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

COMMENCED BUSINESS on the premises lately occupied by Mr. J. B. Cochrane, HAVELOCK-ST., BEAUFORT (next to THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE).

Our Boys in South Africa. News From the FRONT. Lance-Corporal Jas. Kilbey, of the first Victorian Contingent, writing to Mr W. Loft, Beaufort, under date Enslin, South Africa, 19/12/99, says:—Just a few lines to let you know I am still in the land of the living and in good health, hoping this will find you same, having your glass...

RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SUNDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1900. Church of England—St. George's, 11 a.m. Holy Communion. St. John's, 7.30 p.m. Subject for the day: "The Divine order in providence and in grace."

THE Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1900.

John Nelson, a stranger in the district, was locked up by Constable Baker on 26th inst., and brought before Mr. E. A. D. Sinclair, J.P., the following morning on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. A fine of 2s 6d was imposed.

We regret having to record the death of Mr John Adamthwaite, one of the oldest residents of Beaufort, the sad event happening on Wednesday. Deceased, who was 81 years of age, was at one time a representative of the Raglan division on the Ararat railway Board.

A meeting of the Patriotic Concert executive committee was held at the Shire Hall on Monday evening, Mr J. R. Witherspoon in the chair and four present. The Chairman reported that he and Mr Parker had visited Ballarat and met with great success.

and surrounded the house, but there was no one there, so we went through the garden. We went up the left fire and got some hay for our horses. Then through the house. The lieutenant told us all to get something, but there was very little left; the people had taken very nearly all with them, but I got an ostrich egg and some feathers. Then we boiled the kettle and had tea. We had just finished and brought our horses round, when about two miles away about twenty camp fires sprang up. The lieutenant said to wait till it was a bit darker, then creep up and have a look, which we did, but the fires went out, and we could not find the camp, so he said wait till morning, but in the morning he sent two of us off to report. When we had gone about five miles we met the main body. They had shifted camp, and were going to Spytensfontein. The Boers had started off at 9 that night, so we could not find them. I have got what they call the colonial fever, laziness. It was like Sunday-to-day at home; they let us sleep in till 5 o'clock. We have to get up at 3 every morning and sleep in our clothes, because the light is bright in the morning. They had been in every Gordon Highlander has been in every camp that we have been in. They just came down from the front where they got caught, and were very badly. I was speaking to some of them, and they said they expected us up every minute. They think a lot of the Australians. The Gordon Highlanders said that the hill on which the Boers are situated must have taken two or three days to carve out. They have trenches dug out so that they can lead their horses down to water without anyone seeing them, and they have their rifles through. You never can put their rifles through. We had to relieve the Gordon Highlanders here; they had to go to Modder River. We saw the first guns fired that night. The battle started and kept going till next morning about 10 o'clock. During the night the Black Watch marched up to be ready to charge the hill in the morning, but they made a great mistake. They marched in between the Boers' trenches, and were cut to pieces. There were about 700 of their company returned. The British gave them two days to bury their dead. They reckon there were about 4000 killed and wounded. The Gordon Highlanders were in the fight for seven hours and lost 60 men. They have returned here, as the infantry is not much good there. The big guns are using the lyddite shells. That is the only way the Boers can be shifted out of the hill. They have got a regular network of barbed wire up the hill. I do not know how long we will remain here. You get more news out there in the papers than we get here, so I will draw this to a close now, as paper and ink are a scarcity out here.

Mr S. Fairbairn, of Beaufort, has received a letter from the Corporal, Jas. Kilbey, of the first Victorian contingent, dated Enslin, 21/12/99. He says:—Just a few lines, hoping to find you in good health, as it leaves me at present. I was as happy as a dead Boer the night I received your letter. I can tell you that paper was well read; in fact it is still in circulation round the camp. They generally go till they get that dirty and worn that it is impossible to read them. I have been in a good many places, but this is the most civilized and forsaken place I ever got into. There is nothing to be seen for hundreds of miles but sand and a few bits of scrub. I do not know how long we will be here, but we are not so bad off as they are at Modder River. We can manage to get a bit of wood round the country. All the houses that can be found within 10 miles are stripped of every scrap of wood, and anything else that is of use in camp is taken away. There will be about 30 of us going out with our transport wagon every day to see what we can gather up. There is one good thing, we have got a fair supply of water. It is got from wells, sunk to about 30ft. The engineers are busy putting down more wells, so as to increase the supply, as there is a big crowd of men here. In a short time this is going to be a big infantry camp. I heard this morning that we were to march on to Modder River. That will be a stinking hole by all accounts, but I suppose we have got to put up with all that sort of thing. I can tell you it is different to what it is in Beaufort. They got up a barrel of beer the other day, and by heavens it was just like half your year's beer there in a lot of them hoggish lads. I am hoping that it will be better when we get into Kimberley. We are only 45 miles from there now, but it is hard to tell how long it will take to get there. I hope to have a few fights before we get there. I do not know whether I will get as far as Johannesburg or not, in fact, we do not know the minute where we will be sent. There is not much to write about from here. We cannot drop across any Boers, but when we do I will give you the full account of it. I will write you a letter next. But I am thinking I will not be able to write to anybody, as there is scarcely any writing paper in the camp, and it is impossible to buy it, but as long as I can get anything to scribble on scraps of paper, you will hear from me. Remember me to Mrs and all the Welsh. I have nearly forgotten Billy Buchanan, who is to be remembered to all about there. Both of us are doing tip-top.

Private Wm. Buchanan, writing to his brother Ernest from Enslin siding on 11/12/99, after referring to private affairs, says:—Now for a bit about Africa. It is the worst place I have been in. The best part about the same as our, although it is a happier place. But rain; why you say, have any rain here in the old country like we had last night. We get drops at big as a cherry. Up where we are now it is a bit better than Orange—fine chocolate soil and plenty of grass, but no trees. We are about 8 miles from Modder River. There was a big fight going on...

Writing on the 18th Decr. from Enslin siding to Mr E. Barnes, Beaufort, Private W. Buchanan says:—I am tired doing nothing, but I thought it just as well to let you know I am alright, and hope you are the same. Africa is beastly—not a tree to shelter a fellow anywhere; it is nothing but a desert. As soon as the night starts up you get the sand. The mountains have flat tops—that is how the Table Mountain got its name. When we left Maltaber to come here we had to travel 500 miles; it took us two days. They were going to give us a welcome in Cape Town, but they did not give them; so when we were riding through they gave us a lively time. You would have laughed if you could have seen my horse trying to get rid of me, but he was not the stuff, and has turned it up. We have to sleep in our clothes all night and get up at three in the morning. We get built and eat biscuits or stale bread. We get on better than the infantry, for when we go out on patrol we go through all the houses and get poultry, fruit, and all sorts. Our tent is going to have fowl for tea. After referring to the effects of a severe ride, Private Buchanan says:—Never mind, it all comes in a lifetime. The letter then mentions the enemy's camp fires and the visit to the houses allied to in Mr E. Buchanan's letter. The night before the Boers left this camp one of the Boer scouts said he saw their (100 Boers), with provisions. It is hard to say when we will be finished here. The Gordon Highlanders say that the hill they are fighting on now (about eight miles from here) is carved out, so that you can see nothing. Why they take their horses to water in trenches and run trains in, and the British know nothing about it, and the balloon went up. Remember me to all my friends. Jim Kilbey is as fit as a fiddle, so is George Johnston.

Beaufort Athletic Club. A general meeting of the above Club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening, Mr H. M. Stuart (president) in the chair, and five members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was read, showing receipts £150 9s 4d and expenditure £125 9s 4d, thus leaving a Cr. balance of £25; the correctness of the accounts being certified to by Messrs Menzies and McDonald.—Received and adopted. Mr Jones moved that £2 2s be given to the local Bushmen's Fund Corps. There was a very fair balance in hand, and it was their duty to support this fund. Seconded by Mr Hughes, who mentioned that other societies and municipalities in the colony were doing the same thing. Carried.

The President thanked the committee for the assistance given him in carrying out the Boxing Day sports, and specially thanked Mr A. Parker for his help. The township as a whole did not give the assistance it should, mentioning, to show the benefit the sports were to the place, that one man told him he had refused 11 beds. There were more people on the Ballarat platform this year than ever before who intended coming to Beaufort, but the rain stopped it. It had been hard work to get a program to carry on the business. They had a beautiful park, and by means of a little energy on the part of the townspeople and raising the prize-list a few pounds they could bring more people here, as they had a good chance of picking up men who did not belong to the leagues. They could make rapid strides if the townspeople would assist them better. They were standing still, while neighbouring clubs surpassed...

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The secretary also stated that Admiral Budge would donate £5, and Mr E. H. Austin, M.L.A., £2 as usual. The President said the meeting was called earlier than usual to decide the date of the show. He had given a notice of motion on the subject with the intention of testing the feeling of members. It had often been said by members and outsiders that the show was held on the wrong date to suit the majority of the people. It was considered advisable to send a proxy to each member, so as to get a good vote upon it. He moved, in accordance with notice, to the effect that the annual show be held in November, instead of in March. Seconded by Dr. Eadie.

Mr Gordon moved as an amendment that the show be held as usual, pointing out that they would lose the grain, fruit and sheep. All the big shows were held in November, and if the farmers went to see them they would get discouraged with their own, although their show of draught horses and the samples of grain were equal to any in the colony. He himself had obtained first honors in London for grain, and didn't get either 1st or 2nd prize at Beaufort. They had lost in proportion. He was completely delighted with their grain, and were they going to allow it to drop?—He came from Ballarat to see their wheat, and he sold nearly all the wheat he had. He said he had seen the magnificent fruit, which latter they would lose, and also their sheep. The President said the amendment could not be taken, as it was a direct negative. Mr Topper said that March was the best time for the show, as it was a meeting of farmers to see where they could get the best grain.

The President remarked that in a sense they were believing their name as an Agricultural Society. They should try to draw competition from all quarters, whereas practically it was now only a fair day, or a meeting of farmers, to suit the district. People were continually throwing it up that it was a show for the local farmers, and did not provide outside competition. The question was whether they were in favor of making the show broader-minded, and giving more scope to present, or not? Mr Davis considered it better to see stock, and grow produce. The people went for grain where they could see it. If the show was altered there would be none. He would like to see the show as it is.

Messrs Hannah, Holdsworth, and Taylor supported the present date. Mr McKelich supported the motion. He pointed out that once a man got a name as a grain grower people would go to him for it. Fruit and flowers would be better in November, and sheep could be kept back. The alteration might not suit the growers so well, but it would be more beneficial to the farmers were against an alteration, he would fall in with their views, although he would like to see the change. Dr. Eadie expressed a similar opinion. Mr West would fall in with the wishes of the majority. Six proxies were read in favor and nine against.

The motion was lost by 9 votes to 3. The President urged all to show a unanimity of opinion and work for the success of the show. The show was then fixed for Wednesday, 28th March. The prize-list was then arranged. The sheep class was allowed to remain as they were. The President produced a neat sample of a certificate, and considered exhibitors would be allowed to remain, but a certificate was substituted for thirds, and also where no seconds are given. It was also decided that only one exhibit of butter, &c., should be allowed from one household, to prevent let and 2nd prizes being taken by practically the same person. In agricultural implements extra sections were made for buggy and dog-cart, the first being 15s 1st and certificate 2nd. Certificates, instead of money prizes, for seconds throughout the class. In the class for pigs, it was humorously suggested that in view of the present war no prizes should be given for boars; but the class was allowed to remain as formerly. Mr Hannah suggested the construction of a race to put the pigs in the pens; and this is to be adopted. In poultry, certificates instead of money prizes were awarded. Two additional sections were added. In horses, the prizes for draught entire were reduced to 25 1st and certificate 3d. Mr Stewart promised the same prizes as last year for draught and thoroughbred mares to encourage breeders. For plough...

For the dog-class the President donated £1 as secretary to try and get others as last year. It was decided that subscribers of £2 and over be allowed to exhibit free, ordinary members being allowed 10 exhibits; an effort by Messrs Hannah and Gordon not to charge members any entrance fees on exhibits being opposed by Messrs Parker, Eastwood, and McKelich, who thought members were treated very liberally. The matter of giving free admission to the show to a subscriber of 5s was left in the hands of the secretary. The President stated that admission tickets would be sold by a man from a box instead of payment being made at the gate. The appointment of judges and stewards was left in the hands of the grounds improvement committee. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

CHIPS. [BY "TOMAHAWK."] "The pen is mightier than old cheese." The great patriotic concert is an assured fact, and promises to be one of the biggest successes ever held in Beaufort. The two gentlemen who volunteered to go to Ballarat and interview the Militia Band not only succeeded in getting the band, but also secured other good talent, amongst which I believe are three clever liliptians who will perform two special military sketches suitable to the occasion. I predict a most enthusiastic time, with patriotism bubbling out all over the hall, leaking out through the windows, and flooding the streets. I only hope the cash will also stream out in the same manner; and that the promoters will feel proud of their efforts when it is all over. I suggest that everybody who has a national flag will send it along to decorate the hall. The details of the concert are in good hands, the programme will be worth travelling miles to hear, and I feel sure that as it is to be an extra special effort if extra prices were charged for admission they would still have a bumper house. Keep the date well in mind, and put off all other engagements to be there. "Rule Britannia."

Not the least pleasant item in the programme of amusements provided for residents in this district in honor of Foundation Day was the sports gathering arranged by the newly-formed Buangor Athletic Club. It is now some considerable time since a gathering of this character was held at the pretty situated little township, but judging by the interest evinced in Friday's proceedings there should be no difficulty in making the affair a successful annual reunion. The sports were held in a large paddock adjacent to the town, kindly placed at the disposal of the Club by the president, Mr W. G. Pickford. The day was all that could be desired, old Sol's rays, which, although they shone out furiously in the morning, becoming gradually tempered as the day wore on, so that by three o'clock out-door life had become decidedly pleasant. The attendance on the course was good, quite a number of visitors being present from Ararat, Beaufort, Mount Cole and other neighboring townships. Many drove in well appointed vehicles, and numerous *afresco* parties were dotted here and there among the leafy shades of the campyptus. Among the visitors present was Mr E. F. Toulcher, M.L.A., whilst the jolly face of Mr Bob Sinclair, the president of the Riponshire Council, cast quite a radiant glow over the whole assemblage. At noon, the committee and officers commenced the *Styphian* task which they had set themselves of carrying out a programme of no less than 20 items, which was perhaps a little more than officials who acknowledged themselves new to the game could be expected to accomplish in the time at their disposal. Still everyone rose to the occasion, and as willing hands make light work, the committee had the pleasure of ultimately (although at a somewhat late hour) of seeing their huge programme of events, with the exception of one or two races which were abandoned owing to darkness setting in, brought to off without a hitch to the entire satisfaction of both public and competitors. The judges, Messrs W. G. Pickford and W. Mathieson, not only gave assistance with their impartial decisions, but lent valuable aid in many other respects; in fact they were ubiquitous, and were apparently whole-souled in their endeavors to make the day both an enjoyable and successful one. Mr S. S. Pickford's skill as a handicapper was evidenced in the close finishes which characterized the various events, whilst Mr Harry Dunn as referee, and Mr Charles Green as starter, and Mr Louis Bergmann as assistant starter, each carried out their respective duties in a manner that greatly contributed to the satisfactory termination of the meeting. The foremost consideration in a gathering of this description is the possession of both a capable and obliging secretary, and the club was fortunate in this respect in securing the services of Mr A. E. Neate, whose attention to details and due regard for the "babblers" in shape of entrance money, went far towards the writing of "Success" on the first page in the history of the Buangor Athletic Club. During the day a subscription box was taken round by Constable Parsons in aid of the Empire Patriotic Fund and the president had the satisfaction of announcing to those present that the very handsome sum of £24 5s had been subscribed. Mr J. McGilgobry, of Ararat, gave practical evidence of his sympathy with the cause, sending down a very choice electroplate set of salt-celars and spoons and pepper box as a special trophy; whilst Mr G. Gospi forwarded a handsome silver-mounted pipe for a like purpose, and Messrs. Hawkes Bros., of Beaufort, kindly donated a very valuable piece of plate. Although there was no booth upon the ground the adjacent hostelry had a comfortable array of tables, whilst Mr W. H. Elliott, who had a fruit and lolly stand on the ground, was kept busy the whole of the day. A ball was held in the evening, at which about 35 couples were present. Mr Mathieson acted as M.C., and dancing was kept up with vigor until "jound day stood tiptoe on the misty mountain tops."

The following are the results of the various events:—1st. 100 yds. First prize, 50s; second, 10s. First heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Second heat—T. Robinson, 1; F. Fleming, 2. Third heat—J. Lannon, 1; D. Graham, 1; S. Lannon, 2. BUANGOR HANDICAP, of £5. 130 yards. First prize, £3; second, £1 10s; third, 10s. First heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Second heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Third heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP, of £3. First prize, £2 10s; second, 10s. First heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Second heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. HANDICAP HALF MILE, of £1 10s. First prize, £1 10s; second, 10s. First heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Second heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. BOYS' HANDICAP RACE, of 12s. Under 15 years. 100 yds. First prize, 6s; second, 3s. First heat—W. Jones, 1; T. Robinson, 2. Second heat—W. Jones, 1; T. Robinson, 2. PUTTING THE STONE, of 10s. First prize, 7s 6d; second, 2s 6d. Weight of stone, 25lb. First heat—W. Jones, 1; E. D. Ferry (21st 9th), 2. Second heat—W. Jones, 1; E. D. Ferry (21st 9th), 2. STANDING LONG JUMP, of 10s. First prize, 7s 6d; second, 2s 6d. E. D. Ferry (21st 9th), 1; C. Cliff (10th 6th), 2. HURDLE RACE, of £3. 130 yds. First prize, £2 10s; second, 10s. First heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Second heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2.

Mining News. The contractors for the erection of machinery at the All Nations mine, Beaufort, having completed their contract, five Ballarat directors visited the mine on Thursday. Steam was got up, and everything was found to be in a state of readiness for ploughing.

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The following are the results of the various events:—1st. 100 yds. First prize, 50s; second, 10s. First heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Second heat—T. Robinson, 1; F. Fleming, 2. Third heat—J. Lannon, 1; D. Graham, 1; S. Lannon, 2. BUANGOR HANDICAP, of £5. 130 yards. First prize, £3; second, £1 10s; third, 10s. First heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Second heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Third heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP, of £3. First prize, £2 10s; second, 10s. First heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Second heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. HANDICAP HALF MILE, of £1 10s. First prize, £1 10s; second, 10s. First heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Second heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. BOYS' HANDICAP RACE, of 12s. Under 15 years. 100 yds. First prize, 6s; second, 3s. First heat—W. Jones, 1; T. Robinson, 2. Second heat—W. Jones, 1; T. Robinson, 2. PUTTING THE STONE, of 10s. First prize, 7s 6d; second, 2s 6d. Weight of stone, 25lb. First heat—W. Jones, 1; E. D. Ferry (21st 9th), 2. Second heat—W. Jones, 1; E. D. Ferry (21st 9th), 2. STANDING LONG JUMP, of 10s. First prize, 7s 6d; second, 2s 6d. E. D. Ferry (21st 9th), 1; C. Cliff (10th 6th), 2. HURDLE RACE, of £3. 130 yds. First prize, £2 10s; second, 10s. First heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2. Second heat—D. Graham, 1; J. Worthington, 2.

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as Mr Sinclair, there was nothing for
him to do but obey. He was going to

Nature's Reason for Pain.

It Saves The Children.
About one month ago my child, which
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If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling
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Fat Cattle.—A small supply, numbering 301 head, was penned for to-day's sale, a very small proportion ranging from good to prime quality, remainder middling and inferior descriptions. There was an average attendance of the trade, suitable trade lots meeting with brisk competition at prices fully equal to last week, improving slightly towards the close. Quotations:—Prime pens bullocks, 10 to 15 lb extra, 10 to 12 1/2 to 14; good, 10 to 12 1/2 to 14; medium, 10 to 12 1/2 to 14; prime pens cows, 10 to 12 1/2 to 14; extra, 10 to 12 1/2 to 14; good, 10 to 12 1/2 to 14; Calves—41 forward, including some good and prime vealers, which sold at improved rates; best 85s. Sheep—3458 came to hand for to-day's sale, consisting principally of middling and inferior descriptions, balance chiefly comprising prime heavy crossbreds. There was the usual number of the trade and graziers, with competition for prime quality was hardly as brisk as last week, prices inclining to ease, useful quality meeting a somewhat better demand at fully last week's best rates; others being taken by graziers at satisfactory prices. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 14s 6d to 15 1/2; extra, 15s 6d to 16 1/2; medium, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; does, 13s to 14s; good, 12s to 13s; prime merino wethers, 13s to 14s; good, 12s to 13s; merino ewes, 10 to 12 1/2. Lambs—1440 to hand, only a small proportion being good; all prime, for which the demand was keen at improved rates, others showing no alteration. Prime shorn, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; extra, 12s to 13s; good, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; medium, 8s to 9s; prime woolly, 12s to 13s, extra heavy, to 15s 6d.

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Beaufort rite-payers are warned not to waste water, or supply will be cut off, as it is getting short.

A bush fire started in Doyle's paddock, Jenkins' Gully, Beaufort, on Tuesday. Doyle lost a small quantity of grass and about 20 chains of fencing. E. Broad-bent, who was cutting wood in the locality, had a hard job to save his horse and wagon. The fire spread rapidly to Shepherd's and other gullies, but by the exertions of a number of fire-fighters from Beaufort and Trawalla Station, it was confined to the ranges between Doyle's and Ballara's Gully. A large quantity of grass on the common was destroyed, as also forest timber. An alarm was sounded on the Beaufort fire-bell, and a good many residents responded; but there was such a lack of vehicles that about 20 volunteers were left behind. The workers give Senior-Constable Jones great praise for the exertions put forth by him, and they were also very grateful to Mr. Lewis Walker, who had the trucks which were prompted him to take out a good supply of wood. The following morning men with water carts were sent out by the Shire and the manager of Trawalla Estate, and good work was done in extinguishing burning logs.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Waterloo branch A.N.A. was held at the Camp Hotel, Beaufort, on Tuesday evening, 7th inst. The president, Mr. J. Jones, presided, and the secretary, Mr. J. Jones, reported on the progress of a routine nature was read and received. One new member was proposed; also an honorary member, with medical benefits. The secretary said a special summoned meeting had been called with a view to getting the members to make a levy of 1s per quarter for two quarters, so as to reduce the incidental debit balance. He showed that in the last quarter the stock and fund had profited £31 14s 8d, and the fund had increased £2 1s 8d, but as the latter fund owed the amount £14 12s 2d, there was still a deficiency of £12 10s 6d. The levy from 68 members would give £6 16s. To show that the officers had the interests of the branch at heart he mentioned that they had agreed to take less salary. Mr. Vowles had kindly allowed the free use of his room for six months, the auditors agreed to audit the books for the year, and he (the secretary) would take £5 instead of £2 15s. Once they got the fund on a good footing, they would be able to work it. These amounts would total £11 2s, and the balance could be made up if the members paid up their contributions to the end of the half-year. It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Messrs H. Watkin and Ball, to make a levy of 1s per quarter for the two quarters. Mr. Watkin donated £5 towards the fund, for which he was thanked by the secretary. The chairman proposed the holding of a progressive evening party, and promised a prize, also to supply cards at cost price. The party was arranged for that night four weeks. The treasurer reported that the contributions for the night amounted to £5 4s.

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.

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, HA VALUOCK-STREET, BEAUFORT (NEXT TO THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE).

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CHIPS.

I notice that some three-score disciples of Isaac Walton have petitioned the Council to assist them financially in getting the reservoir stocked with fish. Now this has my full approval, and when the time for distributing the young fry by the various acclimatization societies arrives I hope the Beaufort application will be placed with one of them, and that the stocking of the reservoir will be an accomplished fact. It is many years since I had the pleasure of sitting patiently at the edge of the water watching the float and watching for the signal to strike, and then the pleasure of landing a beauty, which you generally estimate at from 10 to 12 pounds, but which when put on the weighbridge turns the scale at 2lbs. But that's nothing; you have had all the joy of catching him, and re-bait your hook and go through the same performance of waiting and watching. And thus the game goes on. Fishing is a great sport, and one that tends to make a man feel good, and one that makes the imagination wonderfully, as witness some of the delightful fish stories that are related and elaborated during the intervals of landing your catches. If you can get our waters stocked it will revive an almost forgotten pastime, and you can just picture in the future a procession of oldsters, youngsters and middle-agedsters, with rod and line, wending their way to the fisheries, all eager on getting enough fish to make a cheap breakfast. I only hope the enthusiasts won't die out, but that those who have taken the matter up will keep on agitating till they get a stock, and at the same time study the question, and select only the most suitable kinds that will give the best results.

Next Wednesday is the date of the great patriotic concert, and it promises to be something out of the ordinary. The Ballarat Militia Band (20 performers) are going to assist, and I believe it is the intention of the promoters to have a monster procession before the concert takes place. What a time we will have. How joyfully we will sing "Soldiers of the Queen," "Rule Britannia," and other patriotic airs; but of course amidst all the excitement we must not forget our purpose. Don't leave them at home; bring them with you, and see that they are well filled. You will have plenty of time to have up for next Christmas later on. Now is the time to hand in your donations, and once more I entreat you to dip deep and do something worthy of the district; the programme will be more than worth it, and you will never regret it.

Landlady: "I see by this morning's paper that tea is very firm." Boarder, trying to dissect a piece of steak: "Yes, Kiseeit is."

What is General Buller noted for? For his great strength he threw a bridge over the Tug River.

"Sir," said the maid, as he kissed her hand, "this is entirely out of place." "I know it is," was the answer, "but I really hadn't the courage to place the first on your lips."

A farm hand was using one of the new handkerchiefs on which was printed the portraits of the Queen, Kruger, and others. He was asked why he used it, and replied, "Well, you see, it's the only chance I have of getting my nose among the aristocracy."

A Testimonial. We have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home for many years and bear cheerful testimony to its value as a medicine which would be in every family. In coughs and colds we have found it to be efficacious and in croup and whooping cough in children we deem it indispensable. E. H. WATKIN, 4127 Fairfax Ave., St. Louis, Mo. For sale by J. R. WOODS & CO., Beaufort.

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ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a 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 take. It cures colic, wind, flatulency, and all the other ailments of the infant. It is a most valuable remedy for the child who is suffering from the pain of cutting teeth. It is a most valuable remedy for the child who is suffering from the pain of cutting teeth. It is a most valuable remedy for the child who is suffering from the pain of cutting teeth.

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Mourning-Constable Saker, of Beaufort, while out on patrol duty on Wednesday, was thrown from his horse, and sustained a sprained wrist.

A meeting of the Ballarat Presbytery was held on Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Kirk Hall. The special committee appointed to deal with the case of the Rev. Alex. Adam, who is retiring after 46 years' service at Beaufort, reported that during that time he had done noble and faithful work for the church, and the committee placed on record an appreciation of his services. The death is announced by cable of Mr William Fairclough, the manager of the London branch of the Bank of Victoria. Mr. Fairclough, who was well known throughout the colony, was for some years manager of the branch at Beaufort, and left there to take charge in London. His death, which took place on the 6th inst., was due to influenza. The deceased was the father of Mr. S. Fairclough, lodger-keeper in the Beaufort branch of the Bank of Victoria.

A quiet, though pretty, wedding was celebrated on Thursday at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs J. Watson, Beaufort, between Miss Elizabeth Ann Watson, second daughter of Mr James Watson, of Birchop, and Mr James Hancock, eldest son of Mr Sidney Hancock, of Beaufort. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Hosken. The bride was handsomely dressed in cream colored satin, trimmed with chiffon. Her bridesmaid was Miss Adanthwaite, who wore silver grey voile brocaded satin, with ribbon velvet trimmings. Mr Arthur Drew, of Ballarat, acted as best man. The happy couple left by the 5.30 p.m. train to spend the honeymoon in Melbourne. The bride's travelling dress was a black brocade Beulahine. Mr and Mrs Hancock were the recipients of numerous wedding presents.

The always popular art union in connection with the anniversary of Eight Hours' Day, which takes place this year on Saturday, 21st inst., announced in our columns. This will be the forty-fourth celebration of the establishment of the system which "Eight hours' labour, eight hours' recreation, and eight hours' rest"; and the committee have already made such arrangements in connection with the sale in the Exhibition Building as to ensure complete success. It is somewhat early to enter into details of the sports programme, but it may be stated that it will contain a number of exceptionally attractive events in various classes, for which large prizes will be offered. The prize in the art union is of the absolute value of £100; the second prize £150, and the third £50, and there are 128 other prizes of various values. Special attention is directed to the important fact that every ticket actually sold, and no one who has a chance in the art union, will be drawn publicly on the evening of Monday, 20th April, and the winning numbers advertised in the Melbourne Herald on 1st May. The tickets are the usual price—"the humble shilling"—and they may be purchased in every town in the colony, or direct from the secretary, Mr Charles Harris, at 21 Melbourne-st., Melbourne. It should be mentioned that every ticket purchased will have an equal chance in the art union drawing, whatever the amount paid for the ticket. Tickets for admission to the sale in Melbourne are £1. Tickets for admission to the sale in the country will be distributed among the charitable institutions (town and country), and it is anticipated that this excellent feature will have the effect of making the public to purchase the Eight Hours' art union tickets with even greater eagerness than hitherto.

Mr Higgins, of Geelong, this morning (Friday), says the "Herald" fires a lydrite shell at the McLean Ministry. It strikes the Treasury benches, and causes general consternation. It took the shape of a "no confidence" motion. Immediately after Mr Higgins had tabled his no-confidence motion this morning the House of Assembly adjourned until Tuesday next at 4.30 p.m. Mr Higgins states that not only has his motion the concurrence of Sir George Turner, but that it was only submitted after consultation with the leader of the Opposition.

The British casualties for the two days' fighting on the Tagers will certainly prove far heavier than the original estimate of 250. A partial list for Monday alone gives the return at 210 killed and wounded. The Durhams lost 80, the Rittio Brigade 70, and the other regiments 60. In the dual attack on Gatare's force at Bud River and Penhook on Wednesday last, the real object was Molteno, from which the Boers were recently driven. Though largely outnumbered, the British held out gallantly till the arrival of reinforcements enabled them to beat off the enemy. Brigadier-General Macdonald was not allowed to establish himself at Koedeeberg without some opposition. A body of 120 Boers tried to rush the place, but was easily driven off.

Lady Smith reports signs of Boers preparing for a retreat in the direction of Van Reenen's Pass in the event of a reverse. The strength of Buller's army of relief is set down as 34,000 and over 100 guns. Australian troops are doing well in the forefront of the fighting. Such is the latest news to hand.

The shareholders of the Bank of Victoria had every reason to be satisfied with the report presented to them of the half-year's operations. The directors report showed that the net profit made during that period amounted to £27,906 1s 6d. A dividend of 5 per cent. in the preference shares was declared. The chairman, in some congratulatory remarks, pointed out that the liquid securities during the half-year amounted to £2,775,765, which, he remarked, was a very strong position for a bank to hold. The bank's capital at the present time amounted to £1,477,425 paid up, and it had been decided to increase the reserve fund to £100,000. Next month they hoped to deal with the balance of the deferred deposits—about £450,000. That would free them from all obligations made in 1892. Since that period they had acted up to all their promises as regards payment, and next month the bank would once more stand on its old footing, free of all obligations. The other directors and shareholders expressed congratulatory news to the satisfactory condition of the bank's affairs, and the meeting endorsed the directors' proposal.

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Riponshire Council.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1900. Present.—Cra. Sinclair (President), Stewart, Cushing, Cameron, Flynn, Douglas, Beggs, Lewis, and Russell. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. CORRESPONDENCE. From Mayor of Melbourne, soliciting co-operation and assistance in obtaining contributions on behalf of the Empire's Patriotic Fund. From E. W. Hughes, Hon. Secy. Beaufort Bushmen's Corps Fund, soliciting donation. From Shire or Echuca, drawing attention to the Council having donated £300 to provide the expenses of sending a third contingent of bushmen or other troops to South Africa, and soliciting co-operation in forming a joint municipal fund. Cr Cushing moved that the co-operation of the Council be granted, and that the sum of £50 be given. The shires throughout the colony were co-operating in this way, and as the money was going out of the rates all the rate-payers would contribute in proportion. Seconded by Cr Cameron. Cr Lewis thought the other councils had not done the right thing. Individually they could do as they liked, and it was a good way of being charitable at other people's expense. The President said that the council were to be indemnified by the Govt. bringing in a bill making such donations legal. Cr Lewis remarked that it had not been done yet. Cr Russell thought it was a pity to give ratepayers' money. Cr Douglas said they had lists, which could be given to the different representatives of the ridings so that ratepayers could give voluntarily if they wished. Cr Russell thought it a pity that the Council hadn't the money to give, but the people had every opportunity of giving if they desired. Cr Cushing contended that the Shire Councils had a perfect right to donate money to this object. On two occasions they had voted money towards celebrating Jubilees when they had no right to do it, but at the time it was understood the Government would indemnify councils, and that was done. These donations were not for such a useful purpose as the present, being merely for a flare-up, while this time the money was necessary to assist the British Government in the Transvaal war. There was nothing to prevent them from doing it, for if it was not legal now it would be. They should fall in line with other councils. The Shire of Echuca had given £300, and he noticed by the "Argus" that most of the councils were giving £50. Cr Beggs would have seconded the motion only that he thought £50 was too high, as there was the Patriotic Fund to subscribe to also. He thought the council had a perfect right to subscribe, as they were voicing the wishes of the bulk of the ratepayers. The Government was voting thousands, but did not represent the feelings of every taxpayer, as some were opposed to it, as with this council. Had it been £25 to the Bushmen's Fund and £25 to the Patriotic Fund he would have supported it, as he thought that if they subscribed to one they should subscribe to the other. Cr Stewart having coincided with Cr Beggs, the latter then proposed as an amendment that £25 be given to each fund mentioned, which was seconded by Cr Stewart. Cr Cushing said he had moved his motion out of compliment to Admiral Bridges, who had started it so handsomely, and not only that, but the moneyed men seemed to hang back and were not coming forward as in New South Wales. The Patriotic Fund having got a start a great amount of money was collected all over the world, and his reason for leaving it out was that it was being well subscribed to, while the Bushmen's Corps was a matter of urgency. It was a case of giving early and giving twice. Cr Russell, with due respect to Cr Cushing, said there was more money in New South Wales than in Victoria—more loose cash about, the giving of which would not hurt them a bit. As a matter of fact the Victorian people have been responding. The President said there might be a few disloyal subjects about, but they would agree with him that they were all Britishers, not one of whom would like to see the Shire of Ripon disloyal to the throne. It was impossible to get subscriptions from all the rate-payers. It would be a very serious thing if the war was lost and they were under another power, when there would be no Shire Council here perhaps. It was only a matter of £17 to each riding, and if it kept a few stones off the road they would never be missed. Cr Lewis indignantly said that the President was wrong in saying the Shire was disloyal in not contributing to the Fund. He again said it was a very cheap way of being charitable. Let every man give as he can, and not bask the ratepayers' money for it. Cr Beggs replied that the Bushmen's Fund was not a charity. Cr Russell asked why should a poor old woman with a tumble-down tenement be charged. The amendment was supported by Crs. Beggs, Stewart, Flynn, and the President; the motion by Crs. Cushing and Cameron; Crs. Lewis, Russell and Douglas opposing both. The amendment was therefore carried, and on being put as a motion; was carried by 16 to 3.

From Public Health Department, forwarding copies of sheet on tuberculo-consumption, and asking what action the council proposes to take towards the reduction of prevalence of this disease.—The attention of health officers to be drawn to this matter on motion of Crs Russell and Beggs; a copy also to be sent to each post-office in the Shire on motion of Crs Beggs and Flynn.

From Senior-Constable Jones, Beaufort, applying for the position of Inspector of Nuisances, rendered vacant by the resignation of Senior-Constable Downey, at the remuneration fixed by the shire.—The President drew attention to Senior-Constable Jones having consented to act as summoning officer for the North riding also in connection with broken bridges and boys bathing, on the motion of Crs Flynn and Stewart, Senior-Constable Jones was appointed health inspector and summoning officer for the North riding.

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From Alfred Cheeseman, Beaufort, asking council to reconsider his application for compensation for loss of horse through falling into an open waterhole on the road crossing from Geelong Flat to Jock's Gully in July 1898. The writer stated his application was not entertained because he had not intimated his loss within a certain time. Since that date he observed that Mr Henry Watkin, of Beaufort, was awarded £50 for injury to his leg, and as he had committed the same error he thought the council in a spirit of fair play to all ratepayers, which is expected from a public body, will at any rate consider his case with a view to compensating him in a smaller sum than his actual loss.—The President stated at the time the council sympathized with Mr Cheeseman because it could do nothing to help him, but nothing was said as to his loss not being notified within a certain time. He read the minutes, showing that at one meeting it was left in the hands of the North Riding members and engineer to inspect and report at next meeting, and that at the following meeting the claim was not entertained. Cr Flynn added that the Council did not consider itself liable in any way. No action was taken on motion of Crs Russell and Beggs.

From W. Bridges, Trawalla, calling attention to the large increase of rabbits on Mt. Emu Reserve, and requesting that immediate steps be taken for their destruction on the reserve, and for their removal to the past repair and no rabbit-proof.—Cr Cameron mentioned that Crs Russell, Douglas and he were at the reserve last January and only saw a few rabbits. There was good grass, and he did not think the rabbits could have done any harm in the time. But he would like to see a good gate on the reserve. Cr Douglas supposed they had kept the inspector, and as they had not heard from him it was of no use taking notice of a private complaint. Cr Flynn moved that the matter be left in the hands of the East Riding members, with power to be seconded by Cr Stewart, and carried; an instruction being given to have a new single rabbit-proof gate erected.

Dr. Donaldson, health officer, reported that the general health and sanitary condition of the district has been good during the past year. Deaths and burials have been as follows:—In 1899 there were 17 births and 10 deaths; in 1898, 20 births and 21 deaths. In 1898 we had a prolonged wave of intense heat, while in 1899 the winter was unusually severe. There have been several mild cases of scarlet and typhoid fever, and one case of diphtheria, which recovered. During the last quarter of the year influenza was prevalent, and several deaths have been caused thereby. I have visited Skipton and Snake Valley every week, and have had few complaints to make to the inspectors of nuisances. The floating buoy at the Snake Valley reservoir has greatly improved the water supply. The drainage, water supply, slaughter yards, and public buildings are satisfactory. I have reported all epidemic and contagious diseases. As tuberculo is prevalent in the Shire, a thorough disinfection should, on the removal or death of the patient, be made of all houses in which tuberculo cases have lived. The milk supply from all dairies should be controlled by regular inspection and the tuberculo test extensively used. I generally speak to the inspectors of nuisances, week after week at Skipton and Snake Valley. Sanitary requirements.—At present everything appears to be satisfactory. An analyst's report has not been received this year. The statistics for 1899 are as follows: Births 17, being 14.6 per 1000 of population; deaths 10, being 8.3 per 1000 of population.—Received.

Dr. Leithbridge, health officer, reported on the health of the North and West Ridings during the past year. The number of births has been 72, of these 28 were males and 44 females. The number of deaths has been 28. Deaths per 1000 of population 19.4. Successful vaccinations, 281. The general health of the Shire may be described as having been fairly good, with the exception of a severe epidemic of influenza, which is responsible for two or three deaths. There was an outbreak of malignant scarlet fever at Raglan, but this was fortunately localized. The complete absence of typhoid fever is a cause of death is noteworthy, also the fact that the death rate is only 10.4 for 1899, as against 18 the previous year. The drainage of Beaufort, though far from perfect, was benefited by the heavy rainfall, and only this accounts for the absence of epidemic gastro-enteritis during the past year. The acquisition by your board of an area reserved for the disposal of nightsoil is a

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Hospital Nurse Recommends Them. DECLARES THEIR VALUE BEFORE THE MAYOR.

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Hospital Matron Cured.

In colonial hospital circles no couple is more highly spoken of than Mr. and Mrs. J. Agnew, of Hillsborough (Oheung), N.Z. Formerly they held the respective positions of warder and matron of the Gungahlin-Herberton Hospitals, Queensland. Mrs. Agnew has had an extended experience in nursing, and has seen many cases of disease. She regards Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as the most valuable medicine she has ever introduced to the world. She says: "Some time after setting in Hillsborough, I became a victim to sciatica, which made me an invalid for several months. Then I used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Before finishing the second box, improvement was noticeable. I became stronger, and soon felt the blood trickle in the veins, which had so long been useless. My arm and thigh became well, and, today, I am a strong robust woman, free from every trace of sciatica and paralysis." Mrs. Agnew's healthy, rosy complexion, and agile step shows how complete is her cure.



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What DR. BOURCHIER, M.D., F.S.S.C. (Lond.), says: Few medical men in Australia possess higher degrees than Dr. J. G. Bouchier, M.D., F.S.S.C. (Lond.), J.P., late Government Medical Officer N.S.W. His knowledge in all matters of medicine is therefore to be regarded with respect and appreciation. This is what he writes to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co.: "Dear Sirs,—For some time I have been in the habit of recommending Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to my patients with excellent results. As a tonic their effect is most satisfactory and permanent. In Anemia, Chlorosis and allied diseases I have found them very valuable, and in irregularities of the menstrual period they are unequalled. (Signed) J. G. Bouchier, M.D., F.S.S.C. (Lond.), J.P., late Government Medical Officer N.S.W."

What DR. LIMES, M.D. (Board of Surgeons), says:

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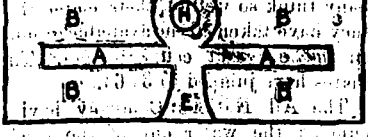
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FARM GARDEN

A CONVENIENT COLD PIT.

For Forcing Spinach, Lettuce, &c., and For Growing Early Vegetable Plants. This forcing house here depicted is built against a light side of ground or hillside on the south or southeast side and graded to the westward width. The plant beds are directly on the ground.



where graded and the alleys between them left 12 inches to 18 inches wide. The roof is formed of ordinary hothouse glass, or what is better, permanent glass 10 to 12 inches wide and strengthened by thin iron rods running across along the center of each side. Glazings for ventilation are easily provided. This house is not recommended for forcing plants, but as a cold pit for forcing spinach, lettuce, radishes, parsley, etc., and for growing early vegetable plants, such as cabbages, cauliflowers, etc. These cold pits are best on the south or southeast side and thus secure produce at least three successive crops each year.

There are two objections to this style of forcing house—namely, the easy access of cold air to the pit by means of the entrance and the placing of the heater inside the pit. These objections, however, can be avoided by having a furnace or boiler room at the north or west end, with an entrance from there leading to the pit itself.

Such a house as the one described will not only furnish winter produce, but is wanted for your own table during winter and spring, but vegetables and plants to sell. It also affords a pleasant place to work in on stormy days and to improve the soil.



A FORCING HOUSE.

struct the boys in winter gardening. To make things more comfortable in cold days and nights a globe of boards lined inside with galvanized iron or some similar arrangement may be added opposite the point of entrance to give room for a cheap, small coal stove. In the first cut, represented: A, alley; B, heater; C, entrance; D, furnace; E, boiler room. The illustrations here presented were originally sketched and described by a Pennsylvania gardener for Farm and Fireside.

Wintering Bees.

In a paper read before the North American Beekeepers' association at the twenty-fifth annual meeting President Abbot had the following to say concerning the wintering of bees: The secret of successful wintering of bees, stated in few words, is plenty of food in the right place. The right place is above the cluster. As soon as cold weather comes the bees form in a compact cluster to keep warm, and this cluster moves only one way, upward.

In the months of January and February there is generally a long spell of cold weather. During this time the cluster is moving toward the tops of the frames, consuming as it goes all of the honey in the frames immediately above it. The cold weather continuing, it finally reaches the top of the frames and can go no farther in this direction. It cannot disband and move over to other frames; neither can it move backward in the frames it now occupies. What is the result? Having consumed all of the food in their honey sacs, and not being able to reach any more, nor live on wood, the bees die of starvation. Had the weather turned warm for a few days, so the cluster could have broken up and the bees "taken a flight," they then would have formed in another locality on the frames or else would have carried sufficient food into the combs where they had clustered before to carry them over another cold spell of reasonable length.

Needed Reforms in Agriculture.

The commissioner of agriculture for the state of Georgia, who has been attending the meetings of representative farmers, reports to Southern Cultivator that the general idea appears to be that to accomplish the needed reforms four things are necessary—a more diversified agriculture, which will necessitate, a decided reduction of the cotton acreage; from this reduced acreage an increased production; the manufacturing of our staple near the fields, and the enactment of such laws as will give encouragement to the farmer.

A Feeding Experiment.

In an extensive feeding experiment covering two winters and conducted at the Texas station it was made apparent that for different cattle foods a ration made up of cotton-balls and cotton meal is equal, if not superior to a ration of any other two feed stuffs used for fattening cattle, but a cheaper ration would be compounded of silage and cotton seed or of corn, hay and cottonseed at the prices given—namely, 40 cents a bushel for corn, \$20 a ton for cottonseed meal, silage at \$3 per ton, 45 cent per bushel and \$7 per ton for cotton seed.

WOOL RATES.

Table with 2 columns: Location (Beaufort, Bangor, Dobie, Middle Creek) and Rate (25, 27, 30, 27).

FRUIT HOUSES

HOUSE FOR STORING FRUITS.

Directions for a Building With Wood-Collar and Perfect Ventilation. Those who find their home cellar overtaxed in storing the fruit and vegetables produced upon a place should have a building especially adapted to the storing of such produce. This should, first of all, possess a good cellar in locations where this is possible. In northern latitudes it is useless to think of keeping fruit and vegetables in good condition through the winter, or any part of it, above ground. The design that is here reproduced from American Gardening may serve as a suggestion.



FRUITHOUSE WITH CELLAR.

condition through the winter, or any part of it, above ground. The design that is here reproduced from American Gardening may serve as a suggestion. The building need not be expensive nor large, unless one is doing business on a large scale. The upper part may be of only sufficient height to permit a team to be backed into it to be unloaded. Here storing, barreling or crating can be done, for such a house may be made useful also in the handling of small fruit for market. The lot can be used as a place of storage for empty barrels, boxes, crates, etc. Such fruit or garden products as are to be kept during or into cold weather can be set down on an incline into the cellar. A pipe leads from the cellar out through the roof for ventilating purposes. The temperature of such a cellar can be very readily regulated, and the air in it should be neither very dry, as it is not likely to be, nor yet very moist, and particularly important it is that the temperature be not high. Fruit soon loses its flavor and decays in a warm cellar, particularly if the warmth is attended with a moist condition of the atmosphere. The upper part of such a building could also be used for the storage of tools and farm or garden machines during the winter.

Training Grapes.

The methods tested at the Illinois station were training (1) on a horizontal trellis, (2) on a single wire, (3) on an ordinary three wire trellis with a roof of boards, (4) on a three wire trellis and (5) on stakes. The horizontal trellis was 8 1/2 feet from the ground and was made by stretching three horizontal wires one foot apart. The roof of boards consisted of a V shaped trough made of 1 1/2 inch boards and forming a roof 20 inches wide. The varieties used in all systems of training were Concord, Worden, Moore Early, Ives and Delaware. The yields of grapes were estimated. Taking the five varieties as a whole, they have done best on the horizontal trellis, though there has not been much difference between that and the upright three wire trellis except with Concord. The vines on stakes have uniformly made the poorest growth and given the smallest yield.

Varietied Hardy Plants.

Those who enjoy variegated hardy plants should not be without the tricolor leaved sycamore maple, a variety of Acer pseudo-platanus. Most variegated trees lose their variegation during the summer. This does not, however, apply to the sycamore maple, but still sympathetic. The early variegation is a rose color, cream color and green; hence tricolor. The later variegation is cream color upon dark green. Every leaf is differently marked—speckled, splashed, lined, and blotched. Some are nearly all cream color, others nearly all dark green, some half and half, all two exactly alike. If we were obliged to choose between any one of the sycamore maples and this variegated sycamore we would choose the latter, for though the sycamore is fully hardy, says Rural New Yorker.

Saving Old Apple Orchards.

American Cultivator has the following to say concerning old orchards: If an old apple orchard is composed of trees that have sound, vigorous stocks, it is well worth caring for, even though it bears only poor kinds of fruit. It does not take more than three or four years to regrass such an orchard into the best varieties, and it is then much more profitable than a young orchard is likely to be 10 years after planting. But the trees that have decayed trunks should at once be either cut or cut out. Most old orchards have many such trees. But the removal of these specimens is not a loss, but a gain. All the old orchards were planted much too thickly, and will produce more and better fruit when one-half or more of the trees are dug out, giving more room and sunshine for the remainder.

Cyprusan Cider.

According to the old way of growing these, they were reared as completely in summer as an oxalis or hyacinth. Nowadays, however, they are kept growing all the time, and with better results, according to Gardening. The best market growers treat them as annuals, sowing in the seed between September and December, and by keeping the young plants in active growth all summer have fine flowering stock when the plants are from 12 to 16 months old, or even less. But avoid strong heat or frozing. A cool temperature, moderate moisture, slight shade and occasional light rain is the place near the glass are necessary particulars. An east-facing cold frame or a cool greenhouse are good summer quarters.

Of you dry to do yourself, you will find already in a boy drying to do a hill down mitsow. Peride dere ish dese differens: ven you don't got some shew you gant make em; but you can sometimes shewally always make der advertising come right ay quick; der all yer want mit some moneys.

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For Bilious and Nervous Disorders, such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Sick Headache, Giddiness, Flashes and Swelling after meals, Dizziness and Drowsiness, Cold Chills, Flashes of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Shortness of Breath, Costiveness, Bloated and Swollen Stomach, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams, and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations. "The worst case will cure, unless in extreme cases, and they will be acknowledged to be WORTH A GUINEA A BOX." BEECHAM'S PILLS are sold in packets, and will restore females to complete health. They promptly remove any obstruction or irregularity of the system. For a Weak Stomach, Impaired Digestion, Disordered Liver, they are 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 inducing a sound and refreshing sleep. The most inveterate cases of Biliousness, Indigestion, and all the ailments of the Stomach and Liver, are cured by these Pills. Prepared only by THOMAS BEECHAM, St. Helena, Lancashire, England.

Another Case of General Debility

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 Geelong, Victoria, and is a native of Sydney, where she was born. She is now 45 years of age, and is the wife of a well-to-do man. She has a family of five children, and is a devoted mother. She has been suffering from nervous prostration for several years, and has been unable to do any work. She has tried many remedies, but has not found any relief. She has been advised to take medicine, but has not found any relief. She has been advised to take medicine, but has not found any relief. She has been advised to take medicine, but has not found any relief.

A Terrible Shock. "I was a nervous man," explained the lady to the newspaper man, "and I thought at the time I should never get over it. The shock I received when I started travelling and visiting on the coast, was a great one. I had a very bad attack of nervous prostration, and I was unable to do any work. I was advised to take medicine, but I did not find any relief. I was advised to take medicine, but I did not find any relief. I was advised to take medicine, but I did not find any relief."

A Dreadful Sinking Feeling. "As though everything was going to give way and I was to be left alone, was my daily companions." "You were to be much pitted, Mrs. Taylor." "Aspendency seized me," continued the lady, "and I thought 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 could not get up, and I could not get down. I was unable to do any work, and I was unable to do any work. I was unable to do any work, and I was unable to do any work."

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STATUTORY DECLARATION. I, MARY TAYLOR, of Geelong, Victoria, do hereby declare that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the facts of my case, and that I have not received any remuneration for the same. Signed, MARY TAYLOR. Witness, J. BEECHAM, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.C.S.I., F.R.C.S.D., F.R.C.S.L.S., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), F.R.C.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Ireland), F.R.C.S. (Australia), F.R.C.S. (New Zealand), F.R.C.S. (South Africa), F.R.C.S. (India), F.R.C.S. (Ceylon), F.R.C.S. (Singapore), F.R.C.S. (Malaya), F.R.C.S. (Siam), F.R.C.S. (Burma), F.R.C.S. (Canton), F.R.C.S. (Hankow), F.R.C.S. (Shanghai), F.R.C.S. (Tientsin), F.R.C.S. (Peking), F.R.C.S. (Tientsin), F.R.C.S. (Peking), F.R.C.S. (Tientsin), F.R.C.S. (Peking).

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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 1000 dollars 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 as it is due. Then let us pay, however small, Or when the cold of winter strikes us, We shall have no pain at all.

YOU CAN AFFORD IT.

Very few are too poor now-a-days to take their country paper, and it is also 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 one, 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 the 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 1899," twenty-third schedule:— 1. 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 to the form in the appendix A thereto. (b) Post similar notices at the office of the warden, and at the post office or office club, 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.

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, lodgers, bill-headers, letter-heads, envelopes, and all business printing to execute. The newspaper man needs it, and it helps him to pay his printer's bill, 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.

FLORINE.—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Florine" sprinkled on a wet toothbrush 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 odors arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Florine," being composed in part of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest tooth discovery of the age. Price 8d. per bottle. Solely of J. BEECHAM, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.C.S.I., F.R.C.S.D., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), F.R.C.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Ireland), F.R.C.S. (Australia), F.R.C.S. (New Zealand), F.R.C.S. (South Africa), F.R.C.S. (India), F.R.C.S. (Ceylon), F.R.C.S. (Singapore), F.R.C.S. (Malaya), F.R.C.S. (Siam), F.R.C.S. (Burma), F.R.C.S. (Canton), F.R.C.S. (Hankow), F.R.C.S. (Shanghai), F.R.C.S. (Tientsin), F.R.C.S. (Peking), F.R.C.S. (Tientsin), F.R.C.S. (Peking).

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NEWSPAPER LAW.

Among the proposals to be dealt with at the annual A.N.A. conference, which is to be held at Geelong next month, are:— By the Collingwood and South Yarra branches—That an advisory board be appointed to act in conjunction with the board of directors...

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 recovery...

A Bishop on the War.

The following, forming part of an Advent Pastoral letter from Bishop Tunner, was read in the Roman Catholic churches in the diocese of Dunedin and Glasgow, Scotland, on Sunday, December 17, 1899:— "It is a matter of regret that the war between the United States and Spain has broken out...

Wool Rates.

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

Beaufort ... 25 0 24 0
Brisbane ... 27 0 26 0
Dunedin ... 30 0 27 0
Middle Creek ... 27 0 24 0

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

JAMES J. ARTLETT, of Wentworth-street, Parramatta, in the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, containing the following provisions...

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USEFUL HINTS.

To Wash Clothes of Parasitic Soap.—Cut down 1 lb. paraffin soap and put it into a boiler of water to melt. Both the clothes and the soap should be washed in which they have been previously soaked, put them into the boiler and let them boil for half an hour; then put them into a tub with plenty of cold water's wash them thoroughly, then rinse in blue water and dry.

To Clean Emmonities.—Gold and silver jewelry of this description may be most easily cleaned with spirits of wine, either alone, or diluted with an equal weight of water. The common practice of using alkali or caustic liquor is very injurious and destroys the beauty of the articles, instead of cleaning them.

To Restore Scorched Linen.—Ingredients: Two onions, 4oz. white soap, 2oz. of fuller's earth, half a pint of vinegar. Mode: Extract the juice of the onions by pounding and straining them, mix with the soap and fuller's earth, and boil all together. When cool, cover the scorched linen with this mixture, and let it dry. Wash the linen, and the scorch will disappear, if not so bad as to damage the texture.

To Remove Greases.—Some mistresses make a practice of washing the floor of their houses with a frequently washed. I wish to guard both mistresses and servants against this practice. It is most dangerous to the health of the person who occupies the bed-room, to wash it so often, unless the weather be very dry and warm, in order to allow the window to be opened for thoroughly drying the room before night. The utmost that should be done, except in favourable circumstances, is to pass a damp cloth lightly over the floor.

To Clean Deep Wounds and Ulcers.—The best way to wash them is with a little of strong oil of vitriol put into a dry bottle which, if allowed to run round the inner surface, rapidly remove any kind of dirt. It should then be drained, and afterwards rinsed with clean water. Where they have become turned very bad, they may be treated with a little oil (spirits of salts) diluted with three times its weight of water will remove it.

To Wash Clothes with Parasitic Soap.—To every eight gallons of cold water put 1 lb. of soap, shred fine, one and a-half tablespoonful of paraffin oil, into a boiler, put in the clothes, let them come to the boil, keep the lid close on boiler, and steam for half an hour, take out each piece, wash it in cold water, then dry them out. When all are finished, hang them out to dry. If possible, bleach your clothes on grass after boiling; but where this cannot be done, it is yet possible with care to keep your linen white and clear. Laces and collars should be washed in cold water with the hair as in melted soap and warm water. Be careful, in boiling them, to tie them up in a handkerchief to prevent their being torn.

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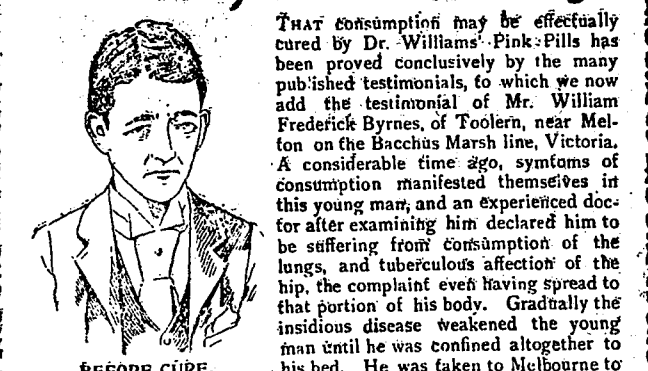
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SAID TO BE DYING But restored to robust health BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS A Consumptive's Life Story



BEFORE CURE.

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 Tooleen, near Melton on the Baches Marsh line, Victoria. A considerable time ago, symptoms 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 tubercular affection of the hip, the complaint even having spread to that portion of his body. Gradually the young man became weaker, and at last he was confined to his bed. He was taken to Melbourne to be treated, and four noted doctors, declared him incurable. He was removed to the Melbourne Hospital, and after consultation, several skilled surgeons performed an operation on the diseased hip, but, unfortunately, the desired result 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 to have him at home, and 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 gradual recovery, 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 he breathed more freely, the cough quietened down, and he seemed a little stronger. After using three boxes his improvement 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 in all my usual occupations, and shooting excursions, being away for days at a time. My hand is steady, my eye is clear, and my complete cure is led upon by all as a magnificent testimonial of the medicinal virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Remember, reader, you too can be cured."

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Restored to robust health. Restored to health. At work again.

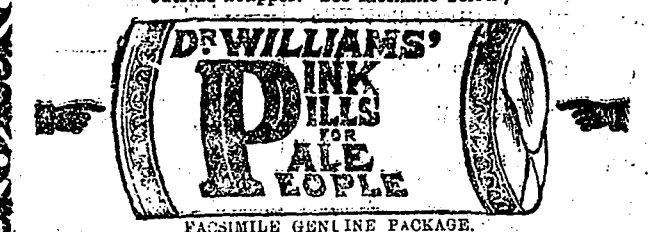
Prostrate with Anæmia!! FIVE MONTHS IN BED. A WONDERFUL CURE.

"St. Elmo," Mitchell Street, St. Kilda, 4/9/99. To the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. DEAR SIR:—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 an attack of anæmia, combined with anæmia. My health was 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, but to no avail. 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 I found it was able to leave my bed. For twelve months I had hardly been 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 my friends, who were equally afflicted, have cured. I have gained two stone in weight since my recovery. I am, Dear Sir, faithfully yours, (Miss) ANNIE MONTGOMERY.

RHEUMATISM & KIDNEY TROUBLES. Paralyzed with Pain. Doctor after Doctor Called In. A Complete Cure at Last.

Mr. JAMES COLLEGE, 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. College, "I caught a heavy cold, which brought on acute rheumatism. The wearing 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 paralyzed all the muscles of my body, and it was impossible for me to move hand or foot. To bend my knee 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 back it felt as if 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 Homeopathic 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, 1899 (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. College, 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 stnum 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.)



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, Neuralgia, Etc. Sold by Chemists and Storekeepers and by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., care of Boxes, Tompkins & Co., Flinders Street, Melbourne, 2/9 per box, 6 boxes, 12/6 (post free).

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COMMERCIAL. BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET. Fat cattle—208 head came to hand for to-day's sale...

Post Office Store, Waterloo. T. D. MARTIN. DRAPERY, GROCERIES, BOOTS AND SHOES, ETC.

P. J. O'SULLIVAN, SADDLER AND HARNESS MAKER, SNAKE VALLEY. A large assortment of Saddlery and Harness...

RELIGIOUS SERVICES. Church of England—St. John's, 11 a.m. Subject, "The covenant of God."

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

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

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NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE CO., FIRE AND MARINE. Paid-up Capital £200,000. Invested Funds £435,000.

The Beaufort Cricket Club play a friendly game with the Middle Creek Club on the ground of the latter, this afternoon.

The quarterly meeting of the Waterloo Branch A.N.A. was held at the Victoria Hotel on Tuesday evening.

The repairs and renovations to St. John's Church of England having necessitated the closing of the church for three weeks...

Very touching and sympathetic reference to the death of Bro. Major Gen. A. Eddy was made at the monthly meeting of the Fife Creek Lodge of Free Masons on Wednesday...

Our Skipton correspondent writes:—Mr R. E. Johns, P.M., held a Revision Court at Skipton on the 21st inst.

About 40 Beaufort ladies met at the Shire Hall on Tuesday, with a view to forming a "Working Bee" to provide winter comforts for the Victorian soldiers in South Africa.

Mr Robert Kivpatrick, junr., has been appointed a member of the Board of Advice for the school district of the West Riding of the Shire of Ripon.

The following applications for gold mining leases have been abandoned:—E. Milligan, 34a 3c 26p, Raglan; J. B. Cochran, 150a, Beaufort.

An old man named Henry Williams, of the tramp class, having no home, was taken to the Ballarat Hospital on Monday by Constable Ivey.

View of the statement of the Secretary of State for War in the Imperial Parliament last week, that Lord Roberts was not asking that more troops than those now named for South Africa should be sent to the seat of war.

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The Government of Victoria, it will be remembered, has not effected any insurances on the lives of the members of the two contingents which have been sent to South Africa.

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 Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

CHIPS.

[By "IDIAHAWK."] Thanks very much, Mr. Editor, for a friend in need is a friend indeed. I did not know what much pressure of private business just came in.

Will I ever forget that great enthusiastic patriotic concert? I waited patiently outside with the old (the doors opened) and I was free to pass freely in my hand. I was considerably jostled about, and the remains from various parts of the door were in front of me.

This war is no child's play, and many a brave man has gone under. We read the names in the papers and it comes home to us forcibly in the loss of our own men.

The long-looked for mining revival has apparently come at last, and the grounds being opened up in various localities. The Sons of Freedom and the All Nations are already proving the value of the deep ground.

THE MEXICAN HAIR-RENEWER. It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots.

Original Correspondence. LADIES' PATRIOTIC FUND. Step—With your kind permission we would like, through the medium of your columns, to make an appeal to the ladies of the outlying district to assist the ladies' committee which has been recently formed in Beaufort.

A blunder, made, it is said, in the Telegraph office, in writing out a copy of a cable message led to painful results on Monday. Late on Sunday night a copy of an official message from Sir Alfred Milner was written in the Telegraph office, and sent in the usual way to the private residence of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

FLORINING.—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH. A soft tissue of the liquid "Florin" is printed on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, and the soft tissue of the brush cleanses the gums, prevents tartar, and cures sore throat.

A Sermon on the War.

BY DR. THORNTON, BISHOP OF BALLARAT.

Dr. Thornton, the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Ballarat, preached the following interesting sermon on the South African War, last Sunday evening, in the St. John's Church of England, Beaufort.

His Lordship said:—It were useless to try and give your full attention to-day for any line of thought unconnected with war, for surely we have reached the crisis-moment of our terrible struggle in South Africa. With the steps of Kimberley raised, and the grand column of the full corps of arms splendidly equipped, beginning in earnest to turn the enemy back before him, we have good reason for hoping that a new and victorious stage in this formidable conflict has set in.

Don't think because you don't hear much about it that the P.M. Competition is dead; on the contrary it is very much alive, and the committee are working quickly and energetically to get the contest on its feet.

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First, "I shall bruise thy head." The woman's seed shall bruise the serpent. It shall not be unscathed itself in the process; but the harm the serpent will inflict is partial and transitory.

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SCHEDULE A.—[Rule 4 (b).] NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

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

Name in full of applicant or applicants, and style under which it is intended that the business shall be carried on—Alphonse Ansaldo.

Full address of each applicant—Waterloo. Supposed extent of ground applied for, and whether on or below the surface, or both, or a lode—Two hundred acres; below the surface, 200 acres.

Whether the boundaries of the land applied for will include any river, creek, deposit of permanent water, spring, artificial reservoir, public road, or subject to any public right—Public road between Raglan and Duramben and the Fiery Creek.

FOUND, amongst my sheep, worrying them on Saturday, the 17th inst., a BLACK SHEEP DOG, about 12 lbs. Owner can have same by calling and paying expenses. ELLEN COLLINS. Sailor's Gully, 22nd February, 1900.

Beaufort Rifle Club. THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Club will be held in MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on THURSDAY Evening, 1st MARCH, at 8 p.m.

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The Transvaal War.

Despatches from General Roberts have confirmed the information that the combined movements planned by General Roberts for the relief of Kimberley have been completely successful.

Lieutenant-General French's splendid advance to the Beit and Modder Drifts on the left, and east, flank of the Boer position, facing General Lord Methuen, completely surprised the Boers, owing to its rapidity.

The passage of the Ondevaal Drift was especially remarkable. Here a large number of cattle and sheep were captured by the British.

It saves The Children. About one month ago my child, which is fifteen months old, was seized with an attack of diarrhoea accompanied by vomiting.

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Bush-fire Brigade.

About 30 residents of Beaufort attended a meeting in the Shire Hall on Friday night, 16th inst., which had been called to select officers from among some 60 volunteers who handed in their names as being willing to fight bush fires, and also for the purpose of making financial and other necessary arrangements to make such a brigade effective.

Mr. S. Stevens, who presided, explained the object of the meeting. He pointed out the desirability of forming such a body, in view of the fire brigade not receiving an allowance for working at fires outside the town boundary.

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