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

SUPPORT LOCAL INDUSTRY, AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE LOCAL PAPER, THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.

We ask that our efforts for the district's good shall be recognised. An increased circulation means still greater usefulness on our part. When a neighbour or friend asks for the loan of the local paper, tell him or her that for the small sum of 3s per Quarter it is obtainable direct from the office regularly. In addition to complete and impartial reports of all local meetings, an interesting 14-Column Supplement is presented to Regular Subscribers. ORDERS FOR Plain and Ornamental JOB PRINTING Executed with Neatness and Despatch. Bear in mind that ALWAYS PAYS. Business men should note that as the Local Paper is extensively read in the district, it therefore affords a splendid advertising medium.

Clarke's Blood Mixture

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."
THE WORLD-FAMED BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER.
IS WARRANTED TO CLEAR THE BLOOD FROM ALL IMPURITIES FROM WHATEVER CAUSE ARISING. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blackheads, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing and permanent Cure. It Cures Old Sores, Cures Sores on the Neck, Cures Sore Legs, Cures Blackhead or Pimples on the Face, Cures Scoury, Cures Ulcers, Cures Blood and Skin Diseases, Cures Glandular Swellings, Cleans the Blood from all Impure Matter, From whatever cause arising. It is a real specific for Gout and Rheumatic pains. It removes the cause from the Blood and Bones. The world-famed Blood Purifier and Restorer is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities, from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Eczema, Ulcers, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blisters, Spots, Blackheads, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. It is the only real specific for Gout and Rheumatic Pains, for it removes the cause from the Blood and Bones. As this Mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, from infancy to old age, the Proprietors solicit authors to give it a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it, such as the following:—
Mr James Dalcombe writes:—"I suffered when in the Army from a severe case of Abscess of the Liver, and was sent home from India to the hospital. It was one of the worst cases I ever met with. I was then told nothing more could be done for me, and was discharged and sent home. I tried other doctors, but they could not stop the discharge, which was a great deal of matter. I was on my back for two years altogether. At last, having seen Clarke's Blood Mixture advertised, I tried some, and after the first large bottle found myself very much better. I continued with it, and it made a perfect cure of me. I can truly say Clarke's Blood Mixture is a wonderful medicine."
30 Falmouth-chambers, Falmouth-road, New Kent-road, S.E., July 8, 1899.
"P.S.—I would like to mention that when sending a relation for the second bottle from the neighbouring drug stores they persuaded her to take a preparation of their own, which they declared was 'just as good.' I found this did me no good at all. It was, therefore, sent back, and the genuine article was above re-sent."
Mr W. Pauloy, Broad Lane, Cottenham, Cambridge, writes:—"Three years ago I had a slight skin disease, and was obliged to see a doctor, who told me it was Eczema. I was under his treatment some time, but got no better. I tried, I may say, scores of other medicines, all to no purpose, and I was, therefore, persuaded to go to the Infirmary. There I was under special treatment, but got no better, and came out unwell; in fact, worse than when I went in. I was then covered from head to foot, and was so tormented that I almost wished myself dead; and indeed many told me I never should see a new day. I was then recommended to try 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.' I was under its treatment for a few days, and I can truly say it effected this wonderful cure, and I cannot recommend it too highly. January 20, 1900." Colour-Sergeant James Howarth, Cheshire Regiment, Chester, writes:—"I suffered from Rheumatism in my arms and legs for over five years. I also had a number of boils, through which I could not rest for a few minutes at a time. All sorts of remedies were applied, but none did me any good for more than a few days. After reading of 'Clarke's Blood Mixture' which I did, and on taking the first bottle I felt relief. I therefore continued with this excellent medicine, and it effected a perfect cure. This was more than a year ago, and I am pleased to say I have not felt the least pain since—in fact, I am in as good health as ever I was in my life. I can truly say:—'I feel that I should write you a few lines in praise of Clarke's Blood Mixture. I have been suffering these last few years with Eczema and Blisters, which prevented me following my occupation, and I can safely say I have spent scores of pounds in all sorts of other medicines. A little while ago, however, I was advised by a friend of mine who has taken a great deal of 'Clarke's Blood Mixture' to try a bottle, and to my great relief I find that I can give it to much profit. I am most grateful for the benefit of others who may be suffering from the same complaint.'" December 29, 1899.
THOUSANDS OF TESTIMONIALS OF WONDERFUL CURES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.
Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold in Bottles 2s 6d. each, and in cases containing six times the quantity. It is sufficient to effect a permanent cure in the great majority of long-standing cases. BY ALL CHEMISTS and PATENT MEDICINE VENDERS throughout the world. PROPRIETORS, THE LINCOLN AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln, England. Trade Mark—"BLOOD MIXTURE."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT

RELIABLE FAMILY MEDICINES.

They are invaluable Remedies for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Feverish Attacks, Ague, Bad Legs, Bad Breasts, Old Wounds, Sores and Skin Diseases.

They have no equal for Affections of the THROAT, CHEST and LUNGS.

Manufactured only at 72, New Oxford St. (late 53, Oxford St.), London. Sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors.

J. McKEICH'S NEW SPRING MILLINERY

NOW SHOWING.

Fresh Shipments of NEW GOODS will arrive shortly.

GENERAL PRINTING AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

"The Advocate" Office, Beaufort

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

W. EDWARD NICKOLS Auctioneer, Valuer, Arbitrator, General Commission Agent.

ADVERTISING ROOMS: BARKLY STREET, ARARAT, and NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

Correspondent and Valuer for the Barakat Banking Company, Limited.

Trust and other Monies to Lend at Current Rates.

NOTICE.

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

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

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

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

ARTHUR PARKER, Proprietor.

Beaufort, 6th September, 1896.

GEELONG WOOL SALES.

SEASON 1900-1901.

GEORGE HAGUE & COY.

WILL hold Weekly Wool Sales as usual every Friday during the coming season. They would call special attention to their EXTENSIVE WAREHOUSES, built expressly for the storage of Wool. SHOW ROOMS splendidly lighted and unequalled in the colony for the proper display of Wool. Railway and Shipping right at the doors. FARMERS' CLIPS receive special personal attention, and no lot, however small, is sold under fullest market value.

A LARGE LOCAL CONSUMPTION OF Wool than any other market in the Australian Colonies.

CHARGES the lowest ruling in the colony. ACCOUNT SALES and Proceeds rendered invariably three days after sale.

ACT STRICTLY as Selling Brokers only. THIRTY SIX YEARS' practical English, Continental, and Colonial experience of the Wool trade.

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

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

WAX-BILL FORMS supplied free.

GEORGE HAGUE & CO., Woolbrokers.

Geelong, 1st July, 1900.

STEVENSON & SONS, UNDERTAKERS AND CARPENTERS.

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

WM. C. PEDDER, Blacksmith and Wheelwright, NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

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

JOHN HUMPHREYS COMMISSION & INSURANCE AGENT ACCOUNTANT ETC., NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

RENTS and Debts Collected, Agent for the South British Fire and Marine Insurance Company. Agency Business of all kinds attended to.

APPLICATIONS FOR MINING LEASES.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

Attention is called to the following regulations under part 2 of "The Mines Act 1890," twenty-third schedule:—
4. Every applicant for a lease to mine on private property shall apply for a lease in manner prescribed by these regulations; but during the seven days immediately preceding the day on which he leaves his application with the warden, he must do the following things:—
(A). Insert in a newspaper published in the district where the land is situated, or if there be no such newspaper, then in one published nearest the district, an advertisement or notice on the form in the appendix A thereto.
(B). Post similar notices at the office of the warden, and at the post office of police court, whichever is the nearest to the land.
(C). Deposit with the clerk of the warden the sum of £5 sterling, &c.

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

The Man Who Doesn't Advertise.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead That to himself he hath not said, "My trade of late is getting bad, I'll try another ten-inch ad." If such there be, go seek him well, For him no bank account shall swell—No angel watch the golden stair To welcome home a millionaire.

To such a man the noisy din Of traffic may not enter in, For bargains hunters by the score Shall pass nor heed his dingy door; For 'tho' his sign is on the wall, And on some barnyard gets a scrawl, No people who have cash and sense, Go prancing around to read the fence.

The man who never asks for trade By local line or rail displayed Cares more for rest than worldly gain And patronage but gives him pain; Tread lightly, friends, let no rude sound Disturb his solitude profound. Here let him live in calm repose, Unthought except by men he owes.

And when he dies, go plant him deep That might his grave break his drearless sleep, Where no rude clamour may dispel The quiet that he loved so well, And that the world may know its loss Place on his grave a wreath of moss. And on the stone above, "Here lies A clump who wouldn't advertise." —Mortimer Crane Brown.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—An sufferer from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Trochees." These famous "Trochees" are now sold by most respectable chemists in the country at 1s 1/2 per box. People troubled with a "backing cough," a "light cold," or influenza affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic Affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Trochees" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston, U.S. European Depot, 33, Farringdon Road, LONDON, ENGLAND.

To our Readers and Patrons.

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

Therefore, Support Local Industry and Local Enterprise.

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

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

"The Riponshire Advocate" is the Advertising Medium for All Contracts and notices of the Shire of Ripon and the ONLY NEWSPAPER That is Printed and Published within the boundaries of the Shire, and as the advocate of the interests and for the welfare of this district it has a claim to considerably greater amount of support, has a greater scope for extended usefulness, and other certain returns within a radius of the Shire Office.

The Circulation of the Riponshire Advocate is Steadily Increasing.

And the Proprietor, recognizing the increased support in this direction, will use his utmost endeavours to merit and sustain the patronage accorded him by giving the latest possible Local and General News, and the most interesting and instructive circulation.

"The Advocate," PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING, CIRCULATES in the following districts:—Beaufort, Stockyard Hill, Lake Goldsmith, Salford Gully, Main Road, Raglan, Chute, Watford, Erambone, Huxary, Middle Creek, Shirley, Travalla, Skipton, and Carnarvan.

With every issue of the Paper is given A FOURTEEN-COLUMN SUPPLEMENT, Containing an Interesting Serial Tale, Amusing Anecdotes, Pastoral News, Poultry Farming, Agricultural Intelligence, Recipes, Gardening Items, Etc., Etc., Etc.

Business Men, Read it was Benjamin Franklin who wrote—"What steam is to machinery, advertising is to business." And another writer has said that—"He who in his 'biz' would rise, Must either 'bust' or advertise." And advertisers cannot do better than make to "The Riponshire Advocate" the medium for their announcements.

Arthurs Parkers, Printer and Publisher, LAWRENCE STREET, BEAUFORT.

JOB PRINTING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. BALL TICKETS & PROGRAMMES. ADDRESS & BUSINESS CARDS. MINING SCHEMES, REPORTS, &c., PAMPHLETS, CIRCULARS, BILLHEADS, POSTERS, DELIVERY BOOKS, DRAPERS' HANDBILLS, CATALOGUES, MOURNING CARDS, SOUVENIR & BIRTH TICKETS, &c., &c.

PRINTED IN FIRST CLASS STYLE AT MELBOURNE PRICES.

Office:—Lawrence Street, Beaufort.

Plain & Ornamental Printing

Of Every description executed at the "RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE" OFFICE.

BOOKBINDING ON REASONABLE TERMS.

MINING SCRIP, CALL, RECEIPT DELIVERY BOOKS, &c., Prepared on the shortest notice.

HAVELOCK TOBACCO. PURE AMERICAN LEAF. Confidence Curls. AROMATIC TWIST. SHEEPSKIN TOBACCO. EACH PLIC IS BRANDED WITH YELLOW TIN TAG, THUS.

COMMERCIAL. BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET. Tuesday. Fat Cattle—203 head was the supply...

OBVIOUS MARKETS. George Haynes & Co. report (4th inst.)—Sheepskins—We had a fair supply...

PAINS IN THE STOMACH are nasty, but awfully common. Just take a few drops of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy...

Mr. SAMUEL YOUNG, Barrister and Solicitor, PROCTOR and CONVEYANCER. NERLE STREET, BALLARAT.

Post Office Store, Waterloo. T. D. MARTIN. Having laid in a large stock of DRAPERY, GROCERIES, BOOTS AND SHOES, ETC.

The latest idea in Photography. At RICHARDS & CO'S. STUDIO, BALLARAT.

CREDIT FONCIER. LOANS TO FARMERS. In Sums from £50 to £2000. At 4 1/2 Per Cent. for 31 1/2 Years.

LOANS Made on Security of Freehold or Crown Leasehold. May be used to Pay Debts or Crown Rents. Purchase Land; Stock; Implements; Seed, etc.

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. HAYWOOD-STREET, BEAUFORT.

MARRIAGES. FRASER-PATERSON.—On 3rd inst., at "Roseberry," Nerring, Beaufort...

WOTTERSPON-SCHARP.—On the 6th ultimo, at Beaufort, Kate Stewart, second daughter of the late Mr. John Wotterpson...

THE Riponshire Advocate. Published every Friday Night. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1900.

The Minister of Lands, when speaking at Camden on Saturday night, paid a well deserved compliment to Mr. E. H. Austin...

What He Thinks. John Osborne, 239 Glebe Point-road, Sydney, says:—"That after suffering for some time with severe attacks of colic and diarrhoea...

Country Fire Brigades' Report, £4 13s 7d. Cuthbert, Morrow, & Must, £14 3s; J. Daly, £2 4s 6d; Government Printer, £1 4s 7d; J. B. Cochran, £3 11s 6d; A. Parkes, £1 10s; J. Thompson, £1 10s 3d; D. Cameron, 15s; for forwards (13 at 2d 6d), £1 12s 4d; A. Sands, 7s 6d; C. Vowles, 2s; J. Whitefield, 2s; C. Ball, £1; A. Spicer, 2s 13s 4d; J. Crocker, £3 10s; J. Carmichael, £2 3s 4d; T. Nugent, 2s; J. Ryan, 2s; M. Meelhan, £22 7s 8d; J. Gillespie, £15; J. McEwan, £1; E. Hill, 2s; C. Munro, £1 3s 4d; C. Wright, 12s; C. Ball, £10 10s; R. Gibson, 2s; W. G. Stevens, 2s 4s 6d; H. M. Stuart, 2s 6s 2d; Hawkes Bros., £3 18s 7d; W. O. Pedder, 10s 6d; W. Buchanan, £1 11s 6d. Contract payments—A. Simper, 197 17s; W. and A. Driver, junr., £2 18s; C. Bradshaw, £200 D. McKerrall, 16s. Total, £290 15s 7d.

From Public Works Department, notifying that £25 had been placed on the estimates to assist in improving track to Mount Cole State Forest, the council to expend £25 additional.—Referred to North Riding members.

From Under-Secretary, requesting, with view to completion of new rolls of ratepayers electors for divisions of electoral districts in time for elections of Victorian members of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, lists of ratepayers to be transmitted to the registrars as early as they can be got ready.—Attended to.

From Department of Water Supply, asking whether council is yet in a position to furnish a report on Mr. J. Lane's application for the issue of a grazing license over certain land in parish of Meramben.—Engineer to inspect and interview ratepayers who object to the issue of the license and report at next meeting, on motion of Cr Sinclair and Lewis; Cr Beggs also speaking a number of ratepayers had spoken to him on the subject, and that he was opposed to the application.

From Secretary to Royal Commission on Local Government Law, asking to be supplied with information as to accounts of overfalls, current rates uncollected, and arrears of rates uncollected on 30th Sept.—Received.

From E. J. Muntz, tendering his thanks to the council for the honor conferred upon him by appointing him to the position of engineer, valuer, &c., and sincerely hoping that nothing in the future will make them regret their choice.—Received.

From Borough of Wangaratta, requesting council to instruct delegate to annual meeting of Municipal Association to strongly support an application to the Government for a free pass to be issued to municipal delegates when proceeding to Melbourne on purely municipal business.—Left to delegates' own discretion, on motion of Crs Sinclair and Lewis.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, re increase of Government subsidy.—Left in hands of delegate, on motion of Crs Flynn and Lewis.

From Shire of Ballarat, asking council to join in expense of supplying 150 c.y. maintenance metal for repairing the boundary road at Mount Calender.—To stand over till engineer reports, on motion of Crs Flynn and Beggs.

From New Zealand Accident Insurance Co., re public risk insurance.—No action, on motion of Crs Lewis and Flynn.

From Department of Lands and Survey, stating that letter re Mt. Egan Recreation Reserve will be dealt with in due course.—Received.

From Thos. Nunn, Snake Valley, intimating that he had made up his mind to keep on the recreation reserve the same as usual.—Received.

Riponshire Council. Monday, 1st October, 1900. Present—Crs. Stewart (President), Sinclair, Cushing, Cameron, Flynn, Beggs, Lewis, and Russell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Consensus: From Public Works Department, notifying that £25 had been placed on the estimates to assist in improving track to Mount Cole State Forest, the council to expend £25 additional.—Referred to North Riding members.

From Under-Secretary, requesting, with view to completion of new rolls of ratepayers electors for divisions of electoral districts in time for elections of Victorian members of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, lists of ratepayers to be transmitted to the registrars as early as they can be got ready.—Attended to.

From Department of Water Supply, asking whether council is yet in a position to furnish a report on Mr. J. Lane's application for the issue of a grazing license over certain land in parish of Meramben.—Engineer to inspect and interview ratepayers who object to the issue of the license and report at next meeting, on motion of Cr Sinclair and Lewis; Cr Beggs also speaking a number of ratepayers had spoken to him on the subject, and that he was opposed to the application.

From Secretary to Royal Commission on Local Government Law, asking to be supplied with information as to accounts of overfalls, current rates uncollected, and arrears of rates uncollected on 30th Sept.—Received.

From E. J. Muntz, tendering his thanks to the council for the honor conferred upon him by appointing him to the position of engineer, valuer, &c., and sincerely hoping that nothing in the future will make them regret their choice.—Received.

From Borough of Wangaratta, requesting council to instruct delegate to annual meeting of Municipal Association to strongly support an application to the Government for a free pass to be issued to municipal delegates when proceeding to Melbourne on purely municipal business.—Left to delegates' own discretion, on motion of Crs Sinclair and Lewis.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, re increase of Government subsidy.—Left in hands of delegate, on motion of Crs Flynn and Lewis.

From Shire of Ballarat, asking council to join in expense of supplying 150 c.y. maintenance metal for repairing the boundary road at Mount Calender.—To stand over till engineer reports, on motion of Crs Flynn and Beggs.

From New Zealand Accident Insurance Co., re public risk insurance.—No action, on motion of Crs Lewis and Flynn.

From Department of Lands and Survey, stating that letter re Mt. Egan Recreation Reserve will be dealt with in due course.—Received.

From Thos. Nunn, Snake Valley, intimating that he had made up his mind to keep on the recreation reserve the same as usual.—Received.

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Country Fire Brigades' Report, £4 13s 7d. Cuthbert, Morrow, & Must, £14 3s; J. Daly, £2 4s 6d; Government Printer, £1 4s 7d; J. B. Cochran, £3 11s 6d; A. Parkes, £1 10s; J. Thompson, £1 10s 3d; D. Cameron, 15s; for forwards (13 at 2d 6d), £1 12s 4d; A. Sands, 7s 6d; C. Vowles, 2s; J. Whitefield, 2s; C. Ball, £1; A. Spicer, 2s 13s 4d; J. Crocker, £3 10s; J. Carmichael, £2 3s 4d; T. Nugent, 2s; J. Ryan, 2s; M. Meelhan, £22 7s 8d; J. Gillespie, £15; J. McEwan, £1; E. Hill, 2s; C. Munro, £1 3s 4d; C. Wright, 12s; C. Ball, £10 10s; R. Gibson, 2s; W. G. Stevens, 2s 4s 6d; H. M. Stuart, 2s 6s 2d; Hawkes Bros., £3 18s 7d; W. O. Pedder, 10s 6d; W. Buchanan, £1 11s 6d. Contract payments—A. Simper, 197 17s; W. and A. Driver, junr., £2 18s; C. Bradshaw, £200 D. McKerrall, 16s. Total, £290 15s 7d.

The engineer (Mr. E. J. Muntz) reported as under:—"This contract is practically completed, and is fairly well carried out. I find it advisable to add to the length of approach, and to contract the necessary instructions. Cont. 112, W.R.—This contract has apparently been badly carried out from the start. Metal ought to have been placed in the boxes in with material from side, instead of this metal bed was boxed out first, and no attempt has been made to clean out side drains. Little or no sealings have been used for binding metal, instead of being put at intervals along road, is all in one place. Cont. 111—The agreement for this contract is, in my opinion, surface metal, soft skinned and rusty, and is not the best material for the work of maintaining roads. It is not to be used in this contract, and taken by the contractor to mean additional to the amount of maintenance metal. Extras ought to be allowed accordingly. The portion of road on which metal had been spread near Curtis bridge was so badly cut up at the time of my inspection that it was impossible to say if it had ever been in a fit state to hand over to the contractor. It is my opinion that the quantity of metal spread is nearly correct. Cont. 115—I understand this contract is not started. Remaining contracts in hand are, I think, progressing satisfactorily. In the case of contract 119 the bad weather has evidently kept the work back. I find that the shire does not possess any instruments, and would suggest that a level be procured.—Received.

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He did not think the Act would bring them much relief, and if carried out without any notice would prove an expensive piece of legislation to people who were unking a living on the roads at the present time, as it would be found that a great many would have to get new wheels with wider tires, and perhaps by that time the Act would be found to be useless. By postponing the question and giving the opportunity to get wider tires, it seemed unnecessary to adopt the Act because one or two teams were cutting up the roads.—Seconded by Cr Sinclair.—The amendment was carried by six to two; the mover and seconder of the motion only supporting it.

Cr Flynn, in accordance with notice, moved that on production of the whole skin the reward should be paid on leaving the scalp of the fox; when the skin would be returned. Seconded by Cr Beggs.

Cr Cushing opposed it on the grounds that the minute now appearing in the books would first have to be rescinded. A uniform price had been fixed all over the colony, councils having to pay 2s 6d for each fox skin. Hampdenshire did not pay for years, and it became a breeding-ground for foxes, which came over the border. When the Government brought in a bill compelling each shire to pay 2s 6d, the effect was that it lessened the number of foxes and had to pay for. If this shire now paid 2s 6d and returned the skin it would be an inducement to people to bring skins here from the boundaries of other shires to get the higher value.

Cr Lewis did not agree with the motion. In his experience foxes had decreased, and he did not see why the skin should be given with the 2s 6d. The President ruled that the motion already on the books would have to be rescinded before Cr Flynn's motion could be received.

Cr Flynn signified his intention of giving notice of motion for next meeting so as to put his motion in order. ENGINEER'S PRIVATE PRACTICE. Cr Flynn moved that the engineer be not allowed private practice. It was only right to abolish the system. It had been going on for many years, and he did not know that much harm had been done, but he knew that many ratepayers spoke very strongly against it. When the engineer was valuer also, they should remove any suspicion of bias towards those who employed him. The amount derived from private practice was so small that they should not hesitate to do away with it.

Cr Russell said he might take it as a personal matter, as he had no objection to a man who was a valuer and an engineer, but he did not think Cr Flynn intended to infer that. He did not see why the engineer should not be allowed private practice. The President opposed the motion, pointing out that if he wanted to employ a professional man he would have to send to Ballarat, at a great deal more cost if he were not allowed to employ the engineer.

Cr Sinclair seconded the motion, although preferring to allow the matter to remain in abeyance for six months to see whether the engineer was a good man, when they should allow him private practice so long as it did not interfere with his duty.

Cr Cushing did not think it was a good rule to have a cast-in-motion preventing the engineer from taking private practice. It was a good thing, however, to prevent it outside the shire. Their late engineer had the privilege, and the new one should have it too.

The motion was negatived; the mover and seconder alone voting for it. Cr Sinclair was informed that he could have the privilege of bringing it up at any time, if it were found that the engineer neglected his duty through private practice.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Cr Sinclair moved, and Cr Beggs seconded, that falling in the Beaufort Lake be prohibited till November, 1901. Young fish had been put there recently, and the motion was brought forward on the recommendation of the caretaker. Carried.

Cr Sinclair moved that Mr. Muntz, the engineer, be appointed treasurer, at a salary of £25 per annum. Carried; Cr Cushing protesting against adding to the engineer's salary at the first meeting, and answering an argument by Cr Sinclair that it was done to make the appointment legal, by saying that it was legal enough in Mr. Jackson's case to add the appointment without any additional salary.

DIVERTING WATER FROM LAKE BURRUMBEET. The standing orders were suspended, on the motion of Crs Flynn and Lewis, to hear Cr Dobson (President) and Spier, M.L.A., with Mr. Jones, the engineer and secretary, of Ballaratshire.

Cr Dobson said the object of the deputation was to ask Riponshire's co-operation in resisting a gigantic scheme to take the water from Lake Burrumbeet for dredging purposes. He pointed out that last year the residents had great difficulty to get water for stock purposes, and his brother and he had to erect chains and chains of fencing to prevent stock from getting boxed. At the reserve also two fences had to be extended eight and five chains respectively to keep stock out. The oldest residents had not seen the lake so low as last year. The lake and park were their beauty spots. Burrumbeet, and if they allowed the water to go the lake would not last 12 months.

idea was that they should get a guarantee that a minimum depth of 8ft. of water should be allowed to remain, and only surplus water taken. Cr Russell mentioned that the lake was perfectly dry 40 years ago.

Cr Russell moved that their council cooperate with Ballaratshire in emphatically protesting against the waters of Lake Burrumbeet being diverted for mining purposes. Seconded by Cr Flynn and carried.

It was also decided, on the motion of Cr Sinclair and Beggs, to solicit the support of the delegates to the Municipal Association's annual meeting from Ballarat City, Ballarat East, and Sebastopol, together with Ballarat and Ripon shires, on a deputation, to the Minister, protesting against the water being taken; Cr Sinclair considering it a disgrace for the Government to think of allowing it when they found that dredging was a failure in the colony.

Cr Dobson having thanked the council for the kind and considerate way in which the deputation had been treated, and remarked that they would go away feeling thoroughly satisfied that Riponshire was working hand in hand with them, and that he had no doubt, after strong request they would be able to place before the Minister would be acceded to, the deputation withdrew.

Cr Cushing moved the council adopt last year's resolution, with the exception of new buildings and mining plants going up. Seconded by Cr Russell, and carried.

Cr Sinclair moved that the secretary be instructed to get Mr. Muntz's name placed on the treasurer's guarantee policy in place of Mr. Jackson's. Seconded by Cr Russell and carried.

Cr Sinclair urged the West Riding members in putting the roads leading into the town in good order, as they were in a deplorable state.

Cr Lewis said they had already decided to do that. Cr Cushing added that the arrangement was made two years ago to construct the Stockyard Hill road, but the funds were not available only half of the work was done. The West Riding members were agreeable to carry it out on the same conditions (to pay two-thirds of the cost).

Cr Sinclair remarked that the Beaufort district was in a different state to what it was two years ago. It would take £2000 to make the roads new, and unless the West Riding assisted them they would have to make arrangements to get a loan. They were jammed now, the roads were in such a bad state through heavy machinery being carted over them. He only asked the West Riding members to show them some consideration.

Cr Cushing said they were met on every side with demands for interjections and answers was kept up by Cr Sinclair and Cushing, the latter contending that but for the country Beaufort would not be here, and Cr Sinclair denying that sufficient assistance was given in maintaining leading roads, which were being used by the other ratepayers. The West Riding had all the money, and did not know what to do with it. That riding should pay all the cost of making the Stockyard Hill road.

Cr Lewis said that at the beginning of the year the money promised was put on one side, but as the engineer was ill the work was not done.

The secretary reported the following credit balances:—North riding, £20; East, £23; West, £417.

Cr Cushing said that but for work being scamped on the Skipton road, the West Riding's balance would have been absorbed. This work had yet to be done. Cr Flynn remarked that it would be better to spend the money in the North riding, where it was wanted, than bury it out there.

Cr Sinclair said the West was the richest riding. The Local Government Act says that only one-third of the revenue must be spent in the riding. He knew that the West riding could give all the rest for roads in the North that would be useful to the ratepayers.

Cr Lewis—You mean to say we make roads that are not useful to the ratepayers? Cr Sinclair—No; but that we can make roads which will be more useful.

Cr Cushing pointed out that the North riding absorbed the greatest proportion of the money derived under the Licensing law, and yet expected the West to give them money, while the West were cheated out of their right dues.

Amidst a general hubbub, during which the President made no attempt to preserve order, Cr Lewis was understood to say that two people who paid £220 in rates wanted a road, and were they not entitled to it?

Cr Flynn thought a good deal of joking was being done. It was not for the North riding members to go out and dictate to the West which roads they should make, nor for the West either to dictate to the North, as they would make roads where they were most necessary. That was not the Stockyard Hill road, nor any on that side, but others where the bulk of the ratepayers were. If the West riding members were going to make the Stockyard Hill road, he was afraid they were making a mistake.

A desultory and disorderly discussion terminated abruptly by Cr Sinclair pointing out the seriousness of the matter; and hoping that it would not send any of them into the asylum.

Gazette Notices. An application for a gold mining lease of 3a 12r 27p, Raglan, by J. D. F. Troy, has been refused.

The following gold mining leases have been abandoned:—E. Harrison, 253a 1r 7p, Trawalla; J. Wills, 5a, Raglan; J. McRae, 640a, Baangor.

The following applications for licenses under the 123rd section of the Land Act have been approved:—Benjamin Panther, 4a, Raglan West; Fredk. Sanderson, 9a, Raglan West.

The annual sitting of the Licensing Court for the Beaufort and Burrumbeet districts takes place at Beaufort on Tuesday, 11th Decr., at 2 p.m.

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Rifle Shooting.

The return match between teams chosen by Captain McKelch and Secretary Hill, of the Beaufort Rifle Club, was fired on Wednesday afternoon, resulting in a victory for the Secretary's team by 50 points. The scores were: Secretary's team, 710; captain's team, 660. The ranges were 200 and 400 yds. The highest score at each range was made by the winning team. W. J. Stevenson, who, with a handicap of 25, made 66. The prize was 19s. G. Loft, top scorer of the losing team, helped by a handicap of 12, also made 66, and gained 8s. The third prize (5s) fell to G. Jones, the second highest scorer in the winning team, with a tally of 69 counting 27 of a handicap. Captain McKelch scored the most points off the rifle, viz., 61, then came Secretary Hill, with 58. Appended are the complete scores:—

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes names like J. McKelch, W. O'Sullivan, J. Tilley, J. R. WOTHERSPON, A. WOTHERSPON, E. JONES, H. TOMPKINS, J. S. BROOKS, G. TROMP, G. FRINGLE, T. SCOTT, D. McDONALD, and totals for both teams.

At the conclusion of the match Mr McKelch called for three cheers for the winning team, which were lustily given. Mr Hill said that he was very pleased his team had turned the tables on their opponents this time, and hoped to see the final match fixed. Three cheers were then given for the losing team.

The following are chosen to shoot against a team from the Burnumbeet Rifle Club, on the Beaufort range, next Wednesday:—D. E. Troy, W. T. Hill, T. Sands, W. O'Sullivan, Chas. Loft, J. Tilley, A. McDougall, E. Buchanan, A. WOTHERSPON, J. McKelch, W. Johnston, M. Tyrrell, Emergenegies, L. Jensch, A. Hogg, E. Jones, H. Tompkins, J. Brooks.

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The Wolf and the Balloon.

"The sleep of the labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much," says the proverb. It depends upon the condition of his digestion, and the character of his last meal for the day. Observation shows that certain forms of dyspepsia are even more common among labouring men, meaning those whose work is chiefly of the hands and largely out of doors, than among the classes who take life more easily. "Whether I ate little or much I felt blown out like a balloon, and exceedingly uncomfortable," says Mr. W. H. Johnston. This gentleman is a stationer, doing business at 229, Abercrombie Street, Redfern, Sydney, N.S.W. His ailment was just what he calls it in his statement of November 10th, 1899—incipient indigestion. And, too, the fact is worth noting that he was blown out with the same substance which is a balloon—gas, manufactured by a slightly different process. Taken into the stomach, food must either digest and pass on its way, or ferment and create gas and other products of decomposition. In the latter case we have the condition (often complicated) known as indigestion or dyspepsia. Most of our complaints arise from it, or are aggravated by it. It is subtle as a creeping serpent, and pitiless as a hungry wolf. In Mr. Johnston's case, had he not had a business of his own, and been, therefore, his own master, he would have been compelled to lie up, and abandon his work. As matters were, he humoured himself, and lost nothing except his enjoyment of good health, which, he admits, was an item to make account of. "After enduring this most disagreeable affliction for six weeks," says Mr. Johnston, "a confectioner of Annandale, Mr. Cowling, recommended Mother Seign's Syrup, which relieved me immediately. I thoroughly believe it cured me, and I commend it to everyone I know. "Whenever I have the least suspicion that I am taken with an attack of indigestion, I take a dose, and it never fails to ward off, or persuade that if I had not used Mother Seign's Syrup in the beginning I should by this time have been suffering severely from the violent malady. I trust that the publications of my experience may lead others afflicted with digestive troubles to use the medicine to which I am indebted for my speedy recovery." Mr. Johnston puts the point clearly and strongly—"Stop the disease at its very outset; don't let it assume the chronic form which, involving more or less all the organs and functions of the body, is so hard to cure. Remember the adage about the ounce of prevention."

Orange Blossoms.

PATTERSON—FRASER. The marriage of Miss Margaret Jessie Patterson, the fifth daughter of Mr James Patterson, of Nering, and Mr Andrew Fraser, the second son of Mr John Fraser, of Lake Goldsmith, was solemnized on Wednesday last at "Roseberry," the residence of the bride's parents. The ceremony was impressively performed by the Rev. J. A. Barber, B.A. The wedding was a quiet, though exceedingly pretty one. As the bride entered the drawing-room, Mrs Anderson (of Melbourne) played the wedding hymn, "The voice that breathed of Eden." When the nuptial knot had been tied, the company sang the hymn, "O, God of Bethel." The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a handsome dress of white silk, trimmed with chiffon. She wore the customary bridal veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful bouquet of marguerites. The bridesmaids were Miss Fraser (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Patterson, Miss Lily and Miss Beatrice Patterson (sisters of the bride). Miss Fraser was dressed in white silk, with chiffon and lace trimmings; Miss Patterson was robed in a wine-coloured Bengaline skirt and white silk blouse, trimmed with chiffon; Miss Lily Patterson was attired in white silk, trimmed with chiffon and lace, while Miss Beatrice Patterson wore a white Bengaline costume, trimmed with chiffon and lace. Mrs Patterson (the bride's mother) was dressed in black mervelux. Mr George Dow, of Melbourne, acted as best man. The drawing and dining rooms were tastefully decorated with marguerites. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bridal party was photographed in the garden. At sumptuous dinner having been partaken of by the relatives and immediate friends of the happy couple, the Rev. J. A. Barber, in a few well-chosen words, proposed the health of "The Bride and Bridegroom," wishing them long life, good health, happiness, and prosperity. The Bridegroom returned thanks. The toasts of "The Bridesmaids" and "Host and Hostess" were also honored. Prior to being driven to the Travalla railway station to catch the train to Ballarat, Mr and Mrs Fraser received at the hands of their friends, showers of marguerite petals, and in addition to the emblem of good luck, the best wishes for their future well-being and happiness were expressed. The bride's travelling dress was of fawn Bengaline, but to match. The honeymoon will be spent at Keneira, in the Wimmera district. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous handsome and useful wedding presents.

FRANC-JESS.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in the Beaufort R. C. Church on Wednesday, by the Rev. Father Ryan, the contracting parties being Mr Theodore Jess, third of Burnumbeet, and Miss M. J. Jess, daughter of Mr J. Jess, of Middle Creek. Panfully at 3 o'clock the bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her brother, who gave her away. She looked charming, being dressed in cream delaine, with the usual wreath and veil. The bridesmaid was Miss E. Jess, sister of the bride, she being also handsomely dressed in the same material. After the ceremony about 25 sat down to a wedding breakfast at Volvies' Camp Hotel, and the manner in which it was got up reflected great credit on Host Volvies. The health of "The Bride and Bridegroom" was proposed by Mr W. L. Fay; the Bridegroom responding. The happy couple left by the evening train for Melbourne on their honeymoon, taking with them the good wishes of all present. The bride's travelling dress was navy blue cashmere. A number of useful and handsome presents were received. [COMMUNICATED.]

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Presentations to Mr. Donald McDonald, of Middle-Creek.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) On Friday afternoon, 28th ult., at Burnumbeet, the residence of Mr. D. McDonald, Middle-Creek, that gentleman was made the recipient of a handsome illuminated address, framed in oak, from the parents of the present-scholar of the Burnumbeet School, in recognition of his valuable services as superintendent for upwards of thirty years. Mr McDonald has been an elder of the Presbyterian Church for the last 17 years, and has represented the Church at each Assembly for that period. He is also a member of the Ballarat Presbytery. Mr McDonald's many friends will regret to hear that owing to his falling health he has been reluctantly compelled to give up his good work in connection with the Burnumbeet School, hence the recognition of his sterling efforts as superintendent for such a long period. Mr McDonald's health would not allow of any public demonstration in connection with the presentation, therefore the following committee was formed, to carry out as quietly as possible on behalf of the subscribers:—Messrs W. G. Pickford, J. P. H. Dunn, J. O'Brien, J. McGahay, F. Porter, C. McPherson, C. H. Taylor, and W. H. Halpin. On the evening of the 28th ult., the residents of the district, and a very interesting number of Mr McDonald's friends, were present. He spoke in an eulogistic strain as regards Mr McDonald's sterling qualities in every respect, and as the father of 11 children, he also spoke from experience as to the good work Mr McDonald had accomplished in this district. His remarks were supported by Messrs Pickford, Dunn, Halpin, O'Brien, Taylor, and Halpin, each gentleman speaking with some feeling. On behalf of the past and present scholars of the Burnumbeet School, Miss Maggie Dunn presented Mr McDonald with a handsome family Bible. She spoke with very much feeling, and her remarks were warmly received. She spoke of her own school, and how she had been deeply indebted to her teacher and deeply regretted his falling health. She made the presentation in a very creditable manner. Mr McDonald, who was endowed with more than ordinary intelligence, said: "There was still another presentation to make from a personal friend and admirer of Mr McDonald's good work. Mr Halpin read a letter from Mr G. Davis, which he had just received, expressing his inability to attend, and requesting him (Mr Halpin) to present Mr McDonald, on behalf of himself and family, with the Bible he had sent in his care. Mr Halpin made the presentation in a suitable manner, and Mr McDonald, "later alia," had been so kind as to send an autograph and encouraging tendency for others to follow in Mr McDonald's footsteps. 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BEAUFORT, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1900.

PRICE THREEPENCE.

POSTAL NEWS.

LETTERS WITHIN VICTORIA.

Letters—Per ounce or under 0 2
Letters—Per letter 0 6
(Addition to ordinary postage)
(Letters are on arrival at the Post Office in the town to which they are directed, treated as telegrams, and delivered with the utmost despatch. They will not be delivered if addressed to persons residing beyond the ordinary delivery by telegraph messenger, nor if addressed to a place having no delivery by letter carrier or telegraph messenger.)

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

PACKETS.

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

TERRITORIAL RATES.

SOUTH WALES, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ARMANIA, WEST AUSTRALIA, FLU, NEW HEBRIDES AND BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

Letters.—Per 1/2 ounce or under 0 3
POST CARDS ... 0 1
REPLY POST CARDS ... 0 2
LETTER CARDS TO N. S. Wales, N. Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, W. Australia ... 0 1 1/2
To New Zealand and Fiji ... 0 2 1/2
Books.—Per four ounces or under (up to three lbs) ... 0 1
NEWSPAPERS ... 0 0 1/2
REGISTRATION FEE ... 0 3
BULK parcels of newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper publisher or news vendor, per lb or fraction thereof 0 1
PACKEETS.—To S. Australia, Queensland, New Zealand, Tasmania, and W. Australia only.—Per lb or under 0 8
Each additional lb, or under (up to 11 lbs) ... 0 6

PACKETS.

COMMERCIAL PAPERS AND PRINTED PAPERS.—Per every two ounces or under (up to 4 lbs) 0 1
(Items see Victoria)
PACKEETS.—Per every four ounces or under (up to 11 lbs) 0 1

RATES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Letters.—Each 1/2 ounce or under 0 2
POST CARDS ... 0 1
REPLY POST CARDS ... 0 3
NEWSPAPERS ... 0 1
COMMERCIAL PAPERS—4 ounces or under ... 0 2 1/2
Over 4 ounces, but not over 6 ounces ... 0 3
Every additional two ounces or under (up to 4 lbs) ... 0 1
PRINTED PAPERS (other than newspapers) ... 0 1
PACKEETS and samples, per every two ounces or under (up to 1 lb) ... 0 1
REGISTRATION FEE ... 0 3
Acknowledgement of delivery of a registered article ... 0 2 1/2
Letters Post, wholly by sea.—Each parcel of 2 lbs or under (up to 11 lbs) ... 0 9
LATE LETTERS must bear full postage and late fee stamp of 3d. extra, and may be posted at any time not exceeding a quarter of an hour after mailing close; at Melbourne General Post Office, any country Post Office, Railway travelling Post Office; handed to the mail guards, posted in bag at Spencer-street, for Sydney Limited Express up to 4.50 p.m. and for Adelaide Express up to 4.25 p.m.

Late letters for places beyond Australia are charged 3d. extra postage at Melbourne G.P.O. to 2.45 and up to 4.25 at Spencer-street.

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

An advertisement is a paper man's marketable commodity, and it is quite as much so as a side of bacon, a pound of butter, or a ton of flour. No man can afford to give away the things he sells for a livelihood, and the man who does so in order to get business is generally in a bad way. Don't try to put the paper man "in a bad way." But exercise a little human nature. Support him; he needs encouragement and support; but do it in the legitimate way. If the printer gets a few pounds worth of printing orders from you, he is not in a position to give you a pound's worth of advertising for nothing. And you have had value for the printing already. Go into a grocer's or draper's for £5 worth of goods, and the grocer's man or draper will not throw in gratis £1 worth of something else that you may ask for. Try him; you don't believe us.

SUPPORT

LOCAL INDUSTRY,

AND

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TO THE

LOCAL PAPER,

THE

RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.

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

3s per Quarter

It is obtainable direct from the office regularly.

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

14-Column Supplement

Is presented to Regular Subscribers.

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Executed with Neatness and Despatch.

Bear in mind that

ADVERTISING

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Business men should note that as the

Local Paper is extensively read in the

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"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."

Clarke's Blood Mixture

THE WORLD-FAMED BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER.

IS WARRANTED TO CLEAR THE BLOOD FROM ALL IMPURITIES FROM WHATEVER CAUSE ARISING.

For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blackheads, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing and permanent cure. It

Cures Sores on the Neck.

Cures Blackheads or Pimples on the Face.

Cures Scurvy.

Cures Blood and Skin Diseases.

Cures Glandular Inflammation.

Clears the Blood from all impure Matter, from whatever cause arising.

It is a real specific for Gout and Rheumatic Pains.

It removes the cause from the Blood and Bones.

The world-famed Blood Purifier and Restorer is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities, from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Ulcers, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blackheads, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous.

It is the only real specific for Gout and Rheumatic Pains; for it removes the cause from the Blood and Bones.

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

Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it, such as the following:—

Mr James Balembie writes:—"I suffered when in the Army from a severe case of Abscess of the Liver, and was sent home from India to the hospital. It was one of the worst cases known in the hospital, where I remained for eight months. I was then told nothing more could be done for me, and was discharged and sent home. I tried other doctors, but they could not stop the discharge, which was very great. I was on my back for two years altogether. At last, having seen Clarke's Blood Mixture advertised, I tried some, and after the first large bottle found myself very much better. I continued with it, and it made a perfect cure of me. I can truly say Clarke's Blood Mixture is a wonderful medicine."

"39 Falmouth-chambers, Falmouth-road, New Kent-road, S.E., July 8, 1899."

"P.S.—I should like to mention that when sending a relation of the second bottle from the neighbouring drug stores they persuaded her to take a preparation of their own, which they declared was 'just as good.' I found this did me no good at all. It was, therefore, sent back, and the genuine article procured, with above result."

Mr W. P. Auley, Broad Lane, Cottenham, Cambridgeshire, writes:—"Three years ago I had a slight skin disease, and was obliged to see a doctor, who told me I was Eczema. I was under his treatment some three or four months, but got no better. I tried, I may say, scores of other medicines, but all to no purpose, and I was, therefore, persuaded to go to the Infirmary. There I was under special treatment, but got no better, and came out unwell; in fact, worse than when I went in. I was now covered from head to foot, and was so tormented that I almost wished myself dead; one medical man told me I never should get better. I think I may truly say that my name was one of the worst in the hospital, and everyone said they had never seen anyone like me. Well, at last I read about 'Clarke's Blood Mixture,' and decided to give it a trial. I purchased some from Bovis, the Chemist, and took it according to rules for three months, and was a different case, and I am thankful to say I am now perfectly well, with my skin as clear as possible. It was 'Clarke's Blood Mixture' which effected this wonderful cure, and I cannot recommend it too highly. January 20, 1900."

Colour-Sergeant Instructor Jno. Howarth, Cheshire Regiment, Chester, writes:—"I suffered from Rheumatism in my arms and legs for over five years. I also had a bad skin disease, through which I could rest only for a few minutes at a time. All sorts of remedies were applied, but none did me any good for more than a few days. After a while I was recommended to try 'Clarke's Blood Mixture,' which I did, and after taking the first bottle I felt relief. I therefore continued with this excellent medicine, and it effected a perfect cure of me. This was more than a year ago, and I am pleased to say I have not felt the least pain since—in fact, I am in as good health as ever I was in my life."

"Moreover, I had a bad skin disease, which was laid up with Rheumatism of my case, and they tried 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.' They are work again. They say this medicine cannot be too highly praised. May 18, 1899."

Mr George Price, St. Margaret's-on-Thames, writes:—"I feel that I should write you a few lines in praise of Clarke's Blood Mixture. I have been suffering these last few years with Eczema and Itch, which prevented me following my occupation, and I can only say I have spent scores of pounds in all sorts of other medicines. A little while ago, however, I was advised by a friend of mine who has taken Clarke's Blood Mixture to try a bottle, and to my great relief I saw a new man and able at the present time to go on with my business, being now quite well. In fact, I cannot give it too much praise. It is infallible to make what you use like this of this medicinal for the benefit of others who may be suffering from the same complaint." December 29, 1899.

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

Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold in Bottles 2s. 6d. each, and in cases containing six times the quantity. It is sufficient to effect a permanent cure in the great majority of long-standing cases.

—BY ALL CHEMISTS and PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS throughout the world.

AGENTS: THE LINCOLN AND MIDLANDS COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln, England. Trade Mark—"BLOOD MIXTURE."

Clarke's Blood Mixture.

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

RE MINING LEASES.

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

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT

RELIABLE FAMILY MEDICINES.

Have stood pre-eminent during the past sixty years as

The Invaluable Remedies for

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

They have no equal for Affections of the

THROAT, CHEST and LUNGS.

Manufactured only at 78, New Oxford St. (late 53, Oxford St.), London. Sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors.

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Fresh Shipments of NEW GOODS will arrive shortly.

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"The Advocate" Office, Beaufort

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NOTICE.

We have resolved to reduce to a Subscription to "THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE" (with which is published a 14-column supplement containing well-selected reading matter) to 3s per quarter, and trust that this concession will be largely taken advantage of. The Advertising Rates have also been considerably reduced, and advertisers will find it to their benefit to avail themselves of the columns of "The Riponshire Advocate," which is the only newspaper that is printed and published within the boundaries of the Shire. As the advocate of the interests and for the welfare of this district, it has a claim for a considerable amount of support, and has a greater scope for extended usefulness than any other journal or journals within a given radius of Beaufort.

GEELONG WOOL SALES.

SEASON 1900-1901.

GEORGE HAGUE & COY.

WILL hold Weekly Wool Sales as usual every Friday during the coming season. They would call special attention to their EXTENSIVE WAREHOUSES, built expressly for the storage of Wool. SHOW ROOMS splendidly lighted and unequalled in the colony for the proper display of Wool. Railway and Shipping right at the doors. FARMERS' CLIPS receive special personal attention, and no lot, however small, is sold under fullest market value. A LARGER LOCAL CONSUMPTION of Wool than any other market in the Australian Colonies. CHARLES the lowest ruling in the colony. ACCOUNT SALES and Proceeds rendered invariably three days after sale. ACT STRICTLY as Selling Brokers only. THIRTY SIX YEARS' practical English, Continental, and Colonial experience of the Wool trade. CASH ADVANCES, if required, directly on receipt of produce into store. ACCOUNT SALES of Sheepskins, Hides, and Tallow held weekly throughout the year. WAY-BILL Forms supplied free. GEORGE HAGUE & CO., Woolbrokers. Geelong, 1st July, 1900.

THE MAN WHO DOESN'T ADVERTISE.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, that to himself he hath not said, "My trade of late is getting bad, I'll try another ten-inch ad." If such there be, go mark him well, for his no bank account shall swell. No angel watch the golden stair, To welcome home a millionaire.

To such a man the noisy din of traffic may not enter in, For bargain hunters by the score Shall pass nor heed his dingy door; For 'tho' his sign is on the wall And on some baronyard gate a scrawl, No people who have cash and sense, go prancing around to read the fence.

The man who never asks for trade By local line or ad, displayed Cares more for rest than worldly gain And patronage, but gives his pain; To ad-lightly, friends, let no rude sound disturb his solitude profound, Here let him live in calm repose, Untroubled except by men he owes.

And when he dies, go plant him deep That naught may break his dreamless sleep, Where no rude clamor may dispel The quiet that he loved so well, And that the world may know his loss, Place on his grave a wreath of moss, And on the stone above, "Here lies A clump who wouldn't advertise."

—Mortimer Crane Brown.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.

All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES." These famous "lozenges" are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s 1/2 per box. People troubled with a "hoarse cough," a "stiff" throat, or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Adenoidal Affections. See that the words "BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston, U.S. Dispensary Depot, 33, Farrington Road, Litch, on, England.

STEVENSON & SONS,

UNDERTAKERS AND CARPENTERS, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT (Opposite Golden Age Hotel), beg to inform the public of Beaufort and surrounding districts that they have purchased the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS of the late R. FAULKNER, and have taken over the same at a moderate charge and prompt attention, as a merit a continuance of the patronage accorded to their predecessor.

WM. C. PEDDER, Blacksmith and Wheelwright, NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

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

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APPLICATIONS FOR MINING LEASES.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

To our Readers and Patrons.

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

The paper is published for the Proprietor by Stevenson & Sons, Beaufort.

Support Local Industry and Local Enterprise.

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

"The Riponshire Advocate" is the Advertising Medium for all Contracts, and notifications of the Shire of Ripon and is the ONLY NEWSPAPER that is Printed and Published within the boundaries of the Shire, and as the advocate of the interests and welfare of this district it has a claim for considerably greater annual support, and has a greater scope for extended usefulness than any other journal or journals within a radius of the Shire offices.

The Circulation of the Riponshire Advocate is Steadily Increasing, and the Proprietor, recognising the increased support in this direction, will use his utmost endeavors to merit and sustain the patronage accorded him by giving the Latest possible Local and General News, and the most interesting and instructive information.

"The Advocate," PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING, CIRCULATES in the following districts:—Beaufort, Stockyard Hill, Lake Goldsmith, Salford's Gully, Main Road, Kachin, Chute, Waterloo, Eramanah, Bunagar, Middle Creek, Shilley, Traralga, Skipton, and Gannacinn.

With every issue of the Paper is given A FOURTEEN-COLUMN SUPPLEMENT, containing an interesting Serial Tale, amusing Anecdotes, Pastoral News, Poultry Farming, Agricultural Intelligence, Recipes, Gardening Items, Etc., Etc., Etc.

Business Men, Read It was Benjamin Franklin who wrote—"What steam is to machinery, advertising is to business." And another wiser man has said that—"He who in his 'biz' would rise, Must either 'bust' or advertise." And advertisers cannot do better than make "The Riponshire Advocate" the medium for their announcements.

Arthur Parker, Printer and Publisher, LAWRENCE STREET, BEAUFORT.

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Local Election.

...the representation in the hands of the wealthy. The Council might be reduced with advantage to 32. It was simply wanted as a House of review, not to block useful legislation desired by the people. He favored as a basis of election to the Council the ratepayers' roll, and would allow every ratepayer to be a candidate, seeing no reason or necessity to ask for a higher one. If the ratepayers of the colony were not capable of choosing a second chamber he thought they must admit that they were lacking in intelligence, but of which they had ample to elect a chamber to meet the requirements of the time. But they must have single electorates, and not have the noxiousness of any clique or party, but men who had to face the electors on their merits, so that if they had a man who did not record his vote as desired, they might have an opportunity of turning him out and electing another in his place. A question that was prominently before the country was settlement. The Government had purchased three estates for the purpose of settling people thereon. He advocated it three years ago, and still felt it was the duty of the Government to encourage people to settle on the land. If the owner of an estate received a fair market value no injustice was done to anyone, and the people had the benefit. But there should be no attempt made to buy at over value, for if they did the penalty would fall on the people placed on the land. That must be guarded against. Settlement on the land benefited the railways and did good to the people of the colony as a whole. Dealing with land legislation and the Government proposal to introduce another class at 5s per acre, the candidate said it seemed only fair, as the rich land had been given for £1, and on the poorer land the people had to carve out a home and deserved the sympathy of the Government. Any step in that direction would meet with his warmest support. (Cheers.) Agriculture, dairying and viticulture were important industries, and must be fostered in every possible way encouraged. The large export trade with South Africa they were able to hold their own with foreign products. Even in this electorate dairying had done much, factories in the Camperdown districts placing butter on the markets of the world. Now that wool had gone back, though it might not be as bad as it looked, the industries mentioned made people put their land to the best use. The result was thriving districts covered with homesteads, where formerly the land was held by a few men. They had only to guard against one thing—see that the Government placed the best article on the world's markets. One badly packed shipment would damage the reputation of the colony for years. With a view to preventing such a calamity, Hampdenshire had appointed an inspector to see that the butter was placed on foreign markets in the best condition, and when the Commission was in Camperdown they were complimented upon it. With regard to railway facilities for getting goods to the seaside or centres of consumption, the Government should do everything in its power to land goods at reasonable rates. The railways were hardly managed as well as they might be. He showed that from Geelong to where he lived the freight was £1 6s 6d per ton, while it could be brought by wagon for 15s. The railways ought to be able to compete with teams on the road. Till they could and offered advantages to the people the railways would not be used universally. He thought they should be managed on business lines. As to old age pensions he desired to see something of the kind established here as existed in New Zealand, where large sums were paid annually, about £18 a head, to provide the wants of those really requiring it. To form a fund and find the necessary money, the leader of the Opposition anticipated that £2,500,000 would be paid by the Federal Parliament for land taken by the Commonwealth, which would be sufficient to provide funds for at least 12 years. He could hardly be expected to go into it till it was threshed out, when he would be in a better position to do so; but he felt that the old men with no other provision should at least receive 10s per week. (Cheers.) Expert teaching and assistance were promised to producers. It was no using people on the land who did not thoroughly understand their position. They must educate men in the direction they desired to go. The Government was quite right in making provision, otherwise only farmers' sons would be benefited. Everything that was possible must be done to develop the resources of the country, and action in the direction stated would gain that end. The mining industry was a question that affected the Beaufort end only. It was an industry that deserved not only the support of the State, but of the people of the colony as a whole, and any money spent for at least 12 years, and action in the direction stated would gain that end. The mining industry was a question that affected the Beaufort end only. It was an industry that deserved not only the support of the State, but of the people of the colony as a whole, and any money spent for at least 12 years, and action in the direction stated would gain that end.

State Forests.

REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION. The twelfth progress report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves dealing with Mount Cole and Langi-Ghiran State forests is to hand. In regard to Mt Cole the report states that the grazing rights are let under annual licenses, the revenue received on account of the present year from this source being £92 from nearly 39,000 acres. With the exception of some very narrow strips of detritus in the gorges and gullies near the heads of the watercourses, there is no land to any extent which can be classed as arable, and, owing to the rugged and broken nature of the country the reserve affords only inferior grazing for sheep. For a long period Mount Cole forest was the main source of supply of an extensive tract of country in the North-Western district for sawn and split timber for general building and construction, as well as for fencing material, but continual over-cutting for many years has almost exhausted the mature trees, the total area of milling timber now available being estimated at about 1,000 acres. Last year there were three mills at work in the forest, one being on Hickman's Creek, on the Elmhurst side of the range, and the other two on the Beaufort side, their united output being estimated at 1,300,000 super feet; owing to the fast dwindling supplies the number is now reduced to one, with an output of 15,000 super feet a week, but owing to the bad condition of the tracks can only cut out eight months in the year. The finest tracts of young timber are the Long Gully belt, running from the head of Flory Creek to the summit of the range, the Sugar Loaf, the Gut, Middle Creek and Grayevy belts, all on the Beaufort side, and the Barange, Ben Nevis, and several others on the northern watershed. All these areas require to be carefully preserved for milling purposes, and if this protection is ensured there is every reason to expect that within a period of ten to fifteen years the forest will again yield large supplies of mature timber. Touching Langi-Ghiran, it is stated that as a whole the grazing value of the reserve is very poor, all the land of fair quality in the immediate neighborhood being alienated from the Crown. Owing to the inferiority of the timber in comparison with Mount Cole, no mills have yet in this reserve for a considerable period, and the output is now restricted to hewn sleepers and firewood, which are obtained on the box areas. In years past the creek valleys of the Mount Cole and Langi-Ghiran reserves were covered with large quantities of the higher-leaved black wattle, while on higher levels the silver wattle flourished. Owing to the progress of settlement on the lower country near the base of the ranges, and the great demand for bark of the black wattle, the supplies of this valuable tannin in the district have greatly decreased. In 1899, after several years careful protection of the young forest, the sale of the stripping rights yielded £108, while this season it is estimated that about £40 only will be obtained. The only belt of wattle of good quality now fit for stripping is on Mount Mistake, within the area fenced in for the protection of the reservoir which supplies Ararat with water. Towards the end of last year, when the vegetation was dry and inflammable, a fair quantity of mature wattle in these reserves was destroyed by fire. Owing to the scarcity of first-class tanning bark, and the liability of this tree to destruction by fire, we consider that every effort should be made by the conservator and his staff to have the stripping carried out early in the season. The forest area known for the purpose of supervision as the Mount Cole district embraces a total area of about 70,000 acres, and in addition, there are about 18,000 acres of Crown lands bearing timber in the parishes of Beaufort, Traralgon, Erambool and Glenlogie, or 88,000 acres in all. This tract of country is supervised by one forester, who is stationed at Beaufort. The revenue obtained from timber cutting in 1899, allowing £70 for mill licenses, and including £10 for penalties, was under £250. It is expected the receipts from mining timber and railway sleepers will probably be larger than they were last year, there being an increasing demand for the former, owing to the revival of mining at Raglan. The expenditure is about £180 per annum. With the exhaustion of the mature timber, the revenue from mills must be expected to dwindle; but while the fine belts of young trees should be strictly protected for several years to come, millers should be encouraged to cut out all the old patches of timber still standing. The Commission recommends that the following reservations be made:—To be permanent forest reserves—Mount Cole reserves, in Ripon, Kara Kara and Gladstone—33,200 acres; Raglan and Langi-Ghiran reserves, in Ripon, Talbot and Kara Kara, 23,700 acres; Langi-Ghiran reserve, including water supply areas, in Ripon and Kara Kara, 5,150 acres. In conclusion, the report states that despite the mistakes of the past, it is not too late to set aside in perpetuity a forest domain which, embracing the mountain and hill ranges of the colony, as well as some of the poorest soil on the plains, will, under proper management, yield unfailing supplies of timber for State requirements as well as for many industries dependent upon the cheapness of this material, maintain the flow of streams and springs, and modify extremes of climate in the districts in which they are situated.

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State Forests.

Mr. OMAN addressed about 200 electors at Beaufort to-night. He was very cordially received at the outset, but subsequently was frequently interrupted, and the meeting was one of the noisiest held here for years past. A good deal of the disorder, however, was caused by an elector who appeared to have looked upon the wine when it was red. A few personal remarks and indignities were the result. Mr. Oman is challenged by advertisement in another column to prove his words that a questioner (whose only sin was his persistency in requiring a direct answer) "holds a brief from the sitting member." Mr. Oman was cross-questioned at some length by supporters and opponents. The well-known Albert Andrews was quick to suggest replies on knotty subjects. A fuller report will appear next week.

State Forests.

MR. E. H. AUSTIN'S CANDIDATURE. Mr. E. H. Austin, the retiring representative of Ripon and Hampden addressed the electors at Middle Creek this afternoon, and met with a cordial reception. Mr. W. H. Halpin was voted to the chair. In introducing the candidate, Mr. Halpin said he could safely say, without fear of contradiction, that Mr. Austin was as straight and as honorable a politician as ever entered Parliament, and a thorough gentleman, treating all alike from the man in the humblest position to one in the highest. Mr. Austin thanked the Chairman for his kind expressions, and prided himself on giving his views fearlessly to the electors on all questions. He had given the Turner Government fair support till they hung on to office with the idea of getting higher fruits under Federation. Mr. Austin unfavorably criticised the administration of the Mines, Lands, Railway and Postal departments; while he spoke well of Messrs. Pascoe and Isaacs and Sir James Turner. He knew that the Turner Government neglected the passage of bills, the McLean Government had been active, and had wonderfully brushed up the administration of the departments, the change in the Mines and Railway departments especially being very beneficial to the country. He compared the administration of the Chief Settlement Bill by the two governments, the present Government putting the Act in force at once and purchasing three estates, while the Turner Government spent £2 million in purchasing the same three estates. He said that the Turner Government had done much, factories in the Camperdown districts placing butter on the markets of the world. Now that wool had gone back, though it might not be as bad as it looked, the industries mentioned made people put their land to the best use. The result was thriving districts covered with homesteads, where formerly the land was held by a few men. They had only to guard against one thing—see that the Government placed the best article on the world's markets. One badly packed shipment would damage the reputation of the colony for years. With a view to preventing such a calamity, Hampdenshire had appointed an inspector to see that the butter was placed on foreign markets in the best condition, and when the Commission was in Camperdown they were complimented upon it. With regard to railway facilities for getting goods to the seaside or centres of consumption, the Government should do everything in its power to land goods at reasonable rates. The railways were hardly managed as well as they might be. He showed that from Geelong to where he lived the freight was £1 6s 6d per ton, while it could be brought by wagon for 15s. The railways ought to be able to compete with teams on the road. Till they could and offered advantages to the people the railways would not be used universally. He thought they should be managed on business lines. As to old age pensions he desired to see something of the kind established here as existed in New Zealand, where large sums were paid annually, about £18 a head, to provide the wants of those really requiring it. To form a fund and find the necessary money, the leader of the Opposition anticipated that £2,500,000 would be paid by the Federal Parliament for land taken by the Commonwealth, which would be sufficient to provide funds for at least 12 years. He could hardly be expected to go into it till it was threshed out, when he would be in a better position to do so; but he felt that the old men with no other provision should at least receive 10s per week. (Cheers.) Expert teaching and assistance were promised to producers. It was no using people on the land who did not thoroughly understand their position. They must educate men in the direction they desired to go. The Government was quite right in making provision, otherwise only farmers' sons would be benefited. Everything that was possible must be done to develop the resources of the country, and action in the direction stated would gain that end. The mining industry was a question that affected the Beaufort end only. It was an industry that deserved not only the support of the State, but of the people of the colony as a whole, and any money spent for at least 12 years, and action in the direction stated would gain that end.

State Forests.

Waterloo Mechanics' Institute. SATURDAY, 20th inst., at 8 p.m. Societies' Hall, Beaufort. MONDAY, 22nd inst., at 8 p.m. Collins' Sailor's Gully Hotel. TUESDAY, 23rd inst., at 8 p.m. Kirkpatrick's Stockyard Hill Hotel. TUESDAY, 23rd inst., at 8 p.m. Skipton Mechanics' Institute. WEDNESDAY, 24th inst., at 8 p.m.

The Port's Corner.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "I'm going to Wotherpoon's, Sir," she said. "And why go to Wotherpoon's, my pretty maid?" "I'm going for Groceries, Sir," she said. "But others keep Groceries, my pretty maid." "Theirs are Best and Cheapest, Sir," she said. "How do you know that, my pretty maid?" "Because I have tried them, Sir," she said. "I think I will go there, my pretty maid." "You will save money by doing so," she said. "And where is their shop, my pretty maid?" "In Neill Street, Beaufort, Sir," she said.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SUNDAY, 29th OCTOBER, 1900. Episcopalian Church—Middle Creek, 11 a.m., Travalla, 3 p.m., Beaufort, 7 p.m.

THE Riponshire Advocate. Published every Friday Night. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1900.

Next Thursday the electors of Ripon and Hampden will be called upon to elect a parliamentary representative.

like manner: In both of these places Mr. Austin is receiving the bulk of Mr. Mackey's former support, so that with the votes of his own staunch friends big majorities are foregone conclusions. In Camperdown the voting is expected to be fairly equal.

Mr. E. H. Austin, the retiring member for Ripon and Hampden, who (says the Terang "Express") is seeking re-election after representing this district very successfully for nine years, was first elected to represent this constituency in Parliament in 1892, when he defeated the sitting member, Mr. W. H. Uren. At each succeeding election the support he has received has shown very large increases, a fact which is not at all surprising, in view of the straightforwardness and integrity which have always characterized his political career.

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Ripon and Hampden Election.

MR. E. H. AUSTIN'S CANDIDATURE.

Mr. E. H. Austin, who is seeking re-election as the representative of Ripon and Hampden in the Legislative Assembly, addressed over 200 electors in the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Monday night.

Mr. E. H. Austin was voted to the chair, and briefly introduced the candidate, hoping that he would be given a fair and impartial hearing.

Mr. Austin was cordially received. He said that he came before them to ask for their suffrages for the fourth occasion. When he was here on the last occasion he said he would give the Turner Government fair support. He did so up to a certain point, till about 18 months ago. He would give his reasons why he voted against them.

One reason was that they allowed the work of the departments to get very much in arrears, and tried to keep in power till Federation came round. The first Minister that he would speak about, this is a mining district, was the Minister of Mines. Mr. Foster had come here on his invitation, and promised to help the district. As their Member he had approached him on behalf of four or five applicants for a share of the prospecting vote, but he was sorry to say he had turned a deaf ear, and had not carried out the promise.

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As we have already reported Mr. Oman's Waterloo address at length, and his utterances at Beaufort last Friday night were of a similar nature, it is unnecessary to reproduce them. The Societies' Hall was well filled, and there were probably 200 electors present.

Mr. Oman introduced himself with confidence, and referred to his proposals as to the poll at the previous election in his own district coming true. In Camperdown he had put up a record of 153 votes. In three centres of Hampden he had beaten his opponents by seven votes.

Mr. Oman claimed to stand before them as a Liberal, and defied anyone to put his hands on anything he had done that could stand out against the Liberal interests, or that he had done anything against the Liberal party. (Cheers.)

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should be robbed, but it should pay more than private citizens. He also supported water conservation in the wattle. He also supported Liberal party were similar to his speech at Waterloo. While he was present to support the present Government, it would be from the Opposition side of the House. They must have a Liberal Government who represent the people as a whole. Members of the present Government were going through the country advocating the return of the Conservative candidate, men with no pronounced Liberal views. It was utterly impossible to sit with Conservatives. He was not used to say he was going to support Sir George Turner or the present Premier, as they might be taken to the Federal Parliament. His one object was to see the consolidation of the Liberal party. He trusted that what he said had made sufficiently plain the attitude he was going to take up.

should pay more to also support... The Government... Mr. O'Meara... Mr. Stuart... Mr. Andrew...

Mr. O'Meara—That has already been done by my present member... Mr. Stuart... Mr. Andrew... Mr. O'Meara...

Mr. O'Meara—You have done so to me... Mr. O'Meara—Oh, well, I apologise... Mr. O'Meara—You are doing it for your party...

A good deal of disorder ensued, and Mr. Andrew asked the Chairman to have Bennett put out if he did not bestir himself... Mr. O'Meara—Can you send the Upper House to the country as the Constitution stands?

Mr. O'Meara—No, they could not get the Council to pass the necessary machinery... Mr. O'Meara—The candidate was thoroughly in accord with the Government...

Robt. M. Osborne, Esq., the well-known Publicist and Printer, recently said:—"By actual experience, the efficacy of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been tested many times in my home, and I know it is such a special medicine for coughs, colds, and especially croupy coughs, that I keep a bottle in my home all the time. It is a remedy that should be found in the medicine chest of every home, and especially those remote from chemists or doctors." For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

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A Shocking Fatality at Middle Creek. A YOUNG WOMAN KILLED. A young woman named Clara Fay, aged 22 years, the daughter of Mr James Fay, farmer, Middle Creek, was killed on Saturday morning on the line between Bangor and Middle Creek. Mr W. Dickson, P.M., conducted a coroner's inquest at Bot's Railway hotel, Beaufort, before a jury of five (Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair, foreman, Joel Tompkins, Dr D. Cameron, J. B. Cochran, and J. McRae), in the afternoon. Mr Fred. Upton, district locomotive inspector, watched the proceedings on behalf of the locomotive branch; Mr Wm. Cooper, acting permanent way inspector, on behalf of his branch; and Mr Chas. David Hall, stationmaster, Beaufort, on behalf of the traffic branch.

The following depositions were taken: James Fay, the father of deceased, deposed: I am a farmer, residing at Middle Creek, 11 miles from Beaufort, and I identify the body at Left's Railway hotel, and identify it as my daughter. She was 22 years old last August. She assisted her mother on the farm. I last saw her alive at 7 o'clock this morning. She was with me and others of the family at breakfast. She was in her usual health, quite well, and I never saw her in a happier mood. After breakfast she said to me, "Father, have you seen the cattle?" Yes, I said, I have seen the cattle; they are down by the railway line; you needn't be in a hurry taking them up, as the morning is fine. During the past month she has generally gone out on the line to pick wild flowers. I did not see her leave the house. I last saw her alive at 7 o'clock this morning. At about 9 o'clock the assistant stationmaster at Middle Creek, Mr Halpin, said he had had news—your daughter has been run down on the line. They took her on to Beaufort, and said that while there was life there was hope. I ran down on the line, and later on was told she died before she reached Beaufort. From my residence to where my daughter was in a little over a quarter of a mile. In picking the flowers, that was where the cows usually grazed in a paddock near the line; and it was usual for her to bring wild flowers also. My daughter was a spinster. I never heard her use any threats towards herself in any way. She went away very calm and composed this morning. To foreman—My daughter always enjoyed good health.

To the coroner—About two months ago she saw Dr. Palmer, of Ararat, once but there was nothing wrong. He prescribed pills for her. Since then I've noticed nothing wrong. On land purchased for £200 the Government proposed to advance £300 to build a home, and it could be done under the Credit Foncier. But he could not advance this on behalf of men possessing only £200. They must have security and not squander public money. While quite prepared to admit that many good men did not possess £200, they could not do so for everybody. It was not a bit of use for the people and offer every inducement to the poor as well as the rich. It would have been worth £200 or £20 worth of land. He was in favor of the proposal to grant 3-5ths, that would be £120 on £200. He believed State life insurance was a good thing and a step in the right direction. Mr. J. Pedder asked Mr O'Meara how would he be technical education imparted to the people. Mr. O'Meara replied—"By experts. Mr O'Meara questioned the question as to what was being paid for technical education to-day, and upon Mr Pedder admitting that he did not know, answered that it was not a bit of use for men who did not understand it trying to teach. That was just what he wanted to bring out with religious instruction. He favored an increased subsidy to public libraries; and a subsidy to literary clubs for the improvement of young men. Bennett caused a roar of laughter by answering that he was in favor of free drinks on Sunday. Mr O'Meara proposed to Sunday trading altogether, would not give a separate grant to Catholic schools—that was why he was in favor of the Education Act being left as it was; it was in favor of local option with reasonable compensation, and would not go beyond that; was opposed to the totalist, as he had never done any angling in his life and was opposed to it in any shape or form.

A vote of thanks to the chair was proposed by Mr J. Tompkins, seconded by Mr Stuart, and supported by Mr O'Meara, who remarked that they had had a very pleasant meeting, and though things were lively, and any little friction they had he hoped they would forget. He felt he had the meeting with him, as they would be so polling day. The vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation, after which cheers and groans were given for the candidate. The meeting was one of the most disorderly held here for years.

Good Advice. Robt. M. Osborne, Esq., the well-known Publicist and Printer, recently said:—"By actual experience, the efficacy of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been tested many times in my home, and I know it is such a special medicine for coughs, colds, and especially croupy coughs, that I keep a bottle in my home all the time. It is a remedy that should be found in the medicine chest of every home, and especially those remote from chemists or doctors." For sale by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Beaufort.

A young woman named Maggie Morton, a domestic servant, employed at the Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort, was arrested on Thursday by Senior-constable Jones on a warrant charging her with absconding a male child called Geelong on 23d August last. Accused was brought before Mr J. W. Harris, J.P., and remanded to Geelong.

To Mr Cochran—It would not have been possible for the engine-driver to stop the train when I saw her cross the line. The driver would not have had time to sound the whistle over the engine. Mr Fay recalled, said her faculty of hearing was a bit impaired from the time she went to see the doctor. I could not myself during the past two months. I have often said to her "Why don't you answer?" and she would say, "I haven't heard you." I said, "Your hearing must be impaired as I have not noticed you on previous occasions like that." I said that to her twice, and she made no reply.

To a juror—My land is on the south side of the line. She would not have to cross on that side of the line to get home. The previous witness replied to Mr Fay that deceased was quite sane when she took the train, and that she deliberately stepped on the line, and it was too late to save her.

To the Foreman—As she was walking had deceased turned her head she could have seen the train, but she did not look towards it at all. I cannot say whether deceased was looking after the train or not. To Mr McRae—Deceased was quite sane had she stayed beside the line where I was before stepping on the line. Joseph Wisbart, engine-driver, residing at Sturt, deposed: I left there this morning at 6.30 with a full train. Between Bangor and Middle Creek the brake was applied by the guard. I shut off steam and the train stopped. I stepped down and met the guard as he came up and spoke. He said, "Set back; we have run over a woman." I set back and found the body of a woman lying on the north side of the line close to the sleepers. She was lying parallel with the line, her head being towards Bangor. She was breathing when I picked up. She looked partly unconscious. I noticed she had been hit on the back of the head. There was no blood about, nor did I notice any flowers. I had not seen her before inside the railway gate, but I saw her when I was looking back and north side. I kept a look out through the glass ahead of the engine. I could see half or three-quarters of a mile before the line took a turn to Middle Creek. There was nothing to prevent me seeing ahead on the line, and I have a full view of the road. The train was about an hour at this particular place. There was a wind blowing with the train—a good breeze, pretty well with the train. The train could have been seen between half-mile and a mile before it was struck. I have not seen her within the last month or so never noticed a woman picking flowers near the line. I have been on the 6.20 train since last, returning by 11.15 p.m. from Ballarat. I have not been on this section long, but I am sure I have full knowledge of the road. The train was at the time the brake was applied on the tender getting down coal for use in the engine. I was partly washing the fireman and partly at the engine, just looking after the engine. I was looking after an axle box on the engine when the north side that was inclined to be hot, and had been partly hot at Ararat, and I gave it oil occasionally. At the time the brake was applied I was giving the bell, and before that I had been at about three minutes before. I was not actually looking ahead at that time, but had done so previous to the oiling, and had seen nobody on or near the line. It was 8 a.m. when the brake was applied, and I left the engine about 8.15. There would be about two miles, which took about six minutes to run. Mr Cooper, in answer to the Coroner, said deceased might have walked about 75yds from the time he first saw her. To foreman—The engine driver kept a good look at the line, either the engine-driver or the fireman, except when otherwise engaged. The fireman began to get coal about a mile from Bangor. Mr Upton asked that had not the train engine driver attended to the box the train might have broken down.

To Mr McRae—If anyone stepped on the line on the right hand side 25yds ahead of the engine, I from the left side could not see that person. The point of view of the engine driver would not come into it. To Mr Fay—I did not sound the whistle between the Bangor cattle pit and the pulling up of the train, about a mile from where the accident happened. Mr Fay replied that he was an aggrieved parent, and that he would not be satisfied if he considered the engine-driver neglected his duty in not keeping a look-out for two or three minutes, and that if he had done so and whistled his daughter would have been saved. Witness asked if he did not see any object on the line of the engine. To Mr Upton—I would not whistle only at cattle pits unless I actually saw a person or object on the line. To Mr McRae—If I saw any person walking towards the line 15yds off I would whistle.

To Mr Upton—I would not expect to see persons trespassing. To the Foreman—I never saw any one pick up flowers on the line. To Mr Cooper—There is no public crossing near where the accident happened. Deceased must have been trespassing. Mr Cooper stated that from the time he saw deceased till she was run over was about three minutes, and in that time he thought she walked about 75yds. David Young deposed: Railways, resident employed on the line. I have heard the evidence given by Mr Wisbart. It is correct so far as I know, except that it was under a mile from Bangor when I went into the bunker to get coal, and where I was engaged at the time the train was pulled up. I know the look-out party on the 6.20 a.m. train since about the middle of September and for about three months. I have seen a woman picking flowers within a mile of the locality of the accident, and I know at any time have I seen anyone doing so. My back was turned to the driver, and I did not notice what he was doing at the time of the accident. I knew the box was hot, as Wisbart spoke to me about it at Ararat, and was giving it a lot of attention.

To Mr Fay—I did not look to see if any object was on the line while I was getting coal. George Alexander Eadie deposed: I am a legally qualified medical practitioner, same train. The train arrived at Beaufort at about 8.30 a.m. She never spoke. She appeared to be quite unconscious, and made no attempt to speak. She died just after we left Middle Creek station, about 8.20 a.m. Deceased was a stranger to me. The engine did not whistle as far as I know. Had it blown I believe I could have heard it. I watched her closely, because she kept walking towards the line. She had her back towards us. She did not look towards the train, even when she stepped on the line. It had been foggy previous to that, but it was quite clear then. The train from Sturt passes every day about the same time, and on a little earlier from Ballarat, and there was nothing to obscure the view at all, the country being level. I do not know her place of residence. The train could have been a mile away looking towards Bangor. There is no gatehouse or crossing within a mile. The rails would be about 15 inches above surface level.

To Mr Cooper—The left leg having been contused had indicated that deceased was crossing the railway line from left to right, with her left side to the engine. The Coroner highly commended Senior-Constable Jones for getting the witnesses together so quickly. Mr Fay requested that evidence should be obtained from some of the passengers and the guard. The Coroner said that if the jury thought there was any necessity for further evidence the inquest could be adjourned. Mr Fay insisted on further evidence, as he considered that of the engine-driver unsatisfactory. The jury consulted together, and the foreman announced that they did not think it necessary to call further evidence. The Coroner then said that the jury, remarking that the fullest possible evidence had been obtained. In summing up, he said that the section of deceased was so quick and spontaneous that they were not to be taken as living close by, she should have known all about the time the train ran. Whether she had a mental lapse for a moment, or there was some other cause, he could not say. It was hard to say, but as the wind was blowing with the train, it brought the sound more readily. During the two or three minutes she had been looking after the axle box, quite unexpectedly deceased crossed the line, and but for Mr Cooper the accident might not have been seen at all; the deceased would simply have been found dead perhaps after some hours. He pointed out that the driver by observing one regulation might be breaking 30 others. That was the case with all regulations. He had his own discretion. For instance, if the driver or fireman took ill one would have to do the duty of the other. Regulations could not be made to meet every emergency. The conduct of the train was in the hands of the driver to look after the steam power. Mr Fay said that if the engine-driver had looked out his daughter would have been alive at a moment. It was a criminal act while he was attending to another duty. The only thing the jury had to consider was whether there was any criminal negligence on the part of the driver. For his own part he could not see for a moment that it could be entertained. The finding of the jury was that the deceased, Clara Fay, was accidentally killed by being knocked down by a train while in motion on 20th October between Bangor and Middle Creek on the Victorian railway line, and receiving a fracture of the spinal column.

The remains of deceased were interred in the Bangor Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. The funeral was attended by a very large number of residents, upwards of 50 vehicles, 30 horsemen, and 120 bicyclists being present at the cortege. The funeral was covered with beautiful floral tributes of sympathy. Messrs K. Simpson, P. Russell, M. O'Loughlin, and W. H. Halpin acted as coffin-bearers. The Rev. Father Ryan conducted the obsequies at the grave. The mortuary arrangements were carried out by Messrs Stevenson and Sons, undertakers, Beaufort.

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