Mines Act 1890," twenty third schedule:—

4. Every applicant for a lease to mine on private property shall apply for a lease in manner prescribed by these regulations, but during the seven days immediately preceding the day on which he leaves his application with the warden, he must do the following things—

(A). Insert in a newspaper published in the district where the land is situated, or if there be no such newspaper, then in one published nearest the district, an advertisement or notice on the form in the appendix A thereto.

(B). Post similar notices at the office of the warden, and at the post office or police court, whichever is the nearest to the land.

(C). Deposit with the clerk of the warden the sum of £5 sterling, &c.

Objections will be raised to the granting of all leases where the above requirements have not been fully complied with.

A PRIZE POEM.

A syndicate of Western (American) editors offered 1000dols. for the best appeal to newspaper subscribers to pay up their subscriptions. The prize was given to the editor of the "Rocky Mountain Celt." This is the poem:—

Lives of poor men oft remind us
Honest men don't stand a chance;
The more we work there grow behind us
Bigger patches on our pants.
On our pants, once new and glossy,
Now are stripes of different hue;
All because subscribers jinger,
And won't pay us what is due.
Then let us all be up and doing,
Send your mite, however small,
Or when the cold of winter strikes us
We shall have no pants at all.

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

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

"KEATING'S POWDER" destroys BUGS, FLEAS, MOTHS, BEETLES, and all other insects, whilst quite harmless to domestic animals. In exterminating Beetles the success of this powder is extraordinary. It is perfectly clean in application. See the article you purchase is "KEATING'S," as imitations are noxious and ineffectual. Sold in Tins, 6d, 1s, and 2s 6d each, by all chemists.

A country paper kindly supplies this beautiful simile:—"You might as well try to shampoo an elephant with a thimbleful of soapsuds as attempt to do business and ignore advertising."

STEVENSON & SONS,

UNDERTAKERS AND CARPENTERS,

HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT

(Opposite Golden Age Hotel), beg to inform the public of Beaufort and surrounding districts that they have purchased the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS of the late R. FARLEY, and hope by moderate charges and prompt attention, to merit a continuance of the patronage accorded to their predecessor.

FUNERAL ECONOMY

Established 1860.

WILLIAM BAKER,

UNDERTAKER,

Lawrence Street, next Post Office, and Neill Street, opposite State School. Hearse and other requisites supplied in town or country at stated charges. Post, Telegraph, and Telephone Messages promptly attended to.

HOLLOWAY'S

PILLS AND OINTMENT

Have stood pre-eminent during the past sixty years as

RELIABLE FAMILY MEDICINES.

They are invaluable Remedies for

Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Feverish Attacks, Ague, Bad Legs, Bad Breasts, Old Wounds, Sores and Skin Diseases.

They have no equal for Affections of the

THROAT, CHEST and LUNGS.

Manufactured only at 78, New Oxford St. (late 533, Oxford St.) London. Sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors.

J. McKEICH

Is showing a Grand Assortment of NEW GOODS for the Summer Season.

For choice, quality, and price, this stock will be found far in advance of all previous seasons.

The New **Summer Dresses** are very pretty, and inexpensive. The most popular lines are **Drillettes, Duckettes, Drills, Piques, French Muslins, Black Plain, Figured, and Fancy Lustres, Grenadies, Cashmeres,** with the newest summer serges.

The latest **Blouses, Costumes, Skirts, Chiffons, Veilings, Dress Nets, Ladies' Ties, Bows,** and many fancy lines.

The largest assortment yet shown of **Cotton and Silk Laces, Torchons, Maltesen, Valenciennes,** in all shades and prices.

New Ribbons, Belts, Beltings, Sash Ribbons, Belt Clasps, Frillings, in endless variety.

Grand Millinery Show.—This department is stocked with a wonderfully cheap and fashionable stock of **trimmed Hats, Gems, Galateas, Sun Bonnets, Girls' Summer Hats, Flowers, Feathers, Ornaments, &c.**

A large assortment of **Underclothing** at a very low figure.

A wide range of **New Corsets** in P.D's., C.B's., and all the leading makers' goods at lowest prices.

Over 1,000 pieces of **Hoyles' Prints**, which is the leading Print all over the world. Always washes well, and the prices are within everybody's reach.

Low prices for **Hosiery, Gloves, Umbrellas, and Fancy Goods** of all descriptions.

Manchester Lines, viz., **Calicoes, Sheetings, Shirtings, Table Damasks, Galateas, Drills, Towels, Quilts, Towellings,** &c. will be found A1 value.

New Floorcloths, Carpets, Wool Mats, Hearth Rugs, at lowest prices.

The **Clothing Department** is so well stocked that you can get suited at a very small cost. Special prices for Men's, Boys', and Youths' Suits, Trousers and Vests, Mole Trousers, Karkee Suits, Lustre, White Drill, and Flannelette Coats.

100 doz. Men's, Boys', and Youths' Shirts at any price.
120 " " " " Straw and Felt Hats, very cheap.
150 " " " Ties, rising from 3d upwards.
200 Boys' Knicker Suits, all prices and styles.

Suits, Tailor Made, a very big trade.

Boots and Shoes.—The largest and cheapest stock to select from. All the best makers' goods at the lowest prices.

J. McKEICH,

IMPORTER,

BEAUFORT.

GENERAL PRINTING

AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES,

"The Advocate" Office, Beaufort.

LOST MANHOOD

Nervous Debility, &c., from youthful folly, excesses or any cause. Guaranteed CURE. A great Scientific discovery by anatomy. Book posted free, sealed. To young men contemplating marriage, to the married, to young and old, this book is invaluable, pointing out the way of relief to those unfortunate sufferers to whom love is but a hideous tormenting dream, life a torture, the future a blank. Write PROFESSOR B. HERMANN, 41 Collins Place, Melbourne.

Woman's Salvation.

The Wife's welfare within her own control. Book posted free. It will teach you more about prevention in ten minutes than all the years you've lived. Write PROF. B. HERMANN, 41 Collins Place, Melbourne.

Sufferers from *Boyish Folly, Nervous Debility, Loss of Manhood,* &c. Send stamped envelope, and I will forward full particulars—how I suffered for years—tried almost every so-called remedy and specialist, and when all had failed—*how I accidentally found a cure.* Address, HAROLD S. BELL, G.P.O., Melbourne.

LADIES—My New TRIPLE-POWER FEMALE PILLS Restore Regularity instantly, no matter what cause, how long standing, or what has failed. Nothing can resist them. box posted, 5s. 6d. Write—Professor GARFIELD, West Collins Street, Melbourne.

GENTS—Latest American PREVENTATIVE. Simple and effectual. Last for years. Posted, 2s. 6d. (stamps 2s. 10d). Write Prof. Garfield, West Collins-st., Melbourne.

LADIES—Write for free particulars of Madam Hedburg's American remedy, to restore regularity at home yourselves Without Medicine. H. A. DE LEON, agent, Flinders-st., Melbourne.

LADIES—Dr. Boxwell's Female Pills (registered) restore regularity; any cause. 5/6 box. All chemists.

TEETH! TEETH!!

Complete Set, £1 1s. Painless Dentistry in all branches. Consultation Free. Book on Painless Dentistry post free. Write or Call, London Dental Institute, 300 East Collins Street, Melbourne.

The Naked Truth

A Book for MEN ONLY by Charles Astley Webster, SPECIALIST 41 Exhibition-street, Melbourne. Posted free on receipt of 6d. in stamps.

PROFESSOR WEBSTER is the greatest and most successful Specialist the world has ever known. Nothing can now baffle him; and he will give a WRITTEN GUARANTEE to cure every case he undertakes. Professor Webster will, on receipt of 6d. in stamps, forward, free and unobserved, his famous book, "The Naked Truth," a treatise on the cause, effect, treatment, and cure of all private diseases, weakness or infirmity of man, such as the evil effects of boyish folly, lost manhood, nervous debility, spermatorrhœa, impotence, sterility, varicocele, contagious diseases, &c., acute or chronic. Every man, married or single, young or old, should read "The Naked Truth." No matter what book you have read, this will teach you much you do not know. "The Naked Truth" is interesting alike both to the healthy and the weak; but to the unhappy sufferer from sexual weakness, the light of its truth is surely but the dawn of brighter days to come. A copy posted for 6d. in stamps.

PROFESSOR C. A. WEBSTER,

Specialist,

41 EXHIBITION STREET, MELBOURNE.

Dr. JENNER'S COUGH BALSAM

Dr. Jenner's Cough Balsam positively cures coughs, colds, sore throats, bronchitis, asthma and all chest complaints. It relieves instantly, and quickly makes a permanent cure. Suited for young and old. It is pleasant to take, and children like it. Obtainable at all chemists and grocers. 1s. per bottle.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS

Auctioneer, Valuer, Arbitrator, General Commission Agent.

AUCTION ROOMS:—BARKLY STREET, ARARAT, and NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

Correspondent and Valuer for the Balarat Banking Company, Limited.

Trust and other Moneys to Lend at Current Rate.

NOTICE.

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

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

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

We take this opportunity of thanking our patrons for past favors, and while respectfully soliciting a renewal of support, desire to state that increased attention will be given to all matters of local and general interest. As a record of news we will always endeavour to make our columns as comprehensive as possible. In all departments, in fact, we will aim at improvement, and, therefore, confidently appeal to the public for increased support.

ARTHUR PARKER,
Proprietor.

Beaufort, 5th September, 1896.

GEELONG WOOL SALES.

SEASON 1899-1900.

GEORGE HAGUE

& COY.

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

EXTENSIVE WAREHOUSES,

built expressly for the storage of Wool.

SHOW ROOMS

splendidly lighted and unequalled in the colony for the proper display of Wool. Railway and Shipping right at the doors.

FARMERS' CLIPS

receive special personal attention, and no lot, however small, is sold under fullest market value.

A LARGER LOCAL CONSUMPTION of Wool than any other market in the Australian Colonies.

CHARGES the lowest ruling in the colony.

ACCOUNT SALES and Proceeds rendered invariably three days after sale.

ACT STRICTLY as Selling Brokers only.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS' practical English, Continental, and Colonial experience of the Wool trade.

CASH ADVANCES, if required, directly on receipt of produce into store.

AUCTION SALES of Sheepskins, Hides, and Tallow held weekly throughout the year.

WAY-BILL FORMS supplied free.

GEORGE HAGUE & CO.,
Woolbrokers.

Geelong, 1st July, 1899.

WM. C. PEDDER,

Blacksmith and Wheelwright,

NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

Farm and Timber Waggons, Farm, Road and Spring Drays, Waggonettes, and all kinds of Vehicles made and repaired on the premises. Horses Carefully Shod.

J. B. COCHRAN, NEWS AGENT, BOOK SELLER, and STATIONER, begs to announce to the inhabitants of BEAUFORT and district that he is Agent for the *Weekly Times, Herald, Riponshire Advocate, Sportsman, Free Lance, Australian Journal, Argus, Australasian,* &c. While thanking his numerous old customers for past favors, he trusts, by strict attention to the delivery of all papers, to merit a fair share of their support. Note the Address—Next Door to Bank of Victoria.

JOHN HUMPHREYS

COMMISSION & INSURANCE AGENT

ACCOUNTANT ETC.,

Neill Street, Beaufort.

RENTS and Debts Collected. Agent for the South British Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Agency Business of all kinds attended to.

W. BAKER,

Cabinet Maker, Upholsterer, Window Blind and Bedding Manufacturer.

W. Baker has ON SALE the following lines:—Pine Shelving, Flooring, and lining Boards; Californian, kouri, and clear pine, up to 36 inches; cedar, all thicknesses and widths; table legs, sashes, doors, architrave and other mouldings, window glass, white lead, oils, turps, and all the building requirists.

Sashes, doors, and all kinds of Joiner's work made to order at the lowest possible prices.

Hardwood supplied at Timber Yard prices.

YOU CAN AFFORD IT.

Very few are too poor now-a-days to take their country paper, and it is false economy to try and get along without it. Hardly a week passes that something or other does not appear in its columns that will be of financial benefit to the subscriber, and by the end of the year he had made or saved or won twenty times the subscription paid for it. The city papers don't take the place of the country ones, though some people appear to think they do. The city papers are all right in their way, but they do not give you that in which you are most interested—your country news. You cannot learn from them when and where your country meetings are to be held, who are dying or who are marrying, who are moving in or who are moving out, court proceedings, who wants to buy or sell farm or land produce, in fact hundreds of things of which it might be of particular importance for you to know. If you can afford to take only one paper, by all means take the one that is published in the country or district where you live. It will cost you less, and thereby you will be assisting yourself and keeping the money in the district.

To our Readers and Patrons.

THE PROSPERITY OF A DISTRICT DEPENDS chiefly upon the support and encouragement that is given by the population to local enterprise and industry. Every venture is to a more or less extent speculative, but each, whilst aiming at the success of the Promoter, must offer certain returns to those whose support is necessary to achieve certain advantageous results on both sides.

Therefore,

Support Local Industry and Local Enterprise.

The law of exchange was never satisfactory in its working; thus it was that the custom buying and selling, using a standard currency was introduced. One form of that currency known as "paper money," and of paper money there is more than one kind. All kinds are useful, but not every kind retains its original value. The "paper" money most valuable to a newspaper proprietor is that which is sent him by

"Subscribers and Advertisers,"

and he will do his utmost to entitle him to a good share of it.

"The Riponshire Advocate"

is the Advertising Medium for all Contracts let, and notifications of the Shire of Ripon and is the

ONLY NEWSPAPER

That is

Printed and Published within the boundaries of the Shire,

And as the advocate of the interests and the welfare of this district it has a claim for considerably greater amount of support, has a greater scope for extended usefulness than any other journal or journals within a radius of the Shire Offices.

The Circulation

of the

Riponshire Advocate

Is

Steadily Increasing,

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

"The Advocate,"

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING,

CIRCULATES in the following districts:—Beaufort, Stockyard Hill, Lake Goldsmith, Sailor's Gully, Main Lead, Raglan, Chute, Waterloo, Eurambeen, Buangor, Middle Creek, Shirley, Trawalla, Skipton, and Carngham.

With every issue of the Paper is given

A FOURTEEN-COLUMN

SUPPLEMENT,

Containing an
Interesting Serial Tale,
Amusing Anecdotes,
Pastoral News,
Poultry Farming
Agricultural Intelligence,
Recipes,
Gardening Items,
Etc., Etc., Etc.

Business Men, Read

It was Benjamin Franklin who wrote—

"What steam is to machinery, advertising is to business."

And another writer has said that—

"He who in his "biz" would rise,
Must either 'bust' or advertise."

And advertisers cannot do better than make the *Riponshire Advocate* the medium for their announcements.

Arthur Parker,

Printer and Publisher,

LAWRENCE STREET, BEAUFORT.

JOB PRINTING

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

BALL TICKETS & PROGRAMMES,
ADDRESS & BUSINESS CARDS,
MINING SCRIP, REPORTS, &c.,
PAMPHLETS, CIRCULARS,
BILLHEADS, POSTERS,
DELIVERY BOOKS
DRAPERS' HANDBILLS,
CATALOGUES, MOURNING CARDS,
SOIREE & DINNER TICKETS,
&c., &c.,

PRINTED in FIRST-CLASS STYLE

AT MELBOURNE PRICES.

Office:—Lawrence Street, Beaufort.

Plain & Ornamental Printing

Of Every description executed at the "RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE OFFICE.

BOOKBINDING

ON REASONABLE TERMS.

MINING SCRIP, CALL, RECEIPT DELIVERY BOOKS, &c.,

Prepared on the shortest notice.

HAVELOCK

PURE AMERICAN LEAF

TOBACCO.

Confidence Curls Tobacco

(ALL NATURAL TWIST)

CAMERON'S FIRST PRIZE CONFIDENCE CURLS

EACH PLUG IS BRANDED WITH YELLOW TIN TAG, THUS:—

ASK FOR D.C.L. WHISKY. FROM ALL HOTELS & SPIRIT MERCHANTS

THE BRAND OF MERIT.

D·C·L

ASK FOR D.C.L. DRY GIN THE PUREST SPIRIT MADE

D.C.L. ONE QUALITY ONLY THE BEST ALWAYS THE SAME

COMMERCIAL.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 2s 4d per bushel, bags in; flour, stone-made, none; roller-made, to L7 per ton; pollard, 9d per bushel; bran, 8½d per bushel, oats, white, to 1s 6d per bushel; Algerian, 1s 4d per bushel; Cape barley, 1s 9d; rye, 3s 6d; potatoes, Warrnambool, L1 15 per ton; Ballarat, L1 5s per ton; hay, sheaves, L1 7s 6d per ton; straw, L1 per ton; chaff, 1s 9d per cwt; onions, 5s per cwt; butter, fresh, 5d per lb; hams, 9½d per lb; bacon, 7½d per lb; cheese, 4½d per lb; eggs, 5½d per dozen.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Fat Cattle.—Another full supply, numbering 325 head, was penned for to-day's sales, a fair proportion consisting of quality ranging from good to prime, remainder principally midding and useful descriptions, a few inferior. There was a very good attendance of the trade, and as the heavy supply this week combined with that of last week was more than ample, competition accordingly lacked animation, prices showing a slight decline for all descriptions, a few remaining unsold. Quotations—Prime pens bullocks, £9 to £10, extra £10 10s to £11 15s; good do. £7 10s to £8 10s; medium £6 to £7; prime pens cows, £6 to £7, extra to £9 2s 6d; good do, £5 to £5 10s. Calves—39 forward; a fair proportion good and prime, which were in request at late rates for best to 100s. Sheep—1037 came to hand for this day's sale, principally consisting of useful quality, a fair proportion ranging from good to prime. The attendance of the trade and graziers was hardly equal to last week, consequently competition lacked spirit, and excepting an odd pen or so, prices realised for all forward show a decline on late rates, closing somewhat weak. Quotations—Prime crossbred wethers, 12s to 13s 9d; good do, 10s to 11s; medium do, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 10s 6d to 11s 8d; good do, 9s to 10s; prime merino wethers, 10s to 10s 6d; good do, 9s to 9s 6d; merino ewes, to 8s 2d. Fat Lambs—2741 to hand, principally consisting of useful to good quality, a small proportion prime. The demand was hardly equal to last week, prices ruling easier. Prime 10s to 11s, extra heavy 12 to 13s 4d; good, 9s to 9s 6d; medium, 8s to 8s 6d; shorn, to 8s.

The following district sales are reported:—By Messrs Hepburn, Dowling, and Crawford.—106 merino wethers for Mr J. Hannah, Stockyard Hill, 9s 6d to 10s 4d, averaging 9s 10d.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Thursday.

Wheat, 2s 9d; oats, to 1s 10d; bran, 8d; pollard, 9d. Barley—English, 4s to 4s 6d; Cape, 2s. Potatoes, 10s to 15s. Hay—Sheaves, L1 7s 6d to L1 12s 6d; manger, L1 17s 6d to L2; straw, L1. Flour—Roller, L7 to L7 5s. Butter—Factory, 9d to 10d; dairy, prime, 6½d to 7d; medium, 5½d to 6d. Eggs, 6½d to 7d per dozen. Cheese, 3d to 5d per lb.

MELBOURNE MARKETS.

Thursday.

Wheat.—Prime new, 2s 8d. Flour.—Roller, L7. Barley—Prime, 4s 8d to 4s 9½d; medium, to 3s 9d; Cape, prime, to 2s. Oats.—Prime stout whites, 1s 11d to 2s; Algerian milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; seed, 1s 7d; feed, 1s 6½d to 1s 8½d. Bran, 8d. Pollard, 8d. Maize.—Flat, 3s. Potatoes, L1. New (in case.), L3 5s. Onions—Prime, L3 5s; inferior, L2. Chaff.—Good oaten, L2 5s; prime, L2 7s 6d; prime wheaten, L2 10s. Hay—Manger, L2 15s to L3 5s; chaffing, to L2 5s.

GEELONG MARKETS.

George Hague & Co. report (24th ult.):—Wool.—We held our sixth wool sale of the season to-day, when we offered a catalogue of 520 bales. There was the usual attendance of buyers present, and competition was exceedingly lively, prices ruling very firm. Our top price was 17½d for a small lot of comeback fleece marked SSP over Buangor. Our top price for scoured was 24d for 1st combing marked AMD from Horsham. Among our leading lines were:—SSP over Buangor (Buangor), A comeback at 17½d, B comeback at 16½d, and x bred at 15½d. BP (Beaufort), merino fleece at 14½d, and fine x bred at 12¾d. PP (Beaufort), comeback at 14½d. PO (Beaufort), merino at 14½d. HR over Middle Creek (Beaufort), x bred at 14d. DM over LG over * (Beaufort), merino at 13¾d, comeback at 13½d, and 1st x bred at 13d. VS over MC (Beaufort), x bred at 13¾d, and x x bred at 12¾d. LJB over MC (Beaufort), comeback at 13½d.

Sheepskins.—A large supply cleared to-day, and eager competition, prices being very firm. We sold all as follows:—Butchers' fresh pelts, good, to 8½d; superior, to 12½d; extra, to 13½d each and over; country and station skins, medium to good, 7½d to 9d; superior, 9½d to 10½d; butchers' pelts, to 33d each; country pelts, to 5¾d per pound.

Hides.—A good supply to hand, which sold as follows:—Picked heavies to 4½d per pound, extra ditto to 5½d. Good conditioned salted, 3½d to 4½d per pound; other sorts, 2½d to 3½d per pound. Kip, to 3½d per pound. Calf, to 5¾d per pound.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1899.

Church of England:—St. George's, 11 a.m.; Trawalla, 3 p.m.; St. John's, 7.30 p.m. Subject for the day, "A glance at the inspired words of David, presenting a vivid representation of the attitude of God toward man." Psalm XVIII, 25 to 29.

Presbyterian Church.—Beaufort, 11 a.m., Rev. A. Adam, M.A.; Lexton, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mr Buntine.

Primitive Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Waterloo, 3 p.m., Rev. H. Robinson.

Beaufort Jockey Club.

A MEETING of the Stewards of the above Club will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on THURSDAY night, 7TH inst., at 8 p.m.

A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

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SATURDAY, DECR. 2, 1899.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society takes place this afternoon at the Shire Hall, at 2.30 p.m.

A record in wool production has been established at Mr R. W. Laidlaw's Amphitheatre Estate, lambs shearing up to 4½lb. The previous best record for the colony is given at from 3½lb. to 4lb.

The annual church parade in aid of the Benevolent Asylum will take place at Burrumbeet on Sunday, when Dean Lindon Parkyn will deliver an address. The combined church choirs, under the directorship of Mr R. L. Nicholl, will render a programme of music, and will be assisted by the Battalion Band, under Bandmaster Gray. The members of all district cycling clubs will assemble and ride to Burrumbeet, and unassociated riders will be welcomed.

Mr Allan McLean, the member for Gippsland North, and the chairman of the Country Party, on Wednesday in the Legislative Assembly announced his intention of moving a vote of no-confidence in the Government. The Premier at once accepted the challenge, and the House adjourned until the next day, when the debate on the motion was proceeded with, with the result that after an all-night sitting the Government were defeated by eleven votes. The voting was—Ayes, 47; noes, 36. Most of the labor members were with the Government, and the Opposition voted solidly against it. Mr E. H. Austin, the Member for Ripon and Hampden, supported the no-confidence motion. Before resigning Sir George Turner asked for a dissolution, which was refused, and Mr McLean has been invited to form a Ministry.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Cricket Club was held on Thursday evening. Mr E. W. Hughes (President), presided, and 5 members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following accounts were passed for payment:—Hawkes Bros., £1 10s 3d; W. Morgan, 11s 6d; A. Parker, 10s 6d; Mechanics' Institute, 6s. The secretary mentioned that Mr Sinclair had informed him that his firm (Messrs Wotherspoon & Co.) would give a trophy for best batting average, and that Mr Eastwood had promised a trophy for best bowling average on the understanding that a player must play in half the matches. The President moved that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the donors. Seconded by Mr H. Parker, and carried unanimously. It was decided that players should play in half the matches, and bowl half the number of balls to entitle them to the trophies. Mr H. Parker was appointed treasurer in place of Mr W. Buchanan, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

The social in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church was well attended on Wednesday evening. The proceedings were opened by singing the hymn, "Hold the fort," followed by a prayer by the Rev. H. Robinson. Jackson's String Band rendered a selection, and another later on, in their usual skilful style. During the evening interesting games were played. Songs were sung by—Mrs Cunnington, "Comin' through the Rye"; Miss Lawson, "Won't you buy my pretty flowers"; Miss Peer, "I will take you home, Kathleen," and "Way down upon the Swannee river." Mrs Cunnington and Mr Crowle rendered a duet, "Larboard watch," and two comical readings were given by Messrs Cunnington and Ellingsen. Mr Crowle recited "Women's rights." All the items were much appreciated and loudly applauded. A very nice supper was provided. Before dispersing "God Save the Queen" and "Rule Britannia" were sung, and all left thoroughly satisfied with the night's enjoyment.

The adjourned annual and the ordinary monthly meetings of the Riponshire Council take place on Monday.

The right to the various booths at the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day sports and also at the Beaufort Jockey Club's New Year's Day races will be sold by Mr W. Edward Nickols at 6 p.m. this (Saturday) evening under Mr J. Humphrey's verandah.

Attention is directed to the sale, by Mr W. E. Nickols, on Saturday next, on the premises, Stockyard Hill road, Beaufort, of Mrs Audas's freehold land, furniture, cattle, chaffcutter, drays and harness, &c. Particulars are given in an advertisement in another column.

A meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening; Mr Sinclair (in the chair) and a bare quorum being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From V.R.C., acknowledging receipt of registration fees. Received. Messrs VanderStoel and Parker were appointed a sub-committee to inspect the racecourse and report at next meeting as to what work requires to be done. Resolved that the right to the booths be sold by public auction on Saturday (to-day). The chairman moved that a Pony Trot (under 14 hands), 2 miles, be added to the programme—a sweepstake of 5s, with £2 added. Seconded by Mr VanderStoel, and carried. Resolved that the next meeting be held on Thursday night, 6th Decr. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

A committee meeting of the Beaufort Rifle Club was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening; Captain Brooks in the chair, and 7 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From the Secretary for Lands, stating that it has been decided to reserve the site at Ding-Dong, Beaufort, for a rifle range, and that action is proceeding accordingly. From District Land and Survey Office, stating that the club would have to pay £5 9s as survey fee for new rifle range.—To stand over for a fortnight. From J. Kilbeg, resigning his position as President of the club, stating that the Victorian contingent were having a bad time of it, and hoping to be back with them again.—Moved by Mr O'Sullivan, and seconded by Mr Troy, that the resignation be held over till the half-yearly meeting.—Carried. The following accounts were passed for payment:—H. F. Watkin, £13; A. Parker, 4s. The secretary said that Mr McKeich had asked him to suggest to the meeting that the club have a teams' match on Wednesday, 6th Decr., the entry to be 1s each, and that they have refreshments on the ground. The members considered this a good idea, and it was decided to hold the match on that date, and Messrs Troy and Hill were appointed to pick the teams; refreshments to be provided. The ranges were fixed at 400 and 500 yards. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

Messrs H. Cushing and C. J. Leadbeater, J's.P., presided over the Beaufort Police Court on Monday. The President, councillors and ratepayers of the Shire of Ripon proceeded against the following ratepayers for the recovery of rates and obtained verdicts for the amounts stated:—Denis Tuddenham, 19s; George Tuddenham, 10s; Jas. W. Smith, 6s; Jno. Brooks, £2 5s; John Johnston, £1. Two cases were settled out of court. Colin R. Sutherland disputed a claim for 6s, producing a receipt for the amount. The shire secretary explained that a mistake had been make in the christian name, and that it should have been Adam, instead of Colin R. Sutherland. Defendant was allowed 13s 4d costs, he having sworn that he had to put a man on at 8s 4d a shift, and hired a horse so that he could attend. The shire secretary contended that defendant was not entitled to costs, as he had ample time to send word that his rates were paid, and could see by the alteration in the name on the summons that it was a mistake. Basil J. Adam (by his agent, Mr J. W. Browne), sued Thos. Thompson for £1 16s, professional services. Defendant disputed the account, stating that he did not owe anything. Mr Browne said that when he first saw Mrs Thompson about the account she admitted owing something, but wanted a proper account; while the next time he went she said she did not owe anything. As defendant swore that he had not owed a penny since '92, and Mr Browne stated that he did not think Dr. Adam would come specially from Daylesford to attend if an adjournment were granted, the case was dismissed without costs. Another debt case was settled out of court.

A meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday evening; Mr H. M. Stuart (President) in the chair, and six members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From W. H. Bell, secretary Victorian Athletic League, asking committee to reconsider their decision and run events under the V.A.L. and L.V.W. Received and no action taken. From J. McKeich, regretting that he is unable to accept the position of handicapper, as it takes up more time than he is able to devote to it. Received; the President stating that it was advisable to allow the matter to stand over till next meeting. From C. W. Tompkins, stating that Bulch's Brass Band would come the night before the sports if beds were provided; and that Mr Mozier was arranging a first-class entertainment. Received. The Secretary stated that Mr Jones was in Ballarat yesterday and was told that two clubs intended competing for the club-swinging contest. It was decided to comply with the request of the Band, arrangements to be made with Mr VanderStoel to provide accommodation. The matter of putting a reserve on the publican's booth was left in the hands of the President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Secretary was instructed to get the same number of posters printed as last year. Mr H. Watkin reported that he and Mr VanderStoel had inspected the bicycle track. There were a good many rough places which required smoothing over. They recommended that Mr Stevens be engaged to do the work, as he had done it satisfactorily before. The President and Secretary were authorized to interview Mr Stevens and get a price for the necessary work, and submit same at next meeting. The President's action in letting the hall for a dance after the concert for the sum of 15s was endorsed. The election of sports officials was allowed to stand over till next meeting. The matter of including an Irish jig and hornpipe in the programme was deferred till next meeting; the President in the meantime to look out for a fiddler and judge. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Senior-Constable Blade, from Russell-street, Melbourne, has this week been in charge of the Beaufort police station, and will do relieving duty until a permanent appointment is made. Senior-Constable Downey, we are informed, has been granted a fortnight's leave of absence, to give him sufficient time for the removal of his family. Mounted-Constable Saker, who was transferred from Daylesford to Beaufort, arrived here on Wednesday.

Two Beaufort boys, George Cuthbertson and Reggie Welsh, luckily escaped being bitten by a snake on Wednesday. They were rabbit-hunting by the side of the big cutting near Dunn's gatehouse between Beaufort and Middle Creek, when Cuthbertson put his foot on the tail of a brown snake. Welsh was walking by his side, and taking no notice of his companion's warning cry, trod on the reptile's back himself. The snake escaped into a hole.

The annual picnic in connection with the Beaufort Primitive Methodist Sunday School was held in the Park on Wednesday, and proved a very enjoyable gathering. There was a large attendance of children, parents, and friends. Races for toys were run by the youngsters, and what with boating, swinging, and the usual picnicking games, a very happy day was spent. There was a plentiful supply of provisions, to which, it is needless to say, ample justice was accorded.

Mining News.

The following are the reported local yields for the week ending Saturday last:—King Charlie, 2oz. 16dwt.; Hancock and party, 20oz. 17dwt.; sundries, 10oz.

The Waterloo yields are—Last Chance, 4loz.; Martin (purchased), 4oz. 11dwt.; Brothers Home, 2oz. 11dwt.; Brusher's Coy., 2oz. 11dwt.; Wait-a-Bit, 5oz.

VanderStoel and party obtained 14oz. 15dwt. 3gr. last week and 10oz. 14dwt. 11gr. this week. Hancock and party cleaned up a machine on Thursday for a yield of 9oz. 13dwt. 1gr., and will wash off again to-day.

Why Some People Are Poor.

Bad management keeps more people in poor circumstances than any other one cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan ahead, so that when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take advantage of it. A little forethought will also save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in the house, the shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it, and then ruin his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor's bill to pay besides; one pays out 25 cents, the other is out a hundred dollars, and then wonders why his neighbour is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

CHIPS.

[BY "TOMAHAWK."]

"The pen is mightier than old cheese."

The Middle Creek competition, as far as attendance went, was a complete success, but, unfortunately, owing to influenza or something else, the number of competitors was small. However, those who did try deserved the success that attended their efforts, and although they didn't all get prizes, they have the satisfaction of feeling that they did their best and received a valuable education as to how it feels to stand before not only an audience but judges as well. The same judges, by the way, not only pointed out their mistakes in a kindly manner, but gave them practical advice, which will no doubt be profited by. The concert was a big success, and was thoroughly enjoyed. It is not for me to moralise, or find fault, but I certainly think on occasions like these a strict censorship should be exercised, and everything that is likely to give offence be rigidly tabooed. *Pure* humour is exhilarating, and if its exponents would always bear this in mind, they would get there all the same, with pleasure to the audience and profit to themselves. I have not heard the financial result, but no doubt the management are satisfied, and are girding up their loins to do something on a larger scale next year.

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The result of the P.M. anniversary is fairly satisfactory. The collections were ahead of last year—£1 better (it ought to have been at least £5)—and I suppose this can be looked upon as a return to prosperity. All the same I think you folks ought to have dipped deeper and done better. I am afraid I gave you bad advice when I said the heavy money would be found at the bottom of the pocket. I quite forgot that pennies weigh heavy and have a similar feel to half-crowns, and perhaps—I don't say there were—a few mistakes occurred in this direction, and when the plate came round it was too late to make the exchange. Another thing that struck me was the absence of a visiting minister. This was a great oversight, for no matter how good a man is, a change is always welcome. You can't eat honey all the time; you must have butter occasionally. An exchange of pulpits could easily have been managed for the day, and who knows but what the result would have been a bigger div. I commend this to their attention on the next anniversary.

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I notice that Mr A. Needham, a gentleman who used to be a resident of Beaufort, writing to one of the Ballarat papers from Cape Town, says that the war is causing a terrible influx of refugees to all the coast towns of Cape Colony, and it will be a problem with them as to what is to be done with all these people. It will take at least six months to straighten matters out satisfactorily. Everything is in a tangle, provisions are dear, and the place is a hotbed of disloyalty. He asserts that the war is a necessity, and that to know the Boer properly he must be investigated on the spot. His own son William, whom I used to know well as a boy, has joined the Cape Volunteers. He has been ordered to the front with the rest of his company, and if he has as much energy and determination as his father, he ought to give a good account of himself. When this war is finally settled South Africa will be one of the finest countries in the world to emigrate to, and if a man can only reach there with a little capital to back him up, he will soon make a fortune. The British are slowly but surely advancing, and I think it is only now a matter of time and ammunition.

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The lesson was on the sun, moon, and stars, and the teacher explained how the sun rose in the morning and the moon and stars came out at night. After a while she asked, "Now, boys, what comes out in the morning?" "The sun," came the reply in chorus. "Correct; and what comes out at night?" One bright little fellow, who no doubt had visions of odd bribes, quickly answered, "Sister's sweetheart, mum."

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A man in speaking averages about 120 words a minute, but tread on his pet corn, and he will immediately increase it to 240.

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"Madam," said the tramp, "I am not begging for food, but if it is not asking too much I would like you to do a little sewing for me." "Certainly," replied the kind-hearted lady; "what can I do for you?" "'Tis but a trifle; I have here a shirt button, and would thank you to sew a shirt on to it." He just beat the dog to the gate by about three feet.

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A novel answer to a proposal.—An author and well-known novelist had a daughter, and she had a lover who was a bit bashful. At last he screwed up courage and sought the father to see how he stood. The father listened, and as he was a worthy young man, said he would consult his daughter. The young man waited in the parlor and wiped the perspiration from his brow. Presently the door opened, and the young lady walked in, blushing deeply. Round her neck was a card, on which was written, "WITH THE AUTHOR'S COMPLIMENTS."

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"Me religious convictions won't let me work, mum," said the loafer. "I never heard of a religion against honest labor," said the lady. The weary one replied, "It's quite a new religion, mum; it's something like the Methodist, honly instead of 'avin' one day of rest, we have seven. It's a bootiful religion, mum. Will you kindly help a pore unfortinit religious man?" She did—with a bucket of water.

Australian Natives' Association.

WATERLOO BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Waterloo Branch A.N.A. was held at Vowles' Camp Hotel on Tuesday evening; the President (Mr Sinclair) in the chair, and a large number of members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From Secretary Metropolitan Committee, asking Branch to guarantee £5 against any possible loss on a sports gathering in celebration of Foundation Day and stating that if a profit were made the Branch would then share in it.—No action, as the Branch was not in a position to comply with the request, and it being thought the larger branches could guard against any loss better than the smaller ones. From Secretary Children's Hospital, soliciting subscriptions towards A.N.A. cot.—The list was handed to Mr Jones, and a fair amount was subscribed in the room. From General Secretary, re a library and reading room being established in Melbourne; also that matters of business at conference must be fotwarded by 30th January. The election of delegates to the conference was allowed to stand over till some future meeting. A new benefit member was introduced by the Secretary and welcomed by the President, and the Secretary proposed another benefit member. A clearance of a member from the Lexton Branch was accepted. The election of officers for the ensuing six months resulted as follows:—President, Mr Sinclair; vice-president, Mr C. Jones; secretary, Mr W. Hill, whose salary was fixed at £13 per year; treasurer, Mr C. W. Vowles, with a salary of £1 per year; committee, Messrs M. Franc, T. Sargeant, J. Hancock, J. Carmichael, and W. Kay; auditors, Messrs J. W. Harris, junr., and Menzies, with a fee of 10s each; press correspondent, Mr A. Parker. Accounts amounting to £43 11s were passed for payment. The contributions for the evening amounted to £26 7s 3d. The President returned thanks for his re-election, and in installing the officers informed them of their duties. He hoped that as the Branch was growing in strength of members and funds, the newly-elected officers would do their utmost to further its interests. Messrs Jones, Hill and Vowles also returned thanks; Mr Hill stating that since he was appointed secretary the Branch had increased in members from 38 to 71. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Subsequently the President and vice-President invited the members to partake of a glass of wine with them, and a pleasant hour was spent. Songs were rendered by Messrs Hill and Jones, and the gathering dispersed after singing "Auld lang syne" and "God save the Queen" and giving three cheers for the Australian contingent in the Transvaal.

MIDDLE CREEK BRANCH.

The half-yearly meeting of the Middle Creek Branch of the A.N.A. was held on Friday, 24th ult., in Public Hall, and notwithstanding the folk having hardly recovered the competition, there was a very large attendance, especially of ladies. Mr W. H. Halpin, president, presided, and in the absence of a member of the Board, conducted the election and installation of the newly elected officers. One member was elected, and introduced by Mr J. A. Lewis. Mr S. Waldron, the newly-elected member, neatly responded. A letter was read from Mr G. M. Burke, expressing his sincere regret at not being present, also wishing the Branch continued prosperity. Sick pay was passed to the amount of £4 6s 8d. The President reported with pleasure that Mr W. L. Fay was improving, so much so that he was able to attend the competition in the afternoon. It was unanimously decided to present Mr W. H. Halpin with a past president's certificate, on the motion of Messrs W. G. Pickford and C. H. Taylor. Mr Pickford spoke at some length as to Mr Halpin's energy in connection with the Branch. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr W. G. Pickford (unopposed); Vice-president, Mr D. J. Berryman (unopposed); treasurer, Mr H. Dunn; secretary, Mr J. McPherson; assistant secretary, Mr J. McDonald (unopposed); committee, Messrs W. Matheson, C. H. Taylor, J. A. Lewis, P. Russell, J. Walker, and W. H. Halpin (ex officio); auditors, Messrs H. J. Richards and W. L. Fay; delegates to annual conference to be held at Geelong in March, Messrs W. G. Pickford and W. H. Halpin. Great interest was taken in the election of officers, the results being very close, in fact that close that with the election of auditors the President was called upon to give his casting vote, the three candidates having polled an equal number of votes. The retiring President, in installing the newly-elected officers, briefly outlined the duties appertaining to each office, and congratulated each officer. After the installation the President announced there would be a mock banquet, and judging from the look of the nice things on the table, all those who remained would enjoy themselves. Mr W. G. Pickford was conducted to the chair by the retiring president. Mr Pickford, in a very neat speech, thanked the members for electing him President unopposed, and though he may not be able to give as much time and attention to the Branch as the retiring President, he would do his best. All the newly-elected officers, in very neat speeches, returned thanks. The business concluded, Mr Pickford, the newly-elected President, extended a hearty welcome to all, and hoped they would remain and join in the mock banquet, which then took place. The usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with songs and recitations by Messrs J. McDonald, J. A. Lewis, and W. H. Halpin. A most enjoyable evening was wound up by singing the National Anthem.

The retiring President of the Middle Creek Branch A.N.A., Mr W. H. Halpin, desires to tender his sincere thanks to the following ladies who willingly assisted during his term of office to make every social evening under the auspices of the Branch a success. If it were not for the assistance received by the ladies the evenings would not have been the success they were:—Meadames McDonald, Taylor, Dunn, and Porter, and Misses Jess (4), Liston (2), Russell, M. McDonald, Gray, and Hillman. Mr Halpin also desires on behalf of the Middle Creek Branch to thank the superintendant of the Primitive Methodist Sunday school for postponing pic-nic a week so as to avoid clashing with Middle Creek competition.

The Glory of Man.

The crown and glory of manhood is strength—power. All human conquests have been won by it; individual and collective. The earliest sign of decay in man is not usually pain, but weakness of some kind—of mind or body, or both. This may be the inevitable sequence of advanced years, or it may, as we all know, show itself at any period of life. But it always means that the sources of strength are failing, as the lessening of the water in a river means a drying up of the springs and streams which feed it.

I said "*sources*" of strength, using the plural word. I should have said "*source*" of strength, for in human beings there is but one. What is it? Perhaps the experience of Mr David Jones will help us to an answer.

"In the summer of 1881," he says, "I began to feel ill and out of sorts. I was weak and tired, and quite worn out with little exertion. I had a poor appetite, and after eating had pain and weight at the chest. My secretions were scanty and thick. My back felt stiff, and gave me much pain as I moved about. For three years I suffered like this, being at times better and then worse. I consulted a doctor, who gave me medicines and recommended Turkish baths; but I got no better for any kind of treatment.

"My brother then told me about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, but I had no faith in advertised medicines. He, however, urged me to take it, and after taking a few doses I experienced so much relief that I continued with it, and was soon *strong and well as ever*. Since that time I take a dose of this remedy when I feel at all ailing, and it sets me right. I have praised Mother Seigel's Syrup to all my friends, many of whom have tried it and been benefited by it. You can publish this statement as you like. (Signed) David Jones, 1, Dunlace Street, Walton, Liverpool, July 31st, 1895."

We have room for one more short letter before we try to come at the answer to the question with which we set out. It is exactly in the same line, and ought to make the results of our inquiry all the more clear and plain.

"In the spring of 1888," proceeds the writer, "my health began to fail me. I felt lazy and heavy, as if something had come over me. I had a bad taste in the mouth, my appetite was poor, and the little food I took gave me pain across the chest and between the shoulders. My food lay like lead on my stomach. I was constantly spitting up a thick phlegm, and when in bed *heavy sweats came over me*. I got weaker and weaker, and from time to time was confined to bed. Often I was so bad I could not dress or undress myself.

"Now better, now worse, but never well, I suffered for over five years. I took different kinds of medicines, and had a doctor, but got no real benefit from anything.

"In July, 1893, a book was left at my house in which I read of cases like mine having been cured by Mother Seigel's Syrup. I got a bottle from the International Tea Company, Yeovil, and began taking it. In a short time I felt much benefit, and by continuing with it, *gained strength*. I could eat better, food agreed with me, and by-and-by I was *strong and well*. But for Mother Seigel's Syrup I believe I should not now be alive. You are at liberty to publish this statement. (Signed) Mrs Jane Crouch, 52, Huish, Yeovil, November 29th, 1895."

What, then, do these cases show to be the *source of strength*? The answer is, *Digested Food*. That and nothing else. All strength of body or of mind, comes from that, and that only. What, then, is the great enemy of strength, the fountain of weakness? Indigestion—dyspepsia. You see why and how. A child could not miss the argument. What, then, restores strength? Mother Seigel's Syrup. In what way? By setting the digestive machinery in healthy operation. That is what it did for our correspondents and does daily for multitudes. Use it if you need it, and pass the news to other weak ones.

The Transvaal War.

It transpires that the Boer force dislodged from near Belmont, 22 miles north of Orange River, by Lord Methuen's forces on Thursday, consisted of between 6,000 and 8,000 men, who had strongly entrenched themselves in a position admirably adapted by nature for a defence. Details show that the Boer defeat was complete, and that among the prisoners taken were a German commandant and six field cornets. The Boers occupied an immensely strong position at Kaffirskop, six miles east of Belmont. The position commanded the road to Kimberley, and was protected by artillery, which was excellently placed, and doggedly served by the Boers. The prisoners who fell into the hands of the British declare that they considered their position to be impregnable, especially the final ridge, which necessitated a steep climb of 500 feet by the British. The Boers availed themselves of the splendid cover available everywhere, the hill being dotted by large boulders, behind which the enemy fought till the last, though they were somewhat disconcerted by the terrific artillery fire of the British.

The N.S.W. Lancers and the infantry, in an engagement in the vicinity of Witteputs, which is situated some six or seven miles south of Belmont, succeeded in checking the advancing enemy on the eve of Thursday's battle. The Guards brigade, who were ordered to assist, marched five miles to drive back the enemy. The Guards approached to within 250 yards of the enemy's base. The men then climbed a hill in face of a heavy fire from the Boers, to which they did not reply, only using bayonets to eject the enemy, who fell back on Modder River, 32 miles to the north and 21 miles south of Kimberley. It is apparent that they purpose making another determined stand here against the advance of Methuen's Kimberley column, for they are busily engaged throwing up entrenchments and breastworks.

The New South Wales Lancers on Thursday last took part in the engagement at Belmont with Lord Methuen's forces. Prior to their departure from Naauwpoort, they did admirable service at Arundel, about sixteen miles away to the north. Here the Boers made a descent upon the British military train, and the Lancers beat them off.

Latest despatches to hand from Estcourt state that the column under Major-General Hildyard, which recently effected a movement upon the villiage of Willow Grange to the southward, took the Boers entirely by surprise, and 80 of their number fell before the bayonet charge of the British force. The British casualties were three killed and forty-four wounded. The large number of British wounded is accounted for by the fact that the Boer quick-firing guns were of much longer range than those possessed by the British column.

Major General Barton, who is in command of a strong British camp at the Mooi River, has made a reconnaissance and has ascertained that there are two strong Boer commandos with artillery in the highlands, while the country to the south of the river is quite free from the enemy.

All the Boer commandos are reported to be in want of food.

The Boers have occupied Stormburg in Natal, sixty miles from the Orange Free State border.

At six o'clock on Saturday morning 2,500 Boers, with eight guns, attacked the troops under the command of Lord Methuen, at Grasspan, a little to the north of Belmont. The attack was met by a sharp fire from the British artillery, and the Boer position was captured after four hours' furious fighting. The enemy lost 51 killed and 48 wounded. Lord Methuen is now in heliographic communication with Kimberley.

Refugees from Pretoria that are arriving in Natal state that the Boer authorities in that city are preparing for a siege.

The s.s. Medic, with the Australian contingent on board, has arrived at Cape

Town. All the troops are well.

Details of the British treason at Barkly East show that 70 well-known Afrikander farmers rode into the town, seized the volunteer magazine, took therefrom 300 Martini-Henry rifles and 4000 rounds of cartridge, and then joined the Free State invaders.

Latest advices from De Aar, in Cape Colony, are to the effect that fighting has taken place in the vicinity of the town of Karman, in Bechuanaland. Several small combats ensued, and the Boers were ultimately routed with a loss of 80 men killed and 28 wounded. The British losses were very slight.

News from Kimberley states that the Boers are now rapidly retreating towards Warrenton, a town on the railway to Mafeking, and are abandoning the incestment of Kimberley. This circumstance is due to the British victories at Belmont.

It is stated that the Boers have destroyed the railway bridge at Frere station, about 15 miles north of Estcourt. This will tend to block the advance of Major-General Clery's column for the relief of Ladysmith.

News has been received of another great British victory. Lord Methuen advanced on 8000 Boers near Modder River, and a desperate conflict ensued which lasted for 10 hours. The Boers were finally routed, and General Cronje, with 3000 men is marching on Belmont. The total casualties on the British side at Grasspan were 200.

The Ninth Lancers, who were missing for so long after the battle, have returned safely to camp.

The New South Wales Lancers received their baptism of fire after Grasspan, and pursuing the retreating Boers did excellent work.

An armored train sent on reconnaisance from Estcourt has been derailed by the Boers, who afterwards exploded mines and the British lost heavily.

Two Boers who enlisted in the Natal Light Horse, were detected putting poison in horse feed and water. They were court-martialled and shot.

Boers again routed. It is believed that an important forward movement of British forces has taken place. There is nothing to hand from Baden-Powell in his hot corner in Mafeking. In preparation for the coming decisive battle before Kimberley, Lord Methuen is being reinforced by two battalions of infantry and additional cavalry and artillery.

Main Lead Sunday School Anniversary.

On Sunday the Main Lead Sunday school held their anniversary, and the weather being fine, large numbers wended their way both by vehicles and foot to the little church, which proved far too small to hold the large number present. Fully one hundred persons could not gain admission. The church had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The Rev. H. Robinson presided, and preached an excellent sermon from Psalms, "Sons and daughters." The following hymns and recitations were nicely given:—Hymns.—'Heart and voices join'; 'Oh eternal brightness'; 'There is joy in heaven'; 'Conquering faith'; 'I belong to Jesus.' Recitations.—Elizabeth Dickman, 'Guilty or not guilty'; James Williams, 'The dying digger'; Ida Joyce, 'Going to grandmother'; George Ball, 'Boys' rights'; Charlotte Hill, 'Little Flo'; Ellen Dickman,—'Orphaned'; Lionel Morris, 'The fireman's boy'; Agnes Williams, 'The coming Christmas'; Janie Ball, 'Little Phil and the head-board'; James Carmichael, 'The road to heaven'; Muriel Pitcher, 'A cluster of snowdrops.'

The collection for the afternoon service amounted to £1 4s 5d.

In the evening the attendance was again large, and a number could not gain admission. Mr Ellingsen, who presided, said his address would be seen by all, and producing a candle lit it at both ends. He alluded to the waste of the candle by burning it at both ends, and so was the waste of life through drinking and gambling. The following hymns and recitations were given:—Hymns.—'Roll on, thou mighty ocean'; 'Oh, praise the Lord'; 'Evening shadows'; 'The soul's refuge'; 'So wondrously redeemed'; 'What will the harvest be.' Recitations.—Agnes Williams, 'The dying boy'; Albert Ball, 'Trusty and true'; Annie Dickman, 'The blacksmith's story'; Mary Ball, 'The woodcutter's story'; May Morris, 'While the sunbeams floated down'; Janet Williams, 'Write them a letter to-night'; Mary Dickman, 'The tramp's last dying song'; John Carmichael, 'The story of a stowaway'; Ruby Lennon, 'Nellie, the match girl'; Thomas Williams, 'A boy's promise'.

The collection for the evening service amounted to £1 15s 10d.

On Monday evening a tea meeting was held. 108 partook of the very dainty repast prepared by Mr Callister, of Chute. The following ladies assiduously waited at the tables:—Mesdames R. Gibson and Williams, Misses Gibson, Eathorne, and Dickman. After full justice had been done to the tea, the tables were cleared, and a public meeting was held. Mr G. Ellingsen occupied the chair. Miss Gibson officiated as organist. A number of hymns were very nicely sung by the choir and scholars, as follow:—'Conquering faith'; 'Roll on thou mighty ocean'; 'There is joy in heaven' (Miss Eathorne creditably singing the solo part); 'What will your harvest be?' and 'So wondrously redeemed.' Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Mr R. J. Pedder, and Rev. H. Robinson. The following recitations were given by children:—Ivy Lennon, 'Baby and pussy'; Lizzie Dickman, 'Wee Jimmy'; Janet Williams, 'Constancy'; James Carmichael, 'The old man goes to town'; Jane Ball, 'Domestic economy'; John Carmichael, 'Surprising Eliza'; Muriel Pitcher, 'The lay of the poultry farmer'; Mary Ball, 'Cases and circumstances'; Alice Dickman, 'Grandpa's spectacles'; Albert Ball, 'Your duty'; Ida Joyce, 'A domestic idol'; Geo. Ball, 'Attention, please'; May Morris, 'Retribution'; James Williams, 'That awful little brother.' Dialogues—'The teetotal jacket,' Reuben Lennon and Nellie Dickman; 'Bad luck to the whisky,' Agnes Williams, May Morris, and Mary Dickman. The secretary, Mr T. Dickman, reported that the school had not celebrated an anniversary since 1896. The number of scholars on the roll was 47, and the average attendance 27. The receipts from the '96 anniversary were £18 10s 1d, and the expenditure £12 18s 10d, leaving a Cr. balance of £5 11s 3d. The receipts this year amounted to £12 15s 6d, giving, with the balance on hand, a total of £18 6s 9d. The takings this year were 3s 4d less than in '96. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the collectors, donors, organist, those who had trained and prepared the children; Mr Ellingsen, Rev. H. Robinson, and Mr R. J. Pedder; and to the ladies for presiding at the tables. The pronouncing of the benediction terminated a successful and enjoyable anniversary.

One Application Relieves the Pain.

Mr P. Ketcham, of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

Messrs. Laidlaw and Fenton, in conjunction with Messrs Dalgety and Co., sold by public auction, 23rd November, at the Victoria Hotel, Hamilton, the Amphitheatre Estate, 35 miles from Ballarat, comprising 5882 acres of freehold land, at £2 per acre, Messrs. George William Laidlaw and Robt. Walter Laidlaw being the purchasers.

Another Case of General Debility AND Nervous Prostration Radically Cured.

The Case of Mrs. MARY TAYLOR.

(*From the "Leichhardt Standard."*)

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

Mrs. Taylor carries on a prosperous business as a general storekeeper in Cecily-street, Lilyfield, Leichhardt, near Sydney, where she also resides. It was at this address that a *Standard* reporter interviewed that lady the other day and obtained a full and clear account of her recovery from a serious state of

General Debility and Nervous Prostration,

which was the result of a severe shock occasioned by a sudden and fatal accident which happened to her first husband.

"It was

A Terrible Shock

to me," explained the lady to the newspaper man, "and I thought at the time I should never get over it. The shock left me so nervous that I started trembling and shaking on the least provocation. Going to bed was a mere farce, for I never got any true sleep. Certainly, I should occasionally dose off for a while, but what good was that? and in the morning I was so tired that I could hardly get out of bed. I got very thin and pale; and no wonder, for my appetite was gone altogether. I could eat nothing scarcely. I turned against my meals, and was forced to live almost entirely on invalids' foods, and I got so enfeebled my digestive organs could not digest even this light nutriment. A pain in the chest was always present after eating, in addition to dull, aching pains between the shoulders, and all the food I ate tasted bitter to me. Sometimes, too, I would have

A Dreadful Sinking Feeling

as though everything was going to give way under me. Miserable headaches were my daily companions."

"You were to be much pitied, Mrs. Taylor."

"Despondency seized me," continued that lady. "The gloomiest thoughts of the future were always with me; nothing could interest me, and nothing could arouse me from the hopeless state into which I had gradually fallen. I cared neither to speak to my neighbours and friends nor to read a book or a paper. I grew worse every day. My nervous system was in a shocking state—just like a piano all out of tune. My friends said to me in a low, startled tone of voice,

'Why, You Look Awful,'

and indeed I thought I was going to die, and truly, I was brought so low down, and life seemed so dark, that I hardly cared whether I got better or not. I was a shattered wreck of what I used to be—just a worn-out frame in which the vitality was fast failing. I never look back at that unhappy time now, and never talk about it if I can help it. Enough for me to say that I was helpless for over two months."

"You were lucky to get over it?"

"Yes, I was. It was all through Clements Tonic, and I shall never forget being first pressed to take that remedy. I fully believed that my nervous affection could not be cured by any medicine. But what a mistake I had been making all this time. I took Clements Tonic for three or four days and a sudden change for the better came over me. My nerves were much more restful, and I got long stretches of sound sleep. I began to awake out of the heavy stupor which had surrounded me. I could take an interest in my business affairs, and everything looked to be bathed in sunlight instead of shadow. I became hopeful, and dropped my low spirits entirely. I soon enjoyed my meals, and got stronger and stouter every day. When I went to see my late husband's friends they were astonished. 'Why, whatever good thing have you been taking,' they asked? Smiling, I told them I had taken nothing but Clements Tonic, and to that remedy, and that alone, I owe my complete return to health. Well, by keeping on with Clements Tonic I soon pulled myself quite round. I felt it building me up with every dose, and shortly I was able to do without it altogether, being as healthy and cheerful as I could wish to be."

"I may put this in the *Standard*?"

"Yes; I owe so much to Clements Tonic that it is at the same time a pleasure as a duty to comply with your request."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, MARY TAYLOR, of Cecily-street, Lilyfield, Leichhardt, Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of four folios, and consecutively numbered from one to four, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Mr Taylor

Declared at Sydney this 20th day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight before me, J. GREGG, J.P.,

It Never Fails.

Mr John Bevins, editor of the Press, Anthon, Iowa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, in my family for fifteen years, have recommended it to hundreds of others, and have never known it to fail in a single instance." For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

WOOL RATES.

The Railway Commissioner has fixed the following charges for the conveyance of wool per ton:—

	To Melbourne. s.	d.	To Geelong. s.	d.
Beaufort ...	25	6	22	6
Buangor, ...	27	0	24	0
Dobies ...	30	0	27	0
Middle Creek ...	27	0	24	0

It Cured Her Cough.

I was seriously afflicted with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who knowing me to be a poor widow, gave it to me, I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much, and the second bottle has absolutely cured me. I have not had as good health for twenty years. I give this certificate without solicitation, simply in appreciation of gratitude felt for the cure effected.—Respectfully, MRS. MARY A. BEARD, Claremore, Ark. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

Skipton.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A very painful accident happened on Wednesday to a young man named Henderson Wilkie, eldest son of Mr William Wilkie, farmer, Skipton. It seems the lad was driving a new reaper and binder that his father had just purchased, when his foot got entangled in one of the cog wheels, which completely severed the large toe from the foot, and badly bruised some of the smaller toes. Dr. Donaldson, of Linton, is attending to the sufferer, who is progressing as well as can be expected under the circumstances of so painful an accident.

There has been a deal of correspondence going on lately between the Board of Advice and the Education Department with reference to the fencing in of our local state school, and the necessity of planting trees in the enclosure. The Hampden Shire Council has offered to erect a portion of the fence facing the main road and plant trees along the enclosure. The Education Department has consented to erect the remaining portion of the fence. Tenders are to be called, so as to start the work at once. Not only will the fence and trees be an ornament to the town, but the trees will afford shelter for the children.

Borriyalloak station finished shearing on Wednesday. Mooramong and Nerrin Nerrin, the last of the stations shearing in this district, expect to finish this week.

The secretary of the Beaufort Jockey Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a donation of £1 1s towards the New Year's Day races from Mr Wm. Lewis, of Stoneleigh.

Parliament dissolves by effluxion of time, but time's flight only adds to the power of disease if means are not taken to eradicate it. Indigestion, stomach and liver complaints especially require urgent treatment, and there are no medicines known which act upon these particular ailments with such success as Holloway's Pills. These grand remedies strengthen the stomach, increase the appetite and rouse the sluggish liver. For bowel complaints they are invaluable, as they remove every primary derangement. They may be used at all times and in all climates by persons affected by biliousness or nausea; for flatulency and heartburn they are specifics. Indeed, no ailment of the digestive organs can resist their purifying and corrective powers.

Younghusband & Co. Proprietory Ltd. offered a catalogue of 1,460 bales to the usual attendance of buyers on Wednesday. During the morning news came to hand of the opening of the London sales, and which reported an improvement of about 15 per cent., as compared with the closing rates of the previous series there. It must, however, be remembered that since the close of the sales in London last September, the market has improved here to the extent of 15 or 20 per cent., and consequently it cannot be expected that the rise reported from home could effect local auctions. This was borne out to-day, when prices showed but little variation from those ruling last week. The best price was obtained for—WE/CHETWYND from Chetwynd, 1st fleece at 16¼d, and pieces at 14½d. In washed wools the only clip of importance was branded JB/RICH HILL, which realised 19½d. The last sale before the close of the year is fixed for 13th December.

WINDERMERE AND BURRUMBEET CHURCH PARADE, in aid Ballarat Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, SUNDAY, 3RD DEC., 3 p.m. Dean Parkyn will deliver address. Militia Band will lead. Combined Church Choirs, comprising 150 voices. MAT. MURPHY, H. H. HARDING, Joint Secs.

TENDERS required for Erection of about 60 chains of Wire Fence at Waterloo Swamp, tenderer to find posts. Specifications to be seen at this office or at Store, Waterloo. Tenders close 9th inst. Deposit, £1. M. FLYNN.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.—Dark Brown Bull, white round muzzle, hind legs white, no visible brands. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold 23rd Decr. W. G. STEVENS, Poundkeeper.

Sale of Race Booths, &c.

ALL rights and privileges in connection with the following Booths, at the BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB'S NEW YEAR'S DAY RACES will be SOLD without reserve by public auction under Mr J. Humphrey's verandah, on SATURDAY (to-day), at 6.30 p.m.; by Mr W. Edward Nickols, Auctioneer:—Publican's Booth, Fruit Stall, and Luncheon Booth.

A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE.—The Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Ripon, for the purpose of finally examining and settling the Accounts of the Shire for the financial year ended the 30th September, 1899, will be held at noon of Monday, the 4th day of December, 1899, at the Shire Hall, Beaufort.

The Statement and Accounts are now ready, and lie at the office of the Council for the inspection of the parties interested.

J. W. HARRIS, Shire Secretary.

Beaufort, 25th Novr., 1899.

Beaufort Athletic Club's Athletic Sports Meeting!

To be held in the BEAUFORT RECREATION RESERVE, on BOXING DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1899.

The Club is not connected with any League.

One-mile Bicycle Race, L5. First, L3 10s; second, L1; third, 10s. Nomination, 2s; acceptance, 1s.

Two-mile Bicycle Race, L7. First, L4; second, L2; third, L1. Nomination, 2s; acceptance, 1s.

Three-mile Bicycle Race, L8. First, L5; second, L2; third, L1. Nomination, 2s; acceptance, 1s.

One-mile District Bicycle Race (radius 20 miles), L8. First, L2; second, L1. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s.

Half-mile Bicycle Race, L3. First, L2; second, L1. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s.

Beaufort Cup, 130 yds, L6. First, L3; second, L1 10s; third, 10s. Nomination, 2s; acceptance, 1s.

Quarter-mile Handicap, L4 10s. First, L3; second, L1; third, 10s. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s.

Numerous other events. Cyclists can rely on having a good track to ride on.

Nominations close on 5th Decr., 1899.

Programmes on application.

H. PARKER, Secretary.

BEAUFORT.

SALE BY AUCTION, SATURDAY, 9TH DECEMBER next, at One o'clock, on the premises, Stockyard Hill Road, Beaufort.

FREEHOLD LAND, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO by Hoelling and Spangenberg, 4 MILCH COWS, 2 HEIFERS, 2 YEARLINGS, CHAFFCUTTER, 2 DRAYS and HARNESS.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS is instructed by Mrs. Audas, to sell by Public Auction, as above, all her well-kept Household Furniture and Effects, consisting of a very handsome Pianoforte, in walnut, by Hoelling and Spangenberg; Mahogany Suite, in H.H., 7 pieces; Tables, Chairs, Lamps, Fenders and Fireirons, Carpets, Linoleums, Oilcloths, Dining Room Furniture.—Tables, Vienna Chairs, Rocking Chairs, Couch, &c. The Bedrooms are replete with all the necessary furniture—Bedsteads, Beds, Pillows, Dress Tables, Dressing Glasses, Washstands and Ware, Carpets, Chest of Drawers, &c. China and Glassware, Crockery, Kitchen Requisites, Cooking Utensils, and a large quantity of sundries. 20 acres Freehold Land, securely fenced; four Milch Cows, 2 3-year-old Heifers, 2 Yearlings, 2 Drays, 2 Sets Harness, hand Chaff-Cutter, a quantity of Pot Plants, Garden and other Tools.

The whole is to be Sold Without Reserve, for Cash. Mrs. Audas having let the dwelling-house, the whole must be sold.

A Choice Selection of PICTURES.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer,
Beaufort and Ararat.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES!

To be held on the Racecourse, WATERLOO FLAT, On

NEW YEAR'S DAY (MONDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1900.)

STEWARDS—Mr. E. H. Austin, M.L.A.; Crs. M. Flynn, T. Beggs, D. Stewart; Messrs. T. D. Martin, W. Hinchliffe, J. McKeich, C. W. and G. Vowles, G. H. Cougle, J. Eastwood, J. W. Harris, junr., D. F. Troy, T. Newey, A. Holdsworth, W. Stevenson, H. F. Watkin, O. Jones, and Dr. G. A. Eadie.

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CLERK OF COURSE—Mr. W. Fitzpatrick.

STARTER—Mr. C. Loft.

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TREASURER—Mr. J. R. Wotherspoon.

HON. AUCTIONEER—Mr. W. E. Nickols.

PROGRAMME.

Handicap Hurdle Race, of £6.

Two miles, over hurdles about 3ft. 6in. high. 1st, £5; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 6s.

Maiden Plate, of £4.

Half a mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised race. 1st, £3; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 4s.

Pony Race, of £5.

(Ponies under 14 hands). Half a mile. 1st, £4; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 5s.

Beaufort Handicap, of £12.

One mile. 1st, £10; 2nd, £2. Post entry, 12s.

Selling Flat Race, of £4.

Handicap. Winner to be sold for £8. Five-tenths of any surplus to go to the funds of the club; three-tenths to second horse; and two-tenths to third horse. 1st, £3; 2nd, £1. Distance half a mile. Post entry, 4s.

Handicap Trot,

A sweepstake of 5s, with £2 added. Two miles.

Flying Handicap, of £5.

Three-quarters of a mile. 1st, £4; 2nd £1. Post entry, 5s.

Pony Trot

(Under 14 hands), a sweepstake of 5s, with £2 added. Distance two miles:

First race to start at 12 o'clock sharp.
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TO STAND this Season, at Mr. Dunnet's Farm, Stockyard Hill, the pure CLYDESDALE STALLION,

YOUNG DUNMORE.

YOUNG DUNMORE is a bright bay, with black points, rising 7 years old, stands 18 hands, with splendid bone and muscle, fine silky hair in right place, a kind temper, a splendid worker, and has proved himself a sure foal-getter.

YOUNG DUNMORE is by LORD DUNMORE (imp.), owned by W. T. Cox, Esq., of Joyce's Creek. His dam is PHOEBE (winner of many prizes), by CHAMPION OF THE NORTH (imp.); g. dam, Phoebe, by Vanquisher (imp.); g.g. dam, Exell's Jess (winner of 31 prizes), by Old Dumbleton Squire (imp.); g.g.g. dam, Blossom, by Napoleon (imp.); g.g.g.g. dam, by Sir William Wallace (imp.).

LORD DUNMORE (No. 2117 C.S.B., vol. v.), was bred by Walter S. Park, Esq., Hatton, Bishoptan, Renfrewshire, and imported and selected in Scotland by Mr Hugh Rae, ex s.s. Gulf of Mexico, from London.

LORD DUNMORE'S dam, Hatton Belle (626, vol. 3), is by Time o' Day (875, vol. 2, page 263), winner of first prize at Glasgow in 1874, and the Highland Society's first prize at Glasgow in 1875, by Ivanhoe 2nd (399, vol. 1); dam, Lily, by Darling, alias Sir Colin Campbell (778, vol. 1), winner of first prize at Campbelltown; grand dam, Maggie, by Stanley Jock (1313, vol. 2).

Lofty, the sire of Pure Blood, was half-brother to Cox's Pride of Scotland, considered one of the best breeding horses in the world. It will thus be seen that LORD DUNMORE is closely related to all the most successful prize-takers of the present day, both in Scotland and Victoria. He was bred by Mr Park, and it is well-known Princess Maud the First was bred by him, and a great many other prize-taking animals. Pure Blood was also the sire of Pure Gowd, Pure Clyde, Pure Bone, and several others too numerous to mention, and it is well-known there is no better judge in Victoria than Mr H. Rae, as he has owned some of the best in Victoria, both mares and horses.

By this it will be seen that YOUNG DUNMORE has come from imported stock as far back as can be traced, and is one of the best bred colonial horses that ever stood in the district. His stock was awarded first and second prizes at the 1896 Beaufort show. The class was open for any foal got by any draught horse that was advertised in *The Ripponshire Advocate*, 1895, and I invite inspection of his stock. YOUNG DUNMORE was awarded first prize for best colonial-bred entire at the Beaufort show in 1898.

TERMS—£3 3s, EACH MARE.

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Who stands 14½ hands high, is black, and has good flat bone and splendid temper and action. TRAFALGAR got first prize at the Beaufort show in 1898, and his stock also got first for yearlings and two-year-olds, competing against the progeny of thoroughbreds.

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TO STAND this Season, at the Trawalla Hotel, Trawalla, the PUREBRED CLYDESDALE STALLION

KILBURNIE.

KILBURNIE is a beautiful dappled grey horse, 6 years old on the 22nd October, 1899, by the famous sire, Kilbowie; dam, Bell, by Fitzlyon (imp.)

Kilbowie, bred by John Smith, of Gippsland, is a beautiful dappled brown, sired by the North. The North has been kept almost entirely for the use of his owner's mares, therefore he has never been paraded before the public. He is a horse of wonderful strength, action and constitution, and the only open test he has been put to is through his stock, who have, during the last three years, invariably topped the market at public auction. He was sired by Champion of the North out of Princess Maude 10th, who, amongst other honors, won first prize at the Grand National Show held at Ballarat in 1881, and the same day was awarded Champion Prize for best mare in the yard. She was by Kilbernie Champion, from Princess Maude 7th, by Prince Charlie. Princess Maude 7th has been universally acknowledged to be the best mare ever foaled in Victoria. She was the dam of such notables as Princess Maude 10th, Princess Maude 11th, Kelvin, and Cicmyle, either one of whom was sufficient to stamp her as the empress of brood mares. Herd in was Princess Maude 2nd, by Colin Campbell, out of Princess Maude (imp.) As every one of these names are familiar to the horse breeders of this colony it would be superfluous to enumerate each of their qualities and victories.

Kilbowie's g. sire, Champion of the North, never met with defeat during his three years show yard career in Victoria; among st other successes may be mentioned three Champion Prizes at the Grand National Shows held respectively at Ballarat, Geelong, and Sandhurst in 1881, and the two following years. In Scotland his victories culminated in his winning the £100 prize at the great Glasgow Stallion Show in 1880, and the second prize at the Highland Agricultural Society's Show held at Kelso the same year.

Kilbowie's g.g. sire, Topsman, was a horse who stood head and shoulders over all competitors for fame, either in the prize ring or at the stud, he having obtained the highest awards that was possible for the H.S. or the Royal Society of England to bestow, besides numberless other victories at smaller shows. His sire, Wonderful; dam, Jess, by Sampson Wonderful, by Old Clyde, *alias* Clyde Boy; dam, Camel of Baronet; Old Clyde, by Scotsman; dam, Bel, owned by Mr G. Scott. Old Clyde won third prize at the H.S. Show held at Aberdeen in 1858, and the Haddington Premium the same year.

Kilbowie's dam, Rosie II., is a mare of undoubted quality, action, and symmetry, but like the rest of Messrs John Smith and Son's stock (since their removal to Gippsland) has never been shown, though her uniformity of frame would entitle her to appear in the best company. Her dam, Rosie I. (bred by J. S. Talent, Esq., and purchased at his clearing sale), possesses a fund of the old Clydesdale type, and has proved herself a breeder of the first water. She was got by Darwin, a horse who can lay claim to be the sire of more good mares than any stallion that ever stood in the Ballarat district.

Kilbowie's g.g. dam, Maggie, a big roomy mare that would command the attention of the admirers of the draught horse in any ring, and being sired by Crawford's Lord Clyde, would have been an acquisition to any Clydesdale stud. She was out of Kate, a thick-set stylish mare of excellent color; her sire, Sir William, by Mayor, out of Jennie, probably the best mare ever Mr J. Ross, of Newlyn, owned, and her dam was a mare of rare substance, bred by Mr Calvert, in the Western District; she was a daughter of old Redmond's, and said to be out of a Wrestler mare.

Kilbowie gained the following prizes:—First and Champion at Maryborough Show; first and champion Ballarat Show; and first at Clunes and Talbot Show, during the year 1892; and in the year 1893, first at Donald, first at Birchip, and first at St. Arnaud.

KILBURNIE'S dam, Bell; sire, Fitzlyon (imp.); g. dam by Scotsman (imp.); g.g. dam by George Buchanan (imp.) Bell was a noted prize-taker in the show ring; she exhibited six times, and was placed first on five different occasions, and once second. Bell was also the dam of the famous colt, Lord Lyon, who was sold for a high figure to Mr Coltman, of Ararat, to go to South Australia.

Bell's sire, Fitzlyon (1056, vol. v.), bay horse, foaled June, 1879, was got by the far-famed sire, Lord Lyon (489, vol. i.); dam Jess (863, vol. iv.), by Clyde (1102, vol. ii.); granddam by Bigar (45, vol. i.)

Lord Lyon (489, vol. i.) was got by the renowned horse, Hercules (378, vol. i.); dam Puppet, by Iron Duke, who was by Bellerophon, by Luck's All. Lord Lyon was commended at the Highland Society's Show in 1869. Lord Lyon has proved himself to be one of the best stock-getting horses that ever was in Scotland; his stock gaining for years the most of the first prizes in Scotland; he gained six times first prize for best two-year-old, and also the five best one-year-olds, got by any horse in Britain. His sire, Hercules (378, vol. i, is also a sire of W. T. Cox's Pride of Scotland, and was by Rob Roy (714, vol. i.), out of Darling, by Bigar, (45, vol. i); granddam by Farmer (292, vol. i), the winner of the Highland Society's premium at Dumfries in 1830. Rob Roy (714, vol. i.), was also sire of Cox's Blackleg (71, vol. i), winner of the Highland Society's first prize in 1859, and innumerable first prizes in Australia.

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"Weak, Nerveless and Depressed."

"Yes," he said deliberatingly, "the marvel had been quicker than ever I had anticipated. Influenza, headaches, sleeplessness, want of appetite, listlessness, racking cough, chest pains, weakness, and phlegm all disappeared as if under a magician's wand. I was as right, as fresh, as healthy, and as high spirited as I ever was in my life."

"Of course," he added, conscientiously, as the reporter prepared to depart, "it's only a fair thing that I should tell you this after the benefits I have received. My case may not have been as severe as some, but it certainly gave myself and family the greatest anxiety, as my cure gave them the greatest surprise and pleasure. I give you these particulars exactly as they occurred, without exaggeration and with truth in every detail. Nor do I wish them exaggerated. Indeed, there is no necessity; the cure was a good one, and speaks for itself. More or better I cannot say."

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WARWICK CASTLE.

A Peep Into the Famous English Palace of the "Kingmaker."

One could spend days looking at the pictures at Warwick and at the sculpture and curios. There is a table, the slab of which is made of fine marble mosaic, lapis lazuli, and precious stones which belonged to Marie Antoinette. In the red drawing room are rare specimens of Limousin enamels, also Bohemian glass and Venetian crystals. This room leads to the cedar drawing room whose walls are 10 feet in thickness. One of the many valuable and beautiful ornaments in this room is a bust of Proserpine, by our American sculptor Power.

The "living rooms" of the castle extend 330 feet in length, and each window gives charming views of the grounds. In one of these rooms, the gilt drawing room, is a Florentine mosaic table, enriched with precious stones, brought from the Grimani palace in Venice. Its value is £10,000, which, please remember, is $50,000 of Yankee money. The Grimani arms, the pope's triple crown, lion of St. Mark, doge's cap, keys of St. Peter and cardinal's hat are illustrated in jasper, onyx, amethyst, malachite and cornelian on its surface.

A moment after leaving the gilt drawing room and we are in the state bedroom, where good Queen Anne slept, and in which her big dreary looking bed still stands. We don't seem to know much about Queen Anne's belongings, thus her bed and traveling trunks at its foot arouse our interest. In these trunks were her majesty's clothes. They are sensible, ponderous trunks, covered with brown leather and studded with brass nails. Even an American baggage smashing porter would have found Queen Anne's trunks "too large an order" to destroy. George III presented this bedstead, with its faded crimson curtains and its 15 feet high posts. Over the fireplace hangs a fine portrait of the queen herself painted by Sir Godfrey Kneller. It is in this state bedroom that Queen Victoria slept when she visited Warwick castle with the late prince consort. I don't know whether she occupied Anne's bed, but if so I hope it was more comfortable than it looks.

From the bedroom is a boudoir, literally crammed with paintings. Here is Holbein's "Henry VIII;" "A Boar Hunt," by Rubens; "A Dead Christ," on copper, by a follower of Correggio; "Charles II's Beauties," by Lely; a "San Sebastian," by Vandyke; "Card Players," by Teniers, and a Salvator Rosa landscape.

The castle's state dining room was burned out in 1871, but it has been reproduced on the old lines and is a truly royal apartment. On either side of the massive fireplace, where many a Yule log has slowly burned itself out to white ashes, there are gilt Venetian figures. Above the fireplace hangs Ruben's sketch of lions. There is also in this room a droll portrait of George III in the arms of his mother.

The castle boasts a Shakespeare room, designed and added by the late earl, and to which the county of Warwick presented the Kenilworth buffet in ancient oak. Into this room have been collected all procurable Shakespeare relics, and resting on an old claw footed oak table are all the works, with the admirable edition of Shakespeare of the late Halliwell Phillipps.

The place has been called the castle of the kingmaker. Who can visit this historic house and not desire to reread Lord Lytton's—or Bulwer's, as you please—"The Last of the Barons," whose text of composition is furnished by the annals of this wonderful castle and its wonderful earl, Richard Nevil.

—Boston Herald.

Your Best Young Man.

"You can't always just tell what your best young man is going to develop into," said the girl in the blue jacket. "Now, I know a young man, and when I first met him I said to myself: 'At last! Here he is! A real live man without a fad.' And I was happy in the thought that he wouldn't talk football or theosophy to me. But it didn't take me long to find out my mistake. Of all the fads I ever heard of that man's fad is the very worst.

"He does tricks with cards and can juggle things," continued the girl in the blue jacket, as her eyes grew bright and her cheeks pinkish. "At luncheons he fishes his handkerchief out of my muff and finds his gloves in my jacket pocket. If you hand him a glass of water, he'll turn it upside down and ask you blandly why the water doesn't run out. At home he makes life miserable for me, and when he goes away I call in the girl and have her sweep up the remnants of the teacups that he breaks. He balances parasols, guitars, vases—in fact, everything that he can find—on the end of his nose. I can't do anything with him. I am trying very hard to make him angry so he'll quit calling, but he is so absurdly good natured that I fear I shall never succeed."—St. Louis Republic.

Butler and Father Ryan.

When General Butler was in command at New Orleans during the rebellion, he was informed that Father Ryan, priest and poet, had been expressing rebellious sentiments and had said he would even refuse to hold funeral services for a dead Yankee. General Butler sent for him in haste and began roundly scolding him for expressing such un-Christian and rebellious sentiments. "General," the wily priest answered, "you have been misinformed. I would be pleased to conduct funeral services for all the Yankee officers and men in New Orleans."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Wherein They Were Alike.

"My money bought those horses," said the millionaire wife to her impecunious husband as the family turnout trove up to the steps.

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(*From the "Newtown Chronicle."*)

(BY A SPECIAL REPORTER.)

In obedience to orders, a *Chronicle* reporter called on Mrs. Williams, of 208 Abercrombie Street, Sydney. This lady some time ago made a recovery which considerably

Astonished the Doctors

who had told her that she would never be better, and that

Her Days Were Numbered.

It was our object to learn exactly how such recovery took place, and what was the nature of the disease. Mrs. Williams welcomed the reporter enthusiastically.

"The fact is," she said, "for years

I have Reproached Myself

for not making my wonderful recovery public. I have felt it a duty I owed to every sufferer. I am so glad you called, for you can assist me to lay my case before the afflicted.

I Should have Died,"

pursued Mrs. Williams, "if it had not been for Clements Tonic. My complaint crept upon me so slowly and imperceptibly that I never knew there was anything the matter till the disease had obtained a firm grip on my system. A heavy, sluggish feeling took possession of me. I had to cease all work. My mouth and breath grew foul. I began to suffer from intense headache. After eating I had a feeling of lightness and suffocation in the breast, and my food repeated continually, and nothing would stay long on my stomach. Frightful pains in the back and round underneath the ribs distressed me. My nights were fearful. Pains in my back racked me continually.

I Could Get No Sleep,

and terrible cold sweats broke out all over me."

"A complication of bad symptoms, Mrs. Williams?"

"Yes, but I grew much worse. I was of such a shocking sallow colour that it distressed my friends to look upon me. I was obliged to take to my bed. Doctors were called in. They said it was liver complaint. They prescribed for me. I took the medicine, but got no better. I sank lower and lower. I couldn't lift my head off the pillow, and my stomach was in such a feeble state that I couldn't even take milk and water. I lost four stone in weight in eleven months. It looked like a final breaking up. I thought I was done for. I was a mere skeleton, with the skin stretched over my bones. The doctors gave me up. It seemed as though it was only a matter of days. I was in despair when someone, without the doctor's knowledge,

Suggested a Bottle

of Clements Tonic."

"Did it do you good?"

"Not for some time, but I persevered, as it

Seemed My Last Hope.

All at once I began to feel a change. I asked for some meat. My people were astonished, but they gave it to me. I ate it, and digested it. I felt stronger. I knew then that I was a saved woman. I continued with that remedy, and was delighted to find a

steady improvement every day,

I troubled the doctors no longer. I got on wonderfully. The agonising pains in my back and sides melted away. My head felt clear and free from pain. Every day saw me eat better meals, and I had no return of the indigestion and vomiting, and how thankful I was to get some sleep once more. I was soon out of bed, and by keeping steadily at Clements Tonic I

Increased My Weight Daily.

My appetite continually improved, and my spirits were revived, and I was soon able to take exercise. My skin took on its proper colour again, and after several bottles of Clements Tonic I got rid of every symptom of disease. I was merely thin and weak, and to get fat and strong was only a matter of time, and this result was happily performed for me by Clements Tonic, for it was not long before I was as stout and strong as you see me now."

"You look excellently well now," remarked our reporter."

"Yes, I have always enjoyed good health since my recovery from what all my neighbours and friends thought was a fatal illness, and you may guess the faith they all have in Clements Tonic now."

"They have had proof of its merit, you know."

"Yes. That remedy also cured my daughter Ethel. She was very ill indeed.

Her Blood was Impoverished.

It seemed as though it was turning to water, and she was entirely destitute of colour. I see lots of young girls about in the same delicate state. I didn't know what to do with her. She wouldn't eat, and was always complaining of headaches. She suffered from a sort of lassitude, which made all exertion a pain and a trouble to her. She grew whiter, weaker, and thinner every week.

She Was Fading Away

under my very eyes, and was in a very dangerous condition. At last fainting fits began to come on; we were then quite alarmed. The doctor did not seem able to do anything for her, so I secretly determined to give her Clements Tonic. At first I was doubtful as to whether it would suit her complaint or not, but I soon found out that it was the proper remedy. It had

A Very Speedy Restorative

effect upon her system. In the course of a few days it brightened her up considerably. She no longer moped about the house in that dull, listless way, but started to take an interest in her housework, and I was able to get her to go out in the open air. I made her keep to Clements Tonic, and

It Pulled Her Right Round.

She ate heartily, and got quite fat and robust, and you could see by the sparkle in her eye, and by her rosy cheeks, that she was quite recovered. I have absolute faith in Clements Tonic, and no wonder, and I only wish doubting ones would call here and

I Will Soon Convince Them

as to the value of Clements Tonic."

"You will see this in the *Chronicle* and other papers."

"Thank you very much."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, MARY WILLIAMS, of 208 Abercrombie-st., Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of four folios and consecutively numbered from one to four, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and that of my daughter, and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary, and extra judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Mary Williams

Declared at Sydney this first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, before me, J. G. GLEGG, J.P.

BEWARE OF IMPOSITION.

THE Retailer who wants to put you off with a substitute for Clements Tonic or any other article of acknowledged repute only has one aim in view, that is the increase of his own profits. If he increases his profit, you get so much less value for your money, consequently you are the person who is robbed and swindled, not the proprietor of Clements Tonic. You can't be too particular. The very moment a retailer begins to argue about his "cheap and nasty imitation" being "just as good," skip out as if you had met the plague. Never trust that man; shun him always. Why? Because next time you visit his shop you may want something he knows you can't check, then he sees no necessity to argue with you about the article being "just as good," because he knows you can't detect the fraud, and he can have you how he likes, and you bet your last red cent he will. If a retailer will attempt to rob you when your eyes are open, you must know he will have no scruples when they are shut, and you are blind to his tricks. Never deal there at all again. There are more swindlers with cheap medicines than in any other trade, and you only rob your pocket and sacrifice your health by permitting any substitution.

Influenza has attacked a number of horses in the Ballarat district. The premonitory symptom is a lump on the throat followed by prostration.

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

The winner of W. A. Tattersall's sweep on the Ballarat Summer Cup was Mr J. Cope, of Perth, who will receive £1,724.

The first lady auctioneer in Australia is Miss L. I. White, of Melbourne. She successfully applied for a license on Tuesday.

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

The four-year-old son of Mr J. Neill, of Captain's Gully, near Newstead, has died through drinking a large quantity of quinine wine, which was by the bedside of his sister, who was taking the wine as an antidote to influenza.

A Wonderful Medicine.

BEECHAM'S PILLS

For Bilious and Nervous Disorders such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Sick Headache, Giddiness, Fulness and Swelling after meals, Dizziness and Drowsiness, Cold Chills, Flushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Shortness of Breath, Costiveness, Blotches on the Skin, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams, and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, &c. THE FIRST DOSE WILL GIVE RELIEF IN TWENTY MINUTES. This is no fiction. Every sufferer is earnestly invited to try one Box of these Pills, and they will be acknowledged to be "WORTH A GUINEA A BOX."

BEECHAM'S PILLS, taken as directed, will quickly restore females to complete health. They promptly remove any obstruction or irregularity of the system. For a

Weak Stomach, Impaired Digestion, Disordered Liver,

they act like magic. A few doses will work wonders upon the Vital Organs; Strengthening the Muscular System, restoring the long lost Complexion, bringing back the keen edge of appetite, and arousing with the ENERGIES OF HEALTH the WHOLE PHYSICAL ENERGY of the human frame. These are "facts" admitted by thousands in all classes of society, and one of the best guarantees to the Nervous and Debilitated is that *Beecham's Pills have the Largest Sale of any Patent Medicine in the world.*

Full directions with each box.

Prepared only by THOMAS BEECHAM, St. Helens, Lancashire, England.

Sold everywhere in Boxes, 9d., 1s. 1½d., and 2s. 9d. each.

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

SUPPORT LOCAL INDUSTRY,

AND

SUBSCRIBE

TO THE

LOCAL PAPER,

THE

RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.

We ask that our efforts for the district's good shall be recognised. An increased circulation means still greater usefulness on our part. When a neighbour or friend asks for the loan of the local paper, tell him or her that for the small sum of

3s per Quarter

It is obtainable direct from the office regularly.

In addition to complete and impartial reports of all local meetings, an interesting

14-Column Supplement

Is presented to Regular Subscribers.

ORDERS FOR

Plain and Ornamental

JOB * PRINTING

Executed with Neatness and Despatch.

Bear in mind that

ADVERTISING

ALWAYS PAYS.

Business men should note that as the Local Paper is extensively read in the district, it therefore affords a splendid advertising medium.

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."

Clarke's Blood Mixture

THE WORLD-FAMED BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER

IS WARRANTED TO CLEAR THE BLOOD from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blackheads, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing and permanent Cure. It

Cures Old Sores.
Cures Sores on the Neck.
Cures Sore Legs.
Cures Blackhead or Pimples on the Face.
Cures Scurvy.
Cures Ulcers.
Cures Blood and Skin Diseases.
Cures Glandular Swellings.
Clears the Blood from all impure Matter, From whatever cause arising.

It is a real specific for Gout and Rheumatic pains.

It removes the cause from the Blood and Bones.

As this Mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, the Proprietors solicit sufferers to give it a trial to test its value.

"COMPLETELY HEALED."

Mrs E. Berkshire writes:—"In the year 1888, when residing at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, I caught cold, which led to inflammation of the bowels. I was attended by local doctors, and received some relief, but the following year it turned to fistula, from which I suffered for eight years; and it was constantly discharging. I was put under chloroform by two doctors, with a view of an operation, but they found that the fistula was too far inside, and an operation would have been too dangerous. In 1890 a second abscess formed, and in 1894 a third. These were all discharging at the same time. The end of 1893 I was again examined by two doctors to see if an operation was possible; it was found that an operation was out of the question, as they stated the inside was riddled with abscesses. During the whole of this time I was receiving medical attendance, one year being treated by a herbal doctor in the town, and receiving advice for four months from a London doctor. During the greater part of this time I was a confirmed invalid, having to be carried up and down stairs, and the doctors gave up all hope of my recovery. In June, 1895, I was advised by friends to try "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture." After taking one large bottle I found one large abscess gradually drying up. I therefore continued taking the mixture, and also Clarke's Aperient Pills, and in time all three abscesses were completely healed, and I was able to walk as well as ever, and could eat and drink any ordinary food. I am pleased to say it was Clarke's Blood Mixture that effected the cure, having received no real benefit from doctors. I should have written before, but wished to see if the cure was lasting.

"Post Office, Cottonwood, Assiniboia, N.W.T., Canada. October 17th, 1898.

"P.S.—I may say that I can give you doctors' names and names of friends to prove the truth of what I state. I purchased the mixture at the Sussex Drug Stores, Tunbridge Wells, my name and address then being Miss E. Horner, 5, Warwick Cottages, Frank Forest, Tunbridge Wells."

SAVED MY LIFE.

Mrs. AMY CHURCHER writes:—"It is with earnest thanks and heartfelt gratitude that I write these few lines to let you know that I am at last completely cured of the dreadful disease called eczema by taking your wonderful Blood Mixture. I commenced taking Clarke's Blood Mixture on June 8 last, and since then I have had 17 bottles, 2s. 9d. size, three pots of ointment, also three bottles of Clarke's Skin Lotion, which I found was of untold value in allaying the irritation. I was in such a fearful state that the sheets in my bed had to be changed every day, also my own linen, on account of the fearful discharge from the sores, my hands also were very bad, the backs of them being so dreadfully encrusted with yellow scab that one would think they were covered with rock brimstone. I never expected they would resume their proper shape, but now I am able to do light household duties, and I feel I am getting stronger every day; in fact, my husband, my nurse, and myself truly believe Clarke's Blood Mixture saved my life. I have much to be thankful for, and if you like to make use of my letter you are welcome to do so, as I am fully convinced I should never have been here if it had not been for Clarke's Blood Mixture.

"2, Kynaston Road, Stoke Newington, London, N., Oct. 22, 1898."

Mr. E. TAYLOR writes:

"I send you this testimonial, for I have derived a great benefit by taking Clarke's Blood Mixture, after two years of great suffering with a very bad leg. I have been in a Birmingham hospital 18 months, and six months out-patient at another hospital at Birmingham. I was turned out incurable, as I would not consent to have my leg taken off. I was told to try Clarke's Blood Mixture by a friend of mine, so I sent for a large bottle, and by the time I had taken it I was able to go about on my crutches. I had another bottle, and by the time I had finished it my leg was quite well, and I am able to go to my work.

"I am a Birmingham man, but am working at present in Halifax, and I am willing to answer any questions that anyone may wish to ask, for I cannot speak too highly of it. I recommend it to all. You may make use of this if you like. 2, Hansen Square, Fleet Street, Halifax, Yorks, October 23, 1897."

THOUSANDS OF TESTIMONIALS OF WONDERFUL CURES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold in Bottles 2s. 9d. each, and in cases containing six times the quantity, 11s.—sufficient to effect a permanent cure in the great majority of long-standing cases—BY ALL CHEMISTS and PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS throughout the world. Proprietors, THE LINCOLN AND MIDLANDS COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln, England. Trade Mark—"BLOOD MIXTURE."

Clarke's Blood Mixture.

CAUTION.—Purchasers of Clarke's Blood Mixture should see that they get the genuine article. Worthless imitations and substitutes are sometimes palmed off by unprincipled vendors. The words "Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln, England," are engraved on the Government Stamp, and "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture," blown in the bottle, WITHOUT WHICH NONE ARE GENUINE.

FLORILINE.—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s 6d, of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depôt, 33 Farringdon Road, London, England.

Of you dry to do peesnis mitowt advertising, you will find yeurself already like a boy drying to shlide a hill down mitowt shnow. Peaides dere ish dese tifferences: ven you don't got some shnow, you gant make 'em; but you can sometimes shenerally always make der advertising come right avay quick off, all der year round, mit some moneys.—Joseph.

Printed and Published by the Proprietor, ARTHUR PARKER, of Beaufort, at the Office of the *Riponshire Advocate*, Newspaper, Lawrence Street, Beaufort, adjoining the

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Give your orders for JOB PRINTING to the newspaper in your district, because it prints thousands of reports and notifications for which it receives no payment whatever. It is always spending its time and money to benefit and improve the district of the place through which it circulates. It gives you all in return for your patronage.

NEWSPAPER LAW.

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, in writing, are considered as wishing to continue their subscriptions.

2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their newspapers, the publisher may continue to send them until arrears are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their newspapers from the post-office to which they are directed, they are held responsible until they settle their bills, and ordered the newspapers to be discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publishers, and the papers are sent to the former direction, the subscribers are responsible

5. The court has decided that "refusing to take periodicals from the post-office or leaving them uncalled for, is *prima facie* evidence of intentional fraud."

6. Any person who receives a newspaper and makes use of it, whether he has ordered it or not, is held in law to be a subscriber.

RE MINING LEASES.

It is notified for general information that applicants for Mining Leases are required, within seven days previously lodging the application, to insert in a newspaper published in the district where the land is situated, or if no such newspaper, then in one published nearest the district, an advertisement or notice in the form marked "A" in the schedule relating to Mining Leases.

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

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

DR. TARRANT

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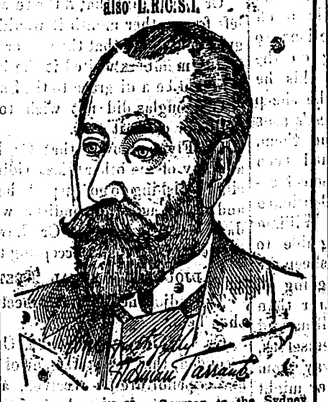

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If you desire full information re Special Complaints, or if it is your intention to Marry, send 6d. in Stamps for DR. TARRANT'S Exhaustive Work. This beautiful volume will be found to contain 125 prescriptions for self-cure; many appropriate illustrations and is entitled

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Please mention *Riponshire Advocate* when writing.

HINTS TO FRIENDLY READERS

You want to see the local paper a successful institution.

Talk about it wherever you go.

Mention it to the tradespeople with whom you do business.

If they don't advertise in it, try and induce them to do so.

If you are induced to buy anything from what you have read in its advertising columns mention the fact to the tradesman.

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

APPLICATIONS FOR MINING LEASES.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

Attention is called to the following regulations under part 2 of "The Mines Act 1890," twenty third-schedule:—

4. Every applicant for a lease to mine on private property shall apply for a lease in manner prescribed by these regulations; but during the seven days immediately preceding the day on which he leaves his application with the warden, he must do the following things—

(A). Insert in a newspaper published in the district where the land is situated, or if there be no such newspaper, then in one published nearest the district, an advertisement or notice on the form in the appendix A thereto.

(B). Post similar notices at the office of the warden, and at the post office or police court, whichever is the nearest to the land.

(C). Deposit with the clerk of the warden the sum of £5 sterling, &c.

Objections will be raised to the granting of all leases where the above requirements have not been fully complied with.

A PRIZE POEM.

A syndicate of Western (American) editors offered 1000dols. for the best appeal to newspaper subscribers to pay up their subscriptions. The prize was given to the editor of the "Rocky Mountain Celt." This is the poem:—

Lives of poor men oft remind us
Honest men don't stand a chance;
The more we work there grow behind us
Bigger patches on our pants.
On our pants, once new and glossy,
Now are stripes of different hue;
All because subscribers linger,
And won't pay us what is due.
Then let us all be up and doing,
Send your mite, however small,
Or when the cold of winter strikes us
We shall have no pants at all.

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

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

"KEATING'S POWDER" destroys BUGS, FLEAS, MOTHS, BEETLES, and all other insects, whilst quite harmless to domestic animals. In exterminating Beetles the success of this powder is extraordinary. It is perfectly clean in application. See the article you purchase is "KEATING'S," as imitations are noxious and ineffectual. Sold in Tins, 6d, 1s, and 2s 6d each, by all chemists.

A country paper kindly supplies this beautiful simile:—"You might as well try to shampoo an elephant with a thimbleful of soapsuds as attempt to do business and ignore advertising."

STEVENSON & SONS,

UNDERTAKERS AND CARPENTERS,

HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT (Opposite Golden Age Hotel), beg to inform the public of Beaufort and surrounding districts that they have purchased the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS of the late R. FARLEY, and hope by moderate charges and prompt attention, to merit a continuance of the patronage accorded to their predecessor.

FUNERAL ECONOMY

Established 1860.

WILLIAM BAKER,

UNDERTAKER,

Lawrence Street, next Post Office, and Neill Street, opposite State School. Hearse and other requisites supplied in town or country at stated charges. Post, Telegraph and Telephone Messages promptly attended to.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT

Have stood pre-eminent during the past sixty years as

RELIABLE FAMILY MEDICINES.

They are invaluable Remedies for

Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Feverish Attacks, Ague, Bad Legs, Bad Breasts, Old Wounds, Sores and Skin Diseases.

They have no equal for Affections of the

THROAT, CHEST and LUNGS.

Manufactured only at 78, New Oxford St (late 533, Oxford St.), London. Sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors.

J. McKEICH

Is showing a Grand Assortment of NEW GOODS for the Summer Season.

For choice, quality, and price, this stock will be found far in advance of all previous seasons.

The New Summer Dresses are very pretty, and inexpensive. The most popular lines are Drillettes, Duckettes, Drills, Piques, French Muslins, Black Plain, Figured, and Fancy Lustres, Grenadies, Cashmeres with the newest summer serges.

The latest Blouses, Costumes, Skirts, Chiffons, Veilings, Dress Nets, Ladies' Ties, Bows, and many fancy lines.

The largest assortment yet shown of **Cotton and Silk Laces, Torchons, Maltesen, Valenciennes,** in all shades and prices.

New Ribbons, Belts, Beltings, Sash Ribbons, Belt Clasps, Frillings, in endless variety.

Grand Millinery Show.—This department is stocked with a wonderfully cheap and fashionable stock of **Trimmed Hats, Gems, Galateas, Sun Bonnets, Girls' Summer Hats, Flowers, Feathers, Ornaments, &c.**

A large assortment of **Underclothing** at a very low figure.

A wide range of **New Corsets** in P.D's., C.B's., and all the leading makers' goods at lowest prices.

Over 1,000 pieces of **Hoyles' Prints,** which is the leading Print all over the world. Always washes well, and the prices are within everybody's reach.

Low prices for **Hosiery, Gloves, Umbrellas, and Fancy Goods** of all descriptions.

Manchester Lines, viz., **Calicoes, Sheetings, Shirtings, Table Damasks, Galateas, Drills, Towels, Quilts, Towellings,** &c. will be found A1 value.

New Floorcloths, Carpets, Wool Mats, Hearth Rugs, at lowest prices.

The **Clothing Department** is so well stocked that you can get suited at a very small cost. Special prices for Men's, Boys', and Youths' Suits, Trousers and Vests, Mole Trousers, Karkee Suits, Lustre, White Drill, and Flannelette Coats.

100 doz Men's, Boys', and Youths' Shirts at any price.
120 " " " " Straw and Felt Hats, very cheap.
150 " " Ties, rising from 3d upwards.
200 Boys' Knicker Suits, all prices and styles.

Suits, Tailor Made, a very big trade.

Boots and Shoes.—The largest and cheapest stock to select from. All the best makers' goods at the lowest prices.

J. McKEICH,

IMPORTER,

BEAUFORT.

GENERAL PRINTING

AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES,

"The Advocate" Office, Beaufort.

LOST MANHOOD

Nervous Debility, &c., from youthful folly, excesses or any cause. Guaranteed CURE. A great Scientific discovery by anatomy. Book posted free, sealed. To young men contemplating marriage, to the married, to young and old, this book is invaluable, pointing out the way of relief to those unfortunate sufferers to whom love is but a hideous tormenting dream, life a torture, the future a blank. Write PROFESSOR B. HERMANN, 41 Collins Place, Melbourne.

Woman's Salvation.

The Wife's welfare within her own control. Book posted free. It will teach you more about prevention in ten minutes than all the years you've lived. Write Prof. B. HERMANN, 41 Collins Place, Melbourne.

Sufferers from *Boyish Folly, Nervous Debility, Loss of Manhood,* &c. Send stamped envelope, and I will forward full particulars—how I suffered for years—tried almost every so-called remedy and specialist, and when all had failed—*how I accidentally found a cure.* Address, HAROLD S. BELL, G.P.O., Melbourne.

LADIES.—My New TRIPLE-POWER FEMALE PILLS Restore Regularity instantly, no matter what cause, how long standing, or what has failed. Nothing can resist them. Box posted, 5s. 6d. Write—Professor GARFIELD, West Collins Street, Melbourne.

GENTS.—Latest American PREVENTATIVE. Simple and effectual. Last for years. Posted, 2s. 6d. (stamps 2s. 10d). Write, Prof. Garfield, West Collins-st., Melbourne.

LADIES.—Write for free particulars of Madam Hedburg's American remedy, to restore regularity at home yourselves Without Medicine. H. A. DE LEON, agent, Flinders-st., Melbourne.

LADIES.—Dr. Boxwell's Female Pills (registered) restore regularity, any cause. 5/6 box. All chemists.

TEETH! TEETH!!

Complete Set, £1 1s. Painless Dentistry in all branches. Consultation Free. Book on Painless Dentistry post free. Write or Call, London Dental Institute, 300 East Collins Street, Melbourne.

The Naked Truth

A Book for MEN ONLY by Charles Astley Webster, SPECIALIST 41 Exhibition-street, Melbourne. Posted free on receipt of 6d. in stamps.

PROFESSOR WEBSTER is the greatest and most successful Specialist the world has ever known. Nothing can now battle him; and he will give a WRITTEN GUARANTEE to cure every case he undertakes. Professor Webster will, on receipt of 6d. in stamps, forward, free and unobserved, his famous book, "The Naked Truth," a treatise on the cause, effect, treatment, and cure of all private diseases, weakness or infirmity of man, such as the evil effects of boyish folly, lost manhood, nervous debility, spermatorrhœa, impotence, sterility, varicocele, contagious diseases, &c., acute or Chronic, every man, married or single, young or old, should read "The Naked Truth." No matter what book you have read, this will teach you much you do not know. "The Naked Truth" is interesting alike both to the healthy and the weak; but to the unhappy sufferer from *sexual weakness,* the light of life truth is surely but the dawn of brighter days to come. A copy, posted for 6d. in stamps.

PROFESSOR C. A. WEBSTER, Specialist, 41 EXHIBITION STREET, MELBOURNE.

Dr. JENNER'S COUGH BALSAM

Dr. Jenner's Cough Balsam positively cures colds, sore throats, bronchitis, asthma and all chest complaints. It relieves instantly and quickly makes a permanent cure. Suited for young and old. It is pleasant to take and children like it. Obtainable at all chemists and grocers 1s. per bottle.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS

Auctioneer, Valuer, Arbitrator, General Commission Agent.

AUCTION ROOMS:—BARKLY STREET, ARARAT, and NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

Correspondent and Valuer for the Ballarat Banking Company, Limited.

Trust and other Moneys to Lend at Current Rates.

NOTICE.

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

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

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

We take this opportunity of thanking our patrons for past favors, and while respectfully soliciting a renewal of support, desire to state that increased attention will be given to all matters of local and general interest. As a record of news we will always endeavour to make our columns as comprehensive as possible. In all departments, in fact, we will aim at improvement, and, therefore, confidently appeal to the public for increased support.

ARTHUR PARKER,
Proprietor.

Beaufort, 5th September, 1896.

GEELONG WOOL SALES.

SEASON 1899-1900.

GEORGE HAGUE & CO.

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

EXTENSIVE WAREHOUSES,

built expressly for the storage of Wool.

SHOW ROOMS

splendidly lighted and unequalled in the colony for the proper display of Wool.

Railway and Shipping right at the doors.

FARMERS' CLIPS

receive special personal attention, and no lot, however small, is sold under fullest market value.

A LARGER LOCAL CONSUMPTION of Wool than any other market in the Australian Colonies.

CHARGES the lowest ruling in the colony.

ACCOUNT SALES and Proceeds rendered invariably three days after sale.

ACT STRICTLY as Selling Brokers only.

THIRTY FIVE YEARS' practical English, Continental, and Colonial experience of the Wool trade.

CASH ADVANCES, if required, directly on receipt of produce into store.

AUCTION SALES of Sheepskins, Hides, and Tallow held weekly throughout the year.

WAY-BILL FORMS on application free.

GEORGE HAGUE & CO.,
Woolbrokers.

Geelong, 1st July, 1899.

WM. C. PEDDER,

Blacksmith and Wheelwright,

NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

Farm and Timber Waggons, Farm, Road and Spring Drays, Waggonettes, and all kinds of Vehicles made and repaired on the premises. Horses Carefull Shod.

J. B. COCHRAN, NEWS AGENT, BOOK SELLER, and STATIONER, begs to announce to the inhabitants of BEAUFORT and district that he is Agent for the *Weekly Times, Herald, Riponshire Advocate, Sportsman, Sporting Times, Australian Journal, Argus, Australasian,* &c. While thanking his numerous old customers for past favors, he trusts, by strict attention to the delivery of all papers, to merit a fair share of their support. Note the Address—Next Door to Bank of Victoria.

JOHN HUMPHREYS

COMMISSION & INSURANCE AGENT

ACCOUNTANT ETC.,

Neill Street, Beaufort.

RENTS and Debts Collected. Agent for the South British Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Agency Business of all kinds attended to.

W. BAKER,

Cabinet Maker, Upholsterer, Window Blind and Bedding Manufacturer.

W. Baker has ON SALE the following lines:—Pine Shelving, Flooring, and mining boards; Californian, kauri, and clear pine, up to 36 inches; cedar, all thicknesses and widths; table legs, sashes, doors, architrave and other mouldings, window glass, white lead, oils, turps, and all the building requirists.

Sashes, doors, and all kinds of Joiner's work made to order at the lowest possible prices.

Hardwood supplied at Timber Yard prices.

YOU CAN AFFORD IT.

Very few are too poor now-a-days to take their country paper, and it is false economy to try and get along without it. Hardly a week passes that something or other does not appear in its columns that will be of financial benefit to the subscriber, and by the end of the year he had made or saved or won twenty times the subscription paid for it. The city papers don't take the place of the country ones, though some people appear to think they do. The city papers are all right in their way, but they do not give you that in which you are most interested—your country news. You cannot learn from them when and where your country meetings are to be held, who are dying or who are marrying, who are moving in or who are moving out, court proceedings, who wants to buy or sell farm or land produce, in fact hundreds of things of which it might be of particular importance for you to know. If you can afford to take only one paper, by all means take the one that is published in the country or district where you live. It will cost you less, and thereby you will be assisting yourself and keeping the money in the district.

To our Readers and Patrons.

THE PROSPERITY OF A DISTRICT DEPENDS chiefly upon the support and encouragement that is given by the population to local enterprise and industry. Every venture is to a more or less extent speculative; but each, whilst aiming at the success of the promoter, must offer certain returns to those whose support is necessary to achieve certain advantageous results on both sides.

Therefore,

Support Local Industry and Local Enterprise.

The law of exchange was never satisfactory in its working; thus it was that the custom of buying and selling, using a standard currency was introduced. One form of that currency known as "paper money," and of paper money there is more than one kind. All kinds are useful, but not every kind retains its original value. The "paper" money most valuable to a newspaper proprietor is that which is sent him by

"*Subscribers and Advertisers,*"

and he will do his utmost to entitle him to a good share of it.

"The Riponshire Advocate"

is the Advertising Medium for all Contracts let, and notifications of the Shire of Ripon and is the

ONLY NEWSPAPER

That is

Printed and Published within the boundaries of the Shire,

And as the advocate of the interests and the welfare of this district it has a claim for considerably greater amount of support, has a greater scope for extended usefulness than any other journal or journals within a radius of the Shire Offices.

The Circulation

of the

Riponshire Advocate

is

Steadily Increasing,

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

"The Advocate,"

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING,

CIRCULATES in the following districts:—Beaufort, Stockyard Hill, Lake Goldsmith, Sailor's Gully, Main Lead, Raglan, Chute, Waterloo, Euramboen, Buangor, Middle Creek, Shirley, Trawalla, Skipton, and Carngham.

With every issue of the Paper is given

A FOURTEEN-COLUMN

SUPPLEMENT,

Containing an
Interesting Serial Tale,
Amusing Anecdotes,
Pastoral News,
Poultry Farmin
Agricultural Intelligence,
Recipes,
Gardening Items,
Etc., Etc., Etc.

Business Men, Read

It was Benjamin Franklin who wrote—

"What steam is to machinery, advertising is to business."

And another writer has said that—

"He who in his "biz" would rise,
Must either 'bust' or advertise."

And advertisers cannot do better than make the *Riponshire Advocate* the medium for their announcements.

Arthur Parker,

Printer and Publisher,

LAWRENCE STREET, BEAUFORT.

JOB PRINTING

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

BALL TICKETS & PROGRAMMES,
ADDRESS & BUSINESS CARDS
MINING SCRIP, REPORTS, &c.,
PAMPHLETS, CIRCULARS,
BILLHEADS, POSTERS,
DELIVERY BOOKS
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PRINTED in FIRST CLASS STYLE

AT MELBOURNE PRICES.

Office:—Lawrence Street, Beaufort.

Plain & Ornamental Printing

Of Every description executed at the

"RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE OFFICE.

BOOKBINDING

ON REASONABLE TERMS.

MINING SCRIP, CALL, RECEIPT DELIVERY BOOKS, &c.,

Prepared on the shortest notice.

HAVELOCK
PURE AMERICAN LEAF
TOBACCO.

Confidence (Aromatic Twist) Curls Tobacco
Cameron's First Prize Confidence Curls
Each plug is branded with yellow tin tag, thus:

Ask for D.C.L. Whisky. From all hotels & spirit merchants.
The Brand of Merit. Scotch D.C.L. Whisky. In bulk & black bottle.
Ask for D.C.L. Dry Gin. The purest spirit made.
D.C.L. one quality only. The best always the same.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Fat Cattle.—285 head was the number penned for to-day's sale, a fair proportion consisting of good and prime quality, balance principally useful, a few middling. There was a good attendance of the trade, and as the supply was under anticipations, all forward met with brisk competition at prices fully equal to last week, firming somewhat towards the finish. Prime pens bullocks, £9 to £10; extra to £10 17s 6d; good, £7 10s to £8 10s; medium £6 to £7; prime cows, £6 to £7; extra £7 10s to £8 17s 6d; good, £5 to £5 10. Calves—48 forward, including a few good vealers, which sold well; best to 82s. Sheep—6267 was the supply yarded for to-day's sale, about 2000 of which could only be classed at medium, remainder ranging from useful to good and prime quality. There was a very large attendance of both the trade and graziers, consequently throughout the sales the demand was keen, prices for all descriptions ruling fully equal to last week, improving towards the close. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 12s 6d to 12s 11d; good, 10s to 11s; medium, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; extra to 12s; good, 9s to 10s; prime merino wethers, 11s to 12s 6d; good, 9s 6d to 10s; merino ewes, to 8s 1d. Lambs—2797 to hand, a small proportion consisting of good and prime quality, remainder middling and useful descriptions. Best qualities were in brisk demand at late rates; others slightly easier. Prime, 10s 6d to 11s; extra to 14s; good, 9s to 9s 6d; medium, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; shorn, to 8s 6d.

The following district sales are reported:—By Messrs Macleod and Booth.—144 lambs for Mr A. Gillespie, Stockyard Hill, 8s 6d to 9s 2d, averaging 8s 10d. By Messrs Hepburn, Dowling, and Crawford.—20 crossbred wethers for Mr L. Stephenson, Snake Valley, to 8s 9d; 5 crossbred ewes with lambs at foot for same owner, 8s 3d; 43 lambs for Mr J. Fraser, Lake Goldsmith, 10s 5d to 11s 4d, averaging 10s 11d.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Thursday.

Wheat, 2s 8d; oats, to 1s 9d; bran, 8d; pollard, 9d. Barley—English, 4s to 4s 6d; Cape, 2s. Potatoes—Old, 10s to 15s; old, L2 15s to L3. Hay—Sheaves, L1 7s 6d to L1 12s 6d; manger, L1 17s 6d to L2; straw, L1. Flour—Roller, L7 to L7 5s. Butter—Factory, 9d to 10d; dairy, prime, 6d to 7d; medium, 5½d to 6d. Eggs, 7½d to 8d per dozen. Cheese, 3d to 5d per lb.

MELBOURNE MARKETS.

Thursday.

Wheat.—Prime new, 2s 7½d. Flour—Roller, L7. Barley—Prime, 3s 8d to 3s 9d; medium, to 3s 6d; Cape, prime to 2s. Oats.—Prime stout whites, 1s 10d to 2s; Algerian milling, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; seed, 1s 7d; feed, 1s 9d to 2s 6d. Bran, 8d. Pollard, 8d. Maize.—Flat, 3s. Potatoes, L1. New (in cases), L3 5s. Onions—Prime, L3 10s; inferior, L2. Chaff.—Good oaten, L2 2s 6d; prime, L2 5s; prime wheaten, L2 7s 6d. Hay—Manger, L2 15s to L3 5s; chaffing, to L2 2s 6d.

Younghusband & Co. Proprietary Limited held their weekly wool sale on 6th inst., when they offered a catalogue of 1510 bales to the usual attendance of the trade. Bidding was not devoid of animation, and the irregularity that has existed in the market during the past few days was not so apparent; prices on the whole, may be quoted fully as those existing at the sale last week. The usual disappointment was in evidence with respect to crossbred wools of mixed qualities, which are very hard to value either by broker or buyer, and almost the whole of the withdrawals consisted of this class of wool. In scoured wools the principal brand was G (in diamond)/Searle, the 1st line of which sold at 22½d., and 2nd combing at 19d.

GEELONG MARKETS.

George Hague & Co. report (1st inst.):—Wool.—We held our seventh wool sale of the season to-day, when we offered a catalogue of 839 bales. There was the usual attendance of buyers present, and competition was exceedingly lively, prices ruling very firm. Our top price was 16½d for 5 bales super coming comeback marked Chocolyn over RH; 22 bales super combing ½-bred bringing 15½d, and 10 bales 1st combing comeback 15d. Among our leading lines we might mention:—JB over Raglan (Beaufort); comeback at 14d, merino at 12½d, and x bred at 12½d: CB over Raglan (Beaufort); merino and comeback at 13½d, and lambs at 11½d. TJ over MC (Beaufort), merino at 13½d. JMN over W (Beaufort), comeback at 12½d. HG over cross (Beaufort), ½ bred at 12d.

Sheepskins.—A large supply cleared to-day, and eager competition; prices being very firm. We sold all as follows:—Butchers' fresh pelts, good, to 84d; superior, to 120d; extra, to 130d each and over; country and station skins, medium to good, 7½d to 9d; superior, 9½d to 11½d; butchers' pelts, to 33d each; country pelts, to 5½d per pound.

Hides—A good supply to hand, which sold as follows:—Picked heavies to 4½d per pound, extra ditto to 5½d. Good conditioned salted, 3½d to 4½d per pound; other sorts, 2½d to 3½d per pound. Kip, to 4d per pound. Calf, to 5½d per pound.

Tallow.—We have cleared our usual weekly supply of oddments and country mixed parcels at current rates.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF SAVINGS BANKS
Are now granting
LOANS to FARMERS
Up to Two-thirds of Valuation
ON
FREEHOLD and LEASEHOLD
Lands in Victoria,
In Sums from £50 to £2,000,
AT 4½ PER CENT. INTEREST.
And from 1½ per cent. off Principal,
Which will pay off the Loan
IN 31½ YEARS.
ALL OR PART OF LOAN
May be paid off any Half-year.
No CHARGE for Mortgage Deed.
Apply for Forms at Post-office of Savings Bank, or by writing to Inspector-General.
GEO. E. EMERY,
Inspector-General.
29 Market-street, Melbourne.

RICHARDS & CO.,
The Leading and Fashionable
BALLARAT PHOTOGRAPHERS.
Do not fail to see our new exhibition of Art Studies. Subject Pictures—
"THE SALE OF A FAN," "SPRING," "THE EVENING HYMN," and the Latest London and Parisian Style.
The Grand Panel printed in Sepia Carbon: Bridal Bouquets, the most fashionable kept at Studio.
A beautiful life size Enlargement in Polished Oak frame, 40s.
RICHARDS & CO.,
(Opposite Courier Office),
STURT-ST., BALLARAT.

Post Office Store, Waterloo.
T. D. MARTIN
Having laid in a large stock of
DRAPERY, GROCERIES,
BOOTS AND SHOES, ETC.,
And all requirements of a General Store, respectfully solicits a share of public patronage.
N.B.—Best quality of goods at lowest current prices for cash.

Important Announcement.
Mr J. W. Harris, junr.,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST
AND
REGISTERED DENTAL SURGEON,
Begs to inform the residents of Beaufort and surrounding district that he has COMMENCED BUSINESS on the premises lately occupied by Mr J. B. Cochran, HAVELOCK-ST., BEAUFORT (NEXT TO THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE).
MR HARRIS desires to impress upon the public that only the HIGHEST CLASS OF DRUGS and CHEMICALS will be STOCKED, and SOLD at MELBOURNE and BALLARAT PRICES.
Prescriptions carefully, conscientiously, and faithfully dispensed under personal supervision.
Mr Harris having had considerable experience in country and leading Melbourne houses, customers can rely on having their requirements faithfully and promptly attended to; and he trusts, by strict attention to business, to merit the confidence and patronage of the public.

MR J. W. HARRIS, Junr., R.D.S.,
Surgical and Mechanical Dentist
HAVELOCK-STREET, BEAUFORT,
May be consulted DAILY from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Teeth fitted accurately in vulcanite or gold at lowest prices.
PAINLESS DENTISTRY.—Teeth extracted painlessly with cocaine ether, chloride of ethyl, laughing gas, &c.
NOTE THE ADDRESS—
HAVELOCK STREET
(Next Mechanics' Institute),
BEAUFORT.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.
SUNDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1899.

Church of England.—St. John's, 11 a.m.; Subject, "The refuge of a sin-stricken soul." Waterloo, 3 p.m., children's service. St. John's, 7.30 p.m. Subject, "A study of the ultimate and universal effect of the advent of Jesus Christ, and the outpouring of His Holy Spirit."

Primitive Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 a.m., Chute, 3 p.m.; Raglan, 7 p.m., Rev. H. Robinson; Beaufort, 3 p.m., Mr Bloomfield; Raglan, 3 p.m., Mr Cunnington.

Bereavement Card.

MR. and MRS. MALCOLM NICHOLSON wish to convey to their many kind friends of the district their heartfelt THANKS for the numerous floral tributes and letters of condolence received in their very sad bereavement.

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Published every Saturday Morning.
SATURDAY, DECR. 9, 1899.

"Tomahawk" is taking a holiday this week, and consequently there are no "Chips."

Mr McErvale, a resident of Weatherboard, whilst driving from Trawalla to Waterloo with a load of potatoes on Wednesday, met with an accident. It appears that the horse shied at a hole in the bridge near Baldwin's, and going over an embankment, became entangled in a wire fence. McErvale, in jumping from the dray, received a nasty gash on the arm through coming in contact with a hook on the harness.

The weather has been very changeable this week. On Sunday 24 points of rain fell here, on Monday morning there was a very severe frost, and at 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon the thermometer registered 92 in the shade. Yesterday there was a cool change, the thermometer not going over 80.

Through the bursting of an ulcer, internally, Miss Ison, sister of Mrs W. H. Elliott, wife of the Mayor of Ararat, and formerly a resident of Beaufort, on Tuesday became the victim of a serious illness. The young lady, who is on a visit to her friends at Ararat, lost a great quantity of blood, and at a late hour last night was in a very weak and critical condition. Dr Smeal was in frequent attendance during the day.—"Chronicle," Wednesday.

A meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday evening; Mr H. M. Stuart (President) in the chair, and 9 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From F. Herbert, Stawell, stating that as he could not promise to act as judge of club-swinging, it would be better to appoint someone else, and recommending Mr Mills. Received. From J. Moizer, forwarding programme of concert for Boxing Night. Received. The President mentioned that the concert promised to be the best ever held here, three-fourths of the performers being successful competitors at South Street, Ballarat. No action was taken with regard to a judge of club-swinging, it being considered that if any teams came arrangements could be made on the ground. The following sports officials were appointed:—Judges, Messrs Stuart, Hughes, Parker, W. Stevenson, Wotherspoon and Dr. Eadie; referee, Mr Sinclair; starters, Messrs T. Buchanan and R. Kirkpatrick; timekeeper, Mr J. McKeich; timekeeper of heats, Mr C. Jones; lap scorer, Mr Cougle; gatekeepers, Messrs Stevens and Pedder, at a remuneration of £1 each. It was reported that 83 entries had been received, and that over 120 were expected. [About 150 have now been received.] Mr Sinclair having declined to act as handicapper owing to his being a bicycle agent, the President and Treasurer were appointed. The Treasurer was appointed to take the money at the concert, and the President to take charge of the front door. The action of the President in arranging with Mr Stevens to do the necessary work on the ground for £4 was endorsed. Mr VanderStoel suggested that the other clubs in the town using the Park be asked for assistance, the Cycle Club in particular deriving advantage. The matter was discussed, but no action taken, as the other clubs were looked upon as being too poor to help. It was, however, considered the duty of members of the Cycle Club to support an institution that had done so much to advance the interests of cycling. £1 was voted as petty cash to the President to entertain the Band, who intend to play some carols in the streets of Beaufort on Xmas. Night. The President, Treasurer, Secretary and Mr Sinclair were appointed to draw up the official sports programme. It was left in the hands of the President and Secretary to dispose of the luncheon booth, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

A serious assault case occurred at Beaufort on Tuesday night. It appears that a remittance man named Jervis, who is said to have had some money awaiting him at Adelaide, purchased a ticket, intending to go by the express. But on the railway platform he encountered Mr D. Maher, a local publican, to whom he owed 10s. When Maher demanded payment Jervis handed over the amount, but it is alleged that he drew off and struck Maher a violent blow in the face, knocking him off the platform on to the rails. When Maher was picked up he was found to have fractured his hip, and was removed to his home, while Jervis was arrested by Mounted-constable Saker. Jervis was brought before Mr R. A. D. Sinclair, J.P., the following day and remanded till Monday. Jervis, who had been shearing at Ercildoune, is said to be in receipt of £10 per month.

Mr Patrick Carland, a miner, of Waterloo, met with a serious accident on Sunday night. He was returning with two friends from Lexton, and getting off the road, ran into an embankment, with the result that the trap was overturned and Carland badly injured. His left collar bone was broken, and when first called in, Dr. Eadie was afraid that Carland had fractured the base of his skull. However, he is progressing satisfactorily towards recovery.

A meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening; Mr VanderStoel in the chair, and a bare quorum present. It was decided to invite tenders, returnable on Thursday next, before 8 p.m., for the work required at the racecourse, viz., carting and erecting hurdles, harrowing course, replacing and fixing posts and flags, covering in jockey's booth, repairs to W.C., &c.

The right to the booths at the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day sports and at the Beaufort Jockey Club's New Year's Day races were submitted to public auction on Saturday evening by Mr W. Edward Nickols, with the following result:—Athletic Club.—Publican's booth, Mr T. VanderStoel, £10 10s; fruit stall, Mr H. Trompf, 27s; luncheon booth, no offer. Jockey Club.—Publican's booth, Mr C. W. Vowles, £9; fruit stall and luncheon booth, Mr J. B. Humphreys, 22s 6d.

Splendid entries have been received for the principal events at the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day sports. The total is 150, or 18 more than last year, and is made up as follows:—One-mile Bicycle Race, 32; Two-mile do., 28; Three-mile do., 24; Half-mile do., 26; One-mile District do., 15; Beaufort Cup, 16; Quarter-mile Handicap, 9.

It is reported that Senior-constable Downey, who was transferred from Beaufort to Russell-street, Melbourne, has been permanently reinstated at Beaufort, in consequence of a petition, signed by over 100 persons, having been forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Police on Saturday, praying that he should be retained here, and pointing out the many good qualities as a citizen possessed by him.

Mr W. E. Nickols conducts a clearing sale of land, household furniture, cattle, &c., at Mrs Audas's, on the Stockyard Hill road, Beaufort, this afternoon.

The programme for the Carngham Widows' and Orphans' Fund demonstration on New Year's Day appears in our advertising columns. Entries for all events except cycling will be received within half-an-hour of competition. For the cycling events the entries close with the secretary, Snake Valley, and Endean and Wilson's, Ballarat, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 21st inst. Handicaps will appear in the Ballarat papers on 29th inst.

The half-yearly meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade was held on Thursday evening; Captain Johnston in the chair and 14 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From Country Fire Brigades' Board, stating that the Act gives no power for payment for attendance at fires outside the town boundary; also asking for accounts by 18th inst.; also re change of uniform, the Board does not now feel inclined to spend the enormous amount required; also accepting resignation of certain members of the Brigade. Received. From Secretary Accident Fund, forwarding statement of accounts. Received. It was decided that as the Brigade receives no remuneration from the Board for attending fires outside a radius of a mile from the town, an advertisement be inserted in the local paper, stating that the Brigade are willing to go out on the understanding that they are paid for their services. The following accounts were passed for payment:—J. McKeich, 19s; J. B. Cochran, 4s 4d. The secretary read the quarterly balance-sheet, showing a credit balance of £12 10s, the members' allowance being £10 4s. Received. The secretary asked members to appoint auditors, as it would be more satisfactory to him. Messrs Stuart and H. Parker were then appointed auditors. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Captain, Brigadier Sinclair; lieutenant, Brigadier L. Lilley (re-elected); foreman, Brigadier L. Jaensch; secretary, Brigadier Hill (re-elected); treasurer, Captain Sinclair. It was decided to run 7 teams of 2 men for 2 gold medals in January, date to be fixed at next meeting. The teams were then drawn. The matter as to how the firemen were to be dressed in the race at the Boxing Day sports was left to the President of the Athletic Club. The newly-elected Captain invited the brigadiers to partake of a glass of wine at the Shire Hall. The glasses having been charged, Captain Sinclair proposed the health of ex-Captain Johnston, remarking that for over 2 years as captain he had certainly done his duty well. The toast was drunk with musical honors. Mr Johnston returned thanks, and proposed the health of Captain Sinclair, wishing him long life and prosperity. The toast having been enthusiastically drunk with musical honors, Brigadier Baker sang "Madge." Captain Sinclair returned thanks, and also thanked those who had voted for ex-Captain Johnston, whom they had a perfect right to support if they thought him the best captain. He would do his best to promote the interest of the Brigade, and hoped that at the end of his term of office they would sing "For he's a jolly good fellow" as heartily as they had to-night. The Brigade would be as good as any other if they only went in for practice, and he wanted them to go in for practice, so that they would be able to win laurels from other clubs. If they did what he told them they would have a prosperous year. The toasts of the Beaufort Fire Brigade and officers (proposed by Mr Stuart and responded to by Secretary Hill), and the Australian contingent, coupled with the names of Brigadier Buchanan and Lance-corporal Kilbeg) proposed by Captain Sinclair), were also drunk, and the proceedings terminated by singing "Rule Britannia" and the National Anthem.

The annual teachers' meeting of the Beaufort Primitive Methodist Sunday School was held on Wednesday evening; Rev. H. Robinson in the chair. After the minutes had been confirmed, the election of officers took place, resulting as follows:—Superintendent, Mr G. Ellingsen (re-elected); vice-superintendent, Mr Martin; secretary and treasurer, Mr G. Pringle. At the conclusion of the usual business the annual effort on behalf of the School funds was discussed, and it was decided to hold another musical, elocutionary and literary competition and exhibition towards the end of March, 1900, hoping thus to avoid the wet weather experienced in connection with the last. This effort promises to be even a bigger success than the former one, as several new and novel ideas will be introduced, especially in the schools' competition and exhibition, which it is thought will eclipse anything yet attempted in the district. A committee meeting is to be held on Wednesday evening, when the posters and programmes are to be drawn out, and it is expected that these will be published before the Xmas. holidays. Messrs G. E. Crowle and G. Ellingsen were appointed joint secretaries, and Rev. H. Robinson and Mr G. Pringle assistant secretaries.

The opening of the new range in Ding-Dong was celebrated on Wednesday by a teams' match between members of the Beaufort Rifle Club. Teams of 13 were chosen by Messrs McKeich and Hill, and notwithstanding that target practice had not been indulged in lately, some good shooting was done, especially by Mr McKeich, who scored the possible (seven bullseyes) at 400 yds. He also made 30 at 500 yds., being top scorer at both ranges. Messrs Hill and Hogg were next on the list with 57 each; while Mr W. Johnston was tailed with 56. The scores were—McKeich's team, 537; Hill's team, 509; the first-named thus wining by 28 points. Refreshments were provided, and a pleasant time was spent. Altogether the Club is starting again under bright prospects.

It Never Fails.

Mr John Bevins, editor of the Press, Anthon, Iowa, says:—"I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for fifteen years, have recommended it to hundreds of others, and have never known it to fail in a single instance." For sale by J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., Beaufort.

Riponshire Council.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 1899.

Present—Crs. Sinclair (President), Cushing, Flynn, Douglas, Beggs, and Lewis.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Secretary Beaufort Fire Brigade, forwarding for information of Council letter from Country Fire Brigade's Board, instructing him to buy a street lamp and have it erected at a cost of £3 17s 6d.—Offer accepted and Council to erect lamp, on motion of Crs Flynn and Douglas.

From Hampdenshire, intimating that L35 was placed on their estimates as half-cost of constructing a ford over the Emu Creek in Skipton, conditionally on Riponshire contributing a like amount.—To lie on the table for a month for a fuller attendance of East Riding members, on motion of Crs Douglas and Flynn.

From Arnall and Jackson, soliciting order for "Victorian Municipal Directory."—The usual order to be given, on motion of Crs Lewis and Douglas.

From Shire of Borung, soliciting support towards raising a fund to be offered as a reward for an effective scheme for the wholesale destruction of sparrows.—To lie on the table for a month, and in the meantime the Council to accord sympathy with the movement and find out whether they have power to vote away money towards the object, on motion of Crs Flynn and Cushing.

From Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, soliciting donation.—To be considered with charitable vote.

From W. Schlicht and Son, Beaufort, stating that as the water pipes on their premises had been cleaned out and the pressure was no stronger, they would be thankful to the Council if they would get the main pipes cleaned out as soon as possible.—Referred to Water Commission.

Dr Eadie reported a case of scarlet fever at Waterloo, and Dr. Lethbridge reported two similar cases at Beaufort.—Received.

From Mrs J. Louttit, Beaufort, asking to have water laid on to her house in Leichardt-street.—Referred to Water Commission.

From W. French, Beaufort, asking for the cleaning of the main pipes from McCracken's to Schlicht & Son's, and stating that if the Council did not wish to give it to him by day work, it would only be fair to him as a ratepayer to call tenders for the work.—Referred to Water Commission.

From Shire of Ballarat, stating that that council is agreeable to the construction of 30 chains gravelled boundary road, Ballarat to do the work.—To be asked the probable cost of the work, on motion of Crs. Douglas and Lewis.

From P. J. O'Sullivan, applying on behalf of committee of Carngham Widows' and Orphans' Fund, for use of Carngham Recreation Reserve, with right to charge admission, on New Year's Day for a sports gathering.—Granted, on motion of Crs Douglas and Lewis.

The President stated that a letter had been received from Mr S. West, but as councillors considered it libellous and personal they had decided that it should not be read. Cr Lewis moved, and Cr. Cushing seconded, that Mr West's letter be not received. Carried.

D. Cameron, herdsman, reported that after his appointment by the Council to impound sheep off the roads of the North Riding, he visited Nerring and found one of Mr S. West's sons feeding 150 sheep on the road. He cautioned him and told him to take his sheep off the roads, as he had instructions to impound all sheep trespassing on the roads, and many times after this he went out and always found the sheep on the road, but one of Mr West's sons in charge, so could not impound them. Since their last meeting he had been out and found one of West's sons feeding the sheep on the road. Cautioned him again. In reference to Mr William Collins' complaint, of not being able to get to his paddock for West's sheep, he reported that there is a road going to his paddock a long way nearer than the one complained of. If Collins and West could agree between themselves, and West keeps his sheep away from Kerrymuir Road, he though they might use the other roads without doing harm to anyone.—Received.

The President verbally reported that he had attended a conference in Melbourne with reference to the Mildura railway. When he heard the arguments that had been brought forward he saw that the railway would be a very great advantage. It was a very good meeting, and he had supported the motion for the Hopetoun route, feeling that he had previously been speaking wrongly of it, and that it would be an advantage to have a railway to Mildura from the Western district.

The President also reported that Crs. Russell, Flynn, Cushing and he had been appointed to interview Mr H. F. Watkin with reference to his claim for compensation for a fractured knee cap, sustained by falling over a heap of dirt in the street at Beaufort, and that after going through the letter from the council's legal advisers and hearing what Mr Watkin had to say, they came to the conclusion that if he would sign an agreement they would give him £50. It was for the Council to say whether they had done right or not. He considered they could shake hands with themselves at having escaped heavy damages. There was one point that Mr Watkin had not given notice in time, but he had intended to fight it out. It was also for the Council to say whether any fault was attached to the surfaceman for leaving the heap there. He though the Council should endorse the recommendation.

Cr Flynn thought they had made the best possible bargain for the Council. It was fortunate that they met a man who was friendly to the Council. Had it happened otherwise it might have cost the Council a thousand pounds. It was very fortunate that it had been settled so satisfactorily, as Mr Watkin had unfortunately met with an accident which he would carry to his grave.

Cr Cushing reiterated the remarks of the previous speakers. Mr Watkin met them in a very fair and friendly way. They had made a very good bargain, satisfactorily alike to Mr Watkin and to the Council.

The secretary read the agreement from Mr Watkin to accept £50 in full payment for the injuries received, and undertaking not to take any proceedings for the recovery of any further sum.

Cr. Lewis moved that the report be received and adopted, and that the amount be added to the pay-sheet. Seconded by Cr. Beggs, and carried.

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the Finance Committee:—Salaries, L38; Mrs Taylor, L1 10s; Schlicht & Son, 12s; A Murray, Government auditor, L16 6s 6d; J. Humphreys, local auditor, L11 5s; Ballarat Hardware Co., L4; D. Wilkie, L5 14s; Cr. Sinclair (deputation expenses to Melbourne), L3 3s; J. Tompkins, L2 6s 9d; A. Parker, L1 1s; fox rewards, 24 at 2s 6d, L3; J. B. Cochran, L1; J. Daly, 8s 9d; H. F. Watkin, L50; J. Whitfield, L8; W. McFarlane, L5 6s 8d; R. Gibson, L8; E. Hill, L8; W. Stevens, L5 1s 8d; J. Gillespie, L8; M. Meehan, L10 14s; C. Menzie, L2 6s 8d; H. M. Stuart, L1 15s; J. McIntyre, 16s; W. Ingram, L4 16s 4d; J. Wrigley, 10s; Marks & Coyte, 3s 9d; J. Yates, L2 12s 3d; Hawkes Bros., L2 4s 3d; A. Corrigan, 6s; P. Corrigan, L5; J. Wilson, L2; C. Broadbent, L15, contract payment, and L2 deposit; the engineer recommending that L1 should be retained to pay Mr J. Patterson for surface damage.

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

I have the honor to report that I have completed the valuation of the rateable property in the Shire, and made the return. Contractor Broadbent has nearly completed the dam in Watkin's paddock. With respect to the piece of road near the post office at Waterloo that Mr T. D. Martin has requested the Council to make, I estimate that the cost of making the road would be about £60.—Received.

Cr Douglas mentioned that it had been left to the East Riding members to inspect the Mt. Emu Reserve and give Ringin his discharge. But they had not done so, and the reason he could not say. Cr Cameron had not been very well. It was hardly fair to hold Ringin responsible a month after he gave up the reserve, and the Council should now give him his discharge.

Cr Lewis did not agree with that, considering it would be a mistake to do so if the reserve was full of rabbits.

Cr Douglas did not want to show favor to anyone. The councillors should have done their duty, and it was not fair to Ringin to hold him responsible, as now that no one was there the rabbits might have come down from the Mount and more would be seen than usually.

Cr Lewis said it was a matter for the East Riding members, as that riding had to pay for it.

Cr Flynn supported what Cr Douglas had said, remarking that the holding of Ringin responsible would not stand good in any court of justice after the Council had refrained from visiting the reserve for a month. At this time of the year more rabbits would be seen in the reserve.

Cr Lewis said that if the reserve were left for another month it would be in a great state, and that the sooner the East riding members visited it the better, or it would be a disgrace to the Shire.

Cr Douglas did not wish to hide a fault nor cover it over.

Cr Flynn moved that Cr Douglas, and any of the other East riding councillors wishing to go, inspect the reserve and report as to its condition within 14 days. Seconded by Cr Lewis, and carried; Cr Douglas accepting the duty.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING.

The adjourned annual meeting was then held.

Cr Cushing moved, and Cr Beggs seconded, that the statement of receipts and expenditure be received, and that the accounts having been found true and correct be allowed by the Council and signed by the President. Carried.

The auditors, Messrs A. Murray (Govt.), and J. Humphreys (local) reported that they had examined the books and accounts of the Shire for the year ended 30th Sept., 1899, and had pleasure in testifying to their excellent order and correctness.

Cr Flynn moved that the report be received, and that the secretary be congratulated upon the condition of the work. Seconded by Cr Lewis, and carried.

The estimates for the ensuing year having been submitted by the secretary, Cr Cushing moved that they be received and adopted and signed by the President, when a slight alteration as pointed out by the secretary was made. Seconded by Cr Lewis, and carried.

Cr Flynn gave the necessary notice of motion for next meeting re the striking of a shilling rate.

ORDINARY MEETING RESUMED.

As the next monthly meeting falls on New Year's Day, it was altered to the following Monday (8th Jany.) on motion of Crs Lewis and Cushing.

Cr Flynn called the attention of the thistle inspector to complaints being made about thistles not being cut on roads and reserves.

The President brought under the notice of the North riding members the very unsatisfactory state of the Beaufort weighbridge, which was weighing too heavy. Since an expert from Melbourne had attended to it it was less satisfactory than ever. On a load of oats there had been two bags short.

The engineer believed that it was not in the weight but in the tare. To say that the weighbridge was incorrect because it did not correspond with the weights by firms in Melbourne was not right, because it might be the fault of the weigher.

The President said the weighbridge did not correspond with the weights by a number of firms. In sending hay to Ballarat 28 tons was 1 ton short on going over the Blowhard bridge. Numbers of people complained here. Even the weigher said the bridge was not correct.

Cr Flynn pointed out that unless the weigher was very careful it was quite possible to make mistakes. They should not condemn the bridge without getting it thoroughly tested. A horse leaning on the breeching would put half a ton more on the bridge.

(Cr Stewart attended during the time Cr Flynn was speaking.)

The President advised the North riding members to attend to it.

[Subsequently 23 bags of flour, estimated to weigh 200 lbs. each, were weighed, and the bridge gave an extra weight of 10lbs. It has since been adjusted.]

The Council rose at 12.30 p.m.—an unusually short meeting.

Sleep when work is done.

During the late summer (1896) I passed several weeks in a foreign city nearly 700 miles further south than London. We had about ten days intense heat, and for six nights, when it was worst, I do not think I slept as many hours altogether. The resulting nervous collapse was simply awful. My brain reeled, I could neither understand nor do anything rightly. I walked, as the good book says, "in a vain show." What a blessed thing is sleep; how destructive, how killing to lose it.

In healthy sleep the nervous system is inactive—more especially that of the brain and spinal cord. The body lies quiet, the muscles relax, the pulse slower than when we are awake, and the breathing less frequent but deeper. Then nature—wise keeper of the House of Life—proceeds to renew the energies expended through the day. To miss this renewal, even in part, is to tread the edge of insanity and look into the mouth of death.

"Methought I heard a voice cry, 'Sleep no more; Macbeth doth murder sleep!'" So said Macbeth himself; but there is a power which murders more sleep than ever did Duncan's assassin; and to *that* Mrs Beattie alludes when she says of her daughter, "*She got no sleep.*"

"In May, 1891," writes the lady, my daughter Letitia fell into a low, weak condition, and could not get up her strength. She had no appetite, and what little food she took gave her great pain at the chest and side. She *got no sleep at night*, and became very nervous and low-spirited.

As time passed by she grew weaker and more feeble, and we thought she would never get better. A doctor attended her, but none of his medicines seemed to suit her case, and for two years she continued to suffer.

"One day she read in a book about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup and what it had done for others. She got a bottle from Mr Nicholls, chemist, Donegal Place, and after taking it began to improve, being able to eat, and her food agreeing with her. After having used this medicine a short time she was strong and well as ever, and has since been in good health. For a long time I myself suffered from weakness and indigestion, and seeing what good Mother Seigel's Syrup had done, I took it, and was completely restored to sound health. You may use this statement as you like. (Signed) Mrs Mary Beattie, 23, Trinity Square, Belfast, August 14th, 1896."

"In the early part of 1894," writes another, "I began to suffer from indigestion. I had a poor appetite, and all food gave me pain at my chest and a gnawing feeling at the stomach. No matter how light the food I took I had pain and sick headache:

"For over a year I was tormented like this, when Mr John Weir, living in this place, told me how he had been cured by Mother Seigel's Syrup, and recommended me to try it. I did so, and soon all pain left me, and I have since enjoyed good health. I know many persons residing in this district who have been benefited by taking the same medicine. Often in my shop I hear persons say what it has done for them. You are at liberty to publish this letter. (Signed) Alexr. Wilson, general merchant, Castlewellan, Newcastle, Co. Down, Ireland, Aug. 15th, 1896."

Indigestion or dyspepsia destroys the power to sleep by starving, and thus weakening, the nervous system. Indeed the whole body starves, and is thrown into profound disorder. Food may be taken into the stomach; but, as people constantly say, "It does no good." No; but in a sense it does harm. Fermented, soured, undigested, it develops poisons which act upon the system somewhat as a pestilence does upon a community. Flesh is lost, strength gives way to trembling weakness, courage is supplanted by fear, and life is dreary and desolate. That Mother Seigel's Syrup should be able to cure a disease so common and so terrible is reason for gratitude to us all. For the healthy—work and sleep.

The New Ministry.

The following are the portfolios allotted:—

Premier and Chief Secretary—Mr Allan McLean (Gippsland North).

Treasurer—Mr W. Shiels (Normanby).

Attorney-General—Mr W. H. Irvine (Lowan).

Minister of Mines; Railways, and Water Supply—Mr A. R. Outtrim (Maryborough).

Minister of Public Works and Agriculture—Mr G. Graham (Numurkah and Nathalia).

Postmaster-General—Mr W. A. Watt (Melbourne North).

Minister of Education and Customs—Mr J. W. McCay (Castlemaine).

Minister of Lands and Forests—Mr J. H. McColl (Gunbower).

Honorary Ministers—Messrs Theodore Fink (Jolimont and West Richmond) and C. Carty-Salmon (Talbot and Avoca).

Solicitor-General—Hon. J. M. Davies, M.L.C.

Minister of Defence—Hon. D. Melville, M.L.C.

Honorary Minister—Hon J. Balfour, M.L.C.

It Cured Her Cough.

I was seriously afflicted with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who knowing me to be a poor widow, gave it to me, I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much and the second bottle has absolutely cured me. I have not had as good health for twenty years. I give this certificate without solicitation, simply in appreciation of gratitude felt for the cure effected. Respectfully, MRS. MARY A. BEARD, Claremore, Ark. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

ARTISTS OF THE ROUNDUP.

At Time Texas Cowboys Vastly Different From Those of the Present Day.

The old time cowboy is no more. He passed in his checks with the free grass custom. The big pasture has introduced a new order of cowboy, who sleeps in a house and "obeys orders" or quits. The old cowboy was the companion of his boss and shared his pleasures and his hardships.

No manager in this big headquarter rockhouse reminded him of his inferior rank in society, nor did any of the modern ranch accessories mar the common dangers, the pleasures and the freedom and equality of the whilom cowboy and cowman. But the ranch in the olden time was a cottonwood loghouse to cook in, and for roof and protection from the weather the slicker was used, and mother earth supplied their beds.

The broad range and the overhanging sky answered for house and home. A roundup in 1807-80 was not bounded by wire fences, but the boys galloped out of camp after breakfast, made a wide sweep, and all then drove toward a common center, and lot directly at that point was gathered a herd of stock cattle of all brands, ready for the cut to begin.

The high toned man was tabooed. I remember such a man appeared at the ranch of J. Ti, in Shackleford county, in 1869. He was a city fellow, and would say "Thank you" and such like. His intense politeness and high toned nonsense agg avated the boys mightily. Jim B., in particular—poor fellow—was especially fretted by his nonsense, as he called it, and tried to ridicule it out of him, but in vain. At last his resentment ripened into genuine hatred and it was hard to keep the peace between them, for the city fellow had grit too.

Well, one morning in 1869, at Mountain pass, in Taylor county, long before any one lived in that section, Jim got awfully mad and gave the city fellow a cussing, whereupon a row resulted and bloodshed was barely prevented there and then. We got the city fellow to ride off, and it looked like peace had returned, but one hour later Jim B. and his amiable enemy met off at one side of the roundup. I happened to be near. In a flash the city chap ran before Jim, dismounted, leveled his gun on him and demanded an apology or death.

Jim jerked out two six shooters, but said nothing, and instantly the city fellow fired. Poor Jim rolled off his horse a dead man. I got to them just as Jim fell. He died instantly, shot through the heart. His slayer mounted his horse and "lit out." We buried Jim and went on with our herd, two men short, but with no discordant element among us.

Such was the old way. The boys were courteous and kind, they were generous and brave, industrious and honest, but they would not stand any high toned nonsense. A new era has set in. Which is the better we cannot say, but one thing is sure—with all his faults, and they were many, the old time cowboy was a man to be trusted in peace or war and was the very soul of honor.—Dallas News.

An Armenian Legend.

Ararat, one of the most majestic mountains in the world, rises 17,000 feet above the vast flat plain which bears its name and reigns over the surrounding mountains. Early in the morning, while all the valleys of Ararat and the neighboring mountains are buried in shadow, the white top of the Scriptural mountain gleams beautiful in the first beams of the sun.

The Armenian people tell this story about the inhabitants of Pharbee:

Once the devil and a Pharbee man laid a wager as to which should first see the sun. The one who saw it first was to box the other's ears. "Very well," said the Armenian, and he lay down and slept sweetly, while the devil, itching to punish his enemy, stood looking eastward, and with eager eyes watched the whole night for the sunrise. Early in the morning, the Pharbee man rose, and pointing to the top of Ararat, which was already shining in the sun, cried joyfully, "I see it!" The devil was vanquished. The Pharbee man, with his strong hand, boxed the devil's ears. Ever since that time, the devil has been afraid of the people of the Armenian village of Pharbee.—Woman's Journal.

Congress Water.

How many people know that out by the Greenough statue of Washington, east of the capitol, is a vast and cavernous reservoir? Not one in a thousand, but there it is, down in the bowels of the earth, and covered deep beneath the smooth surface of asphaltum. Away back in the thirties congress purchased a spring over east of the present site of Howard university. It is now at the bottom of the unused distributing reservoir. From it pipes were laid to the capitol, and in a pond east of the building the water flowed and was held for the use of the early Solons of the hill. In 1876 the reservoir was arched over and covered in, but there it is, and if congress has been neglectful of the city's interests as to a water supply, the reason is not hard to find. Congress has its own private tap. Pipes run into the capitol, furnishing the boilers, coolers and water for cleaning purposes. There is an overflow pipe that runs into the pretty little grotto below the senate wing at one side of the main sidewalk and tinkles over the mossy bank in a miniature cascade.—Washington Post.

Hose of Olden Time.

In the very long ago hose were not stockings as now worn, but made long, and were often drawn up even to the waist, and, oddly enough, had pockets in their sides. We read, moreover, that in the time of the Tudors and Stuarts they were of great variety, both of material and color, and for such as could command the luxury were richly trimmed and costly; they were often called "nether stocks."—Harper's Bazar.

The Boers, under Cronje, are strongly entrenching themselves at Spytfontein, 14 miles south of Kimberley, in order to resist Lord Methuen's advance, which is only delayed by the necessity of reconstructing the Modder Bridge. Lord Methuen is now convalescent.

Better news from Ladysmith. The troops in good spirits. They are enjoying themselves. The Boers are reported to be in great strength at Aliwal North.

Beaufort Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held in the Shire Hall on Saturday afternoon. Present—Messrs J. Eastwood (President), G. Lewis, K. Simpson, Parker, J. B. Cochran, Sinclair, and W. Kelly.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President (Mr J. Eastwood) and Secretary (Mr J. Humphreys) reported as follow:—"We beg to present you with a report on the present position of the Society and its operations during the past year. There was received in subscriptions and donations the sum of £98 16s 6d, being an increase of £26 1s 6d on the amount received the previous year, and prize money was awarded to the amount of £101 3s 6d, being £9 15s 2d in excess of the amount awarded last year. There was also an improvement in the amount received for entries and gate money. The balance-sheets shows a credit balance of 9s 3d, the liabilities at the close of last year amounting to £18 6s having been paid off. The show throughout showed an improvement in the number of entries and the quality of exhibits. A statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the fair and sports gathering will be presented to you, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on the day of the gathering, the result is considered highly satisfactory. In view of the forthcoming show, it is desirable that a committee be apointed, to inspect and carry out any improvements to the yards and buildings they may consider necessary.—Received and adopted.

The secretary submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ending October, the former amounting to £166 15s 4d, and the latter to £166 6s 1d, leaving a Cr. balance of 9s 3d. The assets were estimated at £18, and the liabilities at £4 5s 11d, leaving a Cr. balance of £13 14s 1d.

The auditors, Messrs Hughes and Sinclair, reported that they had examined the accounts and found them correct in every particular. The books were kept in a very neat and satisfactory manner.

The balance-sheet and auditors' report were received and adopted.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—Secretary's salary, £3 15s; petty cash, 10s 11d. As there was only 9s 3d in hand it was decided to borrow this money from the improvement fund, and to pay it back when funds are available.

A vote of thanks was passed to the auditors for their services.

The President supported what the auditors said. The secretary's books were a model of neatness and exactness. No one could find a fault if they wished to.

A balance-sheet in connection with the fair and sports showed receipts £98 1s and expenditure £61 14s 6d. There were also £3 15s 8d in assets, leaving a credit balance of £65 10s 2d.

As the secretary's remuneration was to be not more than £5 5s nor less than £3 3s, it was decided to vote him £5 5s in consideration of his salary being reduced, on the motion of Messrs Lewis and Cochran.

The President drew attention to a large field gate (which was valued at £3 3s) as an asset yet to be disposed of.

Mr Sinclair moved, and Mr Kelly seconded, that the President and Messrs McKeich and Cochran be appointed as a committee to carry out improvements to the show ground; the matter to be left entirely in their hands. Carried.

Mr Lewis, in moving that Mr Eastwood be re-elected President, said that as he had done so well for the Society he should keep on. Seconded by Mr Sinclair, who thought as a compliment to Mr Eastwood for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business, he should be re-elected to show the appreciation of the members. No president had ever worked harder to make the Society a success, and if they searched the district they could not get a better man.

Mr Cochran, while endorsing all that has been said, thought the honors should go round. He was going to propose Mr Sinclair, but as he declined the honor, Mr Cochran then supported the motion.

Mr Eastwood then thanked them for the hearty proposition. He came with the express intention of proposing someone else, as it was a position that should go round. It took up a lot of time when one put his heart and soul into it, and he hadn't the time to devote to it. He proposed Mr Lewis, who declined the honor.

Mr Sinclair disagreed with Mr Eastwood as to the position going round, believing that when they got a good man they should stick to him.

Mr Eastwood consented to accept the position, as it was the wish of members. He would not guarantee to carry out another fair this year, but he would certainly do his best for the Society.

The following officers were also re-elected:—Vice presidents, Messrs Cushing and Gordon; treasurer, Mr Wotherspoon; auditors, Messrs Sinclair and Hughes.

The President said there were several matters which he thought better to bring up at the meeting before the show. He believed that the date of the show was against the Society, and that if it were held in Novr., when the stock were in condition, the show would be better. He gave notice of motion for the next special general meeting to amend rule 31 by altering the date of the show from March to November.

A suggestion by Mr Lewis that a subcommittee be appointed to draft a prize list for the approval of a general meeting was considered a good idea; also another by Mr Cochran that the selling of tickets at pigeon-holes instead of paying the gatekeeper would save a lot of confusion.

At the invitation of Cr Sinclair, the President's health was drunk; the Shire President proposing it, and Mr Eastwood suitably responding.

One Application Relieves the Pain.

Mr P. Ketcham, of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., Beaufort.

WOOL RATES.

The Railway Commissioner has fixed the following charges for the conveyance of wool per ton:—

	To Melbourne.		To Geelong.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Beaufort ...	25	6	22	6
Buangor, ...	27	0	24	0
Dobies ...	30	0	27	0
Middle Creek ...	27	0	24	0

Why Some People Are Poor.

Bad management keeps more people in poor circumstances than any other one cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan ahead, so that when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take advantage of it. A little forethought will also save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in the house, the shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it and then ruin his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor's bill to pay besides; one pays out 25 cents, the other is out a hundred dollars, and then wonders why his neighbour is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., Beaufort.

Mining News.

The two claims at Long Gully have amalgamated, and as the Long Gully United, a co-operative party of twenty shareholders, have decided to accept Mr T. Lewis's offer to provide a steam winch at £1 per week, with 6 per cent. interest, the rental to go towards the purchase money. No time is to be lost in having the winch erected.

Rapid strides are being made at the All Nations Company with the erection of machinery.

The Sons of Freedom have put in their opening set, but, as they are driving to the washdirt, do not expect to wash off before Christmas.

The following are the reported local yields for the week ending Saturday last:—Hancock and party, 23oz. 15dwt.; VanderStoel and party, 12oz. 17dwt.; sundries, 10oz.

Hancock and party obtained 19oz. 1dwt. this week.

The Waterloo yields are—Last Chance, 20oz. 17dwt.; Golden Horseshoe, 10oz.; Martin (purchased), 9oz. 18dwt. 9grs.; Try Again (fortnight), 10oz. 14dwt.

Skipton.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A very painful accident happened to Miss A. Wilkie, second daughter of Mr Andrew Wilkie, of Skipton Park. It seems the girl was in the act of putting up a slip-panel, when one of her father's horses rushed at the panel to get out, and the rail struck her on the forehead, causing a terrible wound, which took 12 stitches to close up. The child had a miraculous escape from a very sudden death.

The Rev. Finlay McQueen's second son Allan met with a painful accident during the present week. He tried to jump the picket fence that encloses the Sabbath school, when his foot slipped, and he landed on his right side on the top of the pickets, breaking two of his ribs. The patient is now under Dr. Donaldson's care.

Mounted-constable Ivey, of Skipton, arrested a man named Maurice Foley for the alleged larceny of a swag, valued at £2, belonging to a cook named John Leek. The Constable recovered most of the property, which was sold to different persons. The accused was remanded to appear here on the 18th inst.

A sure sign of the steady prosperity of the colony is the announcement that both the Bank of Victoria Limited and the National Bank of Australasia Limited will on 13th March next pay the balance of the amount of the deferred deposit receipts which they issued in 1893. In neither case is the balance a large one, while there is the set-off that to a considerable extent it has already been advanced against. The final release will hardly, therefore, be an onerous operation. It will, moreover, be affected at a time when the financing of a large value for the wool clip will be completed. These two institutions, which worthily represent Australian banking, are now practically freed from the obligations to creditors imposed by the crisis of 1893. Without being too retrospective, it may be remarked that while that crisis was inevitable, although it might have been mitigated, yet neither the Bank of Victoria nor the National Bank of Australasia, being solvent beyond any manner of doubt, ought to have been allowed to temporarily close its doors.

Mr Hugh Gordon, of the celebrated Lee Farm, Ballyrogan, has received word that he has been awarded the highest diploma, eduivalent to a gold medal, for his exhibit of wheat and oats at the Greater Britain Exhibition. He showed grain in bulk and ear, and the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Taverner, on his recent visit to England, specially commended the exhibit. Mr Gordon is now sending 22 exhibits of wheat, oats, and hay to the Paris Exhibition.

V. R.

AURIFEROUS AREA AVAILABLE.

THE following area is now available for application. All applications for same lodged with me before or on the 15th December, 1899, will be deemed to have been simultaneously made:—

County of Ripon, parish of Raglan, 20 acres, being the forfeited 49th section holding, Land Act 1869, of Richard Pitcher.

CHAS. J. JOY,
Land Officer at Ballarat.
District Lands and Survey Office,
Ballarat, 7th Decr., 1899.

CROWN LANDS.

THE undermentioned application has been lodged, and will be dealt with by a Local Land Board, at this office, on Thursday, 21st December, 1899, at 11 o'clock a.m.:—

SECTION 65, THE LAND ACTS, 1890-8.

Parish of Beaufort.—William John Green, 20 acres, about 2 miles east of Beaufort on the Ballarat road, adjoining and west of T. Galligan's selection.

CHAS. J. JOY,
Land Officer at Ballarat.
District Lands and Survey Office,
Ballarat, 7th Decr., 1899.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS.

Holiday excursion tickets will be issued to and from all stations (suburban excepted) from 16th December till 3rd January (both days inclusive, Sundays excepted), available for return for one calendar month from date of issue. The journey must be commenced on the date the ticket is issued, but after a distance of 15 miles has been travelled the journey may be broken at the discretion of the passenger.

(By order), R. G. KENT, Secretary.

WANTED to Buy, at once, good GEESE, in any quantity. J. E. LOFT, Beaufort.

TENDERS are invited by the Beaufort Jockey Club till 8 p.m. on Thursday, 14th inst., for harrowing course, fixing posts and flags, carting and erecting hurdles, covering jockey's booth, &c. A deposit of £1 must accompany each tender, such deposit to be forfeited if the work is not done to the satisfaction of the committee. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further particulars, apply to A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

TENDERS required for Erection of about 60 chains of Wire Fence at Waterloo Swamp, tenderer to find posts. Specifications to be seen at this office or at Store, Waterloo. Tenders close 9th inst. Deposit, £1. M. FLYNN.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.—Dark Brown Bull, white round muzzle, hind legs white, no visible brands. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold 23rd Decr. W. G. STEVENS, Poundkeeper.

Sons of Freedom Gold Mining Company, No Liability, Raglan.

A CALL (the fourth) of three pence per share has been made on the capital of the above Company, due and payable to the Manager, at the office of the Company, 36 Lydiard Street, Ballarat, on Wednesday, the 13th Decr., 1899.

J. SCOTT SMITH, Manager.

Beaufort Jockey Club.

A MEETING of the Stewards of the above Club will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on THURSDAY night, 14TH inst., at 8 p.m.

A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

PRIZE FOWLS.

A limited number of EGGS FOR SALE at 7s. 6d. dozen from the following pure breeds:—Andalusians, Minorcas, White and Brown Leghorns, Langshans, Silver Wyandottes, and Plymouth Rocks. A few Minorca Cockerels from imported stock for sale.

J. McKEICH.

Indigestion
RESULTING FROM
INFLUENZA
COMPLETELY CURED
The Case of
Mrs. MARY JANE HINTON.
(*From the "Evening News," Sydney.*)

IN response to a special request, our reporter stepped up as far as Mrs. Hinton's, who owns a neat grocer's shop in Darling St., Balmain, Sydney. Mrs. Hinton was behind the counter.

"Can you spare a few minutes to chat about Clements Tonic?" asked the reporter.

"With the greatest of pleasure," replied the lady, and our reporter took out his note book and seated himself.

"You know I had influenza," explained that lady, "and that complaint pulls one down terribly—not so much the illness itself, but what it left behind, gave me the most trouble. In my case it left me with indigestion. The doctor said my liver was deranged, and possibly he was right. On many occasions I was seized with frightful headaches, and continually felt so heavy and sluggish that I was hardly able to stand. At night I missed the regular sleep I had been accustomed to, and so in the mornings was very ill-fitted to commence my day's duties. My food was distasteful to me, and many times I rose from a meal unable to get down a single mouthful. Somehow nearly everything I ate made me feel sick, and an uncomfortable feeling of tightness in the chest would remain for hours after eating. On some occasions when I was particularly bad this tight feeling would increase till the pain was unbearable."

"I expect your bad health was a drawback in your business?"

"You are right there. All the strength was taken out of me, and I felt so low and worried that I could take small interest in anything."

"Did your liver affliction betray itself in other ways?"

"Well, sometimes directly after eating I was attacked with severe cramps in the stomach. It was a strange startling pain, and was very terrible whilst it lasted. As may be expected, I didn't look my usual self, but gradually got yellow and haggard. I tried lots of things—all sorts of medicines, but nothing had any action on my liver, or did me any good in any way, till I obtained a bottle of Clements Tonic, and that remedy soon made a great change in the state of my health. It had a fine bracing effect upon my worn-out system, and took away that heavy sluggishness in a very short time. From that moment I could take exercise, and mended remarkably quick. I could eat my meals with a healthy relish, without any suffering or inconveniences afterward, and, thank goodness, I was able to get my regular sleep again and wake up bright and cheerful in the mornings ready to attend to my business. Clements Tonic soon put me into a splendid state of health. Nor am I the only one in our family who has received benefit from that excellent remedy. When my husband was weak and ill we flew to Clements Tonic to restore him, and it braced him up in quick time. I also gave Clements Tonic to my two growing girls with the best effects, especially the younger, who suffered from nervousness for a long time after having had the measles. Clements Tonic, however, strung up her weakened nerves, as she can tell you herself, (here Mrs. Hinton called her daughter—now a fine strong looking girl—who was good enough to confirm what her mother had said). In fact, continued Mrs. Hinton, Clements Tonic has always come successfully to the rescue in our family, and, in all seriousness, I really don't know what we should have done without it."

"You will permit me, then, to put this in the papers?"

"Yes," replied Mrs. Hinton, smiling.

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, Mary Jane Hinton, of Darling St., Balmain, Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of three folios and consecutively numbered from one to three, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration voluntarily, and without receiving any payment, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Mary Jane Hinton

Declared at Balmain this 21st day of October, 1898, before me, ALFRED HANCOCK, J.P.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES!

To be held on the Racecourse, WATERLOO FLAT, On
NEW YEAR'S DAY
(MONDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1900.)

STEWARDS—Mr. E. H. Austin, M.L.A.; Crs. M. Flynn, T. Beggs, D. Stewart; Messrs. T. D. Martin, W. Hinchliffe, J. McKeich, C. W. and G. Vowles, G. H. Cougle, J. Eastwood, J. W. Harris, junr., D. F. Troy, T. Newey, A. Holdsworth, W. Stevenson, H F. Watkin, C. Jones, and Dr. G. A. Eadie.

JUDGE—Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair.

CLERK OF SCALES—Mr. D. McDonald.

CLERK OF COURSE—Mr. W. Fitzpatrick.

STARTER—Mr. C. Loft.

HANDICAPPERS—Messrs. W. O'Sullivan, J. Lynch, T. VanderStoel, and C. W. Vowles.

TREASURER—Mr. J. R. Wotherspoon.

HON. AUCTIONEER—Mr. W. E. Nickols.

PROGRAMME.

Handicap Hurdle Race, of £6.
Two miles, over hurdles about 3ft. 6in. high. 1st, £5; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 6s.

Maiden Plate, of £4.
Half a mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised race. 1st, £3; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 4s.

Pony Race, of £5.
(Ponies under 14 hands). Half a mile. 1st, £4; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 5s.

Beaufort Handicap, of £12.
One mile. 1st, £10; 2nd, £2. Post entry, 12s.

Selling Flat Race, of £4.
Handicap. Winner to be sold for £8. Five-tenths of any surplus to go to the funds of the club; three-tenths to second horse; and two-tenths to third horse. 1st, £3; 2nd, £1. Distance half a mile. Post entry, 4s.

Handicap Trot,
A sweepstake of 5s, with £2 added. Two miles.

Flying Handicap, of £5.
Three-quarters of a mile. 1st, £4; 2nd £1. Post entry, 5s.

Pony Trot.
(Under 14 hands), a sweepstake of 5s, with £2 added. Distance two miles.

First race to start at 12 o'clock sharp.
V.R.C. rules strictly adhered to.
Jockeys must ride in colors.
ADMISSION TO COURSE, 1s.
Children, half-price.

A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

Carngham Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

THE Thirty-fifth Grand Annual DEMONSTRATION, in aid of the above Fund, will be held in the CARNGHAM RECREATION RESERVE, on NEW YEAR'S DAY, MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1900.

PROGRAMME:

1. Maiden Race, 100yds. First, £1; second, 10s. Entry, 1s.
2. Boys' Race (under 14). First, 10s; second, 5s. Entry, 6d.
3. Handicap Pony Race, four furlongs, 14 hands and under. First, £2; second, 10s. Entry, 2s 6d.
4. Carngham Handicap, 120yds. First, £2; second, 15s. Entry, 3s.
5. District Cycle Race (within a radius of 15 miles). One mile. First, £2; second, £1 (gift of Endean and Wilson, Ballarat). Entry, 2s; no acceptance.
6. Handicap Trot, about 2 miles; weight, 10st. or over. First, £2 10s; second, 10s. Entry, 3s.
7. Open Cycle Race, handicap, one mile. First, £4; second, £1. Entry, 2s 6d; no acceptance.
8. Flying Handicap, about four furlongs. First, £3; second, 10s. Entry, 3s 6d.
9. Handicap Pony Trot (14 hands and under), of £2; second to receive 10s from stake. Weight 8st. 7lb. or over. About two miles. Entry, 2s; performances to be given at time of entry.
10. Open Cycle Race, handicap, 2 miles. First, £5; second, £1. Entry, 3s; no acceptance.
11. Bracelet Stakes, £1. One mile. Amateur riders. Weight not less than 9st. Value, £4. Entry, 4s.
12. Hack Race, about 1 mile. Hacks to be approved of by the stewards. First, £1 10s; second, 10s. Entry, 2s.

First event at 1 o'clock sharp. Entries for all events except cycling will be received up to within half-an-hour of competition. Entries for the cycling events close with the Secretary, Snake Valley, and Endean and Wilson, Ballarat, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 21st December. Competitors to furnish performances and weight of machine. Nominations without fee will not be handicapped. Handicaps will appear in the Ballarat papers on Friday, 29th December. Horse events to be run under the auspices of the Carngham Turf Club (Reg. V.R.C.). A new cycling track has been laid down.

ADMISSION to Ground, 1s; Horses and Vehicles, 1s.

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St. Arnaud, 30th August, 1899.

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(Mrs) J. R. AMOS.

Witness—A. R. Tuber.

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Color—Dark Brown. Height—16 hands.

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An Objection Answered.

As these disorders are of different kinds, the question may reasonably be asked, "How is it possible for one medicine to cure so many varying complaints?" The answer lies in the fact that DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS combine two very important properties. They are a safe and extremely effective tonic, especially to the nerves and the spine, suited not only for men, but also and especially for women suffering from the ailments of their sex; and they have the power of enriching and building up the blood. Consequently, when they cure, they cure in quite a different way to ordinary medicine. Ordinary medicine combats the signs and symptoms of disease, whereas DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS attack the foundations of disease, and eradicate them from the system, not, however, by the weakening process of purging or moving the bowels (as all other so-called blood purifiers do), but by giving direct strength and nourishment to the blood and nerves. Thus it is that they are able to cure so many different disorders.

BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET THE RIGHT PILLS.

They may be known by the fact that they bear the *full name* "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" printed in red ink.

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People sold by Chemists and Storekeepers, by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., of Rocke, Tompsitt & Co., Flinders St., Melbourne. Price, 15s. 3d. for six, 2s. 9d. for one box (Post Free).

SOUTHERN PORK INDUSTRY.

Intelligent Farmers Find Profit in Producing Pork and Its Kindred Products.

There is no section of this broad country today that has finer opportunities for raising hogs more porfitably and satisfactorily than central Georgia, and what is true of this section may be considered true of the whole south, for every section of it has pretty much the same climate conditions, and all have the capacity of growing Bermuda grass, bur clover and sorghum, not to mention a half a dozen or a dozen other available plants that are either native or appropriate to the climate. It is not a matter of mere theory, for it has been demonstrated by hundreds of practical tests that pork and its kindred products can be raised more cheaply in Georgia than they can be in Pennsylvania, Iowa or Kansas—in the first place, for the very simple reason that about as much of it can be raised on the $5 lands of this state as can be grown on the $50 or $100 lands of the other states named.

There was a time when even the most intelligent farmer in this state, says a correspondent of the Augusta Chronicle, thought that it was necessary to feed 10 bushels of corn, if not more, to make a 200 pound hog. Possibly there are a good many yet who hold to this idea, but unquestionably there are some who have learned better, for we are told by quite a number that we can raise pork for less than one-half what they have to pay for western meat—at wholesale—in our markets. It is not difficult for us to believe this. With what our average farmer can readily and cheaply supply in the way of appropriate pasture, it is a mere question of pure water and a half bushel of corn per 100 pounds to make pork raising just as profitable and satisfactory a business as it is found to be anywhere. We might go a little further and say that it is a question of breeds, to some extent, for some breeds do not do near so well as others. Still any hog with a preponderance of black thrives in the south.

Hogs that are brought up chiefly on grass and roots are no more subject to disease than any other stock or human beings. Hogs may have a very fine pasture and plenty of pure water and yet may get disease and die if they are forced to stay in unwholesome places at night.

You should keep hogs as clean and comfortable as you would your milk cows, and you will find that it pays just as well. There is no secret about hog raising in the south that any plain, practicable, sensible farmer cannot seize upon if he once realizes the value of a good Bermuda grass pasture, the availability of bur clover, sorghum, and we might add peas and plenty of pure water.

The Value of Rice.

Rice is the principal food of about 800,000,000 persons, or 54 per cent of the 1,500,000,000 people who inhabit the earth. There is no other vegetable product so widely consumed. A people's diet is largely a matter of education, and Americans need educating as to the food value of this grain. It is especially adapted to the wants of a meat eating people like our own and is highly nutritious. According to a late report from the department of agriculture, a pound of rice contains 86.09 per cent of nutritive matter, against 82.54 per cent for wheat, 82.79 per cent for rye, 74.02 per cent for oats, 82.97 per cent for corn, 23.24 per cent for potatoes, 46.03 per cent for fat beef and 26.83 per cent for lean beef.

Rice heads the list. But its nutritive qualities differ widely from most of the other foods in the comparison. It is essentially a heat producing, fattening food. Lean beef contains about 21 per cent of albuminoids, which produce bone, muscle and blood, and less than one-half of 1 per cent of the heat producing carbohydrates. Of the former, rice contains only 6.73 per cent, but 78.48 per cent of the latter. It is thus seen that these two food products admirably supplement each other. Rice is also easily digested, requiring when boiled one hour for the process, against three required by roast beef.

The United States produces the best rice in the world. So marked is its superiority that the Indian government has introduced the Carolina variety into India, a country where rice cultivation and consumption have been conducted on a mammoth scale for unnumbered centuries. Though extensive rice lands are lying waste in the southern states, we produce on an average only about half of our limited consumption.

Here and There

A scheme has lately been devised to use electricity as a fertilizer of the soil.

Southern Cultivator calls attention to the fact that in eastern Texas there is one of the greatest timber tracts on this continent. This comprises 46,800,000 acres and includes every variety of high grade hard and soft timber.

A Jacksonville (Fla.) firm of orange shippers report that about 1,500,000 boxes of oranges have been shipped from that state and prices realized the lowest ever experienced.

Recent trials have proved that an excellent quality of broom corn can be grown in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The Louisiana sugar crop is this year the largest ever known. It is estimated at 600,000,000 pounds, very nearly 10 pounds a head for our population.

It is reported that a French-Canadian colony with a capital of $1,000,000 will settle in Florida. They intend buying 90,000 acres of land in order to raise sugar and tobacco.

There are in Florida hundreds of thousands of bearing cocoanut trees, and in California there are more than 250,000 olive trees, producing fruit equal to the best Mediterranean varieties.

Maryland oyster fisheries give employment to one-fifth of all the fishermen in the country. But there is a gradual decline in the catch of oysters, that the number of oyster men is likely to decrease.

CLARKE'S B 41 PILLS are warranted to cure, in either sex, all acquired or constitutional Discharges from the Urinary Organs, Gravel, and Pains in the Back. Free from Mercury. Established upwards of 30 years. In boxes, 4s. 6d. each, of all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the world. Proprietors, The Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln, England.

THEY CALL IT A MIRACLE!

Doctors give him up!
Hospitals discharge him INCURABE!

A DARK AND GLOOMY PROSPECT!

A RAY OF SUNSHINE and a PERFECT RESTORATION.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

WHAT is locally

Considered a Miracle

has lately been performed at Silver Water, sometimes called "Ibbettown," so many Ibbetts live there, a prettily situated village near Auburn, and about 10 miles from Sydney, on the main suburban line.

News of the perfect restoration of health to Mr. William Ibbett having got abroad, we dispatched one of our reporters to the district to institute a searching investigation into the case, and find out

The Absolute Truth

from Mr. Ibbett and the neighbours, who appear to have made the case one of general interest in the neighbourhood for some time past, for it has been a daily subject of conversation amongst the many people acquainted with the particulars.

The reporter could not make the people he questioned understand which member of the Ibbett family he wanted to see till he

Mentioned the Illness

of the man in question, at which the required house was at once pointed out as that of the man the doctors

Could not cure, and Hospitals turned out as incurable, but Clements Tonic had Thoroughly Restored.

The reporter was fortunate enough to obtain the interview he sought, when he asked:—"Will you do me the kindness, Mr. Ibbett, to tell me how your complaint first started, how it progressed, and how you finally recovered?"

"I will," answered Mr. Ibbett. "It commenced with severe pains in the head, and afterwards pains down the neck and spine came on. Then all at once I lost my appetite. I couldn't look at my food, the very sight of it turned me sick. My digestion went all wrong. What little I did eat (and I forced myself to eat something now and then to keep body and soul together) gave me great pain. I only took soft food, but even this would not digest, but

Turned Sour and Fermented

in my stomach, causing me to suffer terribly from wind and flatulence. Besides, I could get no sleep. I did not get, as a rule, more than an hour's sleep a night, and that in disturbed, uneasy snatches, each of short duration, which did me no good at all. I had to

Give up my Billet

at the Auburn Meat Works, and I used to sit all day long in the chair feeling nerveless and languid, with no energy or desire to move. The pains in my back got worse daily, especially along the spine. I got most distressingly weak, and strangely nervous. I have been accustomed to be in the works with the whirl and crash of machinery going on all round me, and I never suffered the least inconvenience, but now every sound went

Through me like a Knife,

and would startle and give me such a shock that I should almost fall to the ground, and I trembled like a leaf."

"Why didn't you see a doctor?"

"I did, and what use was it? I had several, and obeyed their orders, and took their physic. To what end? I only got worse and worse. Finally they gave me up. They said they could do nothing more for me, and they had done nothing then: and one of them told me that he had given me medicines strong enough to kill a horse. This, I believe, was a fact, but it evidently was not the treatment my disease required, for it entirely failed to relieve me.

"You must have got pretty low-spirited."

"Of course. I became very much depressed. Everything ahead

Looked Dark and Gloomy

to me. My friends tried in vain to cheer me up, but nothing could give me hope, as every day my disease increased. I got very thin. I was like a skeleton. I fell away in a very short time from 10 stone 4 lbs. to 8 stone 5 lbs., and my face was pale and colourless.

"Did you suffer in any other way that you've not yet mentioned?"

"Yes; my kidneys were affected, and a dull, dragging pain in the small of the back was continually distressing me, (the doctor said this was a sign of kidney disease), and my water was very high-coloured, but I don't care to go into further particulars as to my kidney symptoms; but I can only assure you they caused me great distress. As a last resort, on my wife's suggestion, I was taken to the Hospital, Sydney. I thought that if it was possible to cure me at all I should have the best chance there. The doctors gave me a very careful examination. They sounded me all over and took my temperature, but they could make nothing of my case. I believe that they treated me there

For Kidney Disease.

But none of the treatment I received at the Hospital relieved me, and the pain in my back whilst at the Hospital was agonising. After being there some weeks I was at last

Discharged as Incurable.

The doctors said they could do nothing for me. My wife and friends were very much grieved that I had to return home without relief. As for myself, I fully thought I was going home to die. I gave up all hope of ever getting on my feet again."

"What induced you to resort to Clements Tonic?"

It was recommended to me by my cousin. She said she had heard of someone in whom, so far as some of the symptoms went, had been afflicted as I was, and who had been

Entirely Restored to Health

by that remedy. She was so positive that I got my wife to obtain some Clements Tonic for me. I had, however, very little hope of its being of any service, but you know how a drowning man

Catches at a Straw.

My wife bought a bottle and I commenced to take it regularly."

"How did it act in your case?"

"First, by relieving the awful pains in my back. Then, as I continued to take it, I felt my nervous system gradually get a better tone. I was not so fretful and irritable, and I began to sleep much better. I was soon glad to find my digestion greatly improve. Clements Tonic prevented my food going sour and disagreeing with me, and I was able to once more eat solids freely and without suffering afterwards, as I had been accustomed to."

"And what about your kidney trouble?"

"I found a most

Distinct Beneficial Effect

upon my kidneys. It didn't take long for Clements Tonic to make those organs work properly again, and to rid me of all disagreeable symptoms which had formerly troubled me."

"You, of course, continued Clements Tonic?"

"Yes, you may be sure I didn't miss a dose. From the time of starting I put all other medicines aside. Day by day I got

Stronger and Stronger.

I was able to look hopefully to the future, and my depression had vanished as though it never had been. No longer was I dull and heavy in the day time, but was bright and lively. Once I started to get better the rate of my recovery was astonishing. I

Came on hand over hand,

so to speak. Clements Tonic gives you a great appetite and no mistake, and I ate splendidly and put on flesh again rapidly."

"Your relations and neighbours must have been surprised at the way in which you were restored to health?"

"I should just say they were—you just ask them about me and they will tell you all about it.

All my Troubles Vanished

under the influence of Clements Tonic and I was able to go to work again though till I was completely strong. I always took a bottle with me when I went to work, I found it so invigorating."

"And your health now?"

"I am now quite cured, and as strong and well as ever in my life, for which I thank Clements Tonic. If anyone wants to know more about my case, they have only to call on me and I shall be only too pleased to tell them how Clements Tonic brought me back to health and strength when the doctors gave me up and

The Hospital turned me out

as an incurable, and I thought my days were numbered."

"May we publish all you've said to me?"

"Yes; you are quite welcome to do so."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, WILLIAM IBBETT, of Silverwater, near Auburn, in the Colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of twelve folios and consecutively numbered from one to twelve, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

W. Ibbett.

Declared at Auburn, this 23rd day of June, 18[illegible] before me,
THOS. TAYL

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

Mr W. C. Thomas, miller at Murtoa, has purchased Nicholson's City Flour Mills, Ballarat, including two small shops and cottage, for the sum of £5,000. This makes five mills now owned by Mr. Thomas, viz., Murtoa, Warracknabeal, Minyip, Beaufort, and Ballarat.

An election to fill the vacancy in the representation of Grenville in the Legislative Assembly, caused by the death of Mr M. Stapleton, took place on Friday and resulted in the return of Mr D. Kerr, who formerly represented the constituency.

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

It has been decided that the Grand National Show next year shall be held at Ballarat.

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For Bilious and Nervous Disorders, such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Sick Headache, Giddiness, Fulness and Swelling after meals, Dizziness and Drowsiness, Cold Chills, Flushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Shortness of Breath, Costiveness, Blotches on the Skin, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams, and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, &c. THE FIRST DOSE WILL GIVE RELIEF IN TWENTY MINUTES. This is no fiction. Every sufferer is earnestly invited to try one Box of these Pills, and they will be acknowledged to be "WORTH A GUINEA A BOX." BEECHAM'S PILLS, taken as directed, will quickly restore females to complete health. They promptly remove any obstruction or irregularity of the system. For a

Weak Stomach; Impaired Digestion; Disordered Liver;

they act like magic. A few doses will work wonders upon the Vital Organs; Strengthening the Muscular System; restoring the long-lost Complexion; bringing back the keen edge of appetite, and arousing with the Rosebud of Health the whole physical energy of the human frame. These are "facts" admitted by thousands in all classes of society, and one of the best guarantees to the Nervous and debilitated is that Beecham's Pills have the Largest Sale of any Patent Medicine in the world. Full directions with each box.

Prepared only by THOMAS BEECHAM, St. Helens, Lancashire, England.
Sold everywhere, in Boxes, 9½d, 1s. 1½d, and 2s. 9d. each.

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

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LOCAL INDUSTRY,

AND

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LOCAL PAPER,

THE

'RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.'

We ask that our efforts for the district's good shall be recognised. An increased circulation means still greater usefulness on our part. When a neighbour or friend asks for the loan of the local paper, tell him or her that for the small sum of

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It is obtainable direct from the office regularly.

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Is presented to Regular Subscribers.

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Business men should note that as the Local Paper is extensively read in the district, it therefore affords a splendid advertising medium.

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."

Clarke's Blood Mixture

THE WORLD-FAMED BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER

IS WARRANTED TO CLEAR THE BLOOD from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blackheads, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing and permanent Cure. It

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Cures Sores on the Neck.
Cures Sore Legs.
Cures Blackhead or Pimples on the Face.
Cures Scurvy.
Cures Ulcers.
Cures Blood and Skin Diseases.
Cures Glandular Swellings.
Clears the Blood from all impure Matter, From whatever cause arising.

It is a real specific for Gout and Rheumatic pains.

It removes the cause from the Blood and Bones.

As this Mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, the Proprietors solicit sufferers to give it a trial to test its value.

"COMPLETELY HEALED."

Mrs E. Berkshire writes:—"In the year 1888, when residing at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, I caught cold, which led to inflammation of the bowels. I was attended by local doctors, and received some relief, but the following year it turned to fistula, from which I suffered for eight years; and it was constantly discharging. I was put under chloroform by two doctors, with a view of an operation, but they found that the fistula was too far inside, and an operation would have been too dangerous. In 1899 a second abscess formed, and in 1894 a third. These were all discharging at the same time. The end of 1893 I was again examined by two doctors to see if an operation was possible; it was found that an operation was out of the question, as they stated the inside was riddled with abscesses. During the whole of this time I was receiving medical attendance, one year being treated by a herbal doctor in the town, and receiving advice for four months from a London doctor. During the greater part of this time I was a confirmed invalid, having to be carried up and down stairs, and the doctors gave up all hope of my recovery. In June, 1895, I was advised by friends to try "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture." After taking one large bottle I found one large abscess gradually drying up. I therefore continued taking the mixture, and also Clarke's Aperient Pills, and in time all three abscesses were completely healed, and I was able to walk as well as ever, and could eat and drink any ordinary food. I am pleased to say it was Clarke's Blood Mixture that effected the cure, having received no real benefit from doctors. I should have written before, but wished to see if the cure was lasting.

"Post Office, Cottonwood, Assiniboia, N.W.T., Canada. October 17th, 1898.

"P.S.—I may say that I can give you doctors' names and names of friends to prove the truth of what I state. I purchased the mixture at the Sussex Drug Stores, Tunbridge Wells, my name and address then being Miss E. Horner, 5, Warwick Cottages, Frank Forest, Tunbridge Wells."

SAVED MY LIFE.

Mrs. AMY CHURCHER writes:

"It is with earnest thanks and heartfelt gratitude that I write these few lines to let you know that I am at last completely cured of the dreadful disease called eczema by taking your wonderful Blood Mixture. I commenced taking Clarke's Blood Mixture on June 8 last, and since then I have had 17 bottles, 2s. 9d. size, three pots of ointment, also three bottles of Clarke's Skin Lotion, which I found was of untold value in allaying the irritation. I was in such a fearful state that the sheets in my bed had to be changed every day, also my own linen, on account of the fearful discharge from the sores. my hands also were very bad, the backs of them being so dreadfully encrusted with yellow scab that one would think they were covered with rock brimstone. I never expected they would resume their proper shape, but now I am able to do light household duties, and I feel I am getting stronger every day; in fact, my husband, my nurse, and myself truly believe Clarke's Blood Mixture saved my life. I have much to be thankful for, and if you like to make use of my letter you are welcome to do so, as I am fully convinced I should never have been here it it had not been for Clarke's Blood Mixture.

"2, Kynaston Road, Stoke Newington, London, N., Oct. 22, 1898."

Mr. E. TAYLOR writes:

"I send you this testimonial, for I have derived a great benefit by taking Clarke's Blood Mixture, after two years of great suffering with a very bad leg. I have been in a Birmingham hospital 18 months, and six months out-patient at another hospital at Birmingham. I was turned out incurable, as I would not consent to have my leg taken off. I was told to try Clarke's Blood Mixture by a friend of mine, so I sent for a large bottle, and by the time I had taken it I was able to go about on my crutches. I had another bottle, and by the time I had finished it my leg was quite well, and I am able to go to my work.

"I am a Birmingham man, but am working at present in Halifax, and I am willing to answer any questions that anyone may wish to ask, for I cannot speak too highly of it. I recommend it to all. You may make use of this if you like. 2, Hansen Square, Fleet Street, Halifax, Yorks. October 23, 1897."

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Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold in Bottles 2s. 9d. each, and in cases containing six times the quantity, 11s.—sufficient to effect a permanent cure in the great majority of long-standing cases—BY ALL CHEMISTS and PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS throughout the world. Proprietors, THE LINCOLN AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln, England. Trade Mark—"BLOOD MIXTURE."

Clarke's Blood Mixture.

CAUTION.—Purchasers of Clarke's Blood Mixture should see that they get the genuine article. Worthless imitations and substitutes are sometimes palmed off by unprincipled vendors. The words "Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln, England," are engraved on the Government Stamp, and "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture," blown in the bottle, WITHOUT WHICH NONE ARE GENUINE.

FLORILINE.—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s 6d, of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot, 33 Farringdon Road, London, England.

Of you dry to do peesnis mitowt advertising, you will find yourself already like a boy drying to shlide a hill down mitowt shnow. Pesides dere ish dese tifferences: ven you don't got some shnow you gant make 'em; but you can somedimes shenerally always make der advertising come right avay quick off, all der year rount, mit some moneys.—Joseph.

Printed and Published by the Proprietor, ARTHUR PARKER, of Beaufort, at the Office of the *Riponshire Advocate*, Newspaper Lawrence Street, Beaufort, Victoria.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	Totals.	North Riding.	East Riding.	West Riding.	Beaufort Water Supply.	Trust Account.
To Bank balance	£168 0 1					
„ Balance riding accounts				674 13 3		93 17 11
„ Reserves—Carngham, £10 10s ...	38 4 9	27 14 9	10 10 0			
„ Subsidy foxes destroyed	15 0 0	4 13 1	4 1 0	6 5 11		
„ Municipal endowment	1369 2 3	424 8 6	369 13 3	575 0 6		
„ Pound sales	6 11 11					6 11 11
„ Rent Shire Hall	4 10 0	1 7 11	1 4 3	1 17 10		
„ Collection statistics, Govt. Victoria...	7 17 11					7 17 11
„ General rates, arrears	47 11 0	26 14 0	20 17 0			
„ General rates, current	2868 10 0	874 7 0	771 14 0	1222 9 0		
„ Beaufort water rates, current ...	230 0 0				230 0 0	
„ Beaufort water rates, arrears ...	34 10 0				34 10 0	
„ Joint water rates, current... ...	17 10 0				17 10 0	
„ Joint water rates, arrears... ...	7 15 0				7 15 0	
„ Snake Valley water rates, current ...	15 0 0		15 0 0			
„ Snake Valley water rates, arrears ...	6 16 0		6 16 0			
„ Waterloo water rates, current ...	3 0 0	3 0 0				
„ Weighbridge fees	43 17 0	15 7 0	16 16 6	11 13 6		
„ Pound fees	15 3 3	4 14 1	4 1 10	6 7 4		
„ Contract deposits forfeited ...	15 0 0	9 0 0		6 0 0		
„ Sale of wattle bark	1 5 0	0 7 9	0 6 9	0 10 6		
„ Victorian Railways, water supply ...	48 9 3				48 9 3	
„ Supervision of race	25 0 0	7 15 0	6 15 0	10 10 0		
„ Sale of bricks	0 13 0			0 13 0		
					0 10 0	B.W.S.
					14 12 9	J.W.S.
„ Water sold for mining	15 2 9					
„ Refund rewards for foxes	0 12 6			0 12 6		
„ Rent Mt. Emu Reserve	36 5 0		36 5 0			
„ Dog registration...	68 12 6	23 17 6	22 0 0	22 15 0		
„ Fox skins sold	4 12 3	1 8 7	1 4 11	1 18 9		
„ License equivalent	380 0 0	261 0 0	107 0 0	12 0 0		
„ License, slaughtering	9 0 0	6 0 0	3 0 0			
„ License, dancing...	3 3 0	3 3 0				
„ License, noxious...	1 0 0	1 0 0				
„ Contract deposits	115 13 9					115 13 9
„ Balance riding accounts		315 1 2			267 7 1	
	£5623 8 2	£2010 19 4	£1397 5 6	£2553 7 1	£620 14 1	£224 1 6
„ Per contra	1182 19 4					
	£6806 7 6					

EXPENDITURE.	Totals.	North Riding.	East Riding.	West Riding.	Beaufort Water Supply.	Trust Account.
By balance riding accounts		236 19 2	118 9 7		245 2 4	
„ Audit fees	£26 8 3	8 3 9	7 2 8	11 1 10		
„ Stationery	17 19 3	5 11 4	4 17 0	7 10 11		
„ Waterloo water supply	5 7 10	5 7 10				
„ Interest	32 18 7	15 3 4	4 12 8	1 18 10	11 3 9	
„ Charitable and other donations ...	167 2 0	51 16 0	45 2 4	70 3 8		
„ Legal expenses	13 5 8	4 2 4	3 11 9	5 11 7		
„ Joint works—Hampdenshire 1 16 9						
Ballaratshire 6 12 9	8 9 6	6 12 9		1 16 9		
„ Contracts	2740 8 1	838 13 5	277 3 9	1603 10 11	21 0 0	
„ President's allowance	51 0 0	15 16 2	13 15 5	21 8 5		
„ Reserves	65 4 0	62 14 0	2 10 0			
„ Commissions weighbridge fees ...	20 7 9	7 5 4	6 11 6	6 10 11		
„ Beaufort township	72 3 4	72 3 4				
„ Joint water supply labor	109 8 0				109 8 0	
„ Salaries	456 0 0	141 7 4	123 2 0	191 10 8		
„ Office expenses	40 0 5	12 8 4	10 16 0	16 16 1		
„ Rewards for foxes	33 0 0	10 0 10	8 14 8	14 4 6		
„ Advertising	43 8 3	13 9 2	11 14 5	18 4 8		
„ Deputation expenses... £10 10 0						
„ Election expenses ... 4 18 0	15 8 0	8 8 0	2 14 9	4 5 3		
„ Contract deposits returned ...	180 9 0					180 9 0
„ Commissions on dog registration fees	25 1 3	13 11 3	11 0 0	0 10 0	117 8 5	
„ Maintenance	1075 11 5	438 3 9	236 0 8	283 18 7		
„ Health Act expenses	38 16 0	12 11 6	10 5 3	15 19 3		
„ Pound expenses	26 9 11	8 4 3	7 3 0	11 2 8		
„ Printing	23 7 6	7 5 0	6 6 2	9 16 4	116 11 7	
„ Water supply loans	116 11 7					
„ Weighbridge, West Riding ...	98 14 8			98 14 8		
„ Deposit forfeited, part refunded ...	0 11 0			0 11 0		
„ Miscellaneous—Flag ... £1 3 3						
Shire garden 2 15 0						
Northern Assurance 3 12 0						
Municipal Association 4 4 0						
Treasurer's guarantee 1 6 8						
Secretary's guarantee 2 13 4						
Buggy shed 4 10 1						
Steel rule 0 5 0						
Earthenware pipes 0 15 0						
Beaufort weighbridge 16 5 2						
Repairs Shire Hall 1 2 6						
	38 12 0	15 1 2	6 0 9	17 10 1		
„ Collection of statistics	7 17 11					7 17 11
„ Balance bank—Less unpresented cheques 81 11 9 / 8 4 9	73 7 0					
„ Balance ridings			479 11 2	140 9 6		35 14 7
	£5623 8 2	£2010 19 4	£1397 5 6	£2553 7 1	£620 14 1	£224 1 6
„ Per contra	1182 19 4					
	£6806 7 6					

JOHN WILLIAM HARRIS, Shire Secretary. 1st October, 1899

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Shire Hall, Beaufort, 23rd November, 1899.

THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS, SHIRE OF RIPON.

Gentlemen,—We have the honor to report that we have examined the books and accounts of the Shire for the year ended 30th September, 1899, and have pleasure in testifying to their excellent order and correctness.

We have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obedient servants,

ALLAN MURRAY, Government Auditor.
JOHN HUMPHREYS, Local Auditor.

STATEMENT OF RATES.

A General Rate of Twelve Pence in the Pound to the 31st December, 1899, was made by the Council of the Shire of Ripon, on the 9th day of January, 1899.

	Valuation.	Amount of Rates.	Arrears Forward.	Current Rates Collected	Arrears Collected	Remitted and Abandoned.	Arrears Carried Forward.
North Riding	£18121 0 0	906 1 0	42 3 0	874 7 0	26 14 0	5 14 0	41 9 0
East Riding	15769 0 0	788 9 0	26 13 0	771 14 0	20 17 0	3 17 0	18 14 0
West Riding	24449 0 0	1222 9 0		1229 9 0			
	£58339 0 0	£2916 19 0	£68 16 0	£2868 10 0	£47 11 0	£9 11 0	£60 3 0

GENERAL SHIRE FUND.

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.
To Bank balance, less unpresented cheques, 81 11 9 / 8 4 9	73 7 0	By Contract deposits	17 19 3
„ Arrears of general rates	60 3 0	„ Pound sales	17 15 4
„ Arrears of water rates	107 15 11	„ Balance contracts, North Riding	52 6 5
		„ Balance contracts, West Riding	2 0 0
		„ Balance Municipal Fund account	151 4 11
	£241 5 11		£241 5 11

30th September, 1899.

VERMIN DESTRUCTION LOANS.

LOAN No. 1.

To Cash in Bank, 30th September, 1898 ...	£12 2 6	By Government of Victoria	£101 12 10
„ Repayments by borrowers	97 0 4	„ Balance Bank	7 15 9
„ Interest on overdue accounts	0 5 9		
	£109 8 7		£109 8 7

LOAN No. 2.

To Repayments by borrowers	£40 0 11	By Balance	£2 11 2
„ Interest on overdue accounts	0 8 6	„ Government Victoria	37 4 0
		„ Balance Bank	0 14 3
	£40 9 5		£40 9 5

LOAN No. 3.

To Balance in Bank, 30th September, 1898 ...	£1 18 2	By Government Victoria	£6 9 8
„ Repayment by borrowers	6 9 7	„ Balance Bank	1 18 1
	£8 7 9		£8 7 9

STATEMENT VERMIN DESTRUCTION LOANS.

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.
To Cash in Bank, No. 1 Loan	7 15 9	By due to Government Victoria, No. 1 Loan ...	101 12 11
„ Cash in Bank, No. 2 Loan	0 14 3	„ Due to Government Victoria, No. 2 Loan ...	210 0 0
„ Cash in Bank, No. 3 Loan	1 18 1	„ Due to Government Victoria, No. 3 Loan ...	36 11 5
„ Owing by borrowers, No. 1 Loan	102 5 0	„ Excess, as per sheet	13 4 11
„ Owing by borrowers, No. 2 Loan	212 4 8		
„ Owing by borrowers, No. 3 Loan	36 11 6		
	£361 9 3		£361 9 3

BEAUFORT WATER SUPPLY LOANS.

To Balance	£1952 19 9	By Government of Victoria, redemption ...	£38 17 2
„ Interest	77 14 5	„ Government of Victoria, interest... ...	77 14 5
		„ Balance due to Government of Victoria ...	1914 2 7
	£2030 14 2		£2030 14 2

BEAUFORT WATER SUPPLY STATEMENTS.

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.
To Water Race from Mount Cole to Beaufort and works therewith on half shares ...	£2000 0 0	By owing to Government of Victoria ...	1914 2 7
„ Reticulation works at Beaufort	1000 0 0		
„ New reservoir	434 4 0		
	£3434 4 0		£1914 2 7

Beaufort Water Supply.—Statement of Rates.

	Total Current Rates.	Arrears.	Current Rates Paid.	Arrears Paid.	Arrears Forward.	WATER SOLD FOR MINING.—STATEMENT.
Waterloo water supply ...	3 0 0		3 0 0			
Beaufort water rates ...	273 5 0	49 0 0	230 0 0	34 10 0	57 15 0	
Snake Valley water rates ...	36 0 0	11 11 11	15 0 0	6 16 0	25 15 11	To Beaufort Water Supply 0 10 0
Joint water supply ...	27 10 0	22 0 0	17 10 0	7 15 0	24 5 0	„ Joint Water Supply 14 12 9
	£339 15 0	£82 11 11	£265 10 0	£49 1 0	£107 15 11	£15 2 9

JOHN WILLIAM HARRIS, Shire Secretary. 1st October, 1899.

I certify that these Accounts have been finally examined by the Council of the Shire of Ripon, found just and correct, and are allowed by the Council this fourth day of December, 1899.

R. A. D. SINCLAIR, President.

Sleep when work is done.

During the late summer (1896) I passed several weeks in a foreign city nearly 700 miles further south than London. We had about ten days intense heat, and for six nights, when it was worst, I do not think I slept as many hours altogether. The resulting nervous collapse was simply awful. My brain reeled, I could neither understand, nor do anything rightly. I walked, as the good book says, "in a vain show." What a blessed thing is sleep; how destructive, how killing to lose it.

In real by sleep the nevous system is inactive—more especially that of the brain and spinal cord. The body lies quiet, the muscles relaxed, the pulse slower than when we are awake, and the breathing less frequent but deeper. Then nature,—wise keeper of the House of Life—proceeds to renew the energies expended through the day. To miss this renewal, even in part, is to tread the edge of insanity and look into the mouth of death.

"Methought I heard a voice cry, 'Sleep, no more; Macbeth doth murder sleep!'" So said Macbeth himself; but there is a power which murders more sleep than ever did Duncan's assassin; and to *that* Mrs Beattie alludes when she says of her daughter, "*She got no sleep.*"

"In May, 1891," writes the lady, my daughter Letitia fell into a low, weak condition, and could not get up her strength. She had no appetite, and what little food she took gave her great pain at the chest and side. She *got no sleep at night*, and became very nervous and low-spirited.

As time passed by she grew weaker and more feeble, and we thought she would never get better. A doctor attended her, but none of his medicines seemed to suit her case, and for two years she continued to suffer.

"One day she read in a book about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup and what it had done for others. She got a bottle from Mr Nicholls, chemist, Donegal Place, and after taking it began to improve, being able to eat, and her food agreeing with her. After having used this medicine a short time she was strong and well as ever, and has since been in good health. For a long time I myself suffered from weakness and indigestion, and seeing what good Mother Seigel's Syrup had done, I took it, and was completely restored to sound health. You may use this statement as you like. (Signed) Mrs Mary Beattie, 23, Trinity Square, Belfast, August 14th, 1896."

"In the early part of 1894," writes another, "I began to suffer from indigestion. I had a poor appetite, and all food gave me pain at my chest and a gnawing feeling at the stomach. No matter how light the food I took, I had pain, and sick headache.

"For over a year I was tormented like this, when Mr John Weir, living in this place, told me how he had been cured by Mother Seigel's Syrup, and recommended me to try it. I did so, and soon all pain left me, and I have since enjoyed good health. I know many persons residing in this district who have been benefited by taking the same medicine. Often in my shop I hear persons say what it has done for them. You are at liberty to publish this letter. (Signed) Alexr. Wilson, general merchant, Castlewellan, Newcastle, Co. Down, Ireland, Aug. 15th, 1896."

Indigestion or dyspepsia destroys the power to sleep by starving, and thus weakening, the nervous system. Indeed the whole body starves, and is thrown into profound disorder. Food may be taken into the stomach, but, as people constantly say, "It does no good." No; but in a sense it does harm. Fermented, soured, undigested, it develops poisons which act upon the system somewhat as a pestilence does upon a community. Flesh is lost, strength gives way to trembling weakness, courage is supplanted by fear, and life is dreary and desolate. That Mother Seigel's Syrup should be able to cure a disease so common and so terrible is reason for gratitude to us all. For the healthy—work and sleep.

YOU CAN AFFORD IT.

Very few are too poor nowadays to take their country paper, and it is false economy to try and get along without it. Hardly a week passes that something or other does not appear in its columns that will be of financial benefit to the subscriber, and by the end of the year he had made or saved or won twenty times the subscription paid for it. The city papers don't take the place of the country ones, though some people appear to think they do. The city papers are all right in their way, but they do not give you that in which you are most interested—your country news. You cannot learn from them when and where your country meetings are to be held, who are dying or who are marrying, who are moving in or who are moving out, court proceedings, who wants to buy or sell farm or land produce, in fact hundreds of things of which it might be of particular importance for you to know. If you can afford to take only one paper, by all means take the one that is published in the country or district where you live. It will cost you less, and thereby you will be assisting yourself and keeping the money in the district.

APPLICATIONS FOR MINING LEASES.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

Attention is called to the following regulations under part 2 of "The Mines Act, 1890," twenty third schedule:—

4. Every applicant for a lease to mine on private property shall apply for a lease in manner prescribed by these regulations; but during the seven days immediately preceding the day on which he leaves his application with the warden, he must do the following things—

(A). Insert in a newspaper published in the district where the land is situated, or if there be no such newspaper, then in one published nearest the district, an advertisement or notice on the form in the appendix A thereto.

(B). Post similar notices at the office of the warden, and at the post office or police court, whichever is the nearest to the land.

(C). Deposit with the clerk of the warden the sum of £5 sterling, &c.

Objections will be raised to the granting of all leases where the above requirements have not been fully complied with.

A PRIZE POEM.

A syndicate of Western (American) editors offered 1000dols. for the best appeal to newspaper subscribers to pay up ther subscriptions. The prize was given to the editor of the "Rocky Mountain Celt." This is the poem:—

Lives of poor men oft remind us
Honest men don't stand a chance;
The more we work there grow behind us
Bigger patches on our pants.
On our pants, once new and glossy,
Now are stripes of different hue;
All because subscribers linger,
And won't pay us what is due.
Then let us all be up and doing,
Send your mite, however small,
Or when the cold of winter strikes us
We shall have no pants at all.

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Beaufort Athletic Club.

The following are the handicaps for the above club's Boxing Day sports (Tuesday, 26th inst.) Acceptances close on Monday, 18th inst. The club is not connected with any league.

BEAUFORT CUP, 130yds., £5. Acceptance, 1s.

	Yds.
W. Heath, Ballarat	scr.
W. Burke, Leigh Creek	5
J. A. Harris, Beaufort	6
T. W. Schlicht, Beaufort	6
R. G. Kirkpatrick, Stockyard Hill	10
J. Molony, Dunnstown	10
J. F. Greene, Dunnstown	10
J. Jess, Middle Creek	10
W. Jess, Middle Creek	10
T. J. Robinson, Middle Creek	10
A. M. Hannah, Stockyard Hill	11
W. Lynch, Lake Goldsmith	11
J. Clemens, Ballarat	11
T. Sheehan, Leigh Creek	11
W. Ryan, Wallace	11
H. Tompkins, Beaufort	12
J. Walsh, Beaufort	12
K. G. Ekman, Tatyoon	12

QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP, £4 10s. Acceptance, 1s.

	Yds.
J. A. Harris	scr.
W. Heath, Ballarat	scr.
W. Burke, Leigh Creek	12
T. W. Schlicht, Beaufort	15
W. Lynch, Lake Goldsmith	16
J. Jess, Middle Creek	18
A. M. Hannah, Stockyard Hill	20
W. Jess, Middle Creek	24
T. Sheehan, Leigh Creek	25
W. Ryan, Wallace	25
R. G. Kirkpatrick, Stockyard Hill	25
W. Kelly, Eurambeen	30
K. G. Ekman, Tatyoon	35
T. J. Robinson, Middle Creek	35

ONE, TWO, THREE, AND HALF-MILE BICYCLE RACES, for £5, £7, £8, and £9 respectively. Acceptance, 1s each.

	1m. Yd.	2m. Yd.	3m. Yd.	½m. Yd.
N. McDonald, Braxholme	scr.	scr.	scr.	scr.
W. C. Roberts, Sandy Creek			30	5
E. Richards, Ballarat	20	40	60	10
H. Powell, Melbourne	30	60	90	15
S. Chandler, Ararat	30	60	90	
W. Cavanagh, Ararat	50	100	150	25
H. Huish, Sandy Creek	60	120		
J. E. Tilley, Beaufort	80	160	240	
B. Hanlon, Middle Creek		160	240	
J. Worthington, Ballarat	100	200	300	50
J. Harvey, Ballarat		200	300	50
M. Tyrrell, Beaufort	120	240	360	60
R. F. Ferguson, Fitzroy	120	240		60
W. Johnes, Ballarat		240		
J. Clemens, Ballarat		260		65
J. McDonald, Middle Creek	130	260	390	65
A. W. Pimblett, Snake Valley	130	260	390	65
W. A. Pedder, Beaufort	130	260	390	65
G. Kerr, Learmonth	130			65
R. W. Tilley, Beaufort	130			65
G. Jennings, Learmonth	140	280	420	70
G. Goldsmith, Learmonth	140	280	420	
G. Wilson, Beaufort	150	300	450	75
D. F. Forsyth, Ballarat	150	300	450	75
F. Dawson, Rokewood	160	320	480	80
W. T. Sheehan, Melbourne	160	320	480	80
G. Hendy, Fitzroy	160	320	480	80
G. H. Briggs, Collingwood	160	320	480	
F. W. J. Allen, Ballarat	160			80
E. J. Way, Ballarat	160			
A. Eustice, Ballarat	170			85
W. Gibson, Beaufort	170			
W. Barton, Lexton	170			
G. W. Thompson, N. Ballarat	170	340	510	85
E. P. Johnston, Koroit	180	360	540	90
J. Thomas, Ballarat East	180	360	540	90
A. W. Cheeseman, Beaufort	180	360		
S. Chapman, Beaufort	180			
R. Brennan, Middle Creek				90

1-MILE DISTRICT BICYCLE RACE, £3. Acceptance, 1s.

	Yds.
J. E. Tilley, Beaufort	scr.
B. Hanlon, Middle Creek	scr.
M. Tyrrell, Beaufort	40
J. McDonald, Middle Creek	50
W. A. Pedder, Beaufort	50
A. W. Pimblett, Snake Valley	50
G. Kerr, Learmonth	50
R. W. Tilley, Beaufort	60
G. Jennings, Learmonth	60
G. Wilson, Beaufort	70
W. Gibson, Beaufort	90
W. Barton, Lexton	90
S. Chapman, Beaufort	100
R. Brennan, Middle Creek	100
A. W. Cheeseman, Beaufort	100

H. M. STUART, A. PARKER, } Handicappers.

☞ Competitors will please note that acceptances (accompanied by fees) close with the undersigned on Monday, 18th inst. Colors must also be stated.

H. PARKER, Secretary.

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As this Mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, the Proprietors solicit sufferers to give it a trial to test its value.

"COMPLETELY HEALED."

Mrs E. Berkshire writes:—"In the year 1888, when residing at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, I caught cold, which led to inflammation of the bowels. I was attended by local doctors, and received some relief, but the following year it turned to fistula, from which I suffered for eight years; and it was constantly discharging. I was put under chloroform by two doctors, with a view of an operation, but they found that the fistula was too far inside, and an operation would have been too dangerous. In 1899 a second abscess formed, and in 1894 a third. These were all discharging at the same time. The end of 1893 I was again examined by two doctors to see if an operation was possible; it was found that an operation was out of the question, as they stated the inside was riddled with abscesses. During the whole of this time I was receiving medical attendance, one year being treated by a herbal doctor in the town, and receiving advice for four months from a London doctor. During the greater part of this time I was a confirmed invalid, having to be carried up and down stairs, and the doctors gave up all hope of my recovery. In June, 1895, I was advised by friends to try "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture." After taking one large bottle I found one large abscess gradually drying up. I therefore continued taking the mixture, and also Clarke's Aperient Pills, and in time all three abscesses were completely healed, and I was able to walk as well as ever, and could eat and drink any ordinary food. I am pleased to say it was Clarke's Blood Mixture that effected the cure, having received no real benefit from doctors. I should have written before, but wished to see if the cure was lasting.

"Post Office, Cottonwood, Assiniboin, N.W.T., Canada. October 17th, 1898.

"P.S.—I may say that I can give you doctors' names and names of friends to prove the truth of what I state. I purchased the mixture at the Sussex Drug Stores, Tunbridge Wells, my name and address then being Miss E. Horner, 5, Warwick Cottage, Frank Forest, Tunbridge Wells."

SAVED MY LIFE.

Mrs. AMY CHURCHER writes:

"It is with earnest thanks and heartfelt gratitude that I write these few lines to let you know that I am at last completely cured of the dreadful disease called eczema by taking your wonderful Blood Mixture. I commenced taking Clarke's Blood Mixture on June 8 last, and since then I have had 17 bottles, 2s. 9d. size, three pots of ointment, also three bottles of Clarke's Skin Lotion, which I found was of untold value in allaying the irritation. I was in such a fearful state that the sheets in my bed had to be changed every day, also my own linen, on account of the fearful discharge from the sores, my hands also were very bad, the backs of them being so dreadfully encrusted with yellow scab that one would think they were covered with rock brimstone. I never expected they would resume their proper shape, but now I am able to do light household duties, and I feel I am getting stronger every day; in fact, my husband, my nurse, and myself truly believe Clarke's Blood Mixture saved my life. I have much to be thankful for, and if you like to make use of my letter you are welcome to do so, as I am fully convinced I should never have been here if it had not been for Clarke's Blood Mixture.

"2, Kynaston Road, Stoke Newington, London, N., Oct. 22, 1898."

Mr. E. TAYLOR writes:

"I send you this testimonial, for I have derived a great benefit by taking Clarke's Blood Mixture, after two years of great suffering with a very bad leg. I have been in a Birmingham hospital 18 months, and six months out-patient at another hospital at Birmingham. I was turned out incurable, as I would not consent to have my leg taken off. I was told to try Clarke's Blood Mixture by a friend of mine, so I sent for a large bottle, and by the time I had taken it I was able to go about on my crutches. I had another bottle, and by the time I had finished it my leg was quite well, and I am able to go to my work.

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The Case of

MRS. MARGARET BLOMFIELD.

(*From the "Marrickville Express."*)

MR. FREDERICK BLOMFIELD is the Asphalter to the Marrickville Council, and is widely known and much respected. He lives in the Illawarra Road, near tram line. Mrs. Blomfield lately recovered in a most extraordinary manner from what looked like her last illness. The doctors, after efforts as strenuous as unavailing, were at length compelled to acknowledge themselves beaten, and gave up her case as hopeless. As a consequence of the continual reports of the strange "bringing back to life" of this lady, our reporter was sent to interview her and her husband. The newspaper writer was ushered into a pretty little drawing-room by Mr. Blomfield, who, on hearing what was required, at once called his wife, and remained during the whole interview, from time to time interjecting with some detail confirmatory of his wife's story. Our reporter at once noticed that Mrs. Blomfield looked in excellent health and spirits, and said, "Your health looks all right now."

"It is splendid, indeed," replied Mrs. Blomfield, "and I have never been better in my life than I have been since my cure some months ago, nor have I ever found it necessary to take a dose of medicine since."

"Now, Mrs. Blomfield," said the pressman, "I would like precise and unexaggerated details of your illness."

"With pleasure," was the response. "It was a peculiar weakness, and seemed like disease of the heart, and came on in such a slow, deceitful sort of way that it was a long time before I realised that there was really anything wrong with me. The five doctors that I employed one after another were baffled, and were entirely unable to form a satisfactory diagnosis of my case, though they all agreed my heart was affected. I was ill altogether for about twelve months. I first felt a disinclination to move about. This was soon succeeded by a sickening feeling of sinking and weakness at the heart. I was affected with a sort of giddiness. The room would sometimes seem to turn with me. I had a suspiciously big appetite. That is, I ate a great deal more than was usual with me; but, strange to say, I got thinner and thinner da ly. My food was of no service, and, notwithstanding all I ate, I began to slowly fall away like a child with a wasting disease. I gradually became reduced to a skeleton, and my bones stuck out plainly through my skin. I had long enough been forced to give up my household duties, and I was now obliged to lie up. I became bedridden altogether. My hands trembled so with nervousness that when I took hold of anything it would fall from my nerveless hands. I was horribly depressed in spirits. I could stand no sort of a noise or shock without suffering most acutely afterwards."

"And your rest?"

"Ah! that was the most painful part of my illness. Night followed night and I never closed my eyes, nor could I find any rest in the daytime. I nearly went mad from want of sleep."

"You couldn't last long like this."

"Well, you shall hear. In addition to my already distressing symptoms I was attacked with rheumatic fever. My legs and feet swelled terribly. Every part of my body was filled with agonising aches and pains. Intense headaches added to my misery. I was powerless to move, and had to be lifted about and turned from side to side in bed. I suffered from a shocking shortness of breath, and often I had to be raised into an upright position to breathe, or I should have been suffocated. And, as for my appearance, people have told me since that I looked as though I was knocking at Death's door. There seemed to be nothing left for me but to die, and indeed death sometimes seemed as though it would have been a welcome relief. Many times at night the neighbours would say, as I have since heard, 'Ah, that poor Mrs. Blomfield—we shall see the blinds down in the morning. She will pass away to-night.' Day after day as I lingered on their prophecy proved an untrue one. But they were very nearly right. The doctors had indeed given me up, their medicines were unable to help me, and, worse than all, I had given up hope myself. The vital spark of life was already flickering at any moment it might have gone out for all time. It was just at this crisis, and when all seemed lost, that an unexpected circumstance turned the balance in my favour. A friend of my husband's hurried down to see him. 'Get a bottle of Clements Tonic at once,' he said, 'I have heard that that remedy has performed a large number of unexpected cures around this district; it might prove the saving of your wife's life.' My husband complied with the suggestion, and before I had taken one bottle he had the satisfaction of finding that a marvellous difference for the better had been made in my condition by that medicine. The pains which had so racked my weakened frame ceased to trouble me, and a feeling of serenity came over my exhausted nervous system; then I began to get sleep again. The swelling in my limbs went down, and very shortly was gone entirely. Clements Tonic acted like magic on my spirits. After months of melancholy I now enjoyed a cheerfulness of spirit and firmness of nerve, which aided my general recovery of health to an enormous extent. In four or five weeks so great a difference had Clements Tonic made in my appearance that I was hardly to be recognised as the same woman who a few weeks previously had been helplessly stretched on a sick bed. My food strengthened me, and digested with ease. I put on flesh at a most astonishing rate. My husband was delighted with the success of Clements Tonic, which had so opportunely been brought under his notice. He took good care that I took regular doses, and very shortly I was able to get out of bed, and was completely restored to health, and, as I told you, I have never felt better, and have had no need to take Clements Tonic since. My cure was absolute and complete. There is no doubt as to the wonderful vitalizing power of Clements Tonic, nor as to the permanency of its effects. To put it plainly and shortly, 'My life was saved by Clements Tonic.' Needless to say, I feel grateful, and that is why I am willing, or, more correctly speaking, anxious to make the good qualities of this potent remedy more widely known, and may others receive benefit from Clements Tonic as I did."

"This will appear in the newspapers."

"Wherever and whenever you like," replied Mrs. Blomfield."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, MARGARET BLOMFIELD, of Illawarra Road, Marrickville, in the colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of five folios and consecutively numbered from one to five, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Mt Blomfield

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BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Fat Cattle—378 head was the supply penned for to day's sale, principally consisting of useful to good quality, a fair proportion being prime. There was an average attendance of the trade, still sales lacked the briskness of the previous week, prices ruling somewhat in buyers' favor, closing weak, a few being held over. Quotations—Prime pens bullocks, £9 to £10; extra heavy to £12 7s 6d; odd bullocks to £14 12s 6d; good do, £7 10s to £8 10s; medium do, £6 to £7; prime pens cows, £6 to £7; good do, £5 to £5 10s. Calves 41 penned, including some good and prime vealers, which sold fairly well; best to 9½s. Sheep—7227 was the number yarded for to-day's sale, principally consisting of middling and useful descriptions, a small proportion ranging from good to prime. There was a very large muster of the trade and graziers, still at the opening competition was somewhat dull at about last week's rates, but improved as the day advanced, closing with brisk bidding at advanced rates. Quotations—Prime crossbred wethers, 12s 6d to 13s 10d; good do, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; medium do, 9s to 10s; prime crossbred ewes, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; good do, 9s to 10s; prime merino wethers, 11s to 12s; good do, 9s 6d to 10s; merino ewes, to 8s. Lambs—3629 to hand, a small proportion prime, remainder chiefly useful and middling qualities, which met with keen competition from the graziers, all descriptions being readily disposed of at improved values. Quotations—Prime woolly, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; extra heavy, 12s 6d to 14s 1d; good, 9s 6d to 10s; prime shorn, 9s 6d to 10s 6d, extra to 11s 2d; good, 8s 6d to 9s.

The following district sales are reported:—By Messrs Stephen Holgate and Co.—6 bullocks for Mr W. Riley, Eurambeen, at £5 12s 6d; 3 bullocks for Mr F. Caulfield, Eurambeen, to £7 5s.—By Messrs Macleod and Booth.—81 sheep for Mrs Stewart, Fair View Farm, Ballyrogan, crossbred ewes 10s 4d and 11s 2d, wethers 10s 6d to 12s; 20 lambs for Mr C. Stewart, Ballyrogan, 7s 10d to 9s 11d; 13 lambs for Mr D. Stewart, Wongan, 10s 4d to 11s 2d.—By Messrs Hepburn, Dowling, and Crawford.—46 2-tooth crossbred wethers for Mr G. Stephenson, Snake Valley, at 9s; 52 lambs (shorn) for same owner, 7s 11d to 8s 2d.

Younghusband & Co. Proprietary Limited held their weekly wool sale on 13th inst, when they offered a catalogue of 1452 bales to the usual attendance of buyers, and biddings were marked by considerable animation, which resulted in a clearance of the bulk of the catalogue at very satisfactory prices. Compared with last week, values have undergone but little change, any alteration being in favor of the seller; merino and fine crossbreds fully hold their own, and pieces and bellies of these descriptions are almost as dear as they have been at any previous time during the season. During the week private sales included:—TC/Kartup, from Harrow, 1st fleece at 17d. 1st crossbred at 16½d, and lambs at 12d. The top price was from Western District, JMI/Nareen, at 16d. In scoured the pieces of a clip marked G (in diamond)/Searle, realized 17½d. The sales are now postponed for the Christmas holidays, and will not be resumed until 10th January prox.

GEELONG MARKETS.

George Hague & Co. report (8th inst.):—Wool.—We held our eighth sale of the season to-day, when we offered 282 bales. There was very brisk bidding throughout the sale, and we have to report a most satisfactory clearance at satisfactory prices. Our top price was 15½d for 11 bales A crossbred marked Lovely Banks over FO from Penshurst. Among our best lots were—AF (Beaufort), merino at 15½d; CT over—(Beaufort), merino, at 14d; AG (Trawalla), merino at 14d; WW over R (Beaufort), merino at 13¾d, and x bred at 12½d.

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Hides—A good supply to hand, which sold as follows:—Picked heavies to 4½d per pound, extra ditto to 5¼d. Good conditioned salted, 3½d to 4½d per pound; other sorts, 2½d to 3½d per pound. Kip, to 4d per pound. Calf, to 5¾d per pound.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SUNDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1899.

Church of England.—St. John's, 11. a.m. Subject, "The first advent of Jesus Christ, the prelude to His second coming." Trawalla, 3 p.m. Subject, "Pardon, peace, and protection through Jesus Christ." St. John's, 7.30 p.m., do. Collection of Home Mission envelopes.

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WILL the McLean Ministry stand? Thus far public opinion can scarcely be said to have pronounced in its favor, and in at least two instances, its members are being opposed on going before their constituents for re-election, while other of the malcontent followers of the late Ministry, whose votes helped to oust Sir George Turner and his colleagues, are being warned that there is a day of reckoning surely coming for them also. Mr. Watt, the Postmaster-General, and Mr. McCay, the Minister of Education, will have to fight for their seats at North Melbourne and Castlemaine respectively, and the members for Ballarat are already in receipt of expressions of regret from their constituents anent their action in voting for the no-confidence motion which led to the downfall of the Turner Ministry. And in the game of politics as it is played to-day, the suspicion is bound to obtrude itself that men are often and unduly considered before measures. Already people are asking themselves what Sir George Turner has done to forfeit the Premiership he has held so long and so worthily, and in which he has served the State so faithfully. More than this, the question is suggested, "What has Mr. McLean done to warrant his assumption of office at the present juncture of affairs?" Has the chairman or ex-chairman of the directors of the Maffra Beet Sugar Company any better record than the man he has displaced? Is his record as good even? That he is a strong advocate of protection and an equally strong supporter of the policy which makes of the state a good milch cow, available for milking purposes by syndicates and directorates, goes without saying. His past actions prove that. But what is there in the present situation that particularly fits him for the leadership of the House and for the chief position in the State? The more one looks into the events of the past few weeks, the more inexplicable they become. The toil of the Ministerial following revolts against its leaders, and the man whose avowed hostility to the Turner Government dates from Sir George's refusal to further subsidise the Maffra Beet Sugar Company, moves an illogical vote of censure upon them, which he carries with the help of the Opposition. Displacing his erstwhile leaders and associates, this new political prophet coolly apportions out among the malcontent "tailites" the spoils of office. For the time being he poses as victor of the situation. But there are victories and victories, and in the hour of his triumph Mr. McLean would do well to remember that inglorious defeats often follow upon the heels of inglorious victories. True, breathing space is afforded him during the next three weeks, and he may be able in the interval to formulate and cement alliances which will tend to make his position secure. But in the light of the criticisms already passed upon his actions, there is no great measure of hope for his prolonged political existence as the Chief Minister of State. It reports speak truly Sir George Turner's political followers are not likely to calmly accept Mr. McLean as their leader. That he aspires to lead the Liberal party in the Assembly is one of those weaknesses which must sooner or later lead to Mr. McLean's political undoing. His very existence depends upon the support he receives at the hands of the Conservative party (so called), which only voted with him on account of its dissatisfaction with the inaction of the late Ministry, and more particularly on account of the growing tendency on the part of Sir George Turner and his colleagues to shirk all Ministerial responsibility where more important questions of State policy were concerned. Where Ministerial decisions were called for, shelter was so invariably sought behind the deliberations of Royal Commissions and Select Committees that, oft-times, members of Parliament must have rubbed their eyes in astonishment as they wonderingly questioned within themselves whether the era of responsible government had not altogether vanished. Mr. McLean was clever enough to take advantage of the growing dissatisfaction which thus showed itself; whether he will be as smart in securing for himself the support of the dissatisfied section of the Assembly is an altogether different matter. Whatever may be the ultimate outcome of the political situation, it is evident that the new Ministry exists only on sufferance, and it is not at all surprising to find that its standing is to be challenged by Sir George Turner at the very outset of its Parliamentary career. And if Mr. McLean and his colleagues are thus placed upon trial, they can scarcely take exception to the treatment meted out to them. Like the Solomon Ministry in South Australia they may yet have to admit that their ministerial life has been short, without having the satisfaction of feeling, like Mr. Solomon, that their career has been a merry one. Apparently they have but jumped the policy and measures of their predecessors in the same fashion as they have jumped their portfolios, and in the interests of political morality it is to be hoped Parliament and the country may read them a sharp and salutary lesson. With all his failings Sir George Turner is infinitely preferable to Mr. Allan McLean, the elect of Gippsland, and it is therefore small wonder that people are everywhere asking "Why Mr. McLean?" It would have been better to have sent the House to the country before its time, for whatever mandate Mr. McLean may claim to hold, as concerning his continuance in the position he holds by virtue of the extraordinary mixings of parties noticeable within the last few weeks, he possesses the confidence of neither the Liberal nor Conservative parties, and the Labour men are actively assailing his position wherever it is possible for them to do so. Even if Mr. Watt secures re-election at North Melbourne and Mr. McCay is again returned for Castlemaine, the day of inevitable reckoning will but have been postponed. The Nemesis which invariably attends the career of the political renegade is bound to overtake Ministers sooner or later, and when it does come and they go down before it, as they will do, Victorians will once again be left pondering over anomalies of government which permit of such men as Mr. McLean constituting themselves the leaders of the nation without even warranty or a direction for so doing.

Local and General News.

The statement of accounts of the Shire of Ripon appears on our fourth page.

The handicaps in connection with the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day sports will be found on our first page.

The North Riding members of the Ripon-shire Council have granted the Beaufort Athletic Club the use of the Park on Boxing Day, with the right to charge admission thereto.

Our Skipton correspondent writes:—Maurice Foley was charged at the Skipton Police Court (before Messrs Earles and Kennedy, J's.P.), with larceny of a swag of the value of £1 14s, the property of John Lee. Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to 7 days' imprisonment in the Ballarat gaol. Three local hotelkeepers were each fined £2, with £1 14s costs, for a breach of the Trade Mark Act. The issuing of 3 carriers' licenses concluded the business.

The report that Senior-constable Downey had been permanently reinstated at Beaufort seems to have been somewhat premature, as early this week he received orders to report himself at Russell-street, Melbourne. Senior-constable Blade is still doing relieving duty at Beaufort, and expects to remain till after New Year's Day.

The marriage of Miss Laura Lilley, eldest daughter of Mr J. Lilley, of Beaufort, and Mr Duncan Carmichael, farmer, of Middle Creek, was solemnized in the P.M. Church, Beaufort, on Thursday. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Robinson. There was a large attendance of well-wishers at the church. Subsequently about 70 sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast at the Golden Age Hall, when the usual toasts were enthusiastically drunk. At night a social was held, over 100 being present. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of useful presents.

The general committee of the exhibition and competition to be held in connection with the Primitive Methodist Sunday school and church was held on Wednesday evening last, and judging from the interest manifested and the reports received, the effort promises to be a big success. The programme for the school competition was the main item under consideration, and in addition to the items of interest in last year's effort they propose to include action songs for the infants, physical drill, mental arithmetic, spelling bee, and items for reading and reciting, money prizes being offered in most instances, and will be open to all schools, whether private or State. In the adult or open competition there are several additional items for competition, such as sacred solo (open), humorous duet, Shakesperian recital, duets for gentlemen only, selections on the mouth harmonica, nail-driving competition for ladies only. In connection with this item Dr. Eadie will be in attendance with bandages and splints in case of accident. Most original and effective tableaux, with limelight effects. It is proposed to hold the exhibition and competition for four nights, to conclude with a grand concert by successful competitors where practicable, the date being fixed for March 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1900. The thanks of the committee are tendered to Dr. Donald Stewart for his donation to the prize list, also to "Spoopendike."—[COMMUNICATED.]

Mr J. W. Banfield, proprietor of the "Ararat Advertiser," died on Thursday afternoon, at the age of 76 years. The deceased was one of the oldest journalists in Australia. Arriving in the colony in 1852, he has been indentified with presswork ever since, taking the first press to Bendigo, starting the "Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser," the first paper at Fiery Creek (now Beaufort), and, finally, starting the "Ararat Advertiser" in August, 1857. The deceased was treasurer of the borough for 25 years, treasurer of the hospital since its inception, and filled numerous other public positions.

The secretary of the Beaufort Athletic Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of 10s 6d from Mr D. S. Oman as a donation towards their Boxing Day sports.

Sir George Turner does not think much of the Ministerial programme, as unfolded by the head of the Government, and he has let it be known that when the House resumes on the 9th January, he will, on behalf of the Opposition, throw down a challenge to the Government.

Messrs James and George Russell, executors of the Hon. Phillip Russell, deceased, late of Carngham, have left with the Ballarat Trustees, Executors and Agency Company, Limited, Camp street, the sum of £20 for the Ballarat District Hospital, and £10 each for the Ballarat Benevolent Asylum and the Ballarat Orphan Asylum.

The following are the district fixtures of Mr R. E. Johns, P.M., for the month of January;—Beaufort, 8th, at 1.30 p.m.; Skipton, 17th, at 10 a.m.; Carngham, 17th, at 2 p.m.

A shocking accident occurred in the Magdala-cum-Moonlight Company's mine on Saturday afternoon, resulting in the instantaneous death of a well-known miner named William Buchanan, about 46 years of age. Buchanan was on the afternoon shift, and was working along with another miner named Harrison Hunter at the 1406 feet level, when a fall of mullock took place, killing him on the spot. Hunter escaping. Deceased was a member of the Stawell branch A.M.A., and highly esteemed through the town, being closely identified with alluvial mining. Work at the mine was suspended till the arrival of the mining inspector. An inquest was held on Monday, when a verdict of accidental death was returned. The deceased was a native of the Beaufort district, being the eldest son of Mr James Buchanan, of Livingstone, and the nephew of Mr William Buchanan, of Beaufort.

A meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held on Tuesday evening; Mr Hughes in the chair, and three members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. An account for 7s was passed for payment to Stevenson and Sons; 10s being also passed for scrubbing the floors of the Institute. The secretary was authorized to procure Rider Haggard's new book, "The last Boer war," and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

A committee meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday evening; Mr H. M. Stuart (President) in the chair, and eight members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. As Mr Pedder was unable to act as a gatekeeper, Mr John Humphreys was appointed in his stead. It was decided to admit competitors free to the sports, but not trainers; Mr W. Stephenson being appointed to take charge of the passes. The secretary reported that he had disposed of the luncheon booth to Mr H. Trompf. The matter of engaging scouts was left in the hands of Mr Stevens. The secretary was empowered to engage three boys to sell concert tickets; all unsold tickets to be returned to the treasurer by 4 p.m. on Boxing Day, otherwise no commission will be allowed. It was arranged that the sports should start at 12 o'clock sharp. As all the arrangements are now completed, it was considered unnecessary to hold another meeting, and any matters that might require attention were left in the hands of the president and secretary.

The Beaufort and Trawalla Cricket Clubs met in friendly rivalry at Trawalla on Saturday last. The visitors were not fully represented, having only five of their players. Trawalla batted first, and were all disposed of for 56 runs, T. Bolger (24) being the only double-figure scorer. C. White obtained 3 wickets for 2 runs, E. Barnes 4 for 13, and E. Lilley 1 for 33. Beaufort lost 4 wickets for 82 runs, and thus won the match by 6 wickets and 26 runs. S. Reid took 3 wickets for 49 runs, and T. Rogers 1 for 14. The following are the scores:—Trawalla.—T. Brain, c E. Brain (sub.), b Barnes, 7; T. Bolger, run out, 24; S. Reid, c Rogers (sub.), b Barnes, 5; P. Roach, c B. Trompf, b Lilley, 1; S. Baldwin, c and b White, 7; M. Green, b Barnes, 0; T. Rogers, c and b Barnes, 2; J. McCracken, not out 2; H. Jaensch, c and b White, 0; W. Price, b White, 3; sundries, 4; total, 56. Beaufort.—C. White, c Grant (sub.), b Rogers, 15; H. Trompf, c Hall, b Reid, 4; E. Barnes, c Roach, b Reid, 18; E. Lilley, not out, 41; L. Lilley, b Reid, 0. Total for 4 wickets, 82. During the afternoon the visitors were most hospitably treated to light refreshments.

Messrs Keogh, Leader, and Patterson, P.M's., sat as a Licensing Court at Beaufort on Monday, and granted the following applications for renewals of publicans' and grocers' licenses for the Beaufort and Burrumbeet licensing districts, there being no objection offered by the police. The figures represent the valuation. Beaufort Licensing District.—C. Broadbent, junr., Commercial hotel, Beaufort, £50; E. Collins, Sailor's Gully hotel, Nerring, £25; W. Dickman, Main Lead hotel, Main Lead, £25; W. Hinchliffe, Victoria Junction hotel, Waterloo, £30; M. Hutton, Fifeshire hotel, Waterloo, £20; C. Kelly, Eurambeen hotel, Eurambeen, £25; W. Loft, Railway hotel, Beaufort, £60; D. Maher, Farmers' hotel, Beaufort, £35; G. McCracken, George hotel, Beaufort, £35; T. Newey, Albion hotel, Waterloo, £25; M. Nixon, Waterloo hotel, Waterloo, £30; H. Prince, Raglan hotel, Raglan, £25; W. Schlicht, All Nations hotel, Beaufort, £45; T. VanderStoel, Victoria hotel, Beaufort, £30; C. W. Vowles, Camp hotel, Beaufort, £60; G. T. Vowles, Richmond hotel, Waterloo, £30; M. Wadsworth, Beaufort hotel, Beaufort, £32; S. Welsh, Golden Age hotel, Beaufort, £125. Grocers' Licenses.—D. Troy, Beaufort; J. R. Wotherspoon, Beaufort. Burrumbeet Licensing District.—A. K. Dewar, Springs hotel, Waubra, £50; executors late — Fitzgerald, Miss Fitzgerald being approved of as agent, Waubra hotel, Waubra; M. A. Jaensch, Trawalla hotel, Trawalla, £40; M. A. McPhee, Pyrenees hotel, Lexton, £50. The statutory number of inhabitants in the Beaufort licensing district was fixed at 260, and for the Beaufort licensing district, 2945. A temporary license was granted to T. VanderStoel for the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day sports in the Recreation Reserve. An application by Jabez Lilley for permission to hold a dance in the hall attached to the Golden Age hotel on the night of the 14th and morning of 15th inst. was granted. A temporary license was also granted to C. W. Vowles for the Beaufort Jockey Club's New Year's Day races at Waterloo Flat. The applicant did not appear, having gone to Ballarat that morning and informed the police that he did not think it was necessary to appear. The chairman (Mr Keogh) instructed the police to inform Mr Vowles that it was necessary for him to appear, or if he ever made such an application again it would not be granted. It was not to accommodate the applicant that he granted it now, but simply not to inconvenience the public.

The rainfall for the past week ending yesterday at 9 a.m. amounted to 22 points.

The stewards of the Beaufort Jockey Club met at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening; Mr Sinclair in the chair, and five present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Two tenders were received for the work on the racecourse, viz., J. French, £3 15s, and J. Vowles, £2 18s. The lowest was accepted. The price of admission to the racecourse having been fixed at 1s for adults and 6d for children, it was decided to only charge for children between 8 and 15 years. The secretary was instructed to get 1000 tickets printed. As some local residents had stated that they intended entering the reserve without paying, the secretary was instructed to get authority from the trustees to eject from the racecourse any person found trespassing on New Year's day; also to write to the district Superintendent of Police and engage the services of two mounted police to assist the committee in keeping trespassers off the course. The admission tickets are to be worn in the hat of the person admitted, and should anyone elude the vigilance of the police, the fact of his not having a ticket will be taken as an indication that he is a trespasser. The secretary was instructed to engage a gatekeeper and a mounted scout to dispose of tickets. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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Beaufort Police Court.

Monday, 11th December, 1899.

(Before Mr Keogh, P.M.)

H. P. Jervis was charged, on remand, by Senior-Constable Blade with unlawfully assaulting Denis Maher on 5th inst. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Denis Maher, who had to be assisted into the witness box, deposed that he was a publican, residing at Beaufort. On the 5th inst. he went to the local railway station, and asked defendant for payment of some money. Defendant walked away to the end of the platform, and after a while came and asked what he owed. He then paid the amount. He disputed about a two-shilling piece, saying it was half-a-crown, and witness called Boud, a porter. Defendant made use of very bad language and pushed witness, by placing both his hands on his chest, on to the rails. Witness was stunned for a minute or two, and as he was being helped on to the platform, defendant was going to kick him, but did not get near enough, as the porter stopped him. Witness did not attempt to strike nor abuse defendant, and gave him no provocation. Witness's hip was fractured, and he had been under the doctor's care since.

Asked by defendant as to whether he (Jervis) was in perfect possession of his senses at the time, witness replied that defendant had some drink in him. To all appearances he had a fight before he assaulted him.

Arthur Thomas Boud, a railway porter, and Edward James Kavanagh, a railway clerk, corroborated Maher's statement. Maher had given defendant no provocation whatever.

Senior-constable Blade deposed to defendant being given into custody by Maher for unlawfully assaulting him. Defendant was drunk at the time and denied the assault. Next morning when he was sober he said he was very sorry for what had occurred, as he had no right to assault Maher, who had been very kind to him.

To defendant—You had a black eye.

Defendant stated that somebody had hit him and he was bruised on the head. He remembered absolutely nothing about the case. He was very sorry, and was prepared to make what compensation he could to Maher.

Mr Keogh remarked that getting drunk and committing an offence was no excuse whatever; but to his mind was an aggravation of an assault. It seemed to have been a most unprovoked assault, committed without any provocation whatever. Defendant was fined £3, in default one month's imprisonment, with 22s 3d costs.

The fine and costs were paid.

Matthew Campbell Lecker charged Wm. Hinchliffe with unlawfully applying a trade mark to certain whisky. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Plaintiff stated that he was an inspector of liquor, and on 9th Novr. found a bottle of Mitchell's old Irish whisky, bottled by J. Coller and Co., which was not genuine. He took the usual samples, and when analysed in the laboratory at the Customs House the whisky was found to be 20 under proof. Defendant wrote to the Department, stating that he would plead guilty, so that the analyst had not been brought as a witness. The whisky had been reduced by water. All the other liquor in the house was of good quality.

Defendant stated that he was not at home, but that his wife and daughter were in charge of the place, and one of them had made a mistake by putting too much water in the whisky. He had been 20 years in the house, and this was the first offence he had ever been charged with.

Fined L1, with L2 10s 6d costs, which were at once paid.

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CHIPS.

[BY "TOMAHAWK."]

Dear readers and readeresses, I beg to give a most emphatic denial to the editor's remark that I was taking a holiday. Such is not the case. The simple truth is that owing to the hot weather and lack of consideration on the part of the aforesaid high and mighty EDITOR (small capitals, please), I refused to have any more to do with him. It wasn't much I required at his hands—only a small cask of ginger-ale for Christmas—and when he turned on me and asked me if I thought he owned an aerated water factory, it was the last straw that broke the elephant's back, and I handed in my resignation. However, he has since come to terms; I am to get two casks, and you—the "chips."

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The new rifle range was opened amidst great *eclat* (I think that's the word), assisted by much noise, powder and bullets. The shooting was deadly, and the targets suffered severely. The marker was frightened his whitewash would give out, but happily he had plenty of it and got through successfully. This rifle business seems to me to be a kind of secret society, to judge by the remarks made. First you will hear one man say "bull"; in fact, one man hit seven bulls one after the other without stopping. I couldn't see any bulls; I saw one cow, but nobody hit her. Then they talked about "magpies"; there wasn't a solitary one within cooee. Next a "centre"; I suppose that meant the chap who had just fired was the *centre* of attraction. Again, "outers" and "misses"; I saw a few misses, and they looked quite charming in their lovely dresses, and seemed to be out for the afternoon, or, as the shooters called them, "outers." It's not much of a language, anyhow. The only part I did understand properly was the refreshments, of which I partook largely, nevertheless everybody said the shooting was good, considering they had no practice. One man put on a possible (there's some more Chinese), and between the two teams they put on 1040 odd. I couldn't see where they put them, but I suppose they did. I have often wondered why a man lies down to shoot, every man having a position of his own. I have discovered since that it is to prevent them being knocked over when the rifle kicks. It looks undignified to get kicked over, so ther get down first to save accidents. The new range promises to be a great success, and when they pay the survey fees they will have a permanent range, which will be hard to beat—no dazzling sun on the targets and a splendid avenue of trees to break the wind.

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The Athletic Club are hustling, and their Boxing Day sports meeting promises to be a big turn-out. According to reports they have about 150 entries, and the handicappers and other officials are in for a busy time. If you want to see, just for curiosity as it were, what a busy time means, go up to the Park on Boxing Day, cross the gatekeeper's palm with silver, and you will be educated. I notice that the Brass Band they have engaged intend to come up on Christmas night and treat the people to some appropriate music during that evening. This will be just lovely, as the girls remark, and further, with a thoughtfulness that means business, the President has been voted a sum of money to entertain the Band while caroling. I must get into that Band somehow for that occasion, if it is only to carry the bandmaster's cornet box. The committee mean to do everything thoroughly, and intend to make this sports meeting a record, both in the way of amusement and financially. The entertainment doesn't end with the sports either, as in the evening there is to be a remarkably good variety concert by a specially selected company of Ballarat artists, nearly all South Street prize-takers. I have seen the programme, and it contains plenty of good items, plenty of novelty, and plenty of fun; so on Boxing Day anyhow the people will get good value for their money.

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The Jockey Club have framed a good programme for New Year's Day, and all lovers of the noble equine quadruped can look forward to a good outing. After you have eaten a good Christmas dinner, and put in the rest of the following week eating up the cold remains, you should feel inclined for something to brighten you up, and the Jockey Club's races just fill the bill. For good racing, plenty of fun, and a splendid picnic ground, I can recommend this particular racecourse.

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The P.M. Sunday School have just got over their anniversary, and they have announced their intention of conquering more worlds—they are going to arrange another grand musical, literary and schools competition, to be held about Easter time. I will wait further developments before I make a few remarks. There is nothing like progress, and I wish them every success.

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The Fire Brigade have elected their officers, and the new captain intends to make things boom. A competition has already been arranged, with two gold medals as prizes. Now this is just the sort of thing to make the brigadiers smart, and no doubt when the next great fire brigade demonstration comes round our boys will give a good account of themselves. I still stick to my idea that the best kind of competition is to run a certain distance to an imaginary fire, the reel to be in the house, the men about 100 yards away, the bell to sound and off they go, get the reel out, sprint to the nearest plug, and get the water on; the team doing it in the quickest time to be the winners. This would be interesting to spectators and good experience to the firemen. Of course I don't profess to know anything about fire-fighting; I only helped to put out one fire, and that was a chimney.

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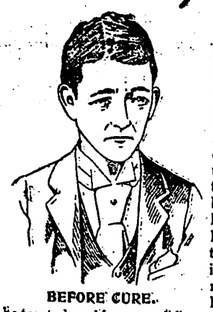

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THAT consumption may be effectually cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills has been proved conclusively by the many published testimonials, to which we now add the testimonial of Mr. William Frederick Byrnes, of Toolern, near Melton on the Bacchus Marsh line, Victoria. A considerable time ago, symtoms of consumption manifested themselves in this young man, and an experienced doctor after examining him declared him to be suffering from consumption of the lungs, and tuberculous affection of the hip, the complaint even having spread to that portion of his body. Gradually the insidious disease weakened the young man until he was confined altogether to his bed. He was taken to Melbourne to be treated, and four noted doctors there, declared him incurable. He was removed to the Melbourne Hospital, and after consultation, several skilled surgeons performed an operation upon the diseased hip, but, unfortunately, the desired relief did not result, and young Byrnes left the hospital in what was declared to be a dying condition, the physicians recommending his removal to the Austin Hospital for Incurables. But Byrnes' family brought him home instead, preferring that he should die with his family about him. All this time he was completely prostrated with extreme weakness, profuse perspiration, a hacking cough, loss of appetite, inability to digest properly, pain in the hip, and other symptoms. After his removal home he gradually sank, until one day the local clergyman was called in to administer the last sacred rites of the church. But Byrnes lived a few days after this, and then his relatives heard of the virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, they purchased a supply. When the patient had finished a box he breathed more freely, the cough quietened down, and he seemed a little stronger. After using three boxes his improvement was great, his appetite came back, strength increased daily, and the coughing fits subsided. Altogether he used eight boxes, and this is what he says:—"I am now in perfect health. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have given me back my strength and vigor, and I take part once more in my rabbit-trapping and shooting excursions, being away for days at a time. My hand is steady, my eye is clear, and my complete cure is looked upon by all as a magnificent testimony of the medicinal virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

SURGEONS OPERATE.

Returns Home TO DIE.

ENTERS HOSPITAL.

RESTORED TO HEALTH.

DECLARED INCURABLE.

AT WORK AGAIN.

AFTER CURE.

Remember, reader, you too can be cured.

Prostrate with Anæmia!!

FIVE MONTHS IN BED. A WONDERFUL CURE.

"St. Elmo," Mitchell Street,
St. Kilda, 4/9/99.

TO THE DR. WILLIAMS' MEDICINE CO.,

DEAR SIRS,—I hereby testify to the benefits I have derived from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. About eighteen months ago I was obliged to discontinue work owing to a most serious attack of neuralgia, combined with anæmia. One day, on returning to my home, I was so bad that I had to take to my bed, being completely prostrated. I grew steadily worse, all energy and strength left me, my appetite failed, my cheeks grew pale and flaccid, and I frequently fainted away. I received the best medical attention—doctor after doctor attended, remedy after remedy was tried, and everything which it was thought might help my recovery was provided. For nearly five months I had to keep to my bed. My life was despaired of. One day the doctor called my mother aside and told her he could only give me six hours to live. As a last resource, a friend implored me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I did so. The second box clearly effected an improvement, and after taking a few more, my flesh, the pressure of a finger upon which formerly left a hole, began to assume its natural shape and firmness, and soon I was able to leave my bed. For twelve months I had hardly eaten sufficient to keep me alive, but at last I could relish my food. Determined to make a thorough cure, I persevered with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills until this was assured. Since then I have never had a recurrence of the symptoms of my illness, and I feel full of life and energy. Some of the pills I gave to a friend, whom also they cured. I have gained two stone in weight since my recovery.

I am, Dear Sirs, faithfully yours,
(Miss) ANNIE MONTGOMERY.

RHEUMATISM & KIDNEY TROUBLES.

Paralysed with Pain. Doctor after Doctor Called In. A Complete Cure at Last.

MR. JAMES COLLEDGE, of Messrs. Arbuckle and Co., Printers and Publishers, 430 Bourke Street, Melbourne, is a staunch advocate of Dr. Williams Pink Pills. Recently he told our reporter how they had cured him of rheumatism, kidney complications, and sciatica. "Two and a-half years ago," said Mr. Colledge, "I caught a heavy cold, which brought on acute rheumatism. The wearying aching pains ran through my limbs and stiffened all my joints. The sciatica seemed to commence in the small of my back, and later on it spread to the hip, knee, and feet, the spasms of agony I endured being terrible. These ailments paralysed all the muscles of my body, and it was impossible for me to move hand or foot. To bend my knees was equally impossible. I also experienced great pain and trouble with my kidneys. Two skilled doctors were summoned. They carefully prescribed, gave me every attention, and I used their liniments as directed, but I did not improve. My case was a grave one, for when a finger was pressed lightly on my leg it left a hole, and it would be fully five minutes before the flesh would return to its normal condition. This dropsical symptom alarmed me greatly. For five months I lay perfectly helpless and in fearful agony. Then I was taken to a well-known Homœopathic Hospital, and had to be removed from there in a cab, and I was further treated at home by doctor after doctor for months. At last my thoughts were directed to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as I remembered the large number of apparently genuine testimonials which I had read. So I determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Several boxes were bought for me, and I took them regularly. Notwithstanding the unusual severity of my ailments, improvement commenced after taking the fourth box, and from November 9, 1898 (the date I discontinued the pills) until to-day, I have not experienced the least symptom of either sciatica, rheumatism, or kidney troubles. I am now working at my business, and am in perfect health. Naturally, I heartily recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, whenever I see sickness and suffering." Mrs. Colledge, who was present, corroborated her son's statement, and added:—"When his limbs were bathed in warm water, a chalky substance oozed from the pores, and created a scum on the surface of the water. This shows how bad he was." She asked to be allowed to add her recommendation of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as she valued them highly.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE

(Genuine only with all seven words printed in red ink on white outside wrapper. See facsimile below.)

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CURE all Blood and Skin Diseases, Scrofula, Eczema, Nervous Disorders, St. Vitus' Dance, Liver and Kidney Complaints, Chest and Lung Troubles, Consumption, Bronchitis, Ladies' Ailments, Vital Losses, Etc. Sold by Chemists and Storekeepers and by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., care of Rocke, Tompsitt & Co., Flinders Street, Melbourne, 2/9 per box, 6 boxes 15/3 (post free).

Why Some People Are Poor.

Bad management keeps more people in poor circumstances than any other one cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan ahead, so that when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take advantage of it. A little forethought will also save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in the house, the shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it and then rain his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor's bill to pay besides; one pays out 25 cents, the other is out a hundred dollars, and then wonders why his neighbour is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

Beaufort United Common.

The managers of the above common met at the secretary's office on 11th inst. Present—Messrs. Humphreys, Flynn, and Browne (secretary.)

REPORTS.

From secretary, reporting financially to date as follow:—Balance in bank, to credit, £20 12s 6d; cash in hand, nil; fees received to date for current half-year, £39 14s; unpaid fees due on stock registered, £4 15s, making the total assessment to date, £44 9s. He further reported:—I have now to refer to a letter which appeared in the local paper of 25th ult., wherein the writer suggested that steps should be taken to petition the Government to suspend the forest laws, and allow the cutting and removal of the thick scrub and saplings so as to improve the grazing capability of the common. The writer also suggested that perhaps the secretary of the common himself would convene a public meeting. I have thought it advisable to bring this before you for united action thereon if approved of. I will now point out that in August, 1895, the managers instructed me to write to the Lands Department pointing out the advisability of allowing parties to cut down, under the supervision of the forester, the dense sapling scrub growing on portions of this common, as it was destroying the grass, and preventing the growth of useful timber. The Department replied, stating the suggestion was considered a good one, and Mr Forester Orde is both competent and available for that purpose. I communicated with Mr Orde, but nothing resulted.

The report was received, and consideration of the sapling question deferred for inquiry.

From the herdsman, reporting that 10,000 sheep and 100 head of cattle passed through the common since last meeting; have been offered a good bull suitable for the common, and used to the place; beg to recommend that the offer be accepted. Beg to report that the land Chas. Dunn desires to select is required for commonage purposes, being good grazing land in Gallaway's flat, besides it would be likely to increase a sheep nuisance out there.

Report adopted and herdsman empowered to purchase bull referred to at a reasonable price.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From the Land Officer, Ballarat, intimating that the following applications under 65th section had been lodged:—C. Loft, 20 acres, parish of Raglan; T. Whitfield, 20 acres, parish of Eurambeen; W. J. Green, 20 acres, parish of Beaufort.—Received and attended to.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—Herdsman, £9 1s; secretary, £2; petty cash, 9s.

The meeting then adjourned.

Middle Creek.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Harvesting is now in full swing in the district. The present week will see the greater portion of the oat crops cut. On the whole the crops have turned out remarkably well. The large number of stooks to be seen in all directions indicate that when thrashing starts some good yields should be heard of. Very little hay has been cut, in most instances only enough for home consumption. Grass is also very plentiful. Not for years has such grass been seen on the plains. Stock of all kinds are in the pink of condition.

One Application Relieves the Pain.

Mr P. Ketcham, of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

Mining News.

Vanderstoel and party (Nil Desperandum No. 1) washed their last machine yesterday for a yield of 6oz. 12dwt. 21gr. from what has proved a consistent dividend-paying claim. It is understood the party intend sinking again to work another tributary.

The Sons of Freedom will complete the skidding of their shaft this week.

The following are the reported local yields for the week ending Saturday last:—Hancock and party, 19oz. 1dwt.; Lilley and party, 2oz. 3dwt.; Ah Mee (purchased), 8oz. 1dwt.; sundries, 7oz.

The Waterloo yields are—Last Chance, 16oz. 16dwt.; Brother's Home, 6oz. 18dwt.; Brusher's Co. (fortnight), 6oz. 10dwt.; Try Again, 3oz. 19dwt.; Wait-a-Bit, 3oz. 5dwt. Ballantyne obtained 9oz. 3dwt. for 3 days' work from an indicator on the Waterloo range.

News has been received from the seat of war of a desperate fight at Spytfontein, in which the British met with a severe reverse. Lord Methuen advanced against Cronje on Saturday last, and attack after attack was made to take the Boer position. The men advanced steadily under a merciless fire, the British loss at this stage being very heavy. They, however, failed to carry the position in the face of the deadly fusilade poured in by the enemy from the security of their trenches. The Boers fought desperately, and at nightfall the position remained untaken, and Lord Methuen was compelled to withdraw his depleted ranks.

Original Jubilee Singers.

UNIQUE MUSICAL EVENT.

Beaufort is to be favored by a visit on Saturday next, 23rd inst. (Xmas. Eve), from Mr Orpheus M. McAdoo's ever famous original Jubilee Singers. It is nigh on eight years since their melodious voices were heard in this town, and recollections of their quaint harmony and singing still linger fondly in the minds of many old residents. The company comprises 14 star artists, including Madame Mattie Allan McAdoo, the only lady tenor in the world, whose voice the Melbourne "Argus" describes as a revelation; Miss Susie R. Anderson, America's "Black Melba"; and the inimitable Jerry Mills, prince of entertainers. Their singing has been a theme for praise by the universal press. Speaking of this company the Sydney "Bulletin" says:—'The McAdoo Jubilee singers are among the most melodious songsters that have ever visited Australasia. When they are comic they fill the house with mirth, and when they are pathetic they compel a silent tear to roll down the cheek.' In conjunction with the singers is a special presentation of the Passion Play of Oberammergau, pronounced to be the most marvellous production of the century. Christ's life is illustrated with 2000ft. of living pictures, by means of Edison's latest kinetoscope. It is endorsed by the pulpit, and highly commended by the press. Rev. E. Warren, of Washington, says:—"It is a beautiful, chaste, solemn and artistic representation." Amos Cardmill Zibbour writes:—"It was very realistic and devotional, and cannot fail to have an elevating effect on those who are fortunate enough to hear it." A bumper house is confidently anticipated.

The Transvaal War.

The gallant Black Watch practically annihilated in the assault on Spytfontein. Six hundred and forty out of eight hundred left dead or wounded.

Very sad news. Appalling slaughter of the gallant Highlanders, who were led into an ambush at Methuen's unsuccessful assault.

The total British killed and wounded at Spytfontein numbered 893 men. Of these, 703 belonged to the gallant Highland Brigade.

In charging the Boer positions at Spytfontein, the Gordons and the field artillery were compelled to trample the bodies of their wounded and suffering comrades.

The surprise of the Highland Brigade at Spytfontein was complete. The Boers had prepared everything beforehand, and reserved their fire till the troops, who were in close order, were only a few yards away. Two hundred were mowed down at the first discharge. In the words of an eye-witness, it simply "hailed lead."

The Victorian Government has decided to fall in with the proposal of the Premier of New South Wales to send a second contingent to South Africa if the British Government desires it.

Intense excitement was created to-day by a widely-spread rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved and that 6000 of the Boers had been captured. This statement was based on a telegram from Adelaide, recived here by a leading stock-broker, and posted in the Exchange, stating that a private cable had been received from London, conveying the news of the British success.—"Herald," Friday.

The bugle sounds the call to arms, and is always cheerfully responded to by the British soldier on active service; never once has he failed his country in the hour of need. It should therefore be a great honour to be called the soldier's friend, a title which has been well earned by Holloway's Pills and Ointment. In barracks, camp, or whilst on many a weary march in a hostile country these medicines have been the stay and comfort of thousands of "Our lads in red." In cases of dysentery, diarrhœa, fever and ague they have performed wonderful cures, and never in any disease, when a fair trial has been given, have they failed to afford relief.

It has been decided to close the subscription lists for the Orde testimonial on the 22nd inst. Those who have promised donations are requested to forward them to either Mr McIlroe or Mr Parker at their earliest convenience. The date of the presentation will be announced next week.

V. R.

EDUCATION ACT 1890.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

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

They are also requested to enter on the form supplied certain additional particulars which, if given, will absolve them from the necessity of furnishing the return hitherto asked for by Government Statist.

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

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

JAMES BAGGE,
Secretary.

Education Department,
Melbourne, 6th December, 1899.

FORAGE.

TENDERS will be received until Eleven o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd January next, for the supply of Forage in such quantities as may be required, for the service of the Government at the various Police and other stations, from 1st March, 1900, to the 28th February, 1901.

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

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

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

Alternative tenders are required for White and Algerian oats.

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

GEORGE TURNER,
Treasurer.

Treasury,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1899.

WANTED KNOWN, that J. B. COCHRAN, News Agent and Stationer, Beaufort, has a large and choice assortment of Xmas. and New Year Cards. Also a great variety of Toys, Games, and Fancy Goods. Inspection invited. The following Almanacs are on sale at 6d each:—Massina's, Dr. L. L. Smith's, Victorian and Irish.

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A Limited number of EGGS FOR SALE at 7s. 6d. dozen, from the following pure breeds:—Andalusians, Minorcas, White and Brown Leghorns, Langshans, Silver Wyandottes, and Plymouth Rocks. A few Minorca Cockerels from imported stock for sale.

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NOTICE.

A RULE to administer the Estate of TIMOTHY J. X. RYAN, late of Blythevale Station, Streatham, laborer, deceased, intestate, who died on 29th October, 1899, has been granted to me, and Creditors and others having Claims on such Estate are requested to send in particulars to my office by the 22nd January, 1900, or they will be excluded from the distribution of the Estate.

T. J. BRIDE,
Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons.
New Zealand Chambers, 483 Collins-street,
Melbourne, 11th December, 1899.

Beaufort Fire Brigade.

NOTICE.—Having received instructions from the Country Fire Brigades' Board that this Brigade is not called upon to attend fires outside the town boundary, we wish to inform the inhabitants of the district that in calling out the Brigade the person so doing is notified that the services of the Brigade are to be paid for and vehicles procured to convey same to and from such fires.

By order,
W. HILL, Secretary.

Song of Freedom Gold Mining Company, No Liability, Raglan.

THE Half-yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Golden Age Hall, Beaufort, on Thursday, the 21st Decr., 1899, at 8 o'clock p.m. Business.—To receive reports and balance sheets, to elect Directors, to elect Auditors.

J. SCOTT SMITH, Manager.
13th Decr., 1899.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES!

To be held on the Racecourse, WATERLOO FLAT, On

NEW YEAR'S DAY

(MONDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1900.)

STEWARDS—Mr. E. H. Austin, M.L.A.; Crs. M. Flynn and D. Stewart; Messrs. T. D. Martin, W. Hinchliffe, J. McKeich, C. W. and G. Vowles, G. H. Cougle, J. Eastwood, J. W. Harris, junr., D. F. Troy, T. Newey, A. Holdsworth, W. Stevenson, H. F. Watkin, C. Jones, and Dr. G. A. Eadie.

JUDGE—Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair.

CLERK OF SCALES—Mr. D. McDonald.

CLERK OF COURSE—Mr. W. Fitzpatrick.

STARTER—Mr. C. Loft.

HANDICAPPERS—Messrs. W. O'Sullivan, J. Lynch, T. VanderStoel, and C. W. Vowles.

TREASURER—Mr. J. R. Wotherspoon.

HON. AUCTIONEER—Mr. W. E. Nickols.

PROGRAMME.

Handicap Hurdle Race, of £6.

Two miles, over hurdles about 3ft. 6in. high. 1st, £5; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 6s.

Maiden Plate, of £4.

Half a mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised race. 1st, £3; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 4s.

Pony Race, of £5.

(Ponies under 14 hands). Half a mile. 1st, £4; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 5s.

Beaufort Handicap, of £12.

One mile. 1st, £10; 2nd, £2. Post entry, 12s.

Selling Flat Race, of £4.

Handicap. Winner to be sold for £8. Five-tenths of any surplus to go to the funds of the club; three-tenths to second horse; and two-tenths to third horse. 1st, £3; 2nd, £1. Distance half a mile. Post entry, 4s.

Handicap Trot,

A sweepstake of 5s, with £2 added. Two miles.

Flying Handicap, of £5.

Three-quarters of a mile. 1st, £4; 2nd £1. Post entry, 5s.

Pony Trot

(Under 14 hands), a sweepstake of 5s, with £2 added. Distance two miles.

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(Mrs) J. R. AMOS.

Witness—A. R. Taber.

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

PACKETS.

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

*Remarks such as, "A cheque will oblige," "With thanks, etc," will render accounts chargeable as letters.

INTERCOLONIAL RATES.

NEW SOUTH WALES, NEW ZEALAND, QUEENSLAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, WEST. AUSTRALIA, FIJI, NEW HEBRIDES AND BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

	s.	d.
Letters.—Per ½ ounce or under	0	2
Post Cards	0	1
Reply Post Cards ...	0	2
Letter Cards to N. S. Wales, S. Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, W. Australia ...	0	1½
To New Zealand and Fiji	0	2½
Books.—Per four ounces or under (up to three lbs)... ...	0	1
Newspapers	0	0½
Registration Fee... ...	0	3
Bulk parcels of newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper publisher or newsvendor, per lb or fraction thereof ...	0	1
Parcel Post.—To S. Australia, Queensland, New Zealand, Tasmania, and W. Australia only.—Per lb or under	0	8
Each additional lb, or under (up to 11 lbs)	0	6

PACKETS.

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

RATES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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

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

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.

Give your orders for JOB PRINTING to the newspaper in your district, because it prints thousands of reports and notifications for which it receives no payment whatever. It is always spending its time and money to benefit and improve the prospects of the place through which it circulates. It gives you [illegible] in return for your printing order.

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."

Clarke's Blood Mixture

THE WORLD-FAMED BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER

IS WARRANTED TO CLEAR THE BLOOD from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blackheads, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing and permanent Cure. It

Cures Old Sores.
Cures Sores on the Neck.
Cures Sore Legs.
Cures Blackhead or Pimples on the Face.
Cures Scurvy.
Cures Ulcers.
Cures Blood and Skin Diseases.
Cures Glandular Swellings.
Clears the Blood from all impure Matter, From whatever cause arising.

It is a real specific for Gout and Rheumatic pains.

It removes the cause from the Blood and Bones.

As this Mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, the Proprietors solicit sufferers to give it a trial to test its value.

"COMPLETELY HEALED."

Mrs E. Berkshire writes:—"In the year 1888, when residing at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, I caught cold, which led to inflammation of the bowels. I was attended by local doctors, and received some relief, but the following year it turned to fistula, from which I suffered for eight years; and it was constantly discharging. I was put under chloroform by two doctors, with a view of an operation, but they found that the fistula was too far inside, and an operation would have been too dangerous. In 1890 a second abscess formed, and in 1891 a third. These were all discharging at the same time. The end of 1893 I was again examined by two doctors to see if an operation was possible; it was found that an operation was out of the question, as they stated the inside was riddled with abscesses. During the whole of this time I was receiving medical attendance, one year being treated by a herbal doctor in the town, and receiving advice for four months from a London doctor. During the greater part of this time I was a confirmed invalid, having to be carried up and down stairs, and the doctors gave up all hope of my recovery. In June, 1895, I was advised by friends to try "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture." After taking one large bottle I found one large abscess gradually drying up. I therefore continued taking the mixture, and also Clarke's Aperient Pills, and in time all three abscesses were completely healed, and I was able to walk as well as ever, and could eat and drink any ordinary food. I am pleased to say it was Clarke's Blood Mixture that effected the cure, having received no real benefit from doctors. I should have written before, but wished to see if the cure [illegible]"—Post Office, Cottonwood, Assiniboia, N.W.T., Canada. October 17th, 1898.

"P.S.—I may say that I can give you doctors' names and names of friends to prove the truth of what I state. I purchased the mixture at the Sussex Drug Stores, Tunbridge Wells, my name and address then being Miss E. Horner, 5, Warwick Cottage, Frank Forest, Tunbridge Wells."

SAVED MY LIFE.

Mrs. Amy Churches writes:

"It is with earnest thanks and heartfelt gratitude that I write these few lines to let you know that I am at last completely cured of the dreadful disease called eczema by taking your wonderful Blood Mixture. I commenced taking Clarke's Blood Mixture on June 8 last, and since then I have had 17 bottles, 2s. 9d. size, three pots of ointment, also three bottles of Clarke's Skin Lotion, which I found was of untold value in allaying the irritation. I was in such a fearful state that the sheets in my bed had to be changed every day, also my own linen, on account of the fearful discharge from the sores, my hands also were very bad, the backs of them being so dreadfully encrusted with yellow scab that one would think they were covered with rock brimstone. I never expected they would resume their proper shape, but now I am able to do light house old duties, and I feel I am getting stronger every day; in fact, my husband, my nurse, and myself truly believe Clarke's Blood Mixture saved my life. I have much to be thankful for, and if you like to make use of my letter you are welcome to do so, as I am fully convinced I should never have been here if it had not been for Clarke's Blood Mixture.

"2, Kynaston Road, Stoke Newington, London, N., Oct. 22, 1898."

Mr. E. Taylor writes:

"I send you this testimonial, for I have derived a great benefit by taking Clarke's Blood Mixture, after two years of great suffering with a very bad leg. I have been in a Birmingham hospital 18 months, and six months out-patient at another hospital at Birmingham. I was turned out incurable, as I would not consent to have my leg taken off. I was told to try Clarke's Blood Mixture by a friend of mine, so I sent for a large bottle, and by the time I had taken it I was able to go about on my crutches. I had another bottle, and by the time I had finished it my leg was quite well, and I am able to go to my work.

"I am a Birmingham man, but am working at present in Halifax, and I am willing to answer any questions that anyone may wish to ask; for I cannot speak too highly of it. I recommend it to all. You may make use of this if you like. 2, Hansen Square, Fleet Street, Halifax, Yorks, October 23, 1897."

THOUSANDS OF TESTIMONIALS OF WONDERFUL CURES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold in Bottles 2s. 9d. each, and in cases containing six times the quantity, 11s.—sufficient to effect a permanent cure in the great majority of long-standing cases—BY ALL CHEMISTS and PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS throughout the world. Proprietors, THE LINCOLN AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln, England. Trade Mark—"BLOOD MIXTURE."

Clarke's Blood Mixture.

CAUTION.—Purchasers of Clarke's Blood Mixture should see that they get the genuine article. Worthless imitations and substitutes are sometimes palmed off by unprincipled vendors. The words "Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln, England" are engraved on the Government Stamp, and "Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture," blown in the bottle. WITHOUT WHICH NONE ARE GENUINE.

RE MINING LEASES.

It is notified for general information that applicants for Mining Leases are required, within seven days previous to lodging the application, to insert in a newspaper published in the district where the land is situated, or if no such newspaper, then in one published nearest the district, an advertisement or notice in the form marked "A" in the schedule relating to Mining Leases.

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

SUPPORT

LOCAL INDUSTRY,

AND

SUBSCRIBE

TO THE

LOCAL PAPER,

THE

RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.

We ask that our efforts for the district's good shall be recognised. An increased circulation means still greater usefulness on our part. When a neighbour or friend asks for the loan of the local paper, tell him or her that for the small sum of

3s per Quarter

It is obtainable direct from the office regularly.

In addition to complete and impartial reports of all local meetings, an interesting

14-Column Supplement

Is presented to Regular Subscribers.

ORDERS FOR

Plain and Ornamental

JOB * PRINTING

Executed with Neatness and Despatch.

Bear in mind that

ADVERTISING

ALWAYS PAYS.

Business men should note that as the Local Paper is extensively read in the district, it therefore affords a splendid advertising medium.

Oyes! Oyes!

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT

Have stood pre-eminent during the past sixty years as

RELIABLE FAMILY MEDICINES.

They are invaluable Remedies for

Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Feverish Attacks, Ague, Bad Legs, Bad Breasts, Old Wounds, Sores and Skin Diseases.

They have no equal for Affections of the

THROAT, CHEST and LUNGS.

Manufactured only at 78, New Oxford St. (late 533, Oxford St.), London. Sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors.

J. McKEICH

Is showing a Grand Assortment of NEW GOODS for the Summer Season.

For choice, quality, and price, this stock will be found far in advance of all previous seasons.

The New Summer Dresses are very pretty, and inexpensive. The most popular lines are Drillettes, Duckettes, Drills, Piques, French Muslins, Black Plain, Figured, and Fancy Lustres, Grenadies, Cashmeres, with the newest summer serges.

The latest Blouses, Costumes, Skirts, Chiffons, Veilings, Dress Nets, Ladies' Ties, Bows, and many fancy lines.

The largest assortment yet shown of **Cotton and Silk Laces, Torchons, Maltesen, Valenciennes,** in all shades and prices. **New Ribbons, Belts, Beltings, Sash Ribbons, Belt Clasps, Frillings,** in endless variety.

Grand Millinery Show.—This department is stocked with a wonderfully cheap and fashionable stock of **Trimmed Hats, Gems, Galateas, Sun Bonnets, Girls' Summer Hats, Flowers, Feathers, Ornaments, &c.**

A large assortment of **Underclothing** at a very low figure.

A wide range of **New Corsets** in P.D's., C.B's., and all the leading makers' goods at lowest prices.

Over 1,000 pieces of **Hoyles' Prints**, which is the leading Print all over the world. Always washes well, and the prices are within everybody's reach.

Low prices for **Hosiery, Gloves, Umbrellas, and Fancy Goods** of all descriptions.

Manchester Lines, viz., **Calicoes, Sheetings, Shirtings, Table Damasks, Galateas, Drills, Towels, Quilts, Towellings,** &c. will be found A1 value.

New Floorcloths, Carpets, Wool Mats, Hearth Rugs, at lowest prices.

The **Clothing Department** is [illegible] Trousers and Vests, Mole Trousers, Karkee Suits, Lustre, White Drill, and Flannelette Coats.

100 doz. Mens, Boys', and Youths' Shirts at any price.
120 " " " Straw and Felt Hats, very cheap.
150 " Ties, rising from 3d upwards.
200 Boys' Knicker Suits, all prices and styles.

Suits, Tailor Made, a very big trade.

Boots and Shoes.—The largest and cheapest stock to select from. All the best makers' goods at the lowest prices.

J. McKEICH,
IMPORTER,
BEAUFORT.

GENERALPRINTING

AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES,

"The Advocate" Office, Beaufort

LOST MANHOOD

Nervous Debility, &c., from youthful folly, excesses or any cause. Guaranteed CURE. A great Scientific discovery by anatomy. Book posted free, sealed. To young men contemplating marriage, to the married, to young and old, this book is invaluable, pointing out the way of relief to those unfortunate sufferers to whom love is but a hideous tormenting dream, life a torture, the future a blank. Write PROFESSOR B. HERMANN, 41 Collins Place, Melbourne.

Woman's Salvation.

The Wife's welfare within her own control. Book posted free. It will teach you more about prevention in ten minutes than all the years you've lived. Write PROF. B. HERMANN, 41 Collins Place, Melbourne.

Sufferers *from Boyish Folly, Nervous Debility, Loss of Manhood,* &c. Send stamped envelope, and I will forward full particulars—how I suffered for years—tried almost every so-called remedy and specialist, and when all had failed—*how I accidentally found a cure.* Address, HAROLD S. BELL, G.P.O., Melbourne.

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LADIES—Dr. Boxwell's Female Pills (registered) restore regularity, any cause. 5/6 box. All chemists.

TEETH! TEETH!!

Complete Set, £1 1s. Painless Dentistry in all branches. Consultation Free. Book on Painless Dentistry post free. Write or Call, **London Dental Institute,** 300 East Collins Street, Melbourne.

The Naked Truth

A Book for MEN ONLY by Charles Astley Webster, SPECIALIST 41 Exhibition-street, Melbourne. Posted free on receipt of 6d. in stamps.

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41 EXHIBITION STREET, MELBOURNE.

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Dr. Jenner's Cough Balsam positively cures coughs, colds, sore throats, bronchitis, asthma and all chest complaints. It relieves instantly and quickly makes a permanent cure. Suited for young and old. It is pleasant to take, and children like it. Obtainable at all chemists and grocers. 1s. per bottle.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS

Auctioneer, Valuer, Arbitrator, General Commission Agent.

AUCTION ROOMS:—
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Correspondent and Valuer for the Ballarat Banking Company, Limited.

Trust and other Moneys to Lend at Current Rates.

N O T I C E.

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

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

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

We take this opportunity of thanking our patrons for past favors, and while respectfully soliciting a renewal of support, desire to state that increased attention will be given to all matters of local and general interest. As a record of news we will always endeavour to make our columns as comprehensive as possible. In all departments, in fact, we will aim at improvement, and, therefore, confidently appeal to the public for increased support.

ARTHUR PARKER, Proprietor.

Beaufort, 5th September, 1896.

GEELONG WOOL SALES.

SEASON 1899-1900.

GEORGE HAGUE & COY.

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

EXTENSIVE WAREHOUSES, built expressly for the storage of Wool.

SHOW ROOMS splendidly lighted and unequalled in the colony for the proper display of Wool. Railway and Shipping right at the doors.

FARMERS' CLIPS receive special personal attention, and no lot, however small, is sold under fullest market value.

A LARGER LOCAL CONSUMPTION of Wool than any other market in the Australian Colonies.

CHARGES the lowest ruling in the colony.

ACCOUNT SALES and Proceeds rendered invariably three days after sale.

ACT STRICTLY as Selling Brokers only.

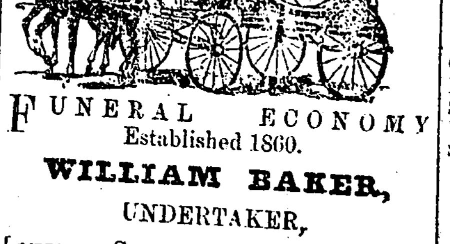
THIRTY-FIVE YEARS' practical English, Continental, and Colonial experience of the Wool trade.

CASH ADVANCES, if required, directly on receipt of produce into store.

AUCTION SALES of Sheepskins, Hides, and Tallow held weekly throughout the year.

WAY-BILL FORMS [illegible] Woolbrokers.

Geelong, 1st July, 1899.



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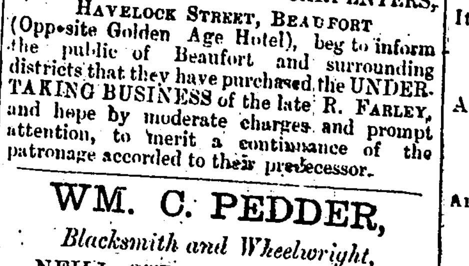

UNDERTAKERS AND CARPENTERS,
HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT
(Opposite Golden Age Hotel), beg to inform the public of Beaufort and surrounding districts that they have purchased the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS of the late R. FARLEY, and hope by moderate charges and prompt attention, to merit a continuance of the patronage accorded to their predecessor.

WM. C. PEDDER,
Blacksmith and Wheelwright,
NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

Farm and Timber Waggons, Farm, Road and Spring Drays, Waggonettes, and all kinds of Vehicles made and repaired on the premises. Horses Carefully Shod.

J. B. COCHRAN, NEWS AGENT, BOOKSELLER, and STATIONER, begs to announce to the inhabitants of BEAUFORT and district that he is Agent for the *Weekly Times, Herald, Riponshire Advocate, Sportsman, Free Lance, Australian Journal, Argus, Australasian,* &c. While thanking his numerous old customers for past favors, he trusts, by strict attention to the delivery of all papers, to merit a fair share of their support. Note the Address—Next Door to Bank of Victoria.

JOHN HUMPHREYS
COMMISSION & INSURANCE AGENT
ACCOUNTANT ETC.,
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RENTS and Debts Collected. Agent for the South British Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Agency Business of all kinds attended to.

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

W. Baker has ON SALE the following lines:—Pine Shelving, Flooring, and lining boards; Californian, kouri, and clear pine, up to 36 inches; cedar, all thicknesses and widths; table legs, sashes, doors, architrave and other mouldings, window glass, white lead, oils, turps, and all the building requisites.

Sashes, doors, and all kinds of Joiner's work made to order at the lowest possible prices.

Hardwood supplied at Timber Yard prices.

To our Readers and Patrons.

THE PROSPERITY OF A DISTRICT

DEPENDS chiefly upon the support and encouragement that is given by the population to local enterprise and industry. Every venture is to a more or less extent speculative, but each, whilst aiming at the success of the Promoter, must offer certain returns to those whose support is necessary to achieve certain advantageous results on both sides.

Therefore,

Support Local Industry and Local Enterprise.

The law of exchange was never satisfactory in its working; thus it was that the custom of buying and selling, using a standard currency, was introduced. One form of that currency is known as "paper money," and of paper money there is more than one kind. All kinds are useful, but not every kind retains its original value. The "paper" money most valuable to a newspaper proprietor is that which is sent him by

"Subscribers and Advertisers,"

and he will do his utmost to entitle him to a good share of it.

"The Riponshire Advocate"

is the Advertising Medium for all Contracts let, and notifications of the Shire of Ripon and is the

ONLY NEWSPAPER

That is

Printed and Published within the boundaries of the Shire,

And as the advocate of the interests and the welfare of this district it has a claim for considerably greater amount of support, has a greater scope for extended usefulness than any other journal or journals within a radius of the Shire Offices.

The Circulation

of the

Riponshire Advocate

Is

Steadily Increasing.

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

"The Advocate,"

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING,

CIRCULATES in the following districts:—Beaufort, Stockyard Hill, Lake Goldsmith, Sailor's Gully, Main Lead, Raglan, Chute, Waterloo, Eurambeen, Buangor, Middle Creek, Shirley, Trawalla, Skipton, and Carngham.

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Containing an
Interesting Serial Tale,
Amusing Anecdotes,
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Poultry Farming,
Agricultural Intelligence,
Recipes,
Gardening Items,
Etc., Etc., Etc.

Business Men, Read

It was Benjamin Franklin who wrote—
"What steam is to machinery, advertising is to business."

And another writer has said that—
"He who in his 'biz' would rise,
Must either 'bust' or advertise."

And advertisers cannot do better than make the *Riponshire Advocate* the medium for their announcements.

Arthur Parker,
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LAWRENCE STREET, BEAUFORT.

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OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

BALL TICKETS & PROGRAMMES,
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MINING SCRIP, REPORTS, &c.,
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DRAPERS' HANDBILLS,
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SOIREE & DINNER TICKETS,
&c., &c.,

PRINTED in FIRST CLASS STYLE
AT MELBOURNE PRICES.

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Plain & Ornamental Printing

Of Every description executed at the
"RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE OFFICE."

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ON REASONABLE TERMS.

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

HAVELOCK

PURE AMERICAN LEAF

TOBACCO.

Confidence (AROMATIC TWIST) Curls Tobacco

CAMERON'S FIRST PRIZE CONFIDENCE CURLS

EACH PLUG IS BRANDED WITH YELLOW TIN TAG THUS.

SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT.

THIS ONE NIGHT ONLY.

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.

UNIQUE MUSICAL EVENT FOR BEAUFORT.

"A PERMANENT SUCCESS MUST HAVE MERIT."

RETURN of the Established Popular Favorites after an Absence of 7 Years of FAREWELL.

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Saturday, 23rd Decr. ORIGINAL JUBILEE SINGERS. Saturday, 23rd Decr.

The oldest, best, and only attraction of its kind touring the world.

A COMBINATION absolutely unique and without rivalry, comprising

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HEAR THE OLD MELODIES, THE FAVORITE CHORUSES, THE QUAINT HARMONY,

In conjunction with a Special Presentation, the most Marvellous Production of the Century,

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2,900 feet of Beautiful LIVING PICTURES. Christ's life illustrated with full realism by means of Edison's latest and most wonderful invention, the kinetoscope

From His Birth, Christmas Day to the Resurrection.

HIGHLY ENDORSED BY THE PULPIT, AND COMMENDED BY THE PRESS.

Rev. Edward Warren, of Washington, says:—"It was a beautiful, chaste, solemn, and artistic representation."

SEE THIS REFINED THIS ELEVATING THIS WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT.

PRICES, 4s and 2s.

G. F. H. BARNES, Representative.

COMMERCIAL.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 2s 2d per bushel, bags in; flour, stone-made, none; roller-made, to L6 15s per ton; pollard, 8½d per bushel; bran, 8d per bushel; oats, white, to 1s 6d per bushel; Algerian, 1s 4d per bushel; Cape barley, 2s; rye, 3s 6d; potatoes, Warrnambool, L2 per ton; Ballarat, new, L4 10s per ton; hay, sheaves, L1 7s 6d per ton; straw, L1 per ton; chaff, 1s 4½d per cwt; onions, 5s per cwt; butter, fresh, 5d per lb; hams, 9½d per lb; bacon, 8d per lb; cheese, 5d per lb; eggs, 5d per dozen.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Cattle.—For this, the last market of the year, 285 head came to hand, a fair proportion consisting of quality ranging from good to prime, balance principally useful, very few middling. The attendance of the trade was fully up to the average, competition opening with much more spirit than the previous week, continuing so throughout, prices obtained, especially for prime seasonable weights, showing an improvement, firming towards the close. Quotations:—Prime pens bullocks, £9 to £10; extra, to £12 7s 6d; good, £7 10s to £8 10s; medium, £6 to £7; prime pens cows, £6 10s to £7 10s; extra, £8 10s to £9 2s 6d; good, £5 10s to £6. Calves—59 penned, including some good and prime vealers, which sold well; best to 66s. Sheep—4979 was the supply penned for to-day's sale, a fair proportion comprising good and prime descriptions; remainder varying from medium to useful; a few inferior. There was a large attendance of buyers, competition ruling fairly brisk throughout, the sales' prices obtained for all descriptions ruling fully equal to last week's best rates. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 12s 6d to 14s; good, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; medium, 9s to 10s; prime crossbred ewes, 11s 6d to 12s; extra, to 13s 3d; good, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; merino ewes, to 8s 8d. Lambs—3504 to hand, a small proportion being good and prime, balance middling and useful sorts. The demand was again very keen, at a further improvement on late rates, closing strong. Prime, 11s to 12s; extra, 13s to 14s 9d; good, 10s to 10s 6d; medium, 9s to 9s 6d; prime shorn, 10s to 10s 6d; extra, to 12s 10d; good, 9s to 9s 6d; medium, 8s to 8s 6d.

The following district sales are reported:—By Messrs Fisken, Valentine and Co.—4 bullocks for Captain Bridges, R.N., Trawalla Estate, to £9 12s 6d; 2 cows for same owner, at £9 5s and £7 2s 6d, the former being the top price of the market for single cow; 250 ewes for Mr D. Sutherland, Stockyard Hill, to 10s 8d; 2 lambs (shorn) for same owner, at 8s. By Messrs Macleod and Booth.—1 cow for Mr S. Baldwin, Trawalla, L3 7s 6d.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Thursday.

Wheat, 2s 7d; oats, to 1s 7d; bran, 8½d; pollard, 10d. Barley—English, 4s to 4s 6d; Cape, 2s. Potatoes—Old, 7s 6d to 10s; new, L2 5s to L2 10s. Hay—Sheaves, L1 7s 6d to L1 12s 6d; manger, L1 15s to L2; straw, L1. Flour—Roller, L6 10s to L6 15s. Butter—Factory, 9d to 10d; dairy, prime, 6d to 7d; medium, 5½d to 6d. Eggs, 7½d to 8d per dozen. Cheese, 3d to 5d per lb.

MELBOURNE MARKETS.

Thursday.

Wheat.—Prime new, 2s 7½d. Flour.—Roller, L6 10s. Barley—Prime, 3s 5d to 3s 9d; medium, to 3s 3d; Cape, prime, to 2s. Oats.—Prime stout whites, 1s 10d to 2s; Algerian milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 9½d; good, 1s 9d; feed, from 1s 7d. Bran, 8d. Pollard, 10½d. Maize.—Flat 2s 9½d. Potatoes—New, L1 12s 6d to L1 15s. Onions—Prime, L2 10s; inferior, L2. Chaff—Good oaten, L2 5s; prime wheaten, L2 10s to L2 11s. Hay—Manger, L2 15s to L3 5s; chaffing, L1 12s 6d to L2.

GEELONG MARKETS.

George Hague & Co. report (15th inst):—Wool.—We held our ninth sale of the season to-day, when we offered a catalogue of 216 bales, consisting mostly of farmers' lots and clearing-up star lots. There was a full attendance of buyers present, and keen competition throughout the sale. We made a clearance of all but 12 bales scoured pieces. Among our leading lines were:—WR over R (Lake Bolac) merino fleece at 14d, 1st pieces at 11½d, bellies and 2nd pieces at 7¾d. EP over M (Ararat) merino at 13½d. VJ (Ararat) comeback at 13d, and fine xbred at 15½d. JA (Stawell) merino at 11 ½d. SB overT (Beaufort) comeback at 11¾d.

Sheepskins.—We had a large supply, and sold all at very full values. Butchers' fresh skins—Good, to 84d each; superior, 120d each; extra, to 130d each and over; country skins, good, 9d per pound; superior to extra, 10d to 10½d; country pelts, 6½d per pound; butchers, 41d each.

Hides.—A good supply to hand, which sold as follows:—Picked heavies to 5d per pound, extra ditto to 5¼d. Good conditioned salted, 3½d to 4½d per pound; other sorts, 2½d to 3½d per pound. Kip, to 4½d per pound. Calf, to 5¾d per pound.

Tallow.—We have cleared our usual weekly supply of oddments and country mixed parcels at current rates.

Mr Alex. M'Vicar's house, at Avoca, and all its contents were destroyed by fire on Sunday. His wife and child escaped from the burning building without saving even their clothes, as they had just retired for the night. He ascribes the cause to a towel catching fire from a candle. There was no insurance.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 1899.

Church of England.—St. John's, 11 a.m. Subject, "Counsel and promise for the sinner and for the saved." Waterloo, 3 p.m. Subject, "The sign from the Lord." St. John's, 7.30 p.m. Subject, "An advent study." Christmas Day.—St. John's, 8 a.m. Early celebration of holy communion. St. George's, 3 p.m. Subject, "The sign from the Lord." St. John's, 7.30 p.m., do.

Primitive Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 a.m., Mr Waldron; Middle Creek, 11 a.m.; Raglan, 3 p.m.; Beaufort, 7 p.m., Rev. H. Robinson; Chute, 3 p.m., Mr H. Trompf.

DEATH.

FITZPATRICK.—On 17th inst., at Sailor's Gully, Martin Fitzpatrick, aged 70 years. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. R.I.P.

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THE youth who sighed because all days were not holidays was moved by the mellowing influence of Christmas fare, and his was a sigh of deep content born in the region epigastric. If the sighing youth had his wish, and all days were blessed with Christmas dinners, the doctors would have a busy year, and probably the sum of human happiness, of even boy happiness, would not be materially increased. But Christmas is noted not only for its cheer but for its cheerfulness, and in this particular everyone must wish that Christmas might be extended to cover the other 364 days. Life to most of us is such a battle for the things that make life worth living that there is little time to spare for either the elegancies or the courtesies, but at least once a year we contrive to think of others, and if it is only the sweet-messaged card to the distant friend, or the little gift to the near one, the action brings a glow of pleasure to our own heart as well as to that of the recipient. Christmas is the season of the well-filled stocking at the head of the children's cot; it is the time when the lover decorates his lady-love with another jewel, when husband greets wife with a further recognition of a life's sweet comradeship, and the wife reciprocates with some dainty creation of her own loving fingers. Friends to whom we can only unusually find time to write receive at Christmas a word and a gift in token of "auld acquaintance," while the companions of our daily toil and the chums of our hours of leisure are appropriately reminded that they are something more to us than galley slaves chained to the same bench, or counters in our game of life. Xmas. is a time when the most sordid of us have some small inspiration to altruistic endeavor. At this season the charities make their most successful appeals, for if we are not in a giving humor now we never will be. Neighbours we have never thought of all the year begin to concern us, and we ask ourselves whether their pudding has as many plums as ours, and whether we cannot spare them some of the joys of our feast. We find we have more good things to eat and drink than we really require, and a basket is packed and sent to the needy. We have flowers blooming in our garden, while a neighbour has none, and for the first time in the year their fragrance floats over his dinner table through our neighbourliness. Christmas in Australia is widely different from the Christmas of the old world. The yule log would be a cruel infliction, and the mistletoe is a quite superfluous adjunct of the festive season in a land where mistletoe privileges are enjoyed all the year round; but the cheer and the cheerfulness, the good fare and the good fellowship, we have in common with the rest of the world; and in this land, noted for its open-handed hospitality, the season lacks none of its traditional warmth. The altruistic sentiment so all-pervading at Christmas, the sentiment of which Jesus Christ was the embodiment, is really the motive of all that is best in human society. Granted that the world can show gigantic operations carried on by the motive power of selfishness, it is yet true that all that makes life bright and beautiful is born of a good and kindly feeling for others. Love for wife and child has built beautiful mansions, sympathy for the afflicted has organised grand charities, public spirit has endowed towns and cities with the wealth of literature, science and art. The Christmas spirit builds hospitals, founds colleges, establishes churches and endows art galleries; it beautifies towns, and sweetens and refines all human society. We cannot have too much of it, nor can we spread it over too much of the year. This district requires more of it, so that the churches and the charities shall be better supported, and those who aim at the elevation of our lives above the sordid and selfish shall be better encouraged in their good work. Beaufort, if well endowed with the Christmas sentiment, would be a place of beauty and refinement, and a centre of light and learning for the whole district. It only requires that each shall unselfishly contribute of his best in money, time and talent for the benefit of his fellows. Christmas merry-makings draw out the hidden gifts of all; one plays, another sings, a third recites, a fourth tells a racy story, while another is quick with quip and crank. We want in society from January 1 to December 31 just the same cheerful union of all for the benefit of all. It is told of the One whose day we celebrate that "He pleased not Himself," and the Christmas spirit of "good-will to all" is but an echo of the self-denying life He lived. This is what we want more of, a spirit of intelligent benevolence, a sentiment of human brotherliness, the true Christian ideal of selflessness.

Local and General News.

It has been decided that Victorian volunteers for the Transvaal shall present themselves for examination on Thursday, the 28th inst.

The secretary of the Beaufort Jockey Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a donation of £1 1s from Messrs Campbell and Felton, of Langi-kal-kal, towards the New Year's Day races.

With this issue we have very great pleasure in presenting our subscribers with an illustrated calendar, and wishing them a Merry Xmas. and a Happy New Year.

The secretary of the Beaufort Cricket Club desires to thank Mr F. Rogers for presenting the club with two cricket balls.

Persons visiting the Beaufort Cemetery should keep a look out for snakes, as Mr Cecil Baker killed a brown one, 5ft. 6in. long, there on Tuesday.

From the "Police Gazette":—Alexander Rain, sheep farmer, St. Enoch Station, near Skipton, reports stolen at St. Enoch, between the 23rd ult. and the 8th inst., 164 ewes and lambs mixed.

Our Skipton correspondent writes:—Peter Kerr, of Skipton, proceeded against D. E. Stodart at the Skipton Court of Petty Sessions on Wednesday last to recover £1 16s 3d for work and labor done. A verdict was given for the amount claimed, with 5s costs. Messrs Kennedy and Earles were the J.P's.

Cr. Sinclair, the President of Riponshire, has opened a shilling fund in aid of the wives and children of the "Soldiers of the Queen" who are killed and wounded in South Africa. Subscriptions will be forwarded to the "Tommy Atkins" fund of the "Argus." Donations will be thankfully received by Cr. Sinclair.

We are informed that the choir of the local Presbyterian Church intend reviving the good old custom of carol singing on Christmas Eve (Sunday). They will gladly receive donations, however small, from the charitably disposed, and we wish them every success, for we learn that any money received will be devoted to the purpose of bringing good cheer into the homes of some of our poorer folks.

To avoid disappointment the public should take note of the holiday arrangements of the Post and Telegraph department. To-day (Saturday) will be observed as usual, except that no money-order business will be transacted. Monday (Christmas Day) will be a close holiday, on which no letters will be delivered, nor mails made up, and Sunday arrangements will be observed in the Telegraph offices. On Tuesday and on New Year's Day all Post-offices will be closed at 10 a.m. The first delivery only by letter-carrier will be made, but country mails will be received and despatched as usual. Telegraph offices will be open from half-past 8 till 10 a.m., and from 6 till 7 p.m., but the city branch offices will be closed all day.

Letters of administration have been granted in the estate of John McPhee, which is valued at £99,385.

An important decision given by the Full Court on Saturday relieves those who speculate in shares from liability to income tax in respect to profits made on the sale of shares purchased at a certain figure and sold at a higher one.

The Minister of Defence is pushing on the preparations for sending a second contingent to South Africa. Mr Melville has accepted the offer of Mr G. Chirnside to make the Government a present of a number of horses for the troops forming the second contingent, and which it is expected will consist of between 250 and 300 men.

Great preparations have been made by the various business places in the town in expectation of a brisk trade to-day and to-night. The shops are decorated, and goods are conspicuously displayed to attract customers. No doubt the streets will be crowded with people anxious to provide for their little ones a bright and happy Xmas. With the high prices ruling for wool and stock, a plentiful harvest, and a good average year so far as the mining yields are concerned, the shopkeepers may reasonably expect an unusually busy time.

The members and adherents of the Skipton Presbyterian Church have subscribed about £60 with the object of presenting their esteemed minister, Rev. F. Macqueen, with a buggy and set of harness.

The Beaufort Athletic Club are poviding an exceptionally attractive programme of sports on Boxing Day in the Park, and no doubt will deservedly receive a large share of public patronage. It is confidently anticipated that the gate receipts this year will be largely increased. Splendid acceptances have been received for the principal events, namely, 114 for bicycling and 20 for footracing. There are no less than 26 events, and from 12 o'clock till 6 the officials will have to work hard to get the races off. The large acceptances show that the competitors fancy their chances individually, and the result should be many close and exciting finishes. With such conveniences as exist for the obtaining of refreshments, a capital day's sports as an attraction, and beautifully cool and shady spots from which the sports can be viewed, nobody should have reason to complain at the bill of fare. Bulch's Brass Band is coming specially from Ballarat to delight the public with sweet strains of music, and besides bicycling and footracing, there is a variety of sports that should satisfy even the most fastidious. Then at night there is to be a grand concert in the Societies' Hall. Opportunity will be afforded on the sports ground to see the programme, and the fact of the performers for the most part being successful competitors at the renowned South Street (Ballarat) musical competitions should be a sufficient guarantee that the concert will be well worth patronising.

The half-yearly election of officers of the Loyal Beaufort Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., took place on Thursday evening, with the following result:—N.G., Bro. W. O'Sullivan; V.G., Bro. L. Haines; G.M., Bro. J. R. Nicoll. The non-elective officers will be appointed at the ordinary fortnightly meeting.

We may remind licensed victuallers that all fees in respect to their licenses must be paid by the 28th inst. Their licenses expire on the 28th inst, and business cannot be continued after that date until new licenses are issued.

Mr C. J. Joy sat as a Local Land Board at Ballarat on Thursday. The application of William John Green for 20 acres under the 66th section, about 2 miles east of Beaufort, on the Ballarat road, adjoining and west of T. Galligan's selection, was recommended, subject to a report from the Mines Department.

A very pleasant time was spent at the Beaufort State school yesterday afternoon, the occasion being the breaking up for the Xmas. and New Year holidays. Several recitations and songs were given by individual scholars and classes, all the classes meeting for the time being in the upper classes' room. Much cheering and general hilarity marked the proceedings, which were brought to a close by the singing of patriotic songs. The staff of the school is now complete, Miss McNeel, who succeeded Miss Cochrane as assistant, having commenced duty.

FLORILINE.—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s 6d, of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot, 33 Farringdon Road, London, England.

A congregational meeting of the Beaufort Presbyterian Church was held on Thursday night. The Chairman (Mr Buntine) explained that as the Rev. A. Adair had resigned, it was necessary, as soon as possible for their own good, to make a call to a new minister. They had been called together for that purpose, and also to elect a new committee and auditors for the ensuing year. Mr Wotherspoon having been appointed hon sec., *pro tem.*, the Chairman read a roll of members and adherents who would be qualified to vote for a minister. Messrs Wotherspoon, McRae, Parker, Congle, McKeich, McDonald, and J. B. Tompkins were elected as the committee, and Messrs Menzies and A. McDougall as auditors. Invitations to preach, with a view to the selection of a minister, are to be sent to Revs. J. A. Barber, C. Fraser, S. Reid, Hagenaeur, and Burns. Subsequently the committee met, and elected the following officers:—Secretary, Mr McDonald; assistant secretary, Mr Tompkins; treasurer, Mr McKeich. General church matters were quietly talked over, and the secretary was instructed to submit a financial statement to the next monthly meeting.

We regret being called upon to record the death of Mr Martin Fitzpatrick, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Nerring, the sad event occurring on Sunday last, the 17th inst., after suffering for about five months from cancer in the stomach. On the advice of Dr. Pinnock, the deceased recently went under an operation, but, unfortunately, it proved to be of no avail, his old age, 70 years, being against him. He returned from Ballarat to his friends to spend the remainder of his days with them. Deceased, who was a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, arrived in Victoria in 1853, and was thus a colonist of 46 years' standing. He combined the occupations of mining and farming, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and family of nine children (three sons and six daughters, all grown up, and who came from afar to pay their father the last sad tribute of respect). The remains were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery on Tuesday, the funeral being largely attended. The Rev. Father Keneally officiated at the grave. Mr W. Baker, undertaker, Beaufort, carried out the mortuary arrangements.

McAdoo's Jubilee Singers.

To-night (Saturday) these world-renowned singers appear in the Societies' Hall, and it is anticipated that they will be welcomed by a large audience. The songs of the Jubilee Singers are thoroughly original. They are never "composed" after the manner of ordinary music, but sprang readily from the white heat of religious fervour during a meeting in church or camp. The rhythm is frequently eccentric and complicated in the extreme, in fact, in many instances, there is an almost entire absence of rhythm, as usually understood, and yet it is rendered with the utmost exactness. In others the rhythm is so pointedly marked that the audience can scarcely refrain from beating time with their feet. Much is written in what is called the Caledonian scale, the fourth and the seventh being omitted. Not the least remarkable feature of their music is the power it appears to possess over audiences the most mixed. The cultured musician alike with the peasant, and even the most arab child is fascinated with their quaint and delightful melody.

CHIPS.

[BY "TOMAHAWK."]

"The pen is *mightier* than old cheese."

I don't know how to thank your numerous readers for their many remembrances for Christmas. I have received many presents, and many letters, sympathising with me and calling you, Mr Editor, a hard-treated wretch for not giving me that cask of ginger-ale when I asked for it. The very fact of your promising two casks, as one correspondent writes, is not to be relied on, as an editor's promise is like a fishing net, plenty of places to get out of. However, he takes upon himself the initiative, and sends me a cask of beer, which he says will be found more joyous than ginger-ale. Others have sent me ducks, geese, fowls, ham, turkeys, &c., till my little back yard at present resembles a poultry farm, and the cackling is something beautiful to behold. I can't sleep at night for the awful row they make trying to find a place to roost. I stood it for two nights and then I nailed the lot of them down to boards, and started to fatten them with pollard and other delicacies. At the present moment (Friday evening) they all look fat, contented, and happy. I have figured up the cost of the feed, and find that I could get a good Christmas dinner for considerably less than one quarter the amount, which goes to prove the truth of the old saying, "Save me from my friends." However, I have been partly recompensed by one writer, a lady, dear good kind practical girl, promising to send me on Xmas. morning a cooked goose, a plum pudding, a large cake, and a hamper of other delicacies. In consequence of this letter I am going to let my poultry farm loose with the hope, if not captured on the way, that they will arrive at their respective homes all right. The cask of beer has leaked terribly this week, I found it very strengthening. When it arrived I could hardly lift it; now I can carry it about with ease. I wish you all a jolly Christmas, and may your clothes stand the strain.

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Are you fond of good music? Do you appreciate a good cycle race? Do you like foot-running? Do you care for a good sports meeting? Do you love the ladies? If you do you will find all these things up at the Park on Boxing Day, where the Athletic Club are preparing for your amusement and enjoyment a real good afternoon's fun, and you are hereby requested not to miss it on any account. The great H.M.S. (His Majesty the Showman) invites you all to be present, when he promises to give you extra good value for your money. Two complimentary tickets for myself and wi—I mean lady—are now expected.

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The P.M. School competition has started to assume shape, and amongst other items is a nail driving competition for ladies. Now this is certainly most original, and if the fair sex can be induced to enter, we male men will have some fun. I saw one lady once trying to nail a lid on a box, while her husband stood near laughing at her vain attempts. Finally she got mad, and threw the hammer at him. As her throwing was just as straight as her nailing, she missed hubby and broke a large vase. It's to be hoped the committee won't make the mistake of having too many vocal solos, that is solos for different voices—baritone, bass, tenor, soprano, contralto—it will mean one or two entries only for each item. A song for ladies and one for gentlemen, each competitor to select his or own key, would be more satisfactory both to the singers and judge, and would command a much larger entry. However, they are the best judges, and I will wait till I see the complete programme before I express my opinions too freely. The committee are energetic, and no doubt they will bring it to a successful issue.

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Christmas, joyful Christmas, has arrived. The shops are all looking their tiptoppest (new word especially invented), and will no doubt attract a large number of interested sight-seers. Santa Claus is waking up out of his long sleep, and is getting ready to climb down chimneys to find the youngster's stockings, and fill them up to their full capacity. He will be quite surprised and delighted when he gets to Beaufort to observe how all the shopkeepers have risen to the occasion. How nicely everything is displayed to catch the eye. The drapers' shops are tempting enough to make a man hand over his purse to his wife on the first time of asking. The grocers, butchers, and bakers have a special duty to perform in the way of making us feel that we live to eat. The toy shops will make even Santa Claus envious, for a more artistic and novel display I never saw in Beaufort; in fact, everybody has kicked over the traces, and more than done their best. I wish them all the best of cheer, and tills filled to overflowing when closing up time comes. In the midst of it all, however, we mustn't forget those more unfortunates than ourselves, but try and find out the deserving cases and send along a little surprise packet of some kind just to let them see that they have still a few friends left. Everybody has my best wishes for a jolly good time, and a great reunion of friends and relatives.

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Essay on the Goose.—The Xmas. goose is a noble animal. It has a leg on each side of its body—the things it waddles round on are like indiarubber fans. It has two eyes, and a funny shaped bill, which he feeds himself with to get fat for the occasion; the outside is used to stuff pillows, and the inside is used for giblet pies. When properly cooked it makes a splendid decoration for the table, and is very useful to make a man contented with his lot. The Xmas. goose is a thing which makes us all happy. So mote it be.

An old lady caused some excitement by informing the villagers that the devil was dead. She took the sceptical ones to a newly-opened dyer's shop, and sure enough there was the sign in the window, "*Satin died here.*"

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Solemn old-uncle: "I hope, William, you have given some attention to the beauties of nature." Gay nephew: "I should rather say I have, uncle, for I've already been engaged seven times."

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"Did you ever try that tailor I recommended to you?" "Oh, yes, but he was too expensive; I got two suits from him—one dress suit and one law suit."

It Cured Her Cough.

I was seriously afflicted with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who knowing me to be a poor widow, gave it to me, I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much and the second bottle has absolutely cured me. I have not had as good health for twenty years. I give this certificate without solicitation, simply in appreciation of gratitude felt for the cure effected. Respectfully, MRS. MARY A. B[illegible], Claremore, Ark. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

Mining News.

The following are the reported yields for the week ending Sat[urday] last:—Hancock and party, 17oz.; V[illegible] and party, 8oz. 8dwt.; sundries, 10oz.

The Waterloo yields are—Last Chance [illegible] Brusher's Co., 10oz. 4dwt.; Ballantyne [illegible] 17dwt.; Rising Star, 4oz. 5dwt.; [illegible] Horseshoe, 4oz. 3dwt.

THE SONS OF FREEDOM.

The half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Sons of Freedom Gold Mining Co., No Liability, was held in the Golden Age Hall on Thursday evening. Mr D. F. Troy occupied the chair, and there were 22 present.

Mr Scott Smith read the report and balance-sheet as follows, which were received and adopted:—

Directors' Report.—On the 1st day of August last your company was registered as a No-Liability Company, and your directors, who were appointed to act until the present meeting, have endeavored to carry on the works at the same as economically as possible consistently with actively developing the property. A first-class pumping plant has been purchased, capable of coping with all water likely to be met in the mine; the winding machinery was hauled and put in perfect order; shaft sunk to the required depth and skidded throughout; housing erected over plant and chamber cut, preparatory to driving towards the King Charlie's gutter at a point where the bores put down proved a golden wash. Your company comprises some 74 acres, and your shaft commands the rich leads that must traverse your ground from King Charlie's Gully, Duncan's Gully, Madman's Gully, and other gullies. These leads have proved very rich, and we consider the prospects of the company exceedingly favorable. It is confidently expected that within a few weeks from date the first machine will be available. You are now called upon to elect seven directors in place of your present board, as also two auditors. Messrs Thompson and Blight, your present auditors, offer themselves for re-election. —D. F. Troy, chairman; J. Scott Smith, manager."

Mining Manager's Report.—"During the half-year the removal and re-erection of the pumping plant purchased by your directors in July last have been completed satisfactorily. You have now a first-class plant, and I think it is quite able to contend with any water you are likely to meet in the mine. Your shaft has been sunk to the required depth and skidded, and we are now putting in the chamber. A considerable amount of necessary surface work has also been done. Four bores have been put down to determine the course of the Duncan's Lead, the result of which has been very satisfactory. —J. Sutcliffe, Mining Manager."

Financial Statement.—Cr. balance at bank, £44 5s 9d; liabilities, £16[illegible].

The election of directors resulted as follows:—Messrs W. McNeish, D. F. Troy, R. Stevenson, J. Stevenson, J. Freeman, J. Eastwood, and D. Lilley. Messrs R. T. Thompson and J. A. Blight were re-elected auditors.

It was decided that 850 scrip held by the shareholders be left in the hands of the directors to dispose of. It was arranged that the next general meeting be held at Raglan. Mr Webster asked those present to partake of a glass of wine before dispersing. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the following gentlemen for taking such an active part in the company, and were carried by acclamation, and suitably responded to in each case:—Mr D. F. Troy (chairman of directors), the retiring directors (responded to by Mr Eastwood), Mr Webster, and Mr Scott Smith, the manager, who remarked that the company was one not often met with, as they had paid up the calls when due; and Mr Sutcliffe, the mining manager, who stated that there was every indication of the claim turning out well, and those holding shares would be most handsomely rewarded in his opinion. He had every confidence in the claim, and hoped by next meeting, or, in fact, before, to see dividends being paid.

It Never Fails.

Mr John Bevins, editor of the Press, Anthon, Iowa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for fifteen years, have recommended it to hundreds of others, and have never known it to fail in a single instance." For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

Of you dry to do peesnis mitowt advertising, you will find yourself already like a boy drying to shlide a bill down mitowt shnow. Pesides dere is dese tifferences: ven you don't got some shnow you gant make 'em; but you can somedimes shenerally always make der advertising come right avay quick off, all der year round, mit some money.—Joseph.

One Application Relieves the Pain.

Mr P. Ketcham, of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

The Transvaal War.

It has been ascertained that the losses sustained by the Boer army at Magersfontein are greater than was at first reported, nearly 2000 being killed and wounded.

A startling discovery has been made in the vicinity of Magersfontein, over 100 dead bodies of Boers having been found in the river with large stones tied round their necks.

The "Times" publishes a statement to the effect that the information supplied to Lord Methuen before the Battle of Magersfontein as to the position and numbers of the Boers turned out to be deliberately false.

The Boers, who have recently been largely reinforced, have, with their big gun, compelled Major-General French, who is in command of the mounted force operating near the Free State border, to evacuate his position at Jaal Kop.

General Gatacre has made two arrests in his camp, the prisoners being accused of treason in connection with the recent engagement at Stormberg.

Further details of the fighting near Colenso state that the Boers occupied an impregnable position, which was well entrenched, across the Tugela River, close under Grobler's Kloof, their guns commanding the plain before Colenso.

Major-General Hart's brigade crossed the ford in face of a heavy shrapnel, Nordenfeldt, and rifle fire from the enemy which compelled them to recross the river.

Major-General Hildyard's brigade, with equal heroism, carried Colenso at the point of the bayonet, under a raking fire.

The naval guns silenced Fort Wyllie, but Major-General Barton's brigade failed to seize Inhlawe Hill. The fighting lasted for eight hours. The Boers suffered very heavily.

It is officially announced that the total list of casualties sustained by the British forces since the beginning of the campaign amounts to 728 killed, 1784 wounded, and 2265 prisoners.

Reuter's correspondent in Pretoria states that Lieutenant Winston Churchill, who was taken prisoner at Chievelly, and afterwards escaped, has been recaptured at Waterfalhausen, and sent back to the capital.

Latest despatches from Lord Methuen at the Modder River state that great activity is being displayed by the Boers, who are massing their troops both from the east and the west. One flank of the enemy's line rests on the Modder River to the eastward, while the other flank is rapidly approaching the river from the west side, there being a continual line of entrenchments from both positions to Magersfontein, which has been created into a veritable Gibraltar. Lord Methuen is busily engaged in constructing redoubts along the banks of the river.

The newspapers of to-day declare that there are a much larger number of German and French officers serving with the Boers than is imagined, and they add that every steamer arriving at Delagoa Bay brings a further number.

Speaking in London, Mr Goschen, the First Lord of the admiralty, paid a warm tribute to Australia for her offers of help during the present crisis. The hon. gentleman went on to say that the present state of preparedness of the navy explained in no small measure the confidence felt by the nation in the Imperial Government. Mr Goschen concluded by saying that every warship carried a full complement of men, and that the navy must be ready for any emergency.

The prompt Imperial response which is being made in Britain's time of need has created a marked impression on the Continental powers, as has also the warning given by Mr Goschen in his recent speech regarding possible European complications.

Latest reports from the front state that General Lawton has been killed in action at Haumatel.

Trooper Bradford, of the New Zealand forces, was not killed in the action at Arunde on Monday, but taken prisoner.

In a recent telegram it was stated that Sir William Gatacre had ordered the arrest of two of his guides, on the charge of treason. It now transpires that all his guides were mysteriously shot while retreating from Stormberg.

The progress of the war in South Africa is watched with keen interest on the Continent. The foreign press, criticising the tactics of the British commanders, and condemning the frontal attacks on strongly entrenched positions, acknowledges the dignity and calmness shown by the people of Great Britain in the face of a succession of reverses. The Continental press also applauds the remarkable heroism shown by the British soldiers in the recent severe engagements.

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

The Minister of Lands (Mr McColl) has been inquiring into the question of the retention of Mr Jackson, brother-in-law of Mr Best, the late Minister, in the department. He finds that that officer's occupation of a position of authority over senior officers is a cause of discontent, which seriously impairs the efficiency of the department. Mr Jackson was "lent" from the Post Office, and the Public Service Board declined to approve of the proposal that he should be permanently transferred to the Lands department. Under all the circumstances, Mr McColl decides that he is prepared that he shall return to the Post Office, where he ranks as a telegraph operator.

P. M. Competition.

Puzzle to be competed for by readers of *The Riponshire Advocate*.—This block of letters contains an important announcement in connection with the forthcoming Primitive Methodist competition, and the committee are prepared to give to the first three competitors who successfully solve the problem a season ticket, admitting the winner to the four nights of the competition and the grand concert. Cr. Sinclair has consented to act as scrutineer, and the drawing will take place in the presence of the editor of *The Riponshire Advocate* and the secretary of the competition.

Note.—Competitors must trace the puzzle in red ink, and enclose in envelope addressed to G. E. Crowle, secretary, c/o *Riponshire Advocate*.

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The Big Prize Turkey.

"A Merry Christmas, Bob," said Scrooge, with an earnestness that could not be mistaken, as he clapped him on the back. "A merrier Christmas, my good fellow, than I have given you for many a year. I'll raise your salary, and we will discuss your affairs this afternoon over a bowl of smoking bishop. Make up the fires and buy another coal-scuttle, Bob Cratchit."

And as to the big prize turkey which the regenerated Scrooge sent to Camden Town, do we not all know what sort of bird it was? That turkey never could have stood upon its legs, Mr Dickens says. They must have snapped short off like sticks of sealing wax. How they managed to cook and eat that phenomenon the author doesn't say, as it was twice the size of Tiny Tim. Yet they did it somehow, and it was a mercy if the family (previously half starved) didn't all fall ill of the unwonted gorging of that wonderful Christmas day.

Even assuming (as we easily may) that the transmutation of an old skinflint like Scrooge into a high priest of charity was quite beyond the common run of modern miracles, and that dinners from such sources are as rare as they are welcome, it still remains true that human nature is apt to be at its best at Christmas, especially in England, where, of all countries in Christendom, most is made of that gentle and kindly holiday.

Yet, sad to tell, the very jollity and generosity of Christmas leads to regrettable excesses. People eat and drink too much, and suffer accordingly. The roast and the boiled, the mince pies, the plum puddings, the tremendous flushings of wine, beer, and other beverages, these things overload the stomach and give the digestion more work than it can do, and punishment follows. For nature has no favourites; she treats those who violate her laws on the 25th December exactly as though they had committed the offence on the first Monday in August.

And as to the chronic dyspeptics, of whom there are enough in this old island to cram all the parks in London, *they* catch it fearfully about Christmas time. For, in spite of all warnings, they *will* go in for heavy meals and take the chances. Often the penalty is an acute attack which may threaten life, and nearly always weeks of pain and directive disorders, whereof there are as many kinds as the body has organs and functions.

To them Christmas may be "merry" for an hour or two; then their merriment turns into misery, as October fogs and rains succeed a hot summer.

Now the writer is far from advising a free indulgence in the gustatory and bibulous festivities of the country's most popular holiday, but there is no use protesting against the fixed resolution of the people to enjoy themselves on that occasion. The customs and traditions of centuries are behind it, and you might as well whistle in the teeth of a north-east gale.

As a prophylactic and a cure for the evils alluded to, I can only recommend the universal use of Mother Seigel's Syrup, known to all as the best stimulant and digestant in the world.

In a letter dated January 10, 1899, a gentleman of Birmingham, who loves the pleasures of the table, and has money enough to buy whatever he wants, writes thus:—"It is only fair that I should thank you, as I do with all my heart, for the good done me by Mother Seigel's Syrup. For years I have been vexed with indigestion, and always had a tormenting spell of it after any public banquet or uncommon intake of rich food. Still, I was seldom able to resist temptation, although I understood perfectly well what yielding to it was sure to cost me. I have sought a preventative or a cure in vain at the hands of the best physicians, all of whom assured me that there was but one way, namely, to live on a low diet, and let luxuries alone.

"But this did not suit me, and I broke through the regulations frequently, with the inevitable results. However, when I began to use Mother Seigel's Syrup I had (almost) a license to do as I pleased. After an inviting but most risky dinner last Christmas I took a double dose of 'Mother Seigel,' and scarcely suffered at all. I told my experience, and a dozen friends adopted this amazing remedy right off. I am convinced that, with a little caution, and a dose of Mother Seigel's Syrup now and then, *one may bid defiance to dyspepsia* and the abominable ailments it sets up. Thanking you a thousand times, I am, yours truly, JOHN MACFARLANE."

With these facts we wish a merry (and a *healthy*) Christmas to the British people.

Gazette Notices

The following application for a license has been approved:—Julia Anderson, 5a., Beaufort, under 65th section.

An application for the transfer of a license from Robt. Kitchin to Wm. P. Schlicht, of 7a., under the 65th section at Langi-kal-kal, has been approved.

Why Some People Are Poor.

Bad management keeps more people in poor circumstances than any other one cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan ahead, so that when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take advantage of it. A little forethought will also save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in the house, the shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it and then ruin his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor's bill to pay besides; one pays out 25 cents, the other is out a hundred dollars, and then wonders why his neighbour is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

The most typically Boer food is "biltong," the provender of the Boer on the veldt, and the most sustaining form of dried meat ever invented. The best or venison must be cut from out the hind leg of the animal from the thigh bone down to the knee joint. It is salted, saltpetred, pressed and dried in the sun and the wind. It will keep any length of time, and for eating it is shredded with a pocket knife.

CLARKE'S B 41 PILLS are warranted to cure in either sex, all acquired or constitutional Diseases from the Urinary Organs, Gravel and Pains in the Back. Free from Mercury. Established upwards of 30 years. In boxes, 2s 9d, each, of all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors, throughout the World. Proprietors The Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln, England.

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

The cost of sending the Victorian portion of the Australian contingent to South Africa is estimated at about £35,000.

Already the McLean Ministry has sailed into troublous waters. Mr Fink, who had accepted a position as a minister without a portfolio, on Tuesday tendered his resignation to his chief, on the grounds that he could not act with Mr Shiels, the Treasurer, and did not approve of his remarks at the Premier's meeting at Bairnsdale. On Wednesday the Minister of Education was defeated at Castlemaine, and had Mr Watt been opposed by a more judicious and popular member of the labor party he would probably have had a hard fight.

For the purpose of inspecting country horses which may be offered for sale for use in South Africa, Colonel Price has arranged that the veterinary surgeons shall visit country centres. Veterinary Captain Callow will accordingly be at the Beaufort railway station at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 28th inst.

Another Case of General Debility AND Nervous Prostration Radically Cured.

The Case of Mrs. MARY TAYLOR.

(*From the "Leichhardt Standard."*)

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

Mrs. Taylor carries on a prosperous business as a general storekeeper in Cecily-street, Lilyfield, Leichhardt, near Sydney, where she also resides. It was at this address that a *Standard* reporter interviewed that lady the other day and obtained a full and clear account of her recovery from a serious state of

General Debility and Nervous Prostration,

which was the result of a severe shock occasioned by a sudden and fatal accident, which happened to her first husband.

"It was

A Terrible Shock

to me," explained the lady to the newspaper man, "and I thought at the time I should never get over it. The shock left me so nervous that I started trembling and shaking on the least provocation. Going to bed was a mere farce, for I never got any true sleep. Certainly, I should occasionally dose off for a while, but what good was that? and in the morning I was so tired that I could hardly get out of bed. I got vertigo and pale, and no wonder, for my appetite was gone altogether. I could eat nothing scarcely. I turned against my meals, and was forced to live almost entirely on invalids' foods, and I got so enfeebled my digestive organs could not digest even this light nutriment. A pain in the chest was always present after eating, in addition to dull aching pains between the shoulders, and all the food I ate tasted bitter to me. Sometimes, too, I would have

A Dreadful Sinking Feeling

as though everything was going to give way under me. Miserable headaches were my daily companions."

"You were to be much pitied, Mrs. Taylor."

"Despondency seized me," continued that lady, "The gloomiest thoughts of the future were always with me; nothing could interest me, and nothing could arouse me from the hopeless state into which I had gradually fallen. I cared neither to speak to my neighbours and friends nor to read a book or a paper. I grew worse every day. My nervous system was in a shocking state—just like a piano all out of tune. My friends said to me in a low, startled tone of voice,

'Why, You Look Awful,'

and indeed I thought I was going to die, and truly, I was brought so low down and life seemed so dark, that I hardly cared whether I got better or not. I was a shattered wreck of what I used to be—just a worn-out frame in which the vitality was fast failing. I never look back at that unhappy time now, and never talk about it if I can help it. Enough for me to say that I was helpless for over two months."

"You were lucky to get over it?"

"Yes, I was. It was all through Clements Tonic, and I shall never forget being first pressed to take that remedy. I fully believed that my nervous affection could not be cured by any medicine. But what a mistake I had been making all this time. I took Clements Tonic for three or four days and a sudden change for the better came over me. My nerves were much more restful, and I got long stretches of sound sleep. I began to awake out of the heavy stupor which had surrounded me. I could take an interest in my business affairs, and everything looked to be bathed in sunlight instead of shadow. I became hopeful, and dropped my low spirits entirely. I soon enjoyed my meals, and got stronger and stouter every day. When I went to see my late husband's friends they were astonished. 'Why, whatever good thing have you been taking,' they asked? Smiling, I told them I had taken nothing but Clements Tonic, and to that remedy, and that alone, I owe my complete return to health. Well, by keeping on with Clements Tonic I soon pulled myself quite round. I felt it building me up with every dose, and shortly I was able to do without it altogether, being as healthy and cheerful as I could wish to be."

"I may put this in the *Standard*?"

"Yes; I owe so much to Clements Tonic that it is at the same time a pleasure as a duty to comply with your request."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, MARY TAYLOR, of Cecily-street, Lilyfield, Leichhardt, Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of four folios and consecutively numbered: from one to four, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Mary Taylor

Declared at Sydney this 30th day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight before me, J. GREGG, J.P.

Snake Valley.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

At the Snake Valley Police Court on Wednesday last several truant cases were dealt with by the presiding magistrates, Messrs Oddie and Cameron. In each instances small fines were inflicted, in default imprisonment.

Two fires occurred at Snake Valley on Thursday last, and in both cases were extinguished before any material damage was done. The first, which started on Bottle Hill, destroyed several acres of grass, and was supposed to have been ignited by two boys, whilst rabbiting. The second, which occurred about 5.30 p.m., would have attained serious dimensions but for the promptness displayed by several young men who were in the vicinity at the time. The grass on a vacant allotment directly opposite the Mechanics' Institute, by some unknown reason became ignited and rapidly spread to the fences adjoining it, but several wooden buildings were in close proximity, and would have been destroyed had the fire not been noticed in time.

The entries for the cycling events in connection with the Carngham Widows' and Orphans' Fund sports on New Year's Day have filled up well, and weather permitting, a good day's enjoyment may be anticipated, as the committee are working hard to ensure the success of the meeting.

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

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

The latest despatch from Lord Methuen is to the effect that he is waiting for artillery and cavalry to come up. His line of communication was then still open. He estimates the force of the enemy opposed to him at not less than 50,000 men to his 17,000.

The presentation of a purse of sovereigns to Mr T. J. Orde has been arranged for Monday night next at the Camp Hotel, Beaufort, at 8 o'clock.

LOST CHEQUE.

ALL Persons are hereby cautioned against paying, when presented, a Cheque drawn by me on the Bank of Victoria, Beaufort, for £13 6s 7d, dated on 6th November last, which was lately lost and duly stopped at this Bank.

CHARLES LEWIS.

Stoneleigh, Beaufort.

NOTICE.

PERSONS found trespassing with dogs or guns on Wongan or in my paddocks at St. Enoch's during the summer months will be prosecuted. All Stock found trespassing in my paddocks at St. Enoch's on and after 31st Decr., 1899, will be impounded. D. STEWART.

Wongan, 22nd Decr., 1899.

A Grand Art and Industrial Exhibition and Musical and Elocutionary Competition.

Will be held in the SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT, MARCH 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 1900.

Admission—Single Ticket, 1s; two nights, 1s 9d; three nights, 2s 6d; four nights, 3s; Season Ticket, 3s 6d. Children, sixpence.

Carngham Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

THE Thirty-fifth Grand Annual DEMONSTRATION, in aid of the above Fund, will be held in the CARNGHAM RECREATION RESERVE, on NEW YEAR'S DAY, MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1900.

PROGRAMME.

1. Maiden Race, 100yds. First, £1; second, 10s. Entry, 1s.
2. Boys' Race (under 14). First, 10s; second, 5s. Entry, 6d.
3. Handicap Pony Race, four furlongs, 14 hands and under. First, £2; second, 10s. Entry, 2s 6d.
4. Carngham Handicap, 120yds. First, £2; second, 15s. Entry, 3s.
5. District Cycle Race (within a radius of 15 miles). One mile. First, £2; second, £1 (gift of Endean and Wilson, Ballarat). Entry, 2s; no acceptance.
6. Handicap Trot, about 2 miles; weight, 10st. or over. First, £2 10s; second, 10s. Entry, 3s.
7. Open Cycle Race, handicap, one mile. First, £4; second, £1. Entry, 2s 6d; no acceptance.
8. Flying Handicap, about four furlongs. First, £3; second, 10s. Entry, 3s 6d.
9. Handicap Pony Trot (14 hands and under), of £2; second to receive 10s from stake. Weight 8st. 7lb. or over. About two miles. Entry, 2s; performances to be given at time of entry.
10. Open Cycle Race, handicap, 2 miles. First, £5; second, £1. Entry, 3s; no acceptance.
11. Bracelet Stakes, £1. One mile. Amateur riders. Weight not less than 9st. Value, £4. Entry, 4s.
12. Hack Race, about 1 mile. Hacks to be approved of by the stewards. First, £1 10s; second, 10s. Entry, 2s.

First event at 1 o'clock sharp. Entries for all events except cycling will be received up to within half-an-hour of competition. Entries for the cycling events close with the Secretary, Snake Valley, and Endean and Wilson, Ballarat, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 21st December. Competitors to furnish performances and weight of machine. Nominations without fee will not be handicapped. Handicaps will appear in the Ballarat papers on Friday, 29th December. Entire events to be run under the auspices of the Carngham Turf Club (Reg. V.R.C.). A new cycling track has been laid down.

ADMISSION to Ground, 1s; Horses and Vehicles, 1s.

P. J. O'SULLIVAN, Hon. Sec.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.—Bay Horse, white on hind feet, W near shoulder. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold 13th January, 1900. W. G. STEVENS, Poundkeeper.

WANTED KNOWN, that J. B. COCHRAN, News Agent and Stationer, Beaufort, has a large and choice assortment of Xmas. and New Year Cards. Also a great variety of Toys, Games, and Fancy Goods. Inspection invited. The following Almanacs are on sale at 6d each:—Massina's, Dr. L. L. Smith's, Victorian and Irish.

PRIZE FOWLS.

A Limited number of EGGS FOR SALE at 7s. 6d. dozen from the following pure breeds:—Andalusians, Minorcas, White and Brown Leghorns, Langshans, Silver Wyandottes, and Plymouth Rocks. A few Minorca Cockerels from imported stock for sale.

J. McKEICH.

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NOTICE.

A RULE to administer the Estate of TIMOTHY J. X. RYAN, late of Blythe-vale Station, Streatham, labourer, deceased, intestate, who died on 29th October, 1899, has been granted to me, and Creditors and others having Claims on such Estate are requested to send in particulars to my office by the 22nd January, 1900, or they will be excluded from the distribution of the Estate.

T. J. BRIDE,
Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons,
New Zealand Chambers, 483 Collins-street,
Melbourne, 11th December, 1899.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES!

To be held on the Racecourse, WATERLOO FLAT, On

NEW YEAR'S DAY (MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1900.)

STEWARDS—Mr. E. H. Austin, M.L.A.; Crs. M. Flynn and D. Stewart; Messrs. T. D. Martin, W. Hinchliffe, J. McKeich, C. W. and G. Vowles, G. H. Cougle, J. Eastwood, J. W. Harris, junr., D. E. Troy, T. Newey, A. Holdsworth, W. Stevenson, H. E. Watkin, C. Jones, and Dr. G. A. Eadie.

JUDGE—Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair.

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STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899.

No.	Date.	Contractor.	Locality and Description of Works.	Balance Brought Forward.	Amount of Contract.	Extras.	Total.	Paid.	Balance.	Deduction
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
			NORTH RIDING.							
	1898.									
52	Jan. 10	Carmichael & Broadbent	Making a crossing near Riley's land, Eurambeen ...	2 0 0			2 0 0	2 0 0		
65	Mar. 7	H. F. Watkin ...	Forming at Long Gully, Eurambeen ...	2 0 0			2 0 0	2 0 0		
76	April 4	P. Grant, junr. ...	Cutting drains at Jonathan's Gully ...	6 0 0			6 0 0	6 0 0		
77	June 6	W. Fraser ...	Building a small log bridge over Yam Holes Creek, Trawalla...	35 8 0			35 8 0	35 8 0		
80	July 4	H. F. Watkin ...	Forming and metalling with quartz 99.50 chains, South Waterloo to Trawalla	57 8 6		2 17 0	60 5 6	60 5 6		
87	Sep. 5	W. Fraser ...	Forming and channelling near Troy's, Waterloo road ...	15 18 0			15 18 0	15 18 0		
	1899.									
89	Jan. 9	H. F. Watkin ...	Metalling 138 chains, 3in. thick, Hehir's corner to main road, Trawalla ...		247 11 0		247 11 0	247 11 0		
90	Jan. 9	H. F. Watkin ...	Pitching with bluestone 65yds, channelling, Livingstone-street, Beaufort		23 6 10	3 1 1	26 7 11	26 7 11		
92	Feb. 6	H. F. Watkin ...	Building a small stone and timber bridge at Shirley ...		253 12 5		253 12 5	240 0 0	13 12 5	
93	Feb. 6	I. Carmichael ...	Clearing and forming 60 chains of road near Stevens', Raglan		39 10 0	0 17 0	40 7 0	40 7 0		
97	Mar. 6	C. Broadbent, junr.	Forming and metalling 46 chains road, Chute ...		68 0 0	6 0 0	74 0 0	74 0 0		
99	Apl. 10	H. F. Watkin ...	Re-forming and gravelling two miles Beaufort and Stockyard Hill road ...		65 6 8	3 1 4	68 8 0	68 8 0		
105	June 5	C. Broadbent, junr.	Clearing, forming and metalling 24.50 chains of Bald Hill and Nerring road		39 0 0		39 0 0	9 0 0	30 0 0	
106	June 5	C. Broadbent, junr.	Renewing bicycle track at Beaufort Park ...		20 10 0	4 4 0	24 14 0	24 14 0		
107	June 5	J. Tompkins ...	Lighting and maintaining nine lamps, Beaufort ...		9 18 0		9 18 0	6 14 0	3 4 0	
108	Sep. 4	H. F. Watkin ...	Building a culvert, &c., over water race, near J. Grant's, Raglan		5 10 0		5 10 0		5 10 0	
				118 14 6	772 4 11	20 0 5	910 19 10	858 13 7	52 6 5	
			Less part of contract No. 65, charged to West Riding ...				20 0 0	20 0 0		
							890 19 10	838 13 5		
			EAST RIDING.							
	1898.									
55	Jan. 16	J. Broadbent ...	Forming, metalling and supplying maintenance, Skipton ...	3 6 6			3 6 6	3 6 6		
64	Mar. 7	Madden Bros. ...	Building large culvert, Mortchup ...	19 2 0			19 2 0	19 2 0		
83	July 4	Nunn & Corrigan	Clearing and forming road, Scarsdale to Snake Valley ...	3 18 0		2 0 0	5 18 0	5 18 0		
	1899.									
88	Jan. 9	Madden Bros. ...	Building a small bridge, stone and timber, Bailey's Creek ...		159 6 0	2 9 0	161 15 0	161 15 0		
94	Feb. 6	H. F. Watkin ...	Concrete work at large bridge, Lillirie...		14 0 0	1 10 0	15 10 0	15 10 0		
100	Apl. 10	J. Nunn... ...	Cutting 25 chains catchment drains at Snake Valley Reservoir		11 14 9	1 10 0	13 4 9	13 4 9		
101	Apl. 10	Madden Bros. ...	Repairs and planking bridge at Skipton ...		29 2 6	2 13 2	31 15 8	31 15 8		
102	May 1	Smith Bros. ...	Gravelling, &c., 32 chains of North and South road, Chepstowe		21 14 0	5 17 0	27 11 0	27 11 0		
103	May 1	A. R. Slater ...	Repairing, &c., 27 chains road near Fallon and Rowan's Chepstowe ...		23 8 0	10 10 0	33 18 0	33 18 0		
				26 6 6	259 5 3	26 9 2	312 0 11	312 0 11		
			Less part of contract No. 55, charged to West Riding ...				34 17 2	34 17 2		
							277 3 9	277 3 9		
			WEST RIDING.							
	1895									
538	May 1	W. C. Pimblett...	Filling and repairing drains, Fisher's Hill ...	2 0 0			2 0 0		2 0 0	
	1898									
57	Aug. 1	C. Bradshaw ...	Repairing, &c., Mooramong road ...	3 5 0			3 5 0	3 0 0		0 5 0
58	Feb. 7	C. Bradshaw ...	Forming and repairing, Skipton and Pretty Tower road ...	2 10 0		5 10 0	8 0 0	8 0 0		
75	May 2	W. Bradshaw ...	Supplying metal, Skipton and Streatham road ...	76 7 6			76 7 6	75 12 0		0 15 6
81	July 4	C. Bradshaw ...	Forming, stone culvert, Lake Goldsmith ...	5 0 0		2 5 0	7 5 0	7 5 0		
82	July 4	A. R. Slater ...	Supplying maintenance metal, Stockyard Hill road ...	178 6 8		14 8 9	192 15 5	192 15 5		
85	Aug. 1	A. Simper ...	Making a bank and road, Pretty Tower ...	54 0 0		14 13 9	68 13 9	68 13 9		
86	Aug. 1	C. Bradshaw ...	Breaking and spreading metal, Wongan ...	93 1 4			93 1 4	93 1 4		
	1899									
91	Feb. 6	C. Bradshaw ...	Making 34 chains of metalled road, parish Mawallok ...		148 11 8	11 2 0	159 13 8	159 13 8		
95	Feb. 6	A. R. Slater ...	Clearing and forming 280 chains, Lake Goldsmith and Skipton, culverts, &c.		276 10 6	20 0 0	296 10 6	296 10 6		
98	Mch. 6	C. Bradshaw ...	Forming and metalling road and repairing 39 chains Mawallok and Emu		389 7 8	20 6 0	409 13 8	409 13 8		
99	Apl. 10	H. F. Watkin ...	Re-forming and gravelling 2 miles Beaufort and Stockyard Hill road ...		130 13 4	6 2 8	136 16 0	136 16 0		
104	May 1	A. R. Slater ...	Forming, repairing, &c., 198 chains road Wongan to Skipton ...		89 3 5	8 9 0	97 12 5	97 12 5		
				414 10 0	1034 6 7	102 17 2	1551 14 3	1548 13 9	2 0 0	1 0 6
			Add part of contract No. 65, North Riding ...				20 0 0	20 0 0		
			" " " No. 55, East Riding ...				34 17 2	34 17 2		
							1606 11 5	1603 10 11		
			BEAUFORT WATER SUPPLY.							
	1897									
41	Feb. 1	Carmichael, Ball, Broadbent	Making a reservoir at Jonathan's Gully, Main Lead ...	21 0 0				21 0 0		

JOHN WILLIAM HARRIS, Shire Secretary.
1st October, 1899.

Examined and found correct. { ALLAN MURRAY, Government Auditor.
23rd November, 1899. { JOHN HUMPHREYS, Local Auditor.

This is only an Outline

of a few out of many cases. Day by day fresh reports of cure come in. It is impossible to publish every case, even in short summary. All over Australia live, healthy men and women, once hopeless invalids, have been made well and active by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Below are very brief summaries of several cases in all parts. A fuller account will be sent post free to any address.

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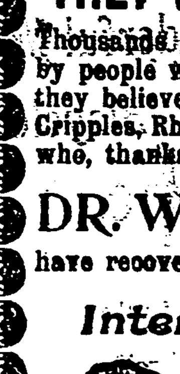
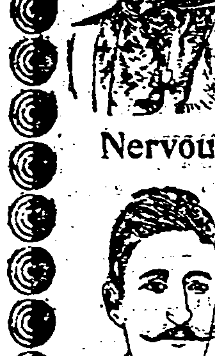
have recovered their lost health and are now quite well.

Internal Agony.—Insomnia.



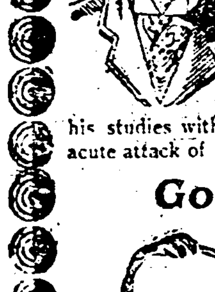
MR. J. O'KEEFE, 96 Westgarth Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne, was formerly on the *Bombay Gazette* Staff, India. Whilst on the Border Watch, Mount Gambier, he suffered greatly from insomnia, loss of appetite, and large swelling in abdomen. Consulted many doctors without permanent benefit. The internal growth caused intense agony. Went to the hospital; was examined by several more doctors. His disease was given different names. Medicines proved useless. A friend induced him to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. From the first, improvement was manifest. Before long all pain left him. He became strong and well. Every symptom of his complaint vanished. He is now in perfect health.

Disordered Liver, Dizziness.



MRS. ROSA MULGRAVE, 73 Chapel Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne, suffered greatly from liver complaint, dizziness, pains in the head. Sometimes would reel on her feet. Became fearfully weak. Her doctor placed her on a diet of milk, but even this did not agree. A relative induced her to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The first dose seemed to benefit her. They acted as a tonic. She soon ate with relish. In a fortnight her stomach retained all she ate without inconvenience. Strength came back. She now feels like a new woman.

Nervous Prostration.—Loss of Appetite.

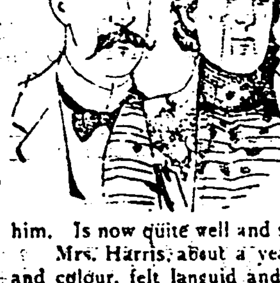


MR. OSWALD METCALFE, 91 Campbell Street, Hobart, has been engaged in studying the cause of speech impediment for 11 years. Excessive study broke down his health, disorganised his nerves, brought on heart palpitation, want of appetite, intense weariness and weakness, and loss of mental ability. Doctors prescribed nerve tonics without apparent effect. His nervous headaches and nervous prostration continued. He was taken to the hospital; remained there a week without being cured. Then used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. One box improved him, and several more boxes gave him new health and strength, banished his headaches and nerve trouble. He now relishes his food, sleeps well, and is continuing his studies with avidity. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills also cured him of an acute attack of sciatica.

Gout and Rheumatism.

MR. GEORGE W. CAREY, talented comedian of Messrs. Williamson & Musgrove's Co., interviewed by a *Quiz and the Lantern* reporter, at the Grand Coffee Palace, Hindley Street, Adelaide. Mr. Carey suffered for 16 years with gout; always in severe pain; had to use a stick when walking; was completely run down. His limbs also ached with rheumatism. Several friends advised Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He took them. They built up his system, and he is now stronger and in better health than he has been for 16 long years. Heartily praises Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a remedy for gout and rheumatism.

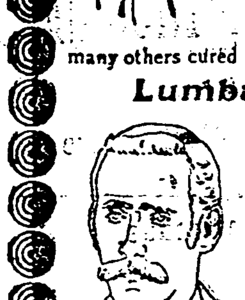
Husband and Wife Cured.



WHEN both husband and wife testify to the value of a medicine, its curative properties become established beyond all doubt. Mr. Roland Harris, the well-known printer, of 180 George Street West, Sydney, suffered for years from liver and kidney troubles, violent headaches, severe pains in the back, heart palpitation. Appetite was poor; could not sleep, and became wretchedly thin. Sometimes had to stay in bed altogether. The doctor did not cure him, so he used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Two boxes relieved him, and three more boxes cured him. Is now quite well and strong, and free from former ailments.

Mrs. Harris, about a year ago, became anæmic, lost appetite, weight, and colour, felt languid and listless. Hands became bloodless; at night she would lie awake gasping for breath. A leading physician's treatment did not restore her. Her husband recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and several boxes cured her. She sleeps well; has a good appetite; headaches have left her; is now bright and happy.

Dyspepsia—Headaches.

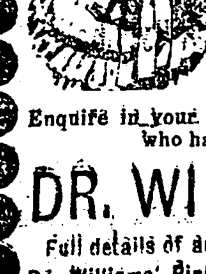


MISS ANNIE BARNARD, of Adelaide Street, near Central Railway Station, Brisbane, is a milliner at a leading drapery establishment in the city. For three years she suffered greatly from acute dyspepsia, terrible pains after eating, severe pains in chest, headaches, sleeplessness, and debility. Grew very thin. Went away for a change, but this did not cure her. Even had to give up employment. Thought she would never be cured. Was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Did so. Four weeks after taking them felt a great improvement. Took several boxes altogether. Can now walk long distances without feeling tired out. Sleeps better, has a better appetite, and all weariness gone. Knows many others cured by these pills.

Lumbago, Sciatica, Dysentery.

MR. W. F. FORD, of Velven Grove, Queensland, suffered from lumbago, sciatica, rheumatism, dysentery, and general debility. Was completely run down. Had to take to his bed. Under medical advice for a long time, but was not cured. Every change of weather affected him; when dengue fever was prevalent, he would be up one day, in bed the next. Saw Dr. Williams' Pink Pills advertised and bought some. Fourth box improved him greatly, felt more cheerful and energetic. Took several more boxes, which cured him of his ailments absolutely. Mrs. Ford has also used them with great success.

Sciatica and Paralysis.



MRS. JOHN AGNEW, of Hillsborough, near Onehunga, was formerly matron of Gympie and Herberton Hospitals, North Queensland. Became an invalid to sciatica for several years. Felt stinging burning pains in back and legs; right arm became paralysed; left leg from hip joint to knee was also paralysed. Pain was like a red-hot iron being rubbed over skin. Grew thin and weak. Liniments and galvanic batteries were useless. Several boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills made a complete cure; she has no pain now; is free from sciatica, and is strong and active.

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(A). Insert in a newspaper published in the district where the land is situated, or if there be no such newspaper, then in one published nearest the district, an advertisement or notice on the form in the appendix A thereto.

(B). Post similar notices at the office of the warden, and at the post office or police court, whichever is the nearest to the land.

(C). Deposit with the clerk of the warden the sum of £5 sterling, &c.

Objections will be raised to the granting of all leases where the above requirements have not been fully complied with.

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	To Melbourne.		To Geelong.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Beaufort ...	25	6	22	6
Buangor, ...	27	0	24	0
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Statement by CAPTAIN NEAVES.

(From the "Newtown Chronicle.")

Most people will remember the voyage of the fever-stricken steamer, Mount Kembla. In the middle of last April she started for New Guinea, and on the first day of the following June arrived back in Sydney. But we will let the first mate, Captain Neaves, describe the terrible sufferings of the captain and the crew in his own words.

"When we arrived in Sydney," said Mr. Neaves, who is living in Marmion Street, North Kingston, to a reporter from the "Newtown Chronicle," who recently interviewed him, "I was so weak I could scarcely stand through New Guinea fever. The plague came upon us three days homeward bound from New Guinea. First, two of the sailors fell sick, then next day three more, and so on, the fever went through the ship. We swallowed large quantities of quinine from the medicine chest, but with very little benefit. We all fought against the disease as hard as we could; we didn't like the idea of lying down, as we feared, if we did, we should never get up again. There was sometimes but two of us able to be on deck at a time to navigate, steer, and keep a look-out, and the engineers below were as short-handed as we were. The sea was dead against us, we were running short of coal and medicine; the skipper was laid up with the fever in his bunk, and on the way down we were forced to run into Morton Bay to get supplies and it is a matter of regret to me now that I wasn't aware of the fine properties of Clements Tonic, for if I had but known of that remedy I should certainly have taken in a good stock of it at Brisbane, when we should have been much better able to combat the fever which had seized upon us. However, I didn't get any Clements Tonic till we reached Sydney. Our skipper was seized on a Friday, and died on the following Tuesday, so you can form some judgment as to the rapidity of its effects. Yes," continued Captain Neaves, "the disease clings to you even after you have arrived in the bracing winter climate of Sydney, and many a poor fever-stricken fellow has lasted all the way down the coast but to die like our skipper did on reaching Sydney."

"What is this fever like?"

"It is ordinary fever and ague, sometimes called malaria, low, or intermittent fever, which is very prevalent in tropical climates. It generally comes on with headaches, lassitude, and shaking; this ague fit is then followed by an exceedingly high temperature, and the sufferer often loses consciousness. The periods of fever and shakes get closer together, the sick man gets weaker and weaker as the hours roll on, and if he doesn't take the turn for the better, he dies very shortly of sheer weakness and want of vitality. Its weakening effects are very rapid. It knocks a man all to pieces in a very short time, and even if he gets over the disease, the after effects will very often last him the rest of his life. Usually, months elapse before a sufferer resumes anything like his ordinary health and vigor. Any day in the week you may go up into the Domain and see some of these poor fellows sitting about—waiting to recover their strength. They look like so many skeletons, with their lean and crippled figures, parchment-like faces, and dull eyes. They are simply suffering from the remains of island fever."

"How did you get on?"

"Well, as I said, when I arrived in Sydney I was suffering from after effects of New Guinea fever. I was almost too weak to stand. Continual headaches oppressed me. Usually, after one has got round the turning point of an illness, a convalescent appetite may be expected. But this was far from the case with me. My appetite was completely lost. I was absolutely indifferent whether I ate anything or not. I felt dull and languid the whole day long, and instead of getting in some useful sleep at night I rolled uneasily about, never able to get an hour's solid rest the night through. I tried all sorts of things that were recommended to me on all sides, and I took many different strengthening medicines that I saw advertised, but to no purpose, and as for quinine, I took so much that I must have been fairly saturated with it. My vitality was pretty low down, I can assure you. It was my landlord that told me to try Clements Tonic. 'It will pull you through,' said he. I told him plainly I didn't believe it would, but as he made a point of it, I gave it a trial. I am not exaggerating one iota when I say that half a bottle of Clements Tonic benefited me to an extent that was as marvellous as unanticipated. At the best I had hoped to recover my health and vigor but slowly, say in the course of weeks; but here in three or four days a very welcome change for the better had been wrought in me by Clements Tonic. It was astonishing, after the failure of so many medicines. My appetite came back in double force. I felt strung up all over. The moment I tumbled into bed I was asleep, and slept the whole night through that dreamless, refreshing sleep which only a sailor can sleep. A buoyancy of spirits took the place of my dull and languid feelings, and it couldn't have been more than a week after commencing to take Clements Tonic when I was asking myself if I ever felt better in my life. And I never did feel more healthy. I was thoroughly toned up, and had made a perfect recovery from one of the most enervating diseases. I am now sound as a bell, and willing, if necessary, to sail once again round the malarial coast of New Guinea—that is, if the ship's medicine chest contained a goodly supply of Clements Tonic. And you may depend upon it when I do go to sea again I shall take good care to see that remedy provided."

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STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, ROBERT NEAVES, of Marmion Street, North Kingston, Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of five folios and consecutively numbered from one to five, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

R. Neaves

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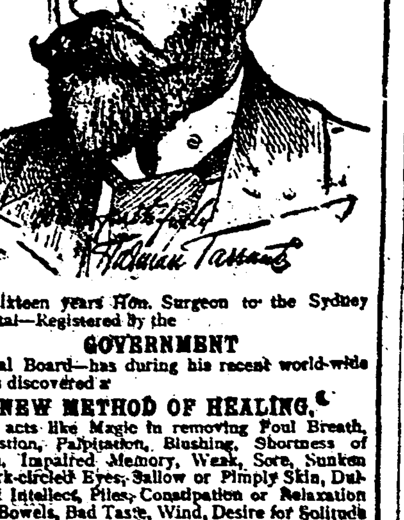

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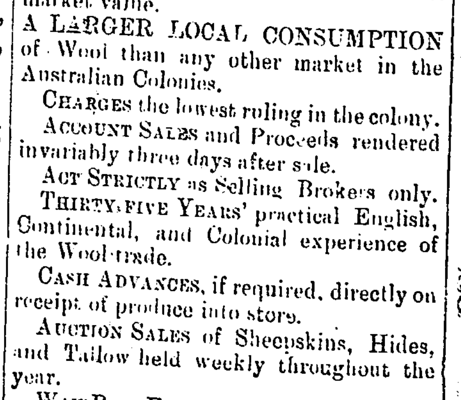

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Church of England.—St. John's, 11 a.m. Subject, "Promises." Chute, 3 p.m. Subject, "The birth of Jesus." St. John's, 7.30 p.m. Subject, "The world passeth away," St. John 11, 17.

Presbyterian Church.—Beaufort, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mr Buntine. Morning address to children.

Primitive Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Raglan, 3 p.m., Rev. H. Robinson; Main Lead, 3 p.m., Mr Waldron; watch night service 11 p.m. and sacrament.

MARRIAGE.

CARMICHAEL—LILLEY.—On the 14th December, 1899, at the Primitive Methodist Church, Beaufort, by the Rev. H. Robinson, Duncan George, the eldest son of Duncan Carmichael, of Middle Creek, farmer, to Laura Alberetta, eldest daughter of Mark Jabez Lilley, of Beaufort.

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We wish our readers a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The secretary of the Beaufort Jockey Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a donation of £1 1s from Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., towards the New Year's Day races.

The rainfall at Beaufort for the past week ending yesterday at 9 a.m. amounted to 25 points.

On New Year's Day all post offices will be closed to the public at 10 a.m. The first delivery only by letter carriers will be effected. All country mails will be received and despatched as usual, but no money order business will be transacted. Telegraph offices will be open from 8.30 to 10 a.m., and from 6 till 7 p.m. On 2nd January all post and telegraph offices will be open to the public, and custom ary business, except money order business, transacted

The Beaufort railway yard was turned into a horse fair on Thursday, when all sorts and conditions of steeds to the number of fully 40 were offered for sale to the Government for the use of the second Victorian contingent in South Africa. Veterinary Captain Callow inspected the horses, and had them put through their paces, with the result that he agreed to take six at prices ranging from £14 to £20, with an average of £15 6s 8d per head. He also selected two police horses, namely, Mounted-constable Saker's and Mounted-constable Ivey's. The public seemed to take great interest in the proceedings.

The annual sports demonstration in aid of the Carngham Widows' and Orphans' Fund takes place on New Year's Day in the Carngham Recreation Reserve. The programme comprises footracing, cycling, and horse-racing. A capital day's sport is anticipated.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club is announced for Tuesday week, 9th prox.

As usual during the Xmas. holidays Fern Tree Gully and the beauty spots of Mt. Cole were visited by numerous picnicking parties. Others found sources of amusement in fishing and shooting excursions. Religious services were held in the churches. Many united families met once more around the festive board, and joy and happiness generally abounded. The weather was warm till Boxing Day, when there were frequent heavy showers, militating greatly against the success of the Athletic Club's sports in the Park, and causing many people to keep indoors.

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Senior-Constable Jones, of Russell street, Melbourne, has been transferred to the charge of Beaufort, vice Senior-Constable Blade, who was there temporarily in place of Senior-Constable Downey.

The Beaufort Jockey Club's annual races take place at Waterloo Flat on New Year's Day, when a programme of eight events will be contested. There is every reason to believe that good fields will be the order of the day, and, given fine weather, an enjoyable time should be spent. Some demur has been made at the club charging for admission to the course, but the public should bear in mind that it is only what other clubs do, and that it is impossible to provide a programme without obtaining revenue to meet the expenses. The necessary authority has been obtained to charge for admission, and persons caught trespassing on the racecourse paddock will be severely dealt with. The admission is 1s for adults and 6d for children between 8 and 15 years. No charge is made for horses. The first race is timed to start at 12 noon. Members and their families are admitted free. Mr Vowles has a special advertisement elsewhere re the public an's and ladies' refreshment booths.

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

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

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The secretary of the Beaufort Athletic Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £1 from Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., towards the Boxing Day Sports.

The Beaufort Presbyterian Church choir, with the laudable object of providing Xmas. cheer for the poor and needy of the town, serenaded supporters of the church on Xmas. Eve and tastefully rendered several carols, under the leadership of Miss Adam. Mr Buntine, assistant minister, acted as collector, and the sum of £3 was raised. Notwithstanding the labor of love involved in singing so often and walking so far to the homes of the various people, the gratitude of the persons who are to be so thoughtfully and kindly assisted should induce the choir to make the good old custom of carol singing an annual one in Beaufort. Mr Menzies, who inaugurated the movement, was the treasurer. The money collected is to be distributed to-day by Miss Adam and Miss Wotherspoon.

Through the efforts of the Beaufort Athletic Club, Belch's Brass Band discoursed sweet strains of music in the streets of Beaufort on Xmas. night. They were treated by the President of the Club, Mr H. M. Stuart, to "refreshers," as also by the President of the Shire, Cr. Sinclair, and several of the publicans of the town. The music was much appreciated by the public.

McAdoo's Jubilee Singers did not perform at Beaufort last Saturday night as announced, owing to the poor patronage bestowed by the public. No doubt the high prices of admission and the preparations being made for the enjoyment of the Xmas. holidays accounted for the sparse attendance.

The streets of Beaufort were very lively on Saturday night, and the business people were kept hard at work till nearly midnight supplying the wants of customers. The thriving trade done bears evidence that the district is more prosperous than is generally conceded. Although the streets were crowded with people till a late hour, and no doubt a good deal of conviviality was indulged in, the utmost good order prevailed. "Peace on earth and good-will toward all men" seemed to be generally recognised, and friendly greetings and kindly wishes were heard on all sides.

Messrs Wm. McFarlane and James Tompkins were presented by the Rev. A. Adam, M.A., on behalf of the members and adherents of the Beaufort Presbyterian Church, with a small purse of sovereigns each on Sunday. Both gifts were in appreciation of valuable services rendered to the Sunday School, as well as tokens of esteem. The outcome of the presentations was the resignation of Mr McFarlane as superintendent and the marriage of Mr Tompkins. The interesting ceremony took place in the Sunday School, and was witnessed by a large number of the scholars and their friends. The Rev. Mr Adam, in making the presentation on behalf of his own family and others, stated that subscribers, both from far and near, had given their contributions most heartily. It was usual to make such presentations to friends when they were leaving, because it was felt that the opportunity might never occur again; but in this case he was glad to say that neither of their friends were leaving—they were going to stay and do good in the future, as they had done in the past. Sunday school work was about the best and noblest anyone could engage in. It helped the State, inasmuch as prevention was better than punishment. It cost the State hundreds of thousands to punish vice; to prevent it through the Sunday school cost nothing. The Sunday school teachers belonged to the great unpaid. The work was a labor of love. It helped the church, inasmuch as every such school was a feeder of the church, and prepared those who were expected afterwards to take part in the church's work. It helped the parents to bring up their families in the fear of God, and, with reverence be it spoken, it helped Christ and took care of the lambs of His flock. Mr McFarlane, like himself, had grown old in the service. He had come forward to help in the good work long years ago, when teachers were few and the school was struggling amid initial difficulties, and he had stuck to it till failing powers had obliged him to stop. At the first election of elders he was thought worthy from his consistent character to occupy that honorable office in their church. He was glad to be able to add that in all his good work Mr McFarlane had been heartily seconded by members of his family. As to Mr Tompkins, he had been identified with the Sunday school as a pupil, and had gradually crept up to the position of teacher and finally of superintendent, the office he now filled. This was a progress which speaks for itself. At times he was afraid he was going to leave Beaufort, but he (Mr Adam) had had the pleasure only one short month ago of helping to provide him with a helpmate who everyone felt was worthy of him, and who promised to be a fellow-worker in every good work. Now we may consider him as one who is to take root in Beaufort and never think of leaving it any more. Mr McFarlane and Mr Tompkins, in a few well-chosen words, acknowledged the gift, which in both cases was as acceptable as it was unexpected. The surest proof that this testimonial was deserved was that amongst the subscribers were the names of Messrs McFarlane and Tompkins' fellow-teachers, who knew them best and could best appreciate their work.

Presentation to Mrs T. J. Orde.

Over 20 subscribers to the Orde Testimonial assembled at Vowles's Camp Hotel, Beaufort, on Xmas. Night, the occasion being a presentation of a purse of sovereigns to Mr T. J. Orde, on his wife's behalf, in appreciation of his worth as a citizen, and as a slight token of the sympathy felt for him by his friends in the prosecution to which he was recently subjected. The promotion of Mr Orde from forester at Beaufort to chief forester over the Wombat Forest was taken as an opportunity to initiate the presentation, and so satisfactory was the response that a very creditable sum was raised. Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., presided, and the toast of "The Queen" having been loyally honored, the Chairman proposed the toast of the evening, "Our Guest." They were well aware that they had met to do honor to their late citizen and forester for the district, Mr Orde. He himself for the first occasion had left his home on Xmas. Day. But he had come here with great pleasure to do honor to a gentleman whom he had always found honest and straightforward. Beaufort was losing a public officer, whose actions he had watched very closely, but others had watched Mr Orde more than he, and not one was able to point a little finger against him. That was clear proof to him, knowing how he had been watched, that he was a good officer to the department and to the people of Beaufort. In entrusting Mr Orde with the purse of sovereigns for his wife, Mr Austin asked him to accept this token of esteem as if it came to himself. He had had the pleasure of seeing Mr and Mrs Orde in their home and could say that it was a good, happy home. He felt sure that Mrs Orde would accept the sovereigns as a token of the goodwill the people had for her husband. If he stood on his legs till next year he could not express his feelings. He knew that public men and members of Parliament got up and expressed feelings that were not honest, but he assured them that everything he had said on Mr Orde's behalf came from his heart. It was one of the proudest moments that ever he had to stand up and present this to Mr Orde on behalf of his wife, because as he said before he had always found him honest and straightforward. Beaufort in his opinion had lost a good citizen—a citizen who might have been severe on other citizens, but who was always right and just. While they regretted that Mr Orde was leaving them, they were pleased that he was going to another part of the colony to rise from the position he held here. It had been said that he (Mr Austin) was the means of getting him his present position. Although he would have done so willingly, he had never lifted so much as a little finger, but Mr Orde had got it on his own merit. (Cheers.) Had he been asked to help him, he would tell them honestly that he would have done so, but Mr Orde had never applied to him in any form, nor had any of his friends. He knew that his honesty of purpose and good standing with his department had got him this position, and he was very worthy of it. He did not wish it to go forth that Mr Orde had risen to his position through political influence, as he had never raised a little finger to help him, although Mr Orde was one of his personal friends and a man whom he looked up to and admired. (Cheers.) Mr Austin having proposed the toast, it was enthusiastically drunk with musical honors.

Mr J. B. Cochran expressed sorrow at losing Mr Orde and pleasure at his promotion. He had always found him straightforward, fair all round, and never hard in any way. He would do anything for others, but not for himself. In his late trouble he was a coward in a way; but had it been for others he would have fought tooth and nail. However he had got off honorably. It had been remarked by his enemies that Mr Orde had been removed with a loss of £50 a year; but the boot was on the other foot. He hoped to see Mr Orde back here yet as an inspector, and wished him and his wife and family health, wealth, and prosperity. Mr Orde was the right man for his position, as he understood every department of his work, and not many could get the better of him. He was a man who always spoke his mind and gave good advice when asked for it. He hoped that he would be spared for many years to discharge his duties with credit to himself and to the department.

Messrs McRae, Allison, and Freeman also supported the toast, alluding to Mr Orde's many good qualities, expressing regret at his departure, and wishing him success in his new sphere of labor.

Mr Orde, who was cordially received, said that words of his failed to express his feelings. The few years spent in Beaufort had given him a great deal of pleasure and perhaps a little strain of pain here and there. However, he had overcome all that. He expressed gratitude to Mr Austin for leaving his home and family to be here, knowing that every man liked to be in the bosom of his family at Xmas. time. It was very pleasant to hear himself spoken of as he had been, because as a Government official he was a man of an intricate life, having to carefully weigh the pros. and cons. of matters affecting others. Whatever he did he tried to do justly, and acted conscientiously towards his department and his fellow-man. Laws were laid down for him to follow, the procedure sometimes being very stringent, but it was not intended that they should be carried out in their strictest force, but a certain amount of discretion was allowed the officers reading them. He thought he had been fairly successful here, for as one of the youngest officers, the department recognised his services by placing him in the highest position it could. He had been put over men 10 and 12 years his senior in service. They were aggrieved, but he could not help that, it being no fault of his. He intended using the same tactics as he had in the past. As to his using political influence, Mr Austin was correct, for although he had been 12½ years in the department he could defy any member of Parliament to say that he asked for help in one iota. He considered that a man should fight his own battles. Referring to his new sphere of labor, Mr Orde said that he had spent 20 years of his life in the district, and knew all the landmarks for 20 miles round. But there had been more destruction of timber on 50 acres there than 5 here, notwithstanding that four men had been looking after 70,000 acres, as against the 69,000 acres allotted to him here. It almost made him cry to see such destruction. He had a big battle to fight, and was prepared to do it. It was not going to be all roses, but there would be some thorns for him also. The men who were his seniors would not fall in with his views. But something would have to go down, and as he would be straight he must come out on top. He was sorry to leave a district where he had made friends, the like of whom he would never perhaps meet on earth again—friends who had absolutely been his backbone in the time of trouble, and who had done for him what few men on earth do for another. To those friends he could only say from the outpourings of his heart that he could never repay them on this earth, but he hoped they would be rewarded hereafter. Referring to his actions in procuring privileges for miners, Mr Orde said that every miner should be allowed to get timber rather than risk their life in an unprotected drive, for men who very often were unable to pay for bread and butter could not pay a royalty on timber. If he had given pleasure he was satisfied. When he thought of the great kindness shown to himself and wife he felt that if he lived for 30 years Beaufort would ever be remembered in the warmest corner of his heart, and he assured them that if any of them, whether rich or poor, ever wanted a friend or an act of kindness or justice done, they had only to apply to Tom Orde. (Cheers.)

Mr McRae, in proposing the toast of "The Chairman," said that although Mr Austin was not a very great orator, he was one of the whitest men in Parliament. Whatever he said he did, and his word was his bond. He sincerely hoped that he would continue to be their member for many years. The toast having been drunk with musical honors, and harmony contributed by Mr Cochran,

Mr Austin returned thanks. Referring to the political crisis recently passed through, he said that as an oppositionist he had supported the vote of want of confidence because he considered a change of government beneficial to the electors of Ripon and Hampden and to the colony of Victoria. If he had done a wrong act, it was not for any personal benefit. The circumstances had been very peculiar. The Government had been turned out by the voice of Parliament, and he honestly believed that the voice of the people would have been different. But he had watched every turn, and as before stated thought it was beneficial to the colony that a change should be made. If he had erred in judgment and had not acted in accordance with their views, they could not blame him, having sat for five years in opposition to the Turner Government, and no elector of Ripon and Hampden having approached him and said that it was his duty to do otherwise. No elector could accuse him of breaking faith with pledges given on the platform. If he had to represent Ripon and Hampden he must be allowed to use his own judgment. The leader of the late Government was a man to be admired, but he had not the experience of the world, and was an honest politician. That was saying a lot, for he assured them that since he came into politics he had met men who had not the interest of the colony at heart, but with whom when politics stepped in honestly disappeared. They tell you to your face that they will support you, and when you are gone say they hope you will be kicked out. It was not Sir George Turner whom he had voted against, but his Government. His honesty of purpose and honesty to his colleagues prevented him from getting rid of some of his Ministers whom it was thought to be beneficial to the colony to get rid of. As regards Sir George Turner, he would not be sorry to see him back in power, but not with his late colleagues, excepting two. It was not a breach of faith to tell them that the late opposition had decided that it was time some of Sir George Turner's colleagues should be removed from office. If Sir George Turner had been a man of the world he would have known the feelings of the House. It was far better that there should be a shuffling of the cards, and that some one else should take the place of his colleagues. He would tell them on the platform why he objected to these colleagues, as this was not a political meeting, and as to why he thought his vote was given for the benefit of the colony. He knew that Sir George Turner was very strong in the country, and that many of his (Mr Austin's) supporters thought he had given a wrong vote, but he must tell them again that he gave that vote in the best interests of the colony of Vic or'a (Cheers.) He would like to add something that he had to gotten. All the time he had represented them Mr Orde was their forester, and while he had never approached him in any shape or form for personal gain, yet he had many times asked him (Mr Austin) to try to do a kindly act for someone else, and on one or two occasions on behalf of his (Mr Orde's) enemies, thus showing that Mr Orde was just to all. He was therefore only too pleased to come here to do honor to him, knowing the man he was.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem.

Gazette Notices.

The following gold mining lease awaits execution:—J. S. Smith, 26a 1r 12p, Beaufort.

After the 1st January Courts of Petty Session will be held at Beaufort on the second and fourth Mondays in each month.

Mining News.

It may be interesting to note the returns for the past twelve months from the two best claims of the district, namely, the Nil Desperandum and the Last Chance. The first named totalled 919oz. 2dwt. 18grs., or a fraction over 17oz. 13dwt. 10gr. per week, amongst six shareholders. The Last Chance gave a return of 715oz. 11dwt., or 13oz. 15dwt. 5gr. per week, amongst nine shareholders. The latter gave dividends equal to £270 per share. Next week we intend giving a summary of the district mining for the year.

The following are the reported local yields for the week ending Saturday last:—Hancock and party, 31oz.; VanderStoel and party, 1oz. 16dwt.; Cheeseman, 2oz. 13dwt; Trompf, 1oz. 4dwt.; sundries, 12oz.

The Waterloo yields are—Last Chance, 15oz. 17dwt.; Brusher's Co., 14oz. 14dwt.; Golden Horseshoe, 1oz.; Ballantyne, 16oz. 15dwt.; Martin (purchased), 4oz. 10dwt.; Try Again, 7oz. 3dwt.; Rising Star, 1oz. 3dwt.; Wait-a-Bit, 1oz.

Why Some People Are Poor.

Bad management keeps more people in poor circumstances than any other one cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan ahead, so that when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take advantage of it. A little forethought will also save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in the house, the shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it and then ruin his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor's bill to pay besides; one pays out 25 cents, the other is out a hundred dollars, and then wonders why his neighbour is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

CHIPS.

[BY "TOMAHAWK."]

I have spent a miserable Christmas. My faith in womankind is completely shattered. On the strength of that letter from the person who promised to send me a Xmas. dinner, I let my poultry farm loose. When the day arrived I dressed in my best, had a good wash—at least I rubbed my face with a wet towel—and I waited with hopeful expectancy. 10, 11, and 12 o'clock passed, still no sign of the coming feast. Broken-hearted with gloomy despair, I watched the clock lifting its big hand upward and onward toward the hour of one, and still no welcome sign of that hamper. The striking of the clock roused me, and I wept bitterly. The disappointment was too much. A solitary meal consisting of bread and dripping (no butter even), and a glass of water constituted my Christmas dinner. I read the letter over again—yes, there it was in black on pink paper—that I could expect a hamper on Christmas morning, and signed, your admirer, Madge. Then it struck me that a woman never writes a letter without a postscript, and I turned over, and sure enough there it was; but oh, the refined cruelty of it. Imagine my feelings when I read, "P.S.—You can expect the hamper on Xmas. morning, A.D., 1999." Madge, why did you do it? why did you hoax old age? why did you—but never mind, Madge darling; I think I know you, and the next time you come mushrooming in my locality don't ask me where the biggest and best are to be found.

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Boxing Day, and what a day! I attended the sports, presented my free pass, and helped to swell the miserable attendance. I tried my best to enjoy myself, and did to a certain extent succeed, but the weather had a very dampening effect on us all. The committee did their best under adverse circumstances, and provided a good afternoon's sport in spite of the wetness. The concert attracted a large audience, and every item was thoroughly enjoyed, the last sketch, or absurdity, or whatever you call it, sending everybody home laughing heartily.

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On Monday next the one and only country Jockey Club will hold their annual famous race meeting, and as large entries are anticipated, good racing can be assured. While the male men are preambulating between the course and the booth, the ladies (Madge included) can have a real good time picnicking under the shady bowers of nature. The course is looking splendid. The officials have arranged for the various events to be run off with clock-work regularity, and altogether a fine afternoon's enjoyment can be looked forward to, providing, of course, the elements are favorable. However, you are all to chance the weather, and support local industry by being present.

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I have kept strictly sober all the year, and believe I will try the experiment of getting just a little tiny weeny bit tight to see what it feels like. When New Year comes it will help me also to forget the awful shock I received on Christmas Day. I will let you know how I get on, and if it is very enjoyable I will advise you to try it.

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A teacher was explaining the nature of contagious diseases, and asked the scholars to give him an example of something that wasn't contagious. One little fellow immediately answered, "Please sir, a tram car, because you can never catch it."

It Cured Her Cough.

I was seriously afflicted with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who knowing me to be a poor widow, gave it to me, I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much, and the second bottle has absolutely cured me. I have not had as good health for twenty years. I give this certificate without solicitation, simply in appreciation of gratitude felt for the cure effected.—Respectfully, MRS. MARY A. BEARD, Claremore, Ark. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

P. M. Competition.

Puzzle to be competed for by readers of *The Ripponshire Advocate*.—This block of letters contains an important announcement in connection with the forthcoming Primitive Methodist competition, and the committee are prepared to give to the first three competitors who successfully solve the problem a season ticket, admitting the winner to the four nights of the competition and the grand concert. Cr. Sinclair has consented to act as scrutineer, and the drawing will take place in the presence of the editor of *The Ripponshire Advocate* and the secretary of the competition.

Note.—Competitors must trace the puzzle in red ink, and enclose in envelope addressed to G. E. Crowle, secretary, c/o *Ripponshire Advocate*.

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After next week a fresh puzzle, for other prizes, will be given.

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Beaufort Athletic Club.

BOXING DAY SPORTS.

President—Mr H. M. Stuart. Judges—Messrs Stuart, Hughes, E. H. Austin, M.L.A., W. Stevenson, Wotherspoon, and Dr. Eadie. Referee—Mr Sinclair. Starters—Messrs T. Buchanan and R. Kirkpatrick. Timekeeper—Mr McKeich. Timekeeper of heats—Mr C. Jones. Lap scorer—Mr Cougle. Clerks of Course—Messrs Stevens and John Humphreys. Handicappers—Messrs Stuart and A. Parker. Committee—Officials, and Messrs H. F. Warkin, VanderStoel, Lillet, Welsh, E. Loft, Stevens, Pedder, Vowles, and J. W. Harris. Secretary—Mr H. Parker.

The 28th sports gathering under the auspices of the Beaufort Athletic Club was held in the Park on Boxing Day. Unfortunately for the club the weather was very inclement, and proved a great drawback to the financial success of the meeting. Just as the country people would be about leaving their homes, the rain fell, and until 4 o'clock in the afternoon there were uncomfortably heavy showers. In fact, so bad was the weather that at one time the committee seriously considered the advisability of postponing the sports, or, at least, the bicycle races, till the following day. But it was determined to push on with the footracing, and then the clouds lifted, the track rapidly dried, and the committee of management were able to carry out their programme, the only item omitted being the Sack Race. Whilst the takings last year amounted to £44 2s, on Tuesday only £20 1s 9d was received, not at all discouraging considering the bad weather, but nevertheless a falling off of £15, which the club can ill afford to lose. However, it is satisfactory to know that a profit is likely to be obtained, as the prizes had been cut down by about £10, and the other sources of revenue were fully up to the average. The programme was an attractive one, and but for the inclement weather, and the necessity of watching the sports under these adverse circumstances, the day would have been thoroughly enjoyable. The racing was fairly interesting, once the committee showed their determination to put down "cronk" bicycling and footracing and let the competitors see that they had not gone to the trouble and expense of providing the sports entirely for the said competitors' selfish ends, but that they were quite capable of managing affairs and meant the public to have the full benefit of fair competition. This naturally involved unpleasantness, but there was no shirking of duty in the effort to keep the sport pure. There was no lack of energy on the part of a few of the officials, but the ornamental members might very reasonably have at least given some help in seeing that the men were on their proper scratches. Next year it would be advisable to appoint members of committee specially for this work, as it is hardly fair to expect one or two men to do the lot. The President (Mr H. M. Stuart) deserves credit for the way in which he grafted, and the secretary, the starters, lap scorer, handicappers, referee, judges, timekeeper, timekeeper of heats, &c., &c., may also be congratulated upon the attention devoted to their respective duties. In the Youths' Race J. Walker and E. Buchanan secured the prizes, M. Maher and J. O'Loughlin were first and second respectively in the Boys' Race, under 12 years, and A. Buchanan and B. Stuart divided third. The two heats for the One-mile District Bicycle Race passed off quietly, though several cyclists got falls owing to their machines skidding. Then the trouble commenced. The men placed in the final declined to ride because they considered the track unfit. Certainly it was greasy, but as there appeared no hope of the weather improving, the committee thought themselves the proper judges as to the fitness of the track, and so decided that if the riders refused to race the event would be struck out. But the competitors did not expect this checkmate, and, ill advised by older companions, the "dead birds," it was alleged, made up their minds to divide the spoil, and had it cut and dried as to who should win. But the committee were shrewd enough to suspect something, and getting wind of the plot, put an unknown time-limit on the race. Then when it was over and Cheeseman, Pimblett, and McDonald passed the winning post in the order named, a sworn declaration was demanded before the prizes were paid. The first-named agreed to take it, but the second and third refused. The latter pair were at the time disqualified, but on Cheeseman also subsequently refusing, the committee met together and decided to remove the disqualification and withhold the prizes till the next committee meeting, as it was believed that Cheeseman had been influenced in his decision, and the whole matter could then be fully dealt with. Cheeseman has since consented to act as he first promised. In the Boys' Race, under 8, Norman Anderson and Leslie Parker were awarded the prizes. The Beaufort Cup proved a gift to W. Ryan, with T. J. Robinson 2nd, and K. G. Ekman 3rd. These pedestrians occupied the same places in the Quarter-mile Handicap. Ryan willingly took a declaration before Mr Sinclair, J.P., that he had sent his correct performances. The One-mile Bicycle Race was won by F. Dawson, with G. Wilson and A. F. Forsyth next in order. D. Stevenson gained the Fireman's Alarm and Rush. Amidst heavy rain the Thomas Bros. (3), from Ballarat, gave an interesting club-swinging exhibition. The prizes in the Two-mile Bicycle Race were gained by W. T. Sheehan, A. W. Pimblett, and W. A. Pedder. The last-named lodged a protest against Sheehan on the grounds that he ran inside the track and "bored" in the home turn, but as the committee believed that no advantage was gained by the first cause of complaint and that the "boring" was unintentional, they dismissed the protest. Later Sheehan was disqualified for "boring" in the Half-mile Race, and if the committee had had as much evidence before them as they learned afterwards, their first decision would probably have been

different. The Siamese Race fell to R. Kirkpatrick and K. G. Ekman, with W. Jess and J. McPherson 2nd. J. McDonald, Forsyth, and Dawson were placed in the Half-mile Bicycle Race, Sheehan, the first past the post, being disqualified for the reason stated above. The Hydrant Race fell to W. Hill, with L. Lilley 2nd. The Girls' Race was won by Ada Trompf, Emma Chapman being 2nd, and Mary Pedder 3rd. G. W. Thompson gained the Three-mile Bicycle Race, with A. W. Pimblett 2nd, and G. Wilson 3rd. Thompson and Forsyth, who were suspected of not having sent correct performances, willingly signed a declaration before Mr J. R. Wotherspoon, J.P., that the particulars sent to the secretary were true and correct in every particular. Throughout the day Bulch's Brass Band gave unbounded satisfaction, the music supplied being really first-class and highly appreciated. The booth-holders, Mr VanderStoel (publican's) and Mr Trompf (fruit) did a poor business, the former in particular losing heavily through the wet weather. Light refreshments were supplied to the committee by Mr Trompf. The only toast honored was that of "The Queen," which was proposed by Mr H. M. Stuart and accorded musical honors. There were some very close and exciting events, especially in cycling, and despite the rain the public seemed to be deeply interested in the sports. Unfortunately rather a serious accident happened to J. E. Tidley, which marred the pleasure of the day's outing, but it was considered that he was entirely to blame for it himself. He broke his collar-bone and smashed up his bicycle through colliding with G. Wilson after securing 3rd place in the 2nd heat of the Two-mile Bicycle Race. His injuries were attended to by Dr. Eadie, and he is now progressing as satisfactorily as can be expected. Wilson luckily escaped with a slight shaking. The results of the various events are appended :—

YOUTHS' RACE, under 18 years, quarter-mile—15s and 5s.—J. Whelan, 1; E. Buchanan, 2. Nine competitors. Won by about 3yds.

ONE-MILE DISTRICT BICYCLE RACE—£2 and £1.—1st heat.—M. Tyrrell, 40yds., 1; J. McDonald, 50yds., 2; W. A. Pedder, 50yds., 3. A capital race. Won by a length in 2min 30sec. Seven competitors. 2nd heat.—A. W. Pimblett, 50yds., 1; R. W. Tilley, 60yds., 2; A W. Cheeseman, 100yds., and B. Hanlon, scr, dead heat, 3. Won by 2 lengths in 2min 31 sec. Seven competitors. Final.—Cheeseman, 1; Pimblett, 2; McDonald, 3. Pedder, when about 30yds from the post, fell, Cheeseman then winning by a few yards in 2min 40½sec. As an arrangement was alleged to have been made whereby the stakes were to be divided, the prizes were withheld till the next committee meeting.

BOYS' RACE, under 12 years, 130yds.—3s and 2s.—M. Maher, 1; J. O'Loughlin, 2; A. Buchanan and B. Stuart, dead heat, 3.

BEAUFORT CUP, 130 yds.—£3, £1 10s and 10s.—1st heat.—T. W. Schlicht, 6yds, 1; T. J. Robinson, 10yds, 2; J. Clemens, 11yds, 3. An exciting finish. Won by half a yard in 12secs. 2nd heat.—W. Ryan, 11yds, 1; K. G. Ekman, 12yds, 2; R. G. Kirkpatrick, 10yds, 3. Won very easily in 12½secs. Final.—Ryan, 1; Robinson, 2; Ekman, 3. A gift to Ryan, who won comfortably by 3yds in 13secs.

BOYS' RACE, under 8 years, 75yds—2s 6d, 1s and 6d.—Norman Anderson, 1; Leslie Parker, 2. John Lee and Edgar Broadbent ran 1st and 2nd, but were disqualified through being over the age.

QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP—£3, £1 and 10s.—W. Ryan, 25yds, 1; T. J. Robinson, 35yds, 2; K. G. Ekman, 35yds, 3. Won by about 5yds. No time taken. Schlicht ran well to the home turn and then hung back. He was called upon by the committee for an explanation, and upon stating that they could disqualify him for 12 months if they liked, as they were not running under the league, he was promptly disqualified for the day. This put him out of the final for the Beaufort Cup.

FIREMAN'S ALARM AND RUSH, 130yds—15s and 5s.—D. Stevenson, 1. Time, 24½secs. W. Hill and A. McDougall were first and second, but were disqualified for not having their belt fastened properly.

ONE-MILE BICYCLE RACE—£3 10s, £1 and 10s.—1st heat.—H. Powell, 30yds, 1; A. F. Forsyth, 150yds, 2; H. Huish, 60 yds, 3. Ten competitors, five of whom fell. Time, 2min 45secs. 2nd heat.—G. Wilson, 150yds, 1; F. Dawson, 160 yds, 2; G. Hendy, 160yds, 3. A good race. Won by two lengths in 2min 27 secs. Eight competitors. 3rd heat.—G. H. Briggs, 160yds, 1; R. W. Tilley, 130 yds, 2; F. W. J. Allen, 160yds, 3. Won by about 2 lengths in 2 min 26sec. Seven competitors. Final.—Dawson, 1; Wilson, 2; Forsyth, 3. A close finish. Won by about a length in 2min 23sec.

HYDRANT RACE, 75yds—15s and 5s.—W. Stevenson beat G. Maher in 18¾secs; W. Hill beat G. Hellyer in 15¾secs; L. Lilley and A. McDougall ran a dead heat in 15½secs, and on running it off Lilley won in the same time; Hill a bye; Lilley beat Stevenson in 17½secs; Hill beat Lilley in 14¾secs. Hill was accordingly awarded 1st prize and Lilley 2nd.

TWO-MILE BICYCLE RACE—£4, £2 and £1. 1st heat.—Forsyth, 300yds, 1; Sheehan, 320 yds, 2; Pedder, 260yds, 3. Won by a wheel in 5.37; Tyrrell breaking his chain whilst riding in a good position. Ten competitors. 2nd heat.—Pimblett, 260yds, 1; Wilson, 300yds, 2; J. Tilley, 160yds, 3. A splendid finish. Won by half a wheel in 5.54. Ten competitors. Tilley broke his collar-bone through running into Wilson's machine. Final.—Sheehan, 1; Pimblett, 2; Pedder, 3. A very lazy race, but an exciting finish. Forsyth was the first to bolt, but the placed men quickly overhauled him, and Sheehan won by about 4in. in 6¾min. A protest against him by Pedder for alleged running inside the track and boring was dismissed.

SIAMESE RACE, 75yds—10s and 5s.—Kirkpatrick and Ekman, 1; W. Jess and J. McPherson, 2. Won by 4yds in 11secs. Eight competitors.

HALF-MILE BICYCLE RACE—£2 and £1.—1st heat.—Wilson, 75yds, 1; Dawson, 80yds, 2. Won by 6in. in 1.7. Four competitors. 2nd heat.—Forsyth, 75yds, 1; Sheehan, 80 yds, 2. Won by a wheel in 1.6. Four competitors. 3rd heat.—J. McDonald, 65 yds, 1; Worthington, 50yds, 2. Won easily in 1.9. Three competitors. Final.—J. McDonald, 1; A. F. Forsyth, 2; F. Dawson, 3. Sheehan just beat McDonald on the post, but was disqualified for boring Wilson. Time, 1.5.

GIRLS' RACE, under 15 years, 75yds—5s, 3s and 2s.—Ada Trompf, 1; Emma Chapman, 2; Mary Pedder, 3.

THREE-MILE BICYCLE RACE—£5, £2 and £1.—G. W. Thompson, 510yds, 1; A. W. Pimblett, 390yds, 2; G. Wilson, 450yds, 3. Thompson kept well in front, but Pimblett rode a fine race, and must have secured 1st place had he spurted a little sooner. Time, 7min 6secs. Seventeen competitors.

CONCERT.

The concert provided by Ballarat performers, under the management of Mr J. Moizer, was one of the best ever held under the auspices of the Athletic Club. There was a large and highly appreciative audience, and almost every item was encored. The utmost satisfaction was given both to the Club and the public. The takings amounted to £19 0s 6d. During the interval Mr H. M. Stuart, President of the Club, presented the prizes won during the day, and took the opportunity to thank the public for their patronage. Although the takings at the sports were the lowest for 30 years, he believed they would be able to come out on the right side of the ledger. [A profit of between £8 and £10 is expected.] The following was the programme :—Overture, Jackson's Family; song, "Bid me to love," Mr Moizer; solo, "Old and new," Miss Carrie Phillips, who sang as an encore "Within a mile of Edinborough town"; humorous sketch, "The waiter," and "The Geebung Polo Club" as an encore, Mr J. Bolger; solo, "Out on the rocks," Miss Violet Franklin; song, "All Hallow'e'en," Mr J. Bray; song, "Au revoir," Mr A. Watson, and as an encore, "Marching home"; sleigh bell novelty, "Swannee River" and "Old Kentucky home," Mr Syd. Lukeis; quartette, "Sweet and low," Misses Phillips and Franklin, Messrs Moizer and Bray; club-swinging exhibition, Master T. Brown; selection, Mrs C. W. Tompkins; song, "I couldn't, could I?" Miss Franklin; laughing song, Mr Watson, who gave "Billy John's ball" as an encore; duet, "Maying," Miss Phillips and Mr Bray; recitation, "The schoolboy," Mr Bolger; acrobatic display, Master Brown; song, "The man in the moon," Miss Phillips; sleigh bells, "The harp that once" and "Wearing of the green," Mr Lukeis; and a mirth-provoking comedy, "Irish Justice." The accompaniments were played by Mrs Tompkins and Miss A. Jackson.

Marriage.

CARMICHAEL—LILLEY.

The following report has been communicated to us :—On the 14th inst. a wedding was celebrated by the Rev. H. Robinson in the P.M. Church, the contracting parties being Mr Duncan Carmichael, of Middle Creek, and Miss Laura Lilley, of Beaufort. The church was crowded with people, the fair sex predominating. The bride was given away by her father, Mr M. J. Lilley, and the eldest brother of the bride, Mr A. Lilley, acted as best man. The costumes worn were as follow :—Bride—White Japanese silk, trimmed with silk lace, chiffon and buckles, with bridal veil and orange blossoms. Brides maids—Miss Pope, cream, with flowers, silk lace and satin ribbons; Miss C. Lilley, cream lustre, with pea-green silk trimmings, cream ribbons and lace; Miss McNish, cream serge, trimmings to match; Miss H. Lilley, cream lustre, with cream lace, pink ribbons. At the conclusion of the ceremony a sumptuous breakfast was partaken of by a large number of friends at the Golden Age Hall, and in the evening about 130 guests took part in a social gathering in the same building, dancing being kept up till an early hour. The happy pair departed on their honeymoon trip to Melbourne by the 8.30 a.m. train amidst the good wishes of numerous friends, the bride's travelling dress being peacock blue Voile, trimmed with cream broche ribbons and buckles, hat to match. The following is a list of the presents received by the happy pair :—

Mr A. Lilley, clock; Mr L. Lilley, photo frames; Miss C. Lilley, fruit dishes; Miss H. Lilley, vases; Mrs Kennedy, butter dish; Miss Pope, d'oleys and salt cellars; Mrs McNish, teapot; Miss McNish, egg cup stand; Mr W. Hutton, fruit dish; Miss Hutton, egg stand; Mr and Mrs J. McNish, table cloth; Mr and Mrs Jacobson, butter dish; Miss Thompson, butter dish; Miss Rutherford, cake stand; Mr and Mrs L. Grant, silver salt cellars and cake stand; Mr J. A. Lewis, silver cruet; Mr and Mrs G. Cuthbertson, silver pickle jar; Mr and Mrs Eastwood, silver butter dish; Mrs Lowe, silver jam dish; Mr and Mrs W. Loft, silver teaspoons; Mr and Mrs J. E. Loft, fruit dish; Mr and Mrs Banister, fruit dish; Mr D. F. Troy, lamp; Mr and Mrs G. H. Cougle, hearthrug; Mr T. Schlicht, afternoon tea set; Mrs Welsh, ladies' chair; Mr Fairclough, ladies' companion; Mr and Mrs Schofield, vases; Mr W. Holdsworth, cake stand; Mr O. Jones, photo frames; Rev. and Mrs Robinson, silver forks; Mr and Mrs Cowans, d'oleys; Mr J. Skewes, d'oleys; Mr H. O'Brien, d'oleys; Mr N. Lannen, d'oleys; Miss Drew, d'oleys; Mr and Mrs W. Baker, sugar basin; Miss Stuart, tray cloth; Miss Hill, serviettes; Miss A. Brown, tray cloth; Miss Miller, tray cloth; Mr and Mrs Wadsworth, cheese dish and glass dishes; Mr J. Forbes, cake stand; Mr H. Kowley, glass dishes; Mr C. Maher, butter dish; Mr and Mrs W. Stevenson, afternoon tea set; Mrs Day, cake dishes; Miss Morris, egg stand; Mrs W. Pearce, salt cellars and glass dishes; Miss Kelly, wine glasses and vases; Mr and Mrs Cheeseman, glass dishes; Miss E. Todd, water bottle; Mr and Mrs Jaensch, vases; Miss Cheeseman, cheese dish; Mr Porter, vases; Mr and Mrs J. O'Brien, glass dishes; Mr T. Sands, water jug; Miss K. O'Brien, cheese dish; Mr H. Wilson, butter dish; Miss E. Frusher, sugar basin; Miss Ryal, fruit dish; Mr John Day, pickle bottle; Miss J. Greenwood, tray; Mr J. French, mirror; Miss O Loughlin, glass dishes; Miss N. Humphreys, serviette rings; Miss Padfield, vases; Mr E. Buchanan, vases; Mr Gibbins, vases; Mr and Mrs E. Barnes, cheese dish; Miss Kelly, glass dish; Miss VanderStoel, crumb brush and tray; Miss Grant, mirror and photo frames; Mr and Mrs Bykens, tray and tumblers; Miss E. Cuthbertson, sauce bottle; Mr L. Grant, photo frames; Miss Pedder, glass dishes; Miss Panther, vases; Mr A. Pimblett, glass dishes; Miss Wright, pickle jars; Miss Edwards, set jugs, Miss G. VanderStoel, vases; Miss A. Kelly, sugar basin; Mr P. Grant, water jug; Mr W. Hill, serviettes; Miss McFarlane, photo frames; Miss B. Topper, crumb brush and vases; Miss Pimblett, vases; Mr Hogg, knives. A number of other presents were received, but as no names were attached, they cannot be enumerated.

It Never Fails.

Mr John Bevins, editor of the Press, Anthon, Iowa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for fifteen years, have recommended it to hundreds of others, and have never known it to fail in a single instance." For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

HISTORIC PARRAMATTA JOINS IN The Praise.

The Case of Mr. JAMES J. ARTLETT.

(*From the "Parramatta Times."*)

Our reporter met Mr. James Artlett, of Wentworth-street, Parramatta, and questioned him concerning his recent illness.

"Won't you come in?" said Mr. Artlett.

"No, thanks," replied the newspaper representative; "I will sit here in the garden, and, with your permission, will make a note of what you say."

Mr. Artlett continued: "I know of nothing," he said, "which so thoroughly upsets a man, makes him miserable, and generally pulls him down, as a real 'good bilious attack.' I can't say this sort of thing was a new thing to me, for I had suffered on and off for years from the same complaint, though I have never had an attack since I was cured of the last by using

"You are putting the cart before the horse, Mr. Artlett; let us have the facts in their due order of happening, please What was the course of your symptoms?"

"A heavy feeling in the head was first noticeable, and this rapidly developed into a severe sick headache. When I got this far I knew there was no way out of it, and that I was in for one of my bad turns."

"What did you take for it?"

"What didn't I take for it you mean. I took so many different kinds of physic that it was a wonder I wasn't poisoned; but, notwithstanding all these medicines, the attack had to take its course; nothing would stop it—that is, no remedy that I knew of then."

"What were the other symptoms?"

"Oh, general derangement of the digestive organs, an entire loss of appetite, or, rather, I should say, a repugnance of food altogether. The night was as bad as the day. My usual rest was denied me, and I spent a very restless and uneasy time in bed. My headache became more and more intense. I couldn't work, and was obliged to lie down. I also found that the attacks produced a sort of blurredness of vision, something like small black shadows floating before my eyes."

"Well, now, as to your cure?"

"I told you," replied Mr. Artlett, "that I had taken innumerable medicines—more particularly pills—which were advertised as having effected marvellous cures. Well, none of these things did any good in my case. They had no effect at all. Then someone said to me that I should get a cure from Clements Tonic, and that's how I first came to try that remedy. I bought a bottle. I took half-a-dozen doses or so, and I found a great improvement. I took more, and found my appetite returning. That, you know, is the best sign you can have in the case of biliousness. What had happened was this: My biliousness was stopped by Clements Tonic midway in its course, nipped in the bud as it were, and I felt far better than I had done for years. Clements Tonic had worked a revolution in my system.

"How could you tell that; you are not a doctor, you know?"

"Very easily. I used to suffer from biliousness at regular intervals. Now, since treating myself with Clements Tonic, I have never had an attack—no, not so much as a sick feeling or a headache. That's why I am convinced that Clements Tonic produced a constitutional change in me."

"Your statements will be published in full, to which I suppose you give your consent, Mr. Artlett?"

"I do."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, JAMES J. ARTLETT, of Wentworth-street, Parramatta, in the Colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of three folios, and consecutively numbered from one to three, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration, voluntarily and without receiving any payment, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

James J. Artlett

Declared at Parramatta this 2nd day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, before—
OLIVER SAUNDERS, J.P.

The Big Prize Turkey.

"A Merry Christmas, Bob," said Scrooge, with an earnestness that could not be mistaken, as he clapped him on the back. "A merrier Christmas, my good fellow, than I have given you for many a year. I'll raise your salary, and we will discuss your affairs this afternoon over a bowl of smoking bishop. Make up the fires and buy another coal-scuttle, Bob Cratchit."

And as to the big prize turkey which the regenerated Scrooge sent to Camden Town, do we not all know what sort of bird it was? That turkey never could have stood upon its legs, Mr Dickens says. They must have snapped short off like sticks of sealing wax. How they managed to cook and eat that phenomenon the author doesn't say, as it was twice the size of Tiny Tim. Yet they did it somehow, and it was a mercy if the family (previously half starved) didn't all fall ill of the unwonted gorging of that wonderful Christmas day.

Even assuming (as we easily may) that the transmutation of an old skinflint like Scrooge into a high priest of charity was quite beyond the common run of modern miracles, and that dinners from such sources are as rare as they are welcome, it still remains true that human nature is apt to be at its best at Christmas, especially in England, where, of all countries in Christendom, most is made of that gentle and kindly holiday.

Yet, sad to tell, the very jollity and generosity of Christmas leads to regretable excesses. People eat and drink too much, and suffer accordingly. The roast and the boiled, the mince pies, the plum puddings, the tremendous flushings of wine, beer, and other beverages, these things overload the stomach and give the digestion more work than it can do, and punishment follows. For nature has no favourites; she treats those who violate her laws on the 25th December exactly as though they had committed the offence on the first Monday in August.

And as to the chronic dyspeptics, of whom there are enough in this old island to cram all the parks in London, *they* catch it fearfully about Christmas time. For, in spite of all warnings, they *will* go in for heavy meals and take the chances. Often the penalty is an acute attack which may threaten life, and nearly always weeks of pain and digestive disorders, whereof there are as many kinds as the body has organs and functions.

To them Christmas may be "merry" for an hour or two; then their merriment turns into misery, as October fogs and rains succeed a hot summer.

Now the writer is far from advising a free indulgence in the gustatory and bibulous festivities of the country's most popular holiday, but there is no use protesting against the fixed resolution of the people to enjoy themselves on that occasion. The customs and traditions of centuries are behind it, and you might as well whistle in the teeth of a north-east gale.

As a prophylactic and a cure for the evils alluded to, I can only recommend the universal use of Mother Seigel's Syrup, known to all as the best stimulant and digestant in the world.

In a letter dated January 10, 1899, a gentleman of Birmingham, who loves the pleasures of the table, and has money enough to buy whatever he wants, writes thus:—"It is only fair that I should thank you, as I do with all my heart, for the good done me by Mother Seigel's Syrup. For years I have been vexed with indigestion, and always had a tormenting spell of it after any public banquet or uncommon intake of rich food. Still, I was seldom able to resist temptation, although I understood perfectly well what yielding to it was sure to cost me. I have sought a preventative or a cure in vain at the hands of the best physicians, all of whom assured me that there was but one way, namely, to live on a low diet, and let luxuries alone.

"But this did not suit me, and I broke through the regulations frequently, with the inevitable results. However, when I began to use Mother Seigel's Syrup I had (almost) a license to do as I pleased. After an inviting but most risky dinner last Christmas I took a double dose of 'Mother Seigel,' and scarcely suffered at all. I told my experience, and a dozen friends adopted this amazing remedy right off. I am convinced that, with a little caution, and a dose of Mother Seigel's Syrup now and then, *one may bid defiance to dyspepsia* and the abominable ailments it sets up. Thanking you a thousand times, I am, yours truly, JOHN MACFARLANE."

With these facts we wish a merry (and a *healthy*) Christmas to the British people.

The Beaufort cricketers defeated Trawalla on Xmas. Day by 3 wickets and 25 runs.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing five per cent. cash deposit, will be received up till 11 a.m. on Monday, 8th January, 1900, for the following works:—

NORTH RIDING.

Cont. No. 109.—Forming and metalling, with quartz, 39 chains of the Waterloo to Chute road, making pipe culverts, &c.

EAST RIDING.

Cont. No. 110.—Supplying 1700 cubic yards of blue metal on the Carngham to Ballarat and Carngham to Beaufort roads.

WEST RIDING.

Cont. No. 111.—Re-forming and metalling, with bluestone, 118 chains of the Lake Goldsmith to Skipton road, and supplying 150 yards of maintenance metal.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the Shire Office, Beaufort, and those for the East Riding at Greyhound Hotel, Snake Valley, and the West Riding at the Ripon Hotel, Skipton.

H. H. JACKSON, Shire Engineer.

Beaufort, 27th Decr., 1899.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE.—It is the intention of the Council of the Shire of Ripon, at its meeting to be held on Monday, 8th day of January, 1900, at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, to make a General Rate of Twelve Pence in the Pound on the net annual value of all the property assessable in the Shire for the period ending 31st December, 1900, and to make the said rate due and payable in one payment.

A statement of the proposed rate is deposited at the Shire Office, Beaufort, for the inspection of ratepayers.

J. W. HARRIS, Shire Secretary.

Beaufort, 29th Decr., 1899.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE.—As the first Monday in January, 1900, falls on a public holiday, the next meeting of the Council of the Shire of Ripon will be held on the 8th day of January, 1900.

By order,
J. W. HARRIS, Shire Secretary.

Beaufort, 29th Decr., 1899.

RACE BOOTH.

THE PUBLICAN'S BOOTH at the Beaufort Races at Waterloo Flat on Monday next, New Year's Day, is in charge of C. W. Vowles, of the Camp Hotel. The best brands of liquor only served. Iced Drinks a specialty. Ladies' Refreshment Booth also provided in the centre of the paddock.

Beaufort Athletic Club.

A GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on TUESDAY Evening, 9TH JANY., 1900, at 8 o'clock sharp. Important business. All Accounts in connection with the Boxing Day Sports must be sent to the undersigned before that date.

H. PARKER, Secretary.

LOST CHEQUE.

ALL Persons are hereby cautioned against paying, when presented, a Cheque drawn by me on the Bank of Victoria, Beaufort, for £18 6s 7d, dated on 6th November last, which was lately lost and duly stopped at this Bank.

CHARLES LEWIS.

Stoneleigh, Beaufort.

NOTICE.

PERSONS found trespassing with dogs or guns on Wongan or in my paddocks at St. Enoch's during the summer months will be prosecuted. All Stock found trespassing in my paddocks at St. Enoch's on and after 31st Decr., 1899, will be impounded. D. STEWART.

Wongan, 22nd Decr., 1899.

A Grand Art and Industrial Exhibition and Musical and Elocutionary Competition

Will be held in the
SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT,
MARCH 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 1900.

Admission—Single Ticket, 1s; two nights, 1s 9d; three nights, 2s 6d; four nights, 3s; Season Ticket, 3s 6d. Children, sixpence.

Carngham Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

THE Thirty-fifth Grand Annual DEMONSTRATION, in aid of the above Fund, will be held in the CARNGHAM RECREATION RESERVE, on NEW YEAR'S DAY, MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1900.

PROGRAMME:

1. Maiden Race, 100yds. First, £1; second, 10s. Entry, 1s.
2. Boys' Race (under 14). First, 10s; second, 5s. Entry, 6d.
3. Handicap Pony Race, four furlongs, 14 hands and under. First, £2; second, 10s. Entry, 2s 6d.
4. Carngham Handicap, 120yds. First, £2; second, 15s. Entry, 3s.
5. District Cycle Race (within a radius of 15 miles). One mile. First, £2; second, £1 (gift of Eudean and Wilson, Ballarat). Entry, 2s; no acceptance.
6. Handicap Trot, about 2 miles; weight, 10st. or over. First, £2 10s; second, 10s. Entry, 3s.
7. Open Cycle Race, handicap, one mile. First, £4; second, £1. Entry, 2s 6d; no acceptance.
8. Flying Handicap, about four furlongs. First, £3; second, 10s. Entry, 3s 6d.
9. Handicap Pony Trot (14 hands and under), of £2; second to receive 10s from stake. Weight 8st. 7lb. or over. About two miles. Entry, 2s; performances to be given at time of entry.
10. Open Cycle Race, handicap, 2 miles. First, £5; second, £1. Entry, 3s; no acceptance.
11. Bracelet Stakes, £1. One mile. Amateur riders. Weight not less than 9st. Value, £4. Entry, 4s.
12. Hack Race, about 1 mile. Hacks to be approved of by the stewards. First, £1 10s; second, 10s. Entry, 2s.

First event at 1 o'clock sharp. Entries for all events except cycling will be received up to within half-an-hour of competition. Entries for the cycling events close with the Secretary, Snake Valley, and Eudean and Wilson, Ballarat, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 21st December. Competitors to furnish performances and weight of machine. Nominations without fee will not be handicapped. Handicaps will appear in the Ballarat papers on Friday, 29th December. Horse events to be run under the auspices of the Carngham Turf Club (Reg. V.R.C.) A new cycling track has been laid down.

ADMISSION to Ground, 1s; Horses and Vehicles, 1s.

P. J. O'SULLIVAN, Hon. Secy.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.—Bay Horse, white on hind feet, W near shoulder. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold 13th January, 1900. W. G. STEVENS, Poundkeeper.

WANTED KNOWN, that J. B. COCHRAN, News Agent and Stationer, Beaufort, has a large and choice assortment of Xmas. and New Year Cards. Also a great variety of Toys, Games, and Fancy Goods. Inspection invited. The following Almanacs are on sale at 6d each:—Massina's, Dr. L. L. Smith's, Victorian and Irish.

PRIZE FOWLS.

A Limited number of EGGS FOR SALE at 7s. 6d. dozen from the following pure breeds:—Andalusians, Minorcas, White and Brown Leghorns, Langshans, Silver Wyandottes, and Plymouth Rocks. A few Minorca Cockerels from imported stock for sale.

J. McKEICH.

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NOTICE.—

A RULE to administer the Estate of TIMOTHY J. X. RYAN, late of Blythevale Station, Strentham, laborer, deceased, intestate, who died on 29th October, 1899, has been granted to me, and Creditors and others having Claims on such Estate are requested to send in particulars to my office by the 22nd January, 1900, or they will be excluded from the distribution of the Estate.

T. J. BRIDE,
Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons.
New Zealand Chambers, 483 Collins-street, Melbourne, 11th December, 1899.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES!

To be held on the Racecourse, WATERLOO FLAT, On

NEW YEAR'S DAY (MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1900.)

STEWARDS—Mr. E. H. Austin, M.L.A.; Crs. M. Flynn and D. Stewart; Messrs. T. D. Martin, W. Hinchliffe, J. McKeich, C. W. and G. Vowles, G. H. Cougle, J. Eastwood, J. W. Harris, junr., D. F. Troy, T. Newey, A. Holdsworth, W. Stevenson, H. F. Watkin, C. Jones, and Dr. G. A. Eadie.

JUDGE—Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair.

CLERK OF SCALES—Mr. D. McDonald.

CLERK OF COURSE—Mr. W. Fitzpatrick.

STARTER—Mr. C. Lott.

HANDICAPPERS—Messrs. W. O'Sullivan, J. Lynch, T. VanderStoel, and C. W. Vowles.

TREASURER—Mr. J. R. Wotherspoon.

HON. AUCTIONEER—Mr. W. E. Nickols.

PROGRAMME.

Handicap Hurdle Race, of £6.

Two miles, over hurdles about 3ft. 6in. high. 1st, £5; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 6s.

Maiden Plate, of £4.

Half a mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised race. 1st, £3; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 4s.

Pony Race, of £5.

(Ponies under 14 hands). Half a mile. 1st, £4; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 5s.

Beaufort Handicap, of £12.

One mile. 1st, £10; 2nd, £2. Post entry, 12s.

Selling Flat Race, of £4.

Handicap. Winner to be sold for £8. Five-tenths of any surplus to go to the funds of the club; three-tenths to second horse; and two-tenths to third horse. 1st, £3; 2nd, £1. Distance half a mile. Post entry, 4s.

Handicap Trot,

A sweepstake of 5s, with £2 added. Two miles.

Flying Handicap, of £5.

Three-quarters of a mile. 1st, £4; 2nd £1. Post entry, 5s.

Pony Trot

(Under 14 hands), a sweepstake of 5s, with £2 added. Distance two miles.

First race to start at 12 o'clock sharp.

V.R.C. rules strictly adhered to.

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(Mrs) J. R. AMOS.

Witness—A. R. Taber.

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GIVE HEALTH & STRENGTH.

This is because they attack the foundations of disease, not by the weakening process of purging or moving the bowels (as all so-called blood purifiers do), but by giving direct strength and nourishment to the BLOOD and NERVES. Thus it is that in Youth or Old Age they are able to cure so many different diseases.

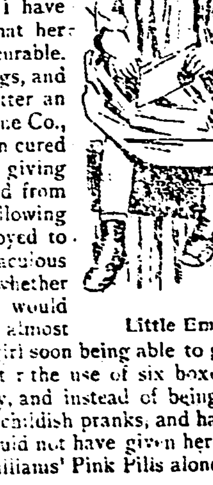
FEVER'S FEARFUL EFFECTS!
A NERVOUS CHILD MADE STRONG AND BRIGHT.

MR. D. M. BAIRD, bookseller and stationer, of Firebrace Street, Horsham (Vic.), writes:—"Gentlemen,—Some few years ago my son Albert, then aged five, contracted a very severe attack of scarlet fever. It left him greatly weakened and debilitated. He would sweat freely every night, even with only a light covering, and fearful dreams or night terrors troubled him. At night he would get up and walk about, yelling and muttering, apparently afraid that some wild animal was going to eat him. We used to wake him by walking him about the bedroom. Next morning he would know nothing about it. We were told he had worms, so we treated him for them in every way, but found no trace. Then I began to think it was weakness of the stomach and blood disorder. As nothing seemed to improve him I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I obtained most satisfactory results. I have given him one half pill after each meal, and he has benefited greatly by them. The night terrors have completely left him, and he does not sweat at all. He is gaining in strength week by week. It has been a great relief to my wife and self to think that his nerves and general health are so different to what they were, for the mental strain he has passed through must have been very severe.

Yours, very respectfully, D. M. BAIRD."

A LITTLE BABY SAVED!
Cured of Consumption of the Bowels & Lungs, Bronchitis, Indigestion, Severe Cough and Vomiting.

SOME time ago Mrs. Maria Ruppert, of Teuteberg, near Landsborough, Queensland, wrote to us as follows:—"For two years I have been expecting my adopted daughter, Emilie Mary Ruppert, to die. She has been ill ever since her birth. Although so little, she suffers terribly from chronic indigestion, consumption of the bowels and lungs, bronchitis, and fits of coughing which are so severe that vomiting follows. Even milk food cannot be retained, owing to the weakness of her bowels and stomach. I dare not give her any solid food, or she will cry out all night. Her poor little heart is so weak that she will not be able to stand very many more of the attacks which so often overtake her. She is now suffering intensely from bronchitis, and is in high fever. Her diet consists of milk and egg, but I have little hope of her living much longer, as although over four years of age, she weighs only twenty-four pounds. I have taken her to three doctors, who tell me that her case is very far gone, and she is said to be incurable. I have tried patent medicines and other things, and she is getting worse every day." To this letter an answer was sent by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., saying that somewhat similar cases have been cured before by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and giving directions for their use. Nothing was heard from Mrs. Ruppert for some time, when the following grateful letter was received:—"I am overjoyed to be able to send you details of the miraculous recovery of my child. I decided to see whether Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People would [illegible], so I obtained some. From almost [illegible] their effect was magical, my little girl soon being able to get some [illegible] what a change [illegible] her after the use of six boxes! She [illegible] other children; sleeps soundly, and instead of being a mass of disease, and a sorrowful sight, is full of childish pranks, and has a good appetite. Had you seen her before, you would not have given her an hour to live. I am quite confident that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills alone effected this perfect cure of my child."



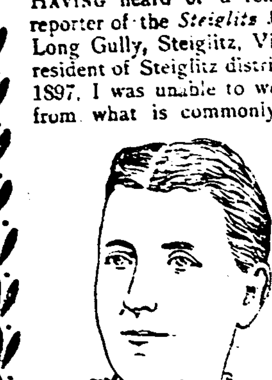
Little Emilie.

(Signed) Very gratefully yours, MARIA RUPPERT.

BAD LEG FOR THIRTY YEARS!
COULD NOT WEAR A BOOT. COULD ONLY CRAWL.

(From the "Steiglitz Miner.")

HAVING heard of a remarkable cure by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, a reporter of the *Steiglitz Miner* called upon Mrs. Margaret Mulrooney, of Long Gully, Steiglitz, Vic. When spoken to she said:—"I have been a resident of Steiglitz district for 43 years, and for 30 years to September, 1897, I was unable to wear a boot, for I suffered most excruciating pain from what is commonly known as a bad leg. It affected my whole system, and life had become such a burden that death would have been a happy release. No one can form the remotest idea of how much I have suffered! I could not sit up, and often had to crawl about upon my hands and knees. I spent I know not how much in doctors and medicines, but the relief I obtained was temporary, and at last I was given up as practically incurable. In September, 1897, my daughter forwarded me a box of Dr Williams' Pink Pills from Geelong, as she had heard they had cured people similarly afflicted. I tried the box, and am delighted to say I soon received relief. In taking the second box the whole of the pain disappeared, my leg healed up, and I was able to wear my boots and walk any distance. I took several boxes more, and I am now in perfect health. At times my limbs used to ache with the gnawing pains of rheumatism, and my muscles would become quite stiff; but since taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills this disease has also been driven from my system. Although I am 68 years of age, I am now quite as active as any of the younger members of the family."



Mrs. MULROONEY.
After Her Cure, Age 68.

A SEPTUAGENARIAN CURED!
WEAK HEART, PALPITATION, PAINS, NERVOUSNESS.

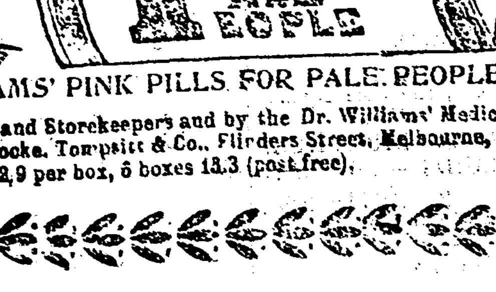
(From the "West Australian.")

MR. HENRY OGBORNE is now a hale and hearty gentleman of 75. He is caretaker of the Mines' Department, Perth, and his familiar form is well known to most business men there. Interviewed by a reporter of the *West Australian*, regarding his cure, he said:—"The stairs leading to my apartments are almost perpendicular, so that their ascent is difficult to one suffering from a weak heart. Until lately I could scarcely crawl up them. Several doctors told me I was suffering from a weak heart. I had acute pains in the side and heart, feverishness, nervousness, heart palpitation, and pain in the chest. When the disease was at its worst I could not hold myself upright, and had to crawl about. The doctors ordered me to abstain from smoking, drinking tea, and from having ale at lunch, but their treatment did not mend matters. Whilst particularly bad I happened to see an old friend, who had been very ill, and who had suffered similarly. He had taken a few boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and, remarking on the beneficial change that they had wrought in him, he replied: 'Why, old man, I never felt better in my life. I feel as if only twenty years of age.' My friend's marvellous restoration to health and strength made such an impression upon me that I determined to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. I bought some and awaited results. Towards the end of the fourth box I felt myself becoming much better, and one morning found myself running up stairs. My wife thought it was the postman, never dreaming it could be me. My life is now a pleasure, and I feel like a young man, so complete is my cure, and I have no difficulty whatever in mounting the steepest flight of stairs at a rapid pace, for my heart is now quite strong."

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS for PALE PEOPLE

are NERVE RESTORERS, furnishing rich and red blood to the brain and spinal cord. DISEASE PREVENTERS.—Keeping the vital organs in a state of healthy activity. A POSITIVE CURE.—Because reaching the root of disease. THEY CURE Neuralgia, Anæmia, Loss of Appetite, Nervous Depression, Sciatica, Bronchitis, Asthma, Dyspepsia, Irregularities, Vital Losses, etc., etc.

Be sure the Wrapper is printed in RED INK on WHITE PAPER and bears the Full Name



"DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE."

Sold by Chemists and Storekeepers and by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., care of Rocke, Tompsitt & Co., Flinders Street, Melbourne, 2/9 per box, 6 boxes 15/3 (post free).

JAPANESE CLANSMEN.

Sons Who Died to Avenge Their Fathers. The Forty-seven Ronins.

No crusader of the west, no viking of the north, cherished a higher ideal of loyalty and chivalry than the clansmen of old Japan; no Corsican more ruthlessly handed down a feud from generation to generation or exacted from son and brother the execution of a sterner vendetta. The Satsuma men of today triumph in the fact that their own swords have avenged in this generation the defeat inflicted on their forefathers in the year 1,600 by the Todugawa clan.

Legend and drama recount every day to eager ears the stories of sons who died to avenge their fathers, clansmen that they might slay the foemen who had caused the death of their lord. The favorite heroes, who hold in popular estimation the place assigned by us to Robin Hood and his men, are the 47 robins, a name given to men who have lost their clanship.

Their lord was obliged to commit hara kiri, or judicial suicide, for having within royal precincts drawn his sword on a noble who had insulted him, and these stanch vassals devoted themselves to the destruction of the insulter, knowing assuredly that, having slain him, they would be equally condemned to take their own lives.

Still may be seen fresh incense sticks burning before the graves of their leader and his young son and visiting cards stuck into the little tablets above them as tokens of the respect in which they are held by those who know their story and deplore their doom.

Mr. Black records that at a review of British troops in 1864 at Yokohama a great daimio was watching with interest the maneuvers of their regiments and batteries of artillery stationed there. At the conclusion he was asked to allow the escort of his retainers who had accompanied him to go through their drill and tactics, to which he readily consented.

Turning to Sir Rutherford Alcock, who was inspecting the troops, he proudly said:

"My retinue is small, and their tactics are not worthy of notice after what we have seen, but there is not one man among them who, if I say die, will not unhesitatingly sacrifice his life at my command."—Nineteenth Century.

The Repairs Were Made.

The Rev. Mr. Adams of Leominster was an eccentric character and had no hesitation in speaking his mind, either to congregation or to individuals. He was about to exchange with a neighboring minister, a mild and inoffensive man, who knew the bluntness of his disposition and said to him in advance:

"You will find some panes of glass broken in the pulpit window, and possibly you may suffer from the cold. The cushion, too, is in bad condition, but I beg of you not to say anything to my people about it. They are poor and disinclined to think of repairs."

Before Mr. Adams left home that Sunday morning he filled a bag with rags and took it with him. When he had been in the pulpit a few minutes the draft began to make itself felt, and he deliberately took a handful of rags from his bag and stuffed them into the window. The sermon dwelt upon the duties of congregations toward their ministers, and he soon became very animated, and brought down both fists with tremendous force upon the pulpit cushion. The feathers scattered in every direction, but pausing only to exclaim, "Why, how these feathers fly!" he proceeded with his discourse.

He had fulfilled his brother minister's request of not addressing the congregation direcly on the subject, but all the same he had effected his point. Next Sunday the window and cushions were found to be in excellent repair.—Youth's Companion.

Removing Glass Stoppers.

Sometimes it is very difficult to remove a glass stopper from a bottle. A cloth wet in hot water generally is sufficient, but if this fails, remember the principle is to expand the neck of the bottle by heat and not the stopper. With hot water the latter is often heated equally with the neck, and thus the desired effect is not produced. By holding the neck of the bottle about half an inch above the flame of a lamp or candle, however, in a few seconds the most obstinate cork will generally come out. Care must be taken to turn the bottle rapidly and not allow the flames to touch the glass, as it might crack it. When the glass is thoroughly heated, a steady pull and twist will almost always bring out the stopper.—Exchange.

Bobby Burns and the Mayor.

On one occasion, arriving at Carlisle on horseback, Bobby Burns is said to have turned his steed out to grass for a while, and the animal strayed on to a meadow belonging to the corporation an got impounded. Although the horse was given up to him, the poet retaliated upon the mayor, whose tenure of office was to expire on the very morrow of the incident, as follows:

Was e'r puir poet sae befitted?
The maister drunk—the horse committed;
Puir harmless beast! Tak' thee nae care;
Thou'lt be a horse when he's nae mair (mayor).

—Dundee News.

Rev. Pink Plunk on Resignation.

Always be prepared for de worst, deah breddern, an den, if de best iswot falls to yer lot, ya'll be able to enjoy it doubly, an eben if yer luck changes ya won't hab dat all gone feelin dat de man has who expecks ebery thing an always finds hisself amongst de great ahmy ob de left.—New York Herald.

Like the Celestial City.

St. John's vision of the celestial city will almost apply to our great municipalities in one respect, now that the electric globe is turning night into day, "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it."—Boston Transcript.

One Application Relieves the Pain.

Mr P. Ketcham, of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

BUTCHERING ON THE FARM.

Cheap and Useful Conveniences—Weight of Hogs for Family Consumption.

On many farms a few hogs are killed and dressed for family consumption each winter. Where this is an annual occurrence the necessary conveniences ought to be provided before hand, and after use stored away for the next season. Here is what appears in the agricultural department of the New York World concerning the matter:

When only a few hogs are butchered these appliances may be few and inexpensive. A tight cask, somewhat larger than a barrel, in which the hogs may be scalded as soon as killed; kettles for heating the water and a little scaffold of rough boards on which the hog may lie when drawn out of the scalding water are the principal things.

When thoroughly cleaned from the bristles and hair the carcass must be suspended in a convenient way for disemboweling and thus finishing the entire process. The carcass should hang not only long enough for draining thoroughly, but until it is entirely cooled through, before it is taken down and cut up for curing and packing. In suitable weather this condition will be reached the next day after the slaughtering.

In very cold weather care must be taken that the carcass does not freeze on the outside before the animal heat is all expelled from within. In general it is better that the dressed hogs should not freeze at all, but be kept as cold as possible without freezing.

For profit and for making meat of the most desirable quality, pigs should be brought to a marketable size and weight as early as possible. When from 200 to 250 pounds for the dressed pig is reached he will be, if properly fattened, in the best condition for family use. Corn is the usual fattening food for hogs, but it is becoming understood that a diet which will give a better distribution of fat and lean makes more desirable meat. This means that other substances besides corn should be used for the growth of the young animal. Clover during its season is excellent; pumpkins are good and cheaply raised; skimmilk is one of the best, and during the summer a variety of foods are available for forcing the growth of pigs, leaving corn to round up with at the close. Again, hogs cannot be profitably fattened in cold weather, and keeping them late into the winter for a gain in weight is not practiced by our progressive farmers.

Dressing Poultry for Market.

In dressing poultry care should be taken to meet the requirements of the special market to which the birds are consigned for sale. In some sections dry picked birds bring the best prices, whils in others the preference is for scalded or steam picked. Some markets call for "drawn" birds; others require that the entrails remain intact. Here are two plans presented in The American Poultry Yard. The second plan is the one used by poulterers who bid for highest prices in the New York markets where the dry picked birds are preferred, though both kinds are accepted. For that market the fowls are not drawn, and the legs and heads are left on.

Scald or steam the fowls quickly and as soon as possible after killing them. Then remove the feathers as briskly as may be, taking them off backward and downward in the same direction that the plumage grows. The carcasses should not be too severely scalded lest this render the skin tender, but a jet of steam thrown upon half a dozen at a time in a good sized tub, or the immersion of the bodies in boiling hot water for an instant only, will answer the purpose.

This is one way. But when there is plenty of time and you are not obliged to hurry matters, if each fowl is plucked dry directly after slaughtering and while the dead body is still warm, it will be found the preferable plan. It is an important item in dressing poultry for market to see to it that the fowls to be slaughtered are not in the midst of their natural molt. Their bodies at such time are covered with "pin feathers" that greatly disfigure them and which are difficult to remove. Fowls should always be prepared for eating or marketing before they begin to shed their feathers annually or after the new plumage is well out.

Do Pumpkins and Melons Mix?

"Do squashes and pumpkins mix with watermelons?" is a question asked by S. F. White, of Iowa, who says in The Farmers' Review: "This is a question that has been a puzzle to many because we never see a pumpkin seed in a melon, nor is there any change in the melons or apparent mixture in the seed. Yet I am sure that melons grown near pumpkins will get so mixed with the pumpkins as to be unfit for use." Now, says Professor L. H. Pammel, this is a general belief among the gardeners, and I therefore have thought it best to correct an error. Equally general is the belief that cucumbers spoil muskmelons. Professor Bailey has shown that it is extremely doubtful. Ninety-seven muskmelons of many varieties were pollinated with cucumber pollen of many kinds. No fruit set. Twenty-five cucumber flowers were pollinated with muskmelon pollen; only one fruit developed.

Here and There.

Guard against little basins around young fruit trees that will hold water. The water may freeze and injure the trees.

In Scotland some of the slaughter houses are being furnished with electrical apparatus for stunning the cattle by electricity.

A large number of immigrants are locating in western Kansas. They are buying land in large quantities and will make wheat culture a specialty.

The American Bee Journal says that there are 8,000,000 persons in the United States who keep bees, and that the number of colonies is about 3,000,000, producing nearly 75,000,000 pounds of honey annually, worth $10,000,000, and wax worth $600,000.

Of you dry to do peesnis mitowt advertising, you will find yourself already like a boy drying to shlide a hill down mitowt shnow. Pesides dere ish dese tifferences: ven you don't got some shnow you gant make 'em; but you can somedimes shenerally always make der advertising come right avay quick off, all der year rount, mit some moneys. —Joseph.

'Afflicted Many Long And Weary Years."

A PERFECT CURE
ASCRIBED TO AN
Act of Providence.

The Case of
Mrs. JAS. COPLAND.

(From the "Newtown Chronicle.")

THE other day a "*Chronicle*" reporter was making his usual tour, seeking for news of interest to our readers, when word reached his ears of a most remarkable case. He pursued further enquiries in the matter, and the same day he proceeded to enquire into the cure of Mrs. Copland, of Prospect-street, Erskineville, near Sydney. This lady received the man with the notebook with unusual courtesy, asking him to be seated, and volunteering to afford him all the information that he could possibly require. He first of all said:—

"I hear you were ill, and are cured.'

"Well, rather," replied Mrs. Copland, "I was most emphatically ill—ill for many long and weary years with a complicated set of complaints, which entirely defied the efforts of the doctors, as well as the enormous quantities of pills and medicines which I was induced to take. It is a great wonder that I survived all this physicking. I am sure it did me a lot of harm, and prevented my food from digesting."

"Do you mean that you deprecate the use of all medicines?"

"Oh, dear no; but I mean to say that you must use the right kind—if you don't you will only suffer for it, and your illness will be prolonged. I found the right kind in the end, and one bottle absolutely cured me from a most distressing list of maladies."

"Kindly relate your experience."

"I first of all found that my vitality was gradually waning. I lost my interest in things. My work wearied me, and I felt it was too much trouble to even walk up the street. My usual cheerfulness of spirits disappeared. I was dull and depressed, and it often seemed to me that I was too tired even to think. I took some strong tonics and pick-me-ups, but they were all failures. I continued to get worse. Slowly my digestive organs lost their power. Bilious attacks came on at frequent intervals, and I was seized with fits of sickness. I now never experienced the sensation of real hunger; indeed, it was a matter of utter indifference to me whether I ate anything or not. As my complaint established itself I experienced severe pain, especially in the breast. The sensation was exactly as though my chest was full of lumps of wood. Again pains in the back and sides began to assert themselves, besides a heavy languorous ache in the fore portion of my head. Often I had to seek the quiet of my bedroom oppressed with a terrible sickness and sick headache. At these times I couldn't bear anyone to come near me, let alone to speak to me. I was excessively irritable and peevish."

"No wonder, Mrs. Copland."

"And I could take no pleasure in anything. My nights were a torture to me. I indeed went to bed, but not to sleep. Night after night I never closed my eyes, and I got out of bed languid, tired, and fairly broken down. I lost greatly in flesh. My eyes got dull looking, and my complexion was very sallow and unhealthy. On and off I suffered like this for years—a regular burden to myself, and a cause of distress to my friends. Meanwhile, I consulted doctors, I took bottle after bottle of physic, and boxes of pills too many to count. All were ineffective, and I was forced unwillingly to the conclusion that I was doomed to be a martyr to my complaints, and an invalid for life. This was a very saddening reflection for me, and I often wondered why all these ills should descend on a poor weak woman. My nervous system was not able to stand the strain, and I got utterly broken down."

"How unfortunate you were."

"Yes, I was; and I don't know what would have happened to me but for something that, though it seemed at the time a pure accident, I shall always look upon as a veritable act of Providence. I read in a newspaper about an astonishing cure of a lady from a derangement of the liver and other internal organs. On reading further down the column, I found that not only had she suffered from similar symptoms to mine, but had been entirely cured by Clements Tonic after the doctors had given her up as lost. Of course, under these circumstances, it would have been sheer madness on my part not to have given myself a chance, so I sent for a large bottle."

"What was the effect of Clements Tonic in your case?"

"Well, it would have to be felt to be described. Imagine my astonishment when I found that before I had taken half a bottle a marvellous change for the better had come over me. The pains in my back, side, and chest disappeared as though I had been touched by the magic wand of a good fairy. My spirits [illegible], and I felt toned and strung up [illegible]. From that time I began to enjoy and digest my meals once more, and to sleep the [illegible] refreshing sleep of a healthy [illegible], I haven't done this for years. That's the astonishing thing about it! None of the other things I took were of the least use to me, yet here I had [illegible] which in a few days had put me on the high road to recovery after years of illness, [illegible] the time I had completed the first large bottle all disease seemed eradicated. However, I continued Clements Tonic as a general restorative to enable me to pick up my lost nervous strength and flesh. It did this most effectively, and made me as strong, and vigorous, and bright as I could wish."

"Is there anything else that you would like to say about Clements Tonic?"

"Yes, there is, and I think it not the least wonderful portion of all that that remedy has done for me."

"What is that, Mrs. Copland?"

"Why, I've been absolutely free from any sign of my old complaint ever since Clements Tonic drove it out—or, to use a somewhat slangy expression," said Mrs. Copland, with a smile, "I was cured at one go."

"May we publish this?"

"The sooner the better, as I think such a miraculous recovery as mine should be made public."

DECLARATION BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.

I, MRS. JAS. COPLAND, of Prospect-street, Erskineville, Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, do [illegible]

Mrs Jas Copland

Declared at Erskineville this 24th day of November, 1898, before me, ANDREW MURRAY, J.P.

A Wonderful Medicine.
BEECHAM'S PILLS

For Bilious and Nervous Disorders, such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Sick Headache, Giddiness, Fulness and Swelling after meals, Dizziness and Drowsiness, Cold Chills, Flushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Shortness of Breath, Costiveness, Blotches on the Skin, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams, and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, &c. THE FIRST DOSE WILL GIVE RELIEF IN TWENTY MINUTES. This is no fiction. Every sufferer is earnestly invited to try one Box of these Pills, and they will be acknowledged to be "WORTH A GUINEA A BOX."

BEECHAM'S PILLS, taken as directed, will quickly restore females to complete health. They promptly remove any obstruction or irregularity of the system. For a

Weak Stomach; Impaired Digestion; Disordered Liver;

they act like magic. A few doses will work wonders upon the Vital Organs; Strengthening the Muscular System; restoring the long lost Complexion; bringing back the keen edge of appetite, and arousing with the Rosebud of Health the whole physical energy of the human frame. These are "facts" admitted by thousands in all classes of society, and one of the best guarantees to the Nervous and debilitated is that *Beecham's Pills have the Largest Sale of any Patent Medicine in the world.* Full directions with each box.

Prepared only by THOMAS BEECHAM, St. Helens, Lancashire, England.

Sold everywhere, in Boxes, 9½d., 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. each.

NEWSPAPER LAW.

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, in writing, are considered as wishing to continue their subscriptions.

2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their newspapers, the publisher may continue to send them until arrears are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their newspapers from the post-office to which they are directed, they are held responsible until they settle their bills, and ordered the newspapers to be discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publishers, and the papers are sent to the former direction, the subscribers are responsible.

5. The court has decided that "refusing to take periodicals from the post-office or leaving them uncalled for, is *prima facie* evidence of intentional fraud."

6. Any person who receives a newspaper and makes use of it, whether he has ordered it or not, is held in law to be a subscriber.

WOOL RATES.

The Railway Commissioner has fixed the following charges for the conveyance of wool per ton:—

	To Melbourne.		To Geelong.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Beaufort ...	25	6	23	6
Buangor, ...	27	0	24	0
Dobies ...	30	0	27	0
Middle Creek ...	27	0	24	0

A country paper kindly supplies this beautiful simile:—"You might as well try to shampoo an elephant with a thimbleful of soapsuds as attempt to do business and ignore advertising."

APPLICATIONS FOR MINING LEASES.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

Attention is called to the following regulations under part 2 of "The Mines Act 1890," twenty third-schedule:—

4. Every applicant for a lease to mine on private property shall apply for a lease in manner prescribed by these regulations; but during the seven days immediately preceding the day on which he leaves his application with the warden, he must do the following things—

(A). Insert in a newspaper published in the district where the land is situated, or if there be no such newspaper, then in one published nearest the district, an advertisement or notice on the form in the appendix A thereto.

(B). Post similar notices at the office of the warden, and at the post office or police court, whichever is the nearest to the land.

(C). Deposit with the clerk of the warden the sum of £5 sterling, &c.

Objections will be raised to the granting of all leases where the above requirements have not been fully complied with.

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

HINTS TO FRIENDLY READERS.

You want to see the local paper a successful institution.

Talk about it wherever you go.

Mention it to the tradespeople with whom you do business.

If they don't advertise in it, try and induce them to do so.

If you are induced to buy anything from what you have read in its advertising columns mention the fact to the tradesman.

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

A PRIZE POEM.

A syndicate of Western (American) editors offered 1000dols. for the best appeal to newspaper subscribers to pay up ther subscriptions. The prize was given to the editor of the "Rocky Mountain Celt." This is the poem:—

Lives of poor men oft remind us
Honest men don't stand a chance;
The more we work there grow behind us.
Bigger patches on our pants.
On our pants, once new and glossy,
Now are stripes of different hue;
All because subscribers linger,
And won't pay us what is due.
Then let us all be up and doing,
Send your mite, however small,
Or when the cold of winter strikes us
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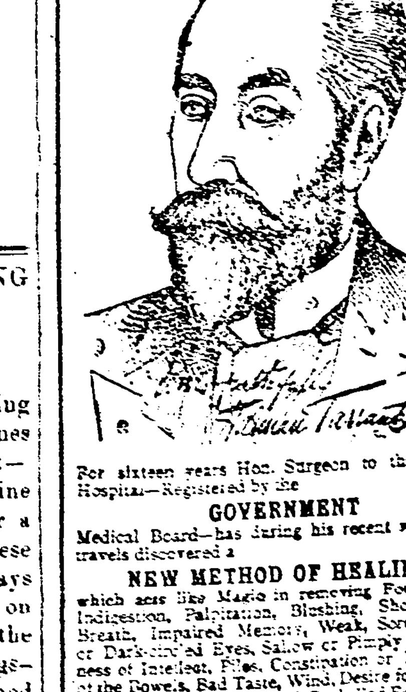

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