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RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SUNDAY, 4TH MAY, 1902. Presbyterian Church—Lenton, 11 a.m.; Waterford, 3 p.m.; Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Rev. J. A. Barber, B.A. Methodist Church—Beaufort, 11 a.m.; Clontar, 3 p.m.; Raglan, 7 p.m.—Rev. W. J. Bottoms, Main Lead, 3 p.m.; Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Mr. Ellingsen, Raglan, 3 p.m.—Mr. Cunningham.

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The funeral of Mr George Cook, of Choptops, took place on Sunday, and was very largely attended by friends from all parts of the Carngnam district. His remains were removed from his mother's residence, Snake Valley, to Carngnam Cemetery, by Messrs Messers W. C. Roddis, T. Budge, M. Martin, J. Hagan, and J. McIntosh; and the coffin-bearers were Messrs R. G. Kearns, L. Tanner, J. McKay, D. Brown, W. Wright, and W. Martin. The Rev. Mr Drummond officiated at the house and grave. Mr R. J. Miller, of Ballarat, carried out the funeral arrangements. Sergeant James Kilberg, of the Fifth Victorian Contingent, and who has also been seen about two years' active service in the South African war, from the time he went as private (though holding the rank of corporal in the Rangers) with the 5th Light Infantry to the Adelaide expedition. About 150 people were on the station and cordially cheered him as he landed on the platform. Beyond the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' there was no other public reception, though some of the South African war veterans were home over a glass of wine at Lot's Railway Hotel on Thursday night.

Mining News.

Sons of Freedom South intend putting down a bore, at the eastern end of their boundary, with the object of ascertaining if the true gutter comes across their ground. The Central have worked on the assumption that the gutter went north, while the South are almost certain that it traverses their lease. The bore should settle the matter right. It will be put down at a distance of 1200 feet east of the shaft. There were 33 applicants for the position of mining manager to the Sons of Freedom South mine, Raglan, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr John Campbell, and Mr Mark Richards, mining manager of the All Nations Extended mine, Beaufort, was the successful applicant. Mr Richards takes charge early next week.

Government Battery Returns.

11 tons of cement, yield 20z. 4dwt. Chapman, 5 tons cement, yield 18dwt. Mr. Crumling for Driver and Mitchell.

Beaufort Battery Returns.

Yield, 48oz. 15dwt.; All Nations Extended, 37oz. 5dwt.; Thompson and party, 10z. 11dwt.; sundries, 10z. The only reported Waterloo yields for the week ending Saturday last were—Last Chance, 20z. 10dwt.; Bruher's Co., 5oz. 10dwt.

BARTON COMPANY, BEAUFORT.

The half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the above-named company was held at the Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort, on Friday evening, 25th ult. There was a good attendance, and Mr D. E. Troy occupied the chair.

Fatal Accident at Beaufort.

MRS. H. BENDING KILLED IN STREET. Residents of Beaufort were greatly shocked on Wednesday evening by the news that a dreadful fatality had occurred at about seven o'clock in the street, the victim being a young woman named Isabella Bending, wife of Henry Bending, a miner, living in Beaufort. Mrs Bending was going to her sister-in-law's at Southern Cross, and was wheeling her baby in a perambulator along the road opposite to the wheelwright's shop, when she was overtaken by a lad named John Goode, who was riding a horse at a smart pace. The unfortunate woman was struck with terrible force on the forehead above the eye, and only lived a few minutes. She was picked up by a couple of men and carried across the road to Maher's Farmers' Hotel, where she never spoke after the accident. Lethbridge was at once sent for, and Mrs. Bending was beyond medical aid, and, as stated, died in a few minutes. Her skull was fractured. The horse had a miraculous escape. Although the handle of the perambulator was broken, and the child was thrown, near the water channel on the side of the road, the little one received no injury. The lad Goode was employed by Mr J. R. Hughes, baker, and sent to a paddock at Southern Cross for a couple of horses and cows, leaving Mr Hughes's yard attendant named Richard Lindsay hit the horse with a whip-lash, which made it start, and on passing Mr Jones's a fellow named James Adams threw a football at the animal, with the result that it got beyond the control of its rider. Mr J. A. Skewton was riding a bicycle to his work at the time, and although showing a bright light narrowly escaped being run over. Mrs Bending was on the other side of the road, and in avoiding the bicycle Goode seems to have accidentally ridden over her. Goode was arrested by Sergeant Constable Jones, but was not lodged up, although detained at the police station till later in the evening. Mr J. R. Watherspoon, J.P., advised him to bail in an amount of £20. Mr D. Cameron entering into the necessary bonds. The coroner, Mr W. Dickson, P.M., who was communicating with, wired that he would hold an inquest the following evening at 8 o'clock. The deceased, who came from Maryborough to this district, was 32 years of age, and leaves five children, the eldest being 10 years old, and the youngest 15 months. Her sympathy is felt for the sudden bereaved husband and relatives.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

On Thursday evening at the Coroner's House, Mr W. Dickson, P.M., conducted a coroner's inquest, touching the death of Mrs Bending. The following jury was sworn in—Messrs John Humphreys (foreman), John B. Hays, Wm. Gibson, Wm. O'Sullivan, Carlton W. Jones, John McLean, and Herbert Parker. The Coroner briefly narrated the facts of the case, and pointed out the duty of the jury. The body was viewed. The proceedings were watched by Senior-constable Jones on behalf of the police, and by John Goode was present in custody. The following depositions were taken:—Henry Bending deposed: I am a miner, residing at Beaufort. My wife, Isabella Bending, died on Wednesday evening, 23rd inst. I last saw her alive about half past six last night at my house. She left home to go and visit Mrs. Liversidge, her sister-in-law, who lives at Southern Cross, about half-a-mile east of my place in Lawrence-street. She had a perambulator with her, and was wheeling the baby, 13 months old, in it. My place is about 500 or 600 yards from the Commercial Hotel, the corner of Neill and Lawrence-streets. I stayed at home and did not accompany my wife, but saw her outside the gate. I went inside at once. She did not intend to be away more than an hour or so. I went to bed as soon as my wife left. I was not asleep when a youth named White came to my place about 7 o'clock and sang out to me, 'Harry, get up; your wife has been run into, or something down there by a horse.' I at once got up and went down to Maher's Farmers' hotel in Neill-street. I saw my wife there. She was just about dying. The doctor was there, and she died just after I arrived. She was unconscious. She had taken the main road, Neill-street, to her sister-in-law's. It is not the nearest road, but the best road. It was just about dark when she left home. She has often gone to her sister-in-law, and knew it well. There was no reason that I know why she should take the road and not the footpath. The footpath is just as good as the road. My wife was in her usual health last night, and in good spirits. Prior to the last 12 months she suffered from two or three fainting fits—the last about 15 months ago, but nothing of the kind lately. She had not complained to me recently of being unwell. She was a bit timid at times—easily startled. She would not lose her head as the result of it. The effect of the timidity was that she would be nervous for a few minutes after being startled or frightened. I know the locality where her body was found. The horse was quite open on one side, but when the gutter is being repaired she could not have got on the footpath very easily. The path is not closed to traffic that I am aware of. I do not know John Goode, but have seen him before. I have had no conversation with him since last night, nor at any time. He has not told me how the accident happened. The baby escaped. I have been told that the perambulator was a bit knocked about, but have not seen it since. From enquiries made I have

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AND SHE DID.

"I know I play chess very poorly," said a young woman, moving her knight to the wrong square.

CURE FOR INSOMNIA.

Griggs: "I say, ole man, what's good for insomnia? I haven't closed my eyes for five nights."

OLD FRIEND.

"Your plan is a most excellent one but do you think your wife will agree to it?"

MARRIED MAN.

"Oh, yes, I'll tell her some one else suggested it, and I'll call it an idiotic idea."

A Goddess of Africa

ST. GEO RATHBORNE

CHAPTER XVII.—(Continued.)

In such a strange way did Lord Bruno chance to become possessed of his friend's coat, and when subsequent events are taken into consideration this little accident must be set down as a wonderful exposition of the way in which fortune favors her votaries, since Rex had been actually stuffed with precious goods, just as a turkey might be plucked out at Christmas tide.

Fate was not yet done buffeting young Hastings about, but had another experience in store for him that would prove as novel in its way as anything he could remember.

Again the blacks swarmed forward, this time in greater numbers than before. It was positively necessary that the fugitives turn at bay and drive them away.

Once more came the quick percussion of revolver shots, punctuating the hideous clamor that made night dreadful. Each discharge was a result, for these men were hardly the ones to throw away their ammunition when life and death hung in the scales.

They drove the enemy back, though several of the warriors, fearlessly intercepting the fugitives, had to be met in personal encounter before the way was cleared.

Red Eric had several wounds, Blud-so came within an ace of being spotted upon an assegai and Lord Bruno found a piece chipped from his arm by the terrible flight of the same species of weapon. They were all present when the desperate rush was resumed. Pellinell they went over the ground, their only hope being to reach the horses and once mounted leave the enraged blacks in the lurch.

Rex was in the rear, but close up, when he caught his foot in some obstacle and fell heavily to the ground. After that all was a blank to him for some time.

When he recovered consciousness, it puzzled the young adventurer to guess where he could be. Darkness surrounded him, and he seemed paralyzed, since upon him he could not move hand or foot, he could not.

It was a position to arouse apprehension. Though the blacks were not cannibals, their reputation for cruelty toward those whom they had defeated was well known. Friends could not invent more devilish methods of torture than those devised by the witch-doctors, whose business it was to appease the anger of the terrible black gods whose favor they sought, the demon whose voice rolled in the thunder peals, and the lightning of whose eyes shot down from the clouds when he was angry.

Hastings would need all his grit to meet the experience in store for him. With true Anglo-Saxon valor, his thoughts began to grapple with the subject of escape, for he was in the grasp of the never say die' kind of men.

The sounds around his place of confinement did not alleviate his anticipations of evil. So far as he could make out they were wails of mourning, doubtless over the slain warriors, and awful shouts for immediate vengeance upon the prisoner.

Hastings worked with frantic eagerness, having discovered that the wails with which his captors were bound had not been secured in a positive manner, and his energy in this quarter speedily met with its reward, since he found a way to free his hands.

A hasty search of his person failed to reveal the presence of a knife that would have been of inestimable value just now.

Apparently his captors had searched his pockets when he fell into their power. Rex might feel grateful they had not carried their investigations still further, and sought to discover where his heart lay. It was something of a fad among the fierce Maasai to steal the life from the still beating heart of a fallen foe, and thrust it in his face as he died.

As a result of Hastings' quick search, all he found was a small pocket-knife, which he fastidiously fastened to his belt. Even this suggested a desperate idea in his fertile brain, which he lost not a second in attempting. When a man is drowning he will catch most eagerly at a straw, which perhaps under such conditions is magnified to the dimensions of a goodly log.

It was worth while to note the calm deliberation with which the American in duress vile set to work. He sat up, bracing his back against the wall of the rude lodge, and then lighting one of the matches, deliberately applied the flame to the wicks that secured his limbs.

A cord would have given way at once, but the willow-like band was green, and he had to use three matches before it began to weaken.

Rex had just started the fourth, which he believed would finish the business, when he heard some one pushing aside the suspended mat made of braided grass that served as a door.

Started, he looked up, at the same instant by a muscular coup de grace burning his limbs from their last clinging to him, he found himself in a condition to spring upon the intruder and battle for his life, but he did not move hand or foot, for by the light of the match he still held he had discovered that the person who had entered the lodge was no other than the fair barbarian goddess whose song had enchanted him once before.

CHAPTER XVIII. WALKULLA, THE MAN-OF-WAR.

The match went out. Darkness again fell away in that prison lodge in the heart of the Zambodi kraal. The shouts and cries of mourning seemed to partially die away about this time, perhaps to gain additional volume when the chorus swelled again later.

together, which he was sure required quite an effort, for he had nerved himself to meet the desperate rush of a savage foe, and on the contrary discovered his visitor to be one person in all the village whom he would if given a choice have selected as his vis-a-vis.

He had seen the startled look upon her face as she beheld his singular action in burning the bands that secured his limbs. There had been the gloom again shrouded the interior of the hut than he heard a low voice that said:

"Sir, do not be alarmed—I have come here as your friend." "Well," returned the American quickly, "it looks as though I needed a friend just now, and I thank you for coming, miss."

She gained new confidence, and Rex, having risen, presently felt her hand thrilled him as no other had ever done before. Some of these things are foregone conclusions, and the reader would be dense indeed who could not see the way the finger of destiny pointed when the first mention was made of this mysterious beautiful orator, whose presence among the tribe of Zambodi drew Rex Hastings back to face again the dangers that lurked among the kopjes; the hidden temple where the three-headed god held sway, lo, these many centuries past.

"Who are you, and why have you returned again after once escaping from this place?" she asked him, for she knew the fanatic hatred which these blacks conceived for the whites of the border, it was very natural she should be puzzled to account for his suicidal policy.

It was a strange place for an interview, with the impis howling outside and demanding his immediate death, and Rex appreciated the novel situation.

"My name is Rex Hastings. I had come here in search of a treasure the name of which was given me as a legacy. That was when I first saw you. Since then I have returned with a friend whose purpose in visiting this hostile region was to meet you, for he seemed to have some notion that you belonged to him—at least that was what I gathered from his talk, with some confusion, not knowing how she would take it.

"Tell me his name," she flushed, and when he mentioned it she uttered a cry of mingled surprise and dismay. "It is not strange to you, then?" he asked.

"No, but this is the man whom I was warned against by my father. Then he warned you falsely, for a noble comrade and brother that Lord Bruno never struck Johannesburg. But where is this man you call your father—surely not here?"

"Ah! he did live here, but he has gone to a prophetic world. Once he has gone to that world, this superstitious people, ruling them through his knowledge of magic. But he died, and left me alone. I had learned the practice his wizard tricks, and he has believed his spirit lives in me. You believe his spirit lives in me. Yes, I am looked upon as a god, an oracle because I have brought men from the verge of death, and remedies upon the use of simple herbs and the witch doctors gave them up for hopeless. I go and I come at will, having my face veiled, and no one dares to touch me. I have had my freedom, longed to see my kindred again, and of late my mind has been wholly taken up with plans for escape."

It may be readily understood that Rex listened to her brief story with the keenest of ears.

Events seemed shaping themselves in a manner little short of magical, and when fortune takes charge of the helm it is only folly for any human to express a desire to steer the craft of the argonaut.

"The chance offers you will go with us?" he asked, eagerly, just as if he had a sturdy army of colonists and raiders of the dashing Jameson type waiting outside for the chances were his little group of friends had either been slain by the assegais of the blacks or else driven out of the neighborhood.

"Gladly, sir. This life has become too decidedly monotonous, I shall die if I do not see human beings other than rude savages, even if they do treat me as a god. Besides—there is another reason why I must escape—but it does not matter now. We must consider how you are to get out of this death trap."

"And you also!" he added, quickly. "Do not think of me at present, since I am not in deadly peril. If the chance comes I will seize it, but you must go. First of all you shall escape."

"Meaning that the leopard should change his spots—that is a difficult task, I fear."

"Perhaps not so serious as it would seem. At least I have here the means of coloring your face and hands, so that at a glance you might not attract attention. Then here are other things if you care to use them, that will assist the deception. It will wait just outside in the shadow of the lodge, where you can join me. They believe you tied so securely that no guards have been posted. Lose no time, sir, for if ever you had need of haste it is now."

How direct to the point she spoke. Rex could not but notice it, even though the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the case.

He was compelled to work in the dark, but when life is the stake for which he plays, a man is capable of astonishing things, and in a very brief space of time the argonaut had transformed himself into a creditable warrior of the Zambodi tribe, though his rather heterogeneous costume would hardly have borne a close examination.

"This done Rex was ready to make his debut in the ridiculous character he had assumed, although were the issues of the campaign less grave might have felt some delicacy about appearing before that queenly girl in such unbecoming dress; for while retaining his trousers and shoes he had stripped to the waist, and smeared himself as best he could with the green compound she left him, so that taken in all he must have presented a formidable appearance after donning the cape of plumes and necklet of teeth, together with the tails of animals gangling from his waist to his feet.

Thus arrayed Hastings made for the exist of the prison lodge, which the girl had so arranged upon her departure as to give him a small amount of light.

Upon entering, his first act was to sweep a glance around. It could not reassure him to any extent. He saw scores of these cone shaped lodges on every hand crowded very close together, and between them moving figures, each one of which he knew to be an enemy.

Beyond these he remembered lay the stockade of the kraal, and then—the wilderness. Really, a man must possess a stout heart who dared dream of escape when environed by such discouraging conditions.

He went even further and entertained the notion not only of escaping himself but of taking the fair barbarian with him. What is impossible to a spirit of that call? As Hastings, crouching in the corner of the lodge, he reached that side away from the nearest fire. Here the shadows lay thickest, and here he was to look for his fair benefactress. That she did not immediately appear he laid to his ferocious make-up as a full-fledged warrior of the Zambodi, and desiring to reassure her he said aloud:

"Then a figure, coming from her knavery where, appeared at his side, and touched his arm. She was dressed in black, and with a veil over her wondrous face appeared like a phantom, whereas in white he had deemed her an angel. He gazed at his remarkable appearance almost overwhelmed Rex, and he mentally thanked the friendly shadows that in a great measure concealed his savage garb. He felt more foolish than he had any time in the whole course of his life.

However, a man can undergo varied experiences and still live to tell the tale, and by degrees he became, in a measure at least, accustomed to the peculiar role fate had marked out for him.

The girl made no comment—possibly because she was quite accustomed to the sight of Zulu and Matabeli and Zambodi warriors in all their weird toggery, since she must have spent years among them. "We must lose no time, sir—you can hear those savage shouts rising higher all the while. That comes from the widows of the warriors lately slain by your friends. They are singing your death song," she said.

"Come, that is pleasant," remarked Rex, as the chant reached such a ferocious pitch as to send a shudder over him.

"Precisely, when they have succeeded in working themselves up to a pitch of demonic fury, a rush will be made for the prison lodge, with the intention of dragging you out and tearing you to pieces."

"You have the weapons I left—we must lose without acting as they are on your side, but remember, it is your life that is at stake."

"There's small danger of my forgetting that," answered Hastings, as he moved away just a few steps behind her.

He grasped in his hand an assegai, but the weapon did not give him half the pleasure that sprang from the possession of his own revolver, hidden under the ring of cat-tails around his waist, though how she had managed to secure this treasure was a mystery that puzzled him greatly.

In and out among the lodges they passed, without attracting the attention thanks to the amazing disguise of Rex.

He could see men and women give way before his guide, shrinking back as they caught sight of her sombre garb and in secret Hastings chuckled to think what a great thing it was to have a goddess for a guardian, whose presence caused many to throw themselves prostrate, and thus kept curious eyes from searching a survey of his person.

The girl while heading for the gates of the kraal, was wise enough to avoid as far as possible any piles of burning wood, which fact Rex could not but note with exceeding pleasure.

"His attention was directed toward a group of females indulging in a series of contortions that would have put the best warrior to bed, and all the while Hastings as they tore their hair in the utter abandonment of grief and unholy rage.

"This was not a very pleasing sight for Rex to gaze upon, realizing as he did that these frantic scenes were the widows' way of avenging their loss by bearing him limb from limb. On the whole he was quite satisfied to leave these warm friends in the lurch, since their interests in his welfare were decidedly too personal. Thus moving along they drew near the gate of the stockade. Rex remembered how he had seen the river of dancing blacks come pouring forth like a living stream, as they advanced in obedience to the tom-tom signal that called them to the war dance.

Once outside the gate the chances of discovery would be considerably lessened, although he was puzzled to know how their ultimate escape might be effected.

Perhaps she meant to secrete him in the depth of some lonely cavern until the hunt had been given up, when they might arrange to depart together.

Her presence was an incentive to him and he was ready to follow her lead without a question, no matter through what danger she might take him.

There were times when he almost rubbed elbows with stalwart warriors in his passage, and more than once guttural words were spoken, doubtless addressed to him, but he paid no heed to a shake of the head only returned, for the language and stride onward, for the language of the Zambodi was worse than Greek to him.

All seemed going well. The gates were at hand, and open, the warriors came and went, since the disguised sleep within the kraal for this night at least.

It was just at this juncture Rex was first directed to the actions of his girl guide, whom he saw turn her head several times, as though peering through her veil toward that side of the kraal nearest the foot of the hill.

A DANCE ON THE GREEN.

By Cox AMORE.

A bonnie lass, I trow, she was, A bonnie lass as e'er was seen; Oh, fair betha' the bonnie lass That danced wi' me upo' the green.

They' were there, the young an' fair, Whaur ither wad the kimmere beon? But wha the grees bore aff was she That danced wi' me upo' the green.

A bonnie lass, etc. Her foot was licht, her e'e was bricht, A'owre she was as neat's a pree; Oh, beauty's queen was she, I ween, That danced wi' me upo' the green.

A bonnie lass, etc. The pipper chief! he played fu' weel, He really was the dancer's free; His rattlin' tune owre sanna was done For twa that danced upo' the green.

A bonnie lass, etc. Though folk their share may get o' care, They ne'er can be forfochen clean, Gin they ha'e had, when young an' glad, A dance like you upo' the green.

A bonnie lass, etc.

TOMMY ATKINS'S ADVENTURE.

HOW HE WAS TRAPPED.

A HUMOROUS SHORT STORY.

WHEN we lay at Shorncliffe, said Sergeant Harding meditatively, as he cocked his eye on the white smoke which was rising from his pipe, and then transferred it to the landlord's daughter, who was bustling about serving customers.

Having eyed her appreciatively for a moment, and having interpolated, 'The same again if you please, my dear,' he heard on with the tale, Sergeant.

"As I was saying, around him with the Sergeant, as he looked around him with some severity, 'when I was so rudely interrupted—of course, a dash of gin in me—well, if you insist, and here's my duty to you, sir.' Then the voices chimed in—

"Drive on, Sergeant. 'Take me for a gunner! More like an ambulance wagon some of you'll be wanting. If you want to keep on interrupting, tell yourselves the story. A little pressing, and a good deal of humility, and the Sergeant was persuaded to begin again.

"When I lay at Shorncliffe, and I was a young soldier, I was one Sunday evening sitting on the beach, and learning to smoke a black cutty pipe without being ill. Just as I was making up my mind whether I should give up learning for the evening, or whether I should go on and be sick, a large pebble hit me on the back and nearly settled the question for me. I bit off an inch of the stem and swallowed it, which was very unpleasant. When I recovered and looked round to see who had thrown that pebble, there really seemed to be no one in the line of fire except one young lady. It could hardly have been she, because, firstly, she was looking steadily in another direction, and, secondly, if she had thrown a stone at me, she would certainly never have hit me. However, one never loses anything by asking for information, or for anything else, so, when I had partly digested that inch of tobacco pipe, I walked towards her and said:

"Good evening, miss. 'Some mistake, I think,' she said hurriedly. 'I don't think—'

"Really, I am sure I never had the pleasure," she said in great confusion. 'Of throwing stones?'

"I am so very sorry. I didn't think you'd know. I didn't do it on purpose. I meant to throw it into the sea, and it went off, and hit you."

"After that you will not be surprised, if you know T.A., that we went for a nice little walk, and that we made an appointment for the next Sunday. What a nice soft little hand she had, she said the Sergeant retrospectively. Such pink fibert nails. Now what was her name? One does get so confused and mixed as to their names. I remember the girl's appearance very well. But she was the Esther or Winifred? No, she was the Esther. It was in a swagger house on the Leas. So I thought I was in for a slice of good luck. But, happening, of course by accident, to pass by there one evening, I saw her open the door, and she was wearing a white cap and apron. To say I was taken aback was putting it mildly. I had thoughts of not keeping our appointment, but that seemed hardly to be playing the game. But when I met her I said haughtily:

"Faithless girl, you have deceived me. You led me to believe that you were a daughter of the house. 'That I'm sure I never did. If you thought so, I can't help it. Do you think a daughter of a Leas house is going to meet a soldier in a line regiment?'

"Perhaps not. But don't you run down my regiment. 'Of course not. I prefer a linesman to those long Guardsmen or those Horse Gunners that look like wasps. I began to think she was not so innocent as she seemed. 'But, look here. Won't you be much better off coming in to supper in the kitchen, my mouth watered, for Her Majesty's three-quarters of a pound of meat including bone per day did not satisfy me in those times 'than in sitting in a drawing-room talking of what you know nothing about, drinking a cup of tea, and eating a piece of thin bread and butter?'

"There's something in that. But will your missus let me into the kitchen? 'Why not? Cook has a brother in the gillies. Why shouldn't I have a cousin in the army?'

"So I became Emily's—I really think, on reflection, that her name was Emily—I became Emily's cousin. Of course it was as well to make it all right with the mistress, so Emily said to her— 'I hope, ma'am, you won't mind my cousin coming to see me sometimes. 'No, Emily, she can come any evening you like. 'But—she's a him, ma'am. 'Oh! I'll speak to your master about that. 'The master said, 'I don't like young men in the kitchen. 'It's hard, sir, said Emily, with a little tear in her eye, and with a tremble in her voice, 'that cook can have her brother here, and my cousin, a most respectable young man—'

"Well, well, said the master, for most men are impressed by a tear and a tremble. 'I suppose he is a real cousin eh? 'Would I think of deceiving you, sir? Next evening I went to supper. And a very good supper, too. If I ever do marry, from which evil Heaven has till now protected me, I hope it will go on doing so, I don't think I'll marry a housemaid. A cook will suit my situation better. But the next day the mistress said:

"Emily, I am told a soldier came into the house yesterday evening. 'Yes, mum, my cousin, mum. 'But you never said he was a soldier, did you? 'Didn't I, mum? I quite meant to. But I've such a bad memory. He made himself so useful last night. He put new hooks in the dresser and cleaned all the boots. 'The mistress looked down at her boots, and thought I say it as shouldst, they shone like bayonets at the C.O.'s parade. 'And he said, went on Emily, talking breathlessly so that the mistress could not get in an objection until she had heard all his virtues, 'that if master will let him, he can do a lot to the garden in the light evenings. For he has been brought up in the country, and can make the garden look twice as well as it does now. 'So I was first allowed on sufferance, and then I began to be appreciated. The gardener, who ought to have looked after the master's horse was drunk one evening, so I groomed the cob as well as if I had been a lad at a livery stable. The master gave me half-a-crown, and many another half-crown have I had from him. There was never a job that I wanted a handy man that they did not want for me. And they all said what a loving cousin I was. For, of course, I always boldly kissed Emily when I came and when I went. It would have been strange for a cousin not to do so. 'I suppose, said the master, 'your name is the same as Emily's? 'Oh, yes, sir. My father and her father were brothers. 'So it was Private Jones this, and Private Jones that. At spring-cleaning Private Jones lent a hand all the evening. At picture-hanging Private Jones, who must be a gymnast, was the man to go up the ladder. No one but Private Jones could dig the potatoes without sticking the fork into them. No one but Private Jones could clean boots so that they looked like a mirror on a sunny day. Frequent tips, the best of support, and the love of Emily. That is if, as I feel sure, her name was Emily. It happened one evening that the master and I were hard at work in the front garden. I was laying my hundredth carnation, and anyone who lays carnations knows that that is not only delicate but back-breaking work. The master was smoking a cigar and directing. Both strong points of his. Many cigars has he given me. Many more Emily has taken out of the box for me. When he should come down the road but Zueh Cory. 'Good evening, Harding,' said he. 'Good evening, Zueh,' said I. 'Friend of yours?' asked the master. 'Private Cory, a Company, sir,' said I. 'Come in, Cory,' said the master, 'and help us. I daresay they will be able to find you a glass of beer in the kitchen. This is hard work for two. 'Teetotaler myself, sir, said Zueh. 'But I have no objection to lending a hand. And he came in and shut the gate. 'Now, Cory,' said the master, 'what did you call this man? 'Harding, sir. 'Why did you call him Harding? 'Because that is his name, sir. 'A very fair reason,' said the master, 'in a thoughtful kind of way. 'His name is not Jones? 'No, sir.

"What have you to say to this?" asked the master, turning to me. 'It is quite true, sir. My name is Harding. 'And all that about cousins was a put-up job? 'Yes, sir. 'Fetch your tunic and clear out. If I catch you here again, I'll give you in charge. And—here's five shillings for you. 'So I slunk away like a subaltern who has clucked his company. And the mistress, who was very religious, gave Emily her wages instead of notice, and got a new housemaid. And, as Emily had no more supper to give away, she goes out of the story. \* \* \*

It must have been about a month after this that I got a letter from the master. It ran— 'We have a new housemaid, but she has no cousin. The potatoes are all broken, the cob's coat is dull, the carnation layers look bad, the welts of the boots have mud in them. There is also an autumn clean coming on. The missus will raise no objection. I went round the same evening, and adopted a new cousin into my family. THE END.

SENTENCED TO DEATH. Saved by a Daughter.

The Earl of Aberdeen, speaking at the dinner of the United Kingdom Postal and Telegraph Service Benevolent Society, at Aberdeen, recently, said they had to go back to the old mail coach days to get the picturesque aspect of the postal service, and to illustrate this he narrated a romantic incident which occurred in the reign of James II.—more than two hundred years ago.

Sir John Cochrane, son of a fine old nobleman, Lord Dundonald, was one of those who thought the liberties and interests of the country were in danger owing to the policy of the Government of the day, and resisted it. Sir John was betrayed into the hands of the enemy, and was lodged in Edinburgh Gaol. One night the door of the prison opened, and he heard the voice of his daughter Grief, who was allowed to have many talks with him. Meantime the news came that his condemnation had been settled by the Council, and that the mail would come next week with his death-warrant. Miss Grief Cochrane told her father that she had to go away for a few days. He said, 'I hope you will do nothing very rash. She rode from Edinburgh to Berwick, where her old nurse lived, and there she changed her clothes for the clothes of a boy. Then she rode to a place between Berwick and Bedford, where she made inquiries regarding the king's mail messengers, and where they used to put up. Arriving at a small inn about four miles south of Berwick, she asked for something to eat. The hostess told her not to make a noise because in the box-bed the king's mail messenger was asleep. 'Do be quiet,' she said, 'with your knife and fork.' She began her meal. 'Can you get me some water?' The hostess said, 'Why, a braw lad like you should sup! 'Have you no cool, fresh water? If you give me water I will pay you the same as for ale. The hostess explained that the plant is under the supervision of an engineer appointed for the purpose. Under one of the cars is disposed a battery of accumulators, which assures the lighting for four hours in case an accident should happen to the dynamo plant, and the latter may be stopped during the night when only a few lamps are in use. Electric cigar-lighters are placed in each compartment.

During her absence the girl went to the box-bed—there was the mail messenger asleep—a 'swack' fellow, with his mail-bag under his head, using it for a pillow. On the table were his pistols, and very nervously the girl withdrew the charges. No sooner was this done than the hostess returned with the water. The girl finished her meal, went on the road, made a circuit, and met the mail messenger, and they rode together a bit. After a short chat she drew a little nearer and said: 'My friend, I have a fancy for this mail-bag. 'If it is a joke, said the messenger, 'it is a pretty poor one. She took out a little pistol and presented it. The messenger pulled out his pistols, and snapped—the first missed fire. He threw it away and drew the other—snap! He had to hand over the mail-bag, where it was to be found to contain the death-warrant of her father. It was put into the fire and burned beyond recognition. She resumed her girl's clothes and rode quietly to Edinburgh. That caused so much delay that they managed to get a reprieve and her father was saved. He (the speaker) had a personal interest in that incident, as he understood Grief Cochrane was a direct ancestor of Lady Aberdeen.

Magistrate: 'I seem to know your face! 'Prisoner: 'Yus, yer washup; we was boys together. 'Magistrate: 'Nonsense! 'Prisoner: 'Yus, we was. We're both about the same age, so we must have bin boys together. \* \* \*

Caller: 'Mrs. de Style is not in, you say? Why, I saw her through the window as I came up the steps.' Servant (blaudly): 'Shure, mum, that was only her shadow you saw! \* \* \*

A man who is troubled to keep the wolf from the door should not live where there are doory doors.

The ordinary woman is either in fashion or in misery.

Some few years ago a man was tried on a charge of forging a will, in which it was discovered that he had an indirect interest to a very large amount. The prisoner was arraigned and the formalities gone through; then the prosecuting counsel, placing his thumb upon the seal, held up the will, and demanded of one of the prisoner's witnesses if he had seen the testator sign the instrument, to which he promptly replied that he had. 'And did you sign it, at his request, as subscribing witness? 'I did. 'Was it sealed with red or black wax? 'With red wax. 'Did you see him seal it with red wax? 'I did. 'Where was the testator when he signed and sealed the will? 'In his bed. 'Pray, how long a piece of wax did he use? 'About three inches long. 'Who gave the testator this piece of wax? 'I did. 'Where did you get it from? 'From a draw of his desk. 'How did you light that piece of wax? 'With a candle. 'How long was that candle? 'Perhaps four or five inches. 'Where did that candle come from? 'I got it out of the cupboard in the room. 'Who lit the candle? 'I lit it. 'With what? 'With a match. 'Where did you get that match? 'From the mantelpiece in the room. Here the counsel paused, and, fixing his eyes upon the prisoner, he held the will up before the witness's eye, his thumb still resting upon the seal, and said, in a solemn, measured tone:

'Now, sir, upon your solemn oath, you saw the testator sign that will? 'He signed it in his bed. 'At his request you signed it as a subscribing witness—you saw him seal it, it was with red wax he sealed it, a piece of wax about three inches long; he lit the wax from a piece of candle which you produced from a cupboard, you lit the candle with a match which you found on the mantel-shelf? 'I did. 'Once more, upon your solemn oath, you did? 'I did. 'My lord,' said the counsel, turning to the judge, 'the will was sealed with a wafer!'

The trains which are now running over the section of the Trans-Siberian from Moscow to Irkutsk, are provided with a complete electric system, which serves for the lighting and heating of the cars, as well as for the water and milk heaters in the dining car. In the baggage car has been placed an installation consisting of a boiler, a steam turbine, and a dynamo of five horse-power, which gives the current at a tension of sixty-five volts; the plant is under the supervision of an engineer appointed for the purpose. Under one of the cars is disposed a battery of accumulators, which assures the lighting for four hours in case an accident should happen to the dynamo plant, and the latter may be stopped during the night when only a few lamps are in use. Electric cigar-lighters are placed in each compartment.

Of the 650,000,000 tons of coal, which constitute the entire world's supply, one-third is taken from the coal-mines of the United States. The British Isles produce 218,000,000 tons, Germany 124,000,000, and the other European nations make up, in a few million tons each, the rest. Spain contributes but 20,000,000 to the sum total, which amount is not sufficient for even home consumption. China, though rich in natural deposits, mines but little of her coal because of her use of primitive methods. It is prophesied that the introduction of British mechanical appliances in Chinese fields will send up her coal supply at least 25 per cent.

Viscose is a gummy substance obtained by treating cellulose with chemicals. By its aid, cellulose can be cheaply made into blocks of any shape, transparent tablets or a fine thread resembling silk; it can be used for paints instead of oil; in a strong alkaline solution it can be employed for stripping paint easily from woodwork; and practical men are discovering many other valuable uses to which this new substance may be applied.

The "electrochord" is designed to sustain the tones of the piano as the flute or violin. A row of delicate electrical contacts is connected with the keyboard and with a row of little electro-magnets in front of the strings, so that while any key is pressed the corresponding magnet keeps its string in continuous vibration. A set of four push buttons is arranged to give considerable variation with very beautiful flute-like effects. The attachment is set in action by a pedal.

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formed the opinion that my wife's death was a pure accident.

To Senior-constable Jones—I do not know whether my wife could have got away with safety if further south of where the accident happened.

Charles Freck, Lethbridge deposed: I am a duly qualified medical practitioner, regularly under the name of the Beaufort. I was called at about 7 o'clock on the morning of the 30th April.

To Mr. Jones—The horse was at a full gallop. I could not estimate the pace at which it was going.

Anne Emma Ingram deposed: I am a married woman, residing at Beaufort. Last evening, 30th April, between 6.30 and 6.45, I was standing at my shop door in Neil-street, when I heard a horse galloping down this street, not very far away.

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James Andrew Baker deposed: I am a woodcutter, residing at Beaufort. About 20 to 7 last night I was standing under Mr. Carl Jones's shop veranda, next to Mr. Hughes's in Neil-street.

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DUTY ON COMBINED HARVESTERS.

Speaking in the House of Representatives on 17th ult., to an amendment proposed by Sir John Quick (Bendigo)...

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her best to prevent it disturbing anybody in future.

The captain then broached the suggestion about the responsibility of Mother Seigel's soothing syrup, and the lady told him that she would see him or anybody else a long way further before she would give anything of the kind.

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HINTS TO FRIENDLY READERS. You want to see the local paper a successful institution. Talk about it wherever you go. Mention it to the tradespeople with whom you do business.

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Postal news section containing rates for various services, including letters, parcels, and newspapers.

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

Text promoting local industry and subscription to the Riponshire Advocate, highlighting its benefits to the community.

FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE. Clarke's Blood Mixture

Advertisement for Clarke's Blood Mixture, describing its benefits for various ailments related to blood health.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT. Reliable Family Medicines. Advertisement for various ailments like rheumatism and skin diseases.

GENERAL PRINTING AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES. "The Advocate" Office, Beaufort

Postal Intelligence table listing local arrangements and mail times for various destinations.

STEVENSON & SONS. Undertakers and Carpenters. Advertisement for funeral services and carpentry work.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS. Auctioneer, Valuer, Arbitrator. Advertisement for legal and financial services.

MAILS INWARD table listing arrival times for various locations like Melbourne and Geelong.

FUNERAL ECONOMY. Established 1860. Advertisement for economical funeral services.

JOHN HUMPHREYS. Commission & Insurance Agent. Advertisement for insurance and commission services.

MAILS FORWARD table listing departure times for various locations.

A. H. SANDS. Undertaker. Advertisement for funeral services and cabinet making.

JOHN J. NAYLOR. Blacksmith and Wheelwright. Advertisement for blacksmithing and wheelwright services.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS table listing exchange rates and terms.

WM. C. PEDDER. Blacksmith and Wheelwright. Advertisement for blacksmithing and wheelwright services.

P. J. O'SULLIVAN. Saddler and Harness Maker. Advertisement for saddlery and harness services.

The Man Who Doesn't Advertise. A short story or advertisement piece.

NOTICE. A public notice or announcement.

NEWSPAPER LAW. A notice regarding newspaper regulations.

THOUSANDS OF TESTIMONIALS OF WONDERFUL CURES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. Advertisement for a medical product.

Clarke's Blood Mixture. Advertisement for a blood-purifying medicine.

RE MINING LEASES. Advertisement for mining leases.

Large advertisement for The Riponshire Advocate, detailing its circulation, subscription rates, and contact information.









Social and Presentation to Mr. Mark Rickard.

The employees of the All Nations Extended mine, Beaufort, tendered their late manager, Mr. Mark Rickard, a social and presentation to him in a silver-mounted pipe as a token of esteem...

Local Land Board.

Mr. C. J. Joy sat as a Land Board of Beaufort on Thursday, 1st inst., and dealt with the following district applications...

"I SANK SO LOW" I Could Not Work.

MY WONDERFUL RECOVERY the TALK of the TOWN

The Case of Mrs. M. O'BRIEN. (By a Special Reporter.) The consumption of our Commonwealth will tend to broaden the intellect...

As Old as Queen Victoria.

There is not a great number of people living in this country who were born in the same year as Queen Victoria...

The Riponsire Council and the Benevolent Asylum.

Mr. Shoppe, at Monday night's meeting of the Beaufort Benevolent Asylum committee, drew the attention of the committee to the action of the Riponsire Council...

Middle Creek A.N.A.

The usual meeting of the Middle Creek branch A.N.A. was held on Friday, 25th inst., at the Public Hall...

FOR THE TERN AND BIRLITE.

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Gazette Notices.

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A Goddess of Africa

ST. GEO RATHBORNE

CHAPTER XX.—(Continued.)

Nor did his surprise end there at the threshold, for as they entered he found himself amid many of the comforts of civilization, which had doubtless been brought here into the wilderness to make life more endurable for the girl.

over the edge. A few of the blacks were on their knees, but the main throng stood erect. Rebellion was in the air—the evil instincts of all the blacks were aroused, and only by supreme effort could the fair god regain her superiority over these wavering superstitious minds.

CHAPTER XXI. HASSAJE AND THE ERE-DEVIL. Hastings, as soon as he heard in the Zambodi girl's broken English what new disaster hung over their heads, put his hand under the dangling cat-tails and drew out his revolver.

CHAPTER XXII. THE ORIGIN OF "PUNCH." It is one of the founders and first editor of 'Punch' that Lomon is best known. From 1841 his history is the history of 'Punch.'

CHAPTER XXIII. THE CARNEGIES "AT HOME." If you are a guest of Mr. Carnegie you have a 'good time.' He is immensely hospitable and makes an excellent and thoughtful host.

CHAPTER XXIV. DOMESTIC ANIMALS NOW WILD. As is well known, a cat, although probably the longest domesticated of any of our domestic animals, reverts to its wild state very quickly.

CHAPTER XXV. TESTING CHRISTIANITY. If a man says to me: 'I don't believe in Christianity, I have just one question to ask him: 'Did you ever put it to the test?'

CHAPTER XXVI. CHARMERS OF NOTED SOLDIERS. The great Duke of Wellington preserved for many years, at Stratfield Saye, a horse which he had picked up on the eve of his crowning victory at Waterloo.

CHAPTER XXVII. MUSIC SELLER: 'Here is that book, madam, how to play the piano.' Lady of the House (very indignant): 'What book? I am sure I didn't order any book.'

Advertisement for 'The Riponshire Advocate' featuring a circular logo with the text 'RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE' and 'ESTD 1841'.

EST. Defendant was granted two days to pay the fine. William Dickson pleaded that he forgot to light a lamp outside the Main Lead hotel on 26th ult., although he had a good hurricane lamp, and was fined 10s; the P.M. remarking that he should have forgotten things he should not have forgotten. Richard Lindsay was charged by Senior Constable Jones with unlawfully assaulting John Goodie on 30th April. Supt. Young presented, and Mr. Supt. Currie, Supt. for defendant. In opening the case, Supt. Young said it arose out of an accident, whereby a woman was killed. Mr. Young objected to this, as his client was not charged with murder or manslaughter. Supt. Young replied that he was not charged with murder or manslaughter. Supt. Young requested him to revive a painful recollection. His recollection of the accident was that Lindsay did not assault Goodie. After the matter had been argued and authorities quoted as to the definition of assault, and the P.M. had agreed with Mr. S. Young, the evidence was given.

Opening the Skipton Bridge.

A very pleasant function took place at Skipton on Thursday, when members of the Ripon and Hamden Shire Councils, as well as a large number of local residents, assembled at the bridge over the Emu Creek, and witnessed the ceremony of declaring the bridge open for traffic. The bridge, with its stone abutments, was erected in 1877, under the supervision of Mr. H. H. Jackson, then engineer of Riponshire. Recently it was found necessary to renew the woodwork (rafter and decking), and this was carried out as a joint work by the two shires under the supervision of Mr. E. J. Muntz. Ripon's present engineer. The contract was satisfactorily performed by Messrs. Jenkin Bros., at a cost of £490. At Thursday's celebration Ripon was represented by Mr. Douglas (president), O'Shaughnessy, Cushing, Stewart, and Sinclair, with the engineer (Mr. Muntz) and secretary (Mr. Carrull); while Crs. Oman, M.L.A., and Currie represented Hamden. Cr. Douglas remarked that as it was a joint work Riponshire councillors considered there should be a small demonstration on the occasion of re-opening the bridge for traffic, and he was pleased to see so many there. He called upon Mrs. Douglas to perform the opening ceremony. This consisted of parting a length of coronation ribbon stretched across the centre of the structure, Mrs. Douglas remarking—"I have very much pleasure in declaring this bridge open for traffic, and wish the Skipton township every prosperity." The school children had gathered at the bridge, and were marched over it by Mr. Lord, the head teacher. They were then regaled with lollies, and treated to a half-hour, the children showing their appreciation by cheering lustily. Pieces of the ribbon were distributed as mementoes.

but he would hardly agree to go so low as 60 members. He would like to see 70, as it was necessary for the country districts to have a fair amount of representation. If they were reduced to 40 members the country would suffer to a great extent. A number of politicians were threatening all sorts of things, one being that the municipal authority should be done away with. In the matter of reform he was not actuated by any selfish desire, and thought all must admit that no member of Parliament made money out of it. All would regret that the Governor-General had seen fit to resign. Adequate provision had not been made for him. The matter did not come under the jurisdiction of the State Parliament, but he had supported Sir George Turner's bill for Victoria's contribution of £31,300 per annum because he realized that the Governor-General would spend considerably more of his own money. He intended speaking at Beaufort and the other large centres till the Premier decided that Parliament should open on 27th May, which left but little time, and he felt that he could not speak in one place without speaking in all the centres of the electorate. He was prepared to support measures, not men. He was willing to see reforms carried out, and would not let any self-interest stand in the way. Speaking of political men in Victoria, he could say that not one put a penny in his pocket out of the £300. They had to travel over large districts. If they looked into the matter carefully and calmly they would agree that a reasonable reduction in the number of representatives was necessary. A fair compromise should be arrived at if it were left in the hands of Parliament. They would find that that would be done, and that the public would have no reason to complain when he met them, perhaps at no distant date. He thanked them for honoring the toast so cordially.

Mining News.

All Nations Extended, Beaufort.—Driving east and west of the new rise in improved quality wash. Panelling on the south side of No. 1 rise in payable dirt. Opened a drive to go south-west off main north-west wash drive on No. 1 shoot; same in 40ft. in payable wash. Yield for week, 50oz. All Nations Consols, Beaufort.—No. 2 party—Driven north off east 20ft.; prospects poor; started off same to go east and west; prospects poor. Yield, 10oz. No. 3 party—Extended main east drive to 94ft.; last 45ft. in wash of poor quality. Sons of Freedom, Raglan.—Blocking in the east; panelling north. Pumps and machinery all in good order. Gold, 77oz. 5dwt. West main level extended 32ft.; total 149ft. North-east intermediate extended 20ft.; total 518ft. North-east wash drive off tip shoot in 20ft.; wash payable. North-east of No. 2 rise extended 16ft. in payable wash. North of intermediate extended 26ft., when wash cut out. Yield for the week, 71oz. 6dwt., including a nugget of 8oz. The following are the reported local yields for the week ending Saturday last: Sons of Freedom, 72oz. 6dwt.; Sons of Freedom Central, 22oz. 12dwt.; All Nations Extended, 82oz. 5dwt.; All Nations Consols Tributary Co. (No. 2), 15oz.; Mitchell and party, 2oz. 9dwt.; Thompson and party, 2oz. 9dwt.; sundries, 10oz. 2dwt.; The Water Works, 10oz. 2dwt.; the week ending Saturday last were: Last Chance, 18oz. 9dwt.; Brusher's Co., 5oz. 6dwt.; Wait-a-Bit, 3oz. 3dwt. Hoarseness in a child that is subject to croup is a sure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. It cures croup and cures quickly. J. R. WOTHERSPOON & CO., Merchants, Beaufort, sell it. A meeting is announced for Thursday evening, at the Mechanics' Institute, Beaufort, to consider the advisability of holding a haggis supper. An old-age pension court will sit at Beaufort on Tuesday and Wednesday, starting at 1 p.m. on the first day and at 10 a.m. on the second. Only the applicants notified are required to attend. Eric Stamer was arrested by Senior-constable Jones at Beaufort last night, at his own request, on a charge of vagrancy, and informed the senior-constable that he had been six years in the Parkside Lunatic Asylum, Adelaide. HAGGIS SUPPER. For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For Auld Lang Syne. A MEETING is hereby convened to be held at the BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, at 8 p.m., on THURSDAY Evening, the 22nd inst., to consider the advisability of holding a HAGGIS SUPPER. All those interested are cordially invited to attend. J. R. WOTHERSPOON, Convenor. United Ancient Order of Druids. THE DIRECTORS of the above Order having decided to open a Branch of the Society at Beaufort, have instructed BRO. GEO. F. JEWKES to attend during the coming week to supply information to members. It is anticipated the OPENING NIGHT will be THURSDAY next, the 22nd inst., when Members of the Board of Directors will attend. Mr. Jewkes may be seen any time at Loft's Hotel. VENDERS invited for REPAIRS and ADDITIONS TO A.N.A. HALL, LEXTON; labour only or labour and material. Plans at Willaby Street, Beaufort. J. E. ROWLE, Architect. VENDERS for ADDITIONS and REPAIRS to house at Hill Park, Middle Creek, for L. J. Berryman, Esq.; labour only. Plans at Willaby Street, Beaufort. J. E. ROWLE, Architect. HAWKES BROS., Importers, Iron, Steel, and Galvanized Iron Merchants, General Ironmongers, Hay and Corn Dealers, Beg to thank the public of Beaufort and district for their confidence and support, extending over a quarter of a century, and hope to merit a continuance of same in the future. Their Motto: Large stocks, low prices, prompt delivery. FURNITURE direct from manufacturers. PAPERHANGINGS in endless variety. CROCKERY and GLASSWARE, a splendid assortment. LAMPS and LAMPWARE for the cottage or mansion. COOKING STOVES, RANGES KITCHEN WARE, COAL, LIME, CEMENT, KEROSENE, TENTS and FLYS, TANKS (all sizes). Place your orders with us, and we guarantee satisfaction. NOTE ADDRESS—NELL STREET, BEAUFORT. AND AT GIBLON.

Application for Transfer of License.

To the Licensing Court of the Licensing District of Beaufort. I MARY ANN HELLYER, of Beaufort, the holder of a Victualler's License for the house and premises known as the George Hotel, situate in Beaufort, do hereby give notice that I will apply to the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Beaufort, to be held at Beaufort on Tuesday, the 27th day of May, 1902, to Transfer the said License to CHARLES BROADBENT, junr., of Beaufort, the proposed transferee. And I, the said CHARLES BROADBENT, junr., hereby give notice that I will apply for the said Transfer. Dated the 14th day of May, 1902. MARY ANN HELLYER, Transferee. CHARLES BROADBENT, junr., Proposed Transferee. Witness—W. EDWARD NICKOLS. Application for Transfer of License. To the Licensing Court of the Licensing District of Beaufort. I CHARLES BROADBENT, junr., of Beaufort, the holder of a Victualler's License for the house and premises known as the George Hotel, situate in Beaufort, do hereby give notice that I will apply to the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Beaufort, to be held at Beaufort on Tuesday, the 27th day of May, 1902, to Transfer the said License to MARY ANN HELLYER, of Beaufort, the proposed transferee. And I, the said MARY ANN HELLYER, hereby give notice that I will apply for the said Transfer. Dated the 14th day of May, 1902. CHARLES BROADBENT, junr., Transferee. MARY ANN HELLYER, Proposed Transferee. Witness—W. EDWARD NICKOLS. S H I R E O F R I P O N R A T E P A Y E R S ' R O L L S. Notice is hereby given that no person will be entitled to be enrolled on the Voters' Roll on the 10th JUNE, 1902, all sums payable in respect of any Rates made by this Shire in respect of such property shall have been paid. The Rate Collector will attend at the Shire Office, Beaufort, on each day (Sunday excepted), from 2nd to 10th June, both days inclusive, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such rates. J. M. CARROLL, Shire Secretary. Shire Office, Beaufort, 16th May, 1902. FOR SALE, DWELLING HOUSE, fronting Market Square, Beaufort, containing seven rooms and bath room, garden, &c. Freehold. Apply, W. EDWARD NICKOLS. Autumn & Winter, 1902. NEW GOODS. NEW GOODS. NEW GOODS. JUST OPENED AT COUGLE'S. New and Up-to-date Styles at Moderate Prices. Millinery. Millinery. Millinery. Black and Colored Dress Materials. A Choice Selection of all that is newest. FRENCH FLANNEL and FLANNELLETTE BLOUSINGS in great variety. Jackets. Jackets. JACKETS. JACKETS. MACKINTOSHES, FURS, UMBRELLAS, DRESS TRIMMINGS, &c. MEN'S and BOYS' CLOTHING, HATS, SHIRTS, TIES, and UNDERWEAR, at Economical Prices. SUITS MADE TO ORDER. New Pattern Books to hand. Cheaper and better Assortment of Trousers, Suits, and Overcoats Patterns than ever before. Cut, Workmanship, and Fit Guaranteed at Lowest Cut. Melbourne Prices. BOOTS AND SHOES A Specialty. INSPECTION INVITED. G. H. COUGLE, THE PEOPLE'S DRAPER, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

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The Riponshire Council and the Poor.

The following letter was published in Monday's Star:— Sir, Certain statements having appeared in the columns of your journal...

Skipton.

A laborer named Nash, from Footscray, who has been quarrying on the Bortyalluck Estate during the last month or two...

The Premier at Clunes.

Long before the appointed time of starting, the Clunes Town Hall was crowded to excess on Saturday evening...

Anæmia Cured.

A matter that may have escaped the notice of our subscribers to the literary world is here reproduced by a writer...

The New Mining Regulations.

REQUIREMENTS PRELIMINARY TO THE APPLICATION. 5. The applicant shall apply for a lease in manner prescribed by these regulations...

HINTS TO FRIENDLY READERS.

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

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There is not a great number of people living in this country who were born in the same year as Queen Victoria...

The National Debt on 30th June.

The national debt on 30th June was £2,306,000. Of that amount £4,648,000 has been expended on interest-earning works...

Beaufort Brass Band.

The monthly meeting of the Beaufort Brass Band was held in the practice room on Monday evening...

Elizabeth Smith.

Declared as insane in the County of York, in the County of York, in the County of York...

A PRIZE POEM.

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Over 16 ounces to 17 ounces 2 0 1/2  
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Over 19 ounces to 20 ounces 2 3 1/2

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 1/3 worth of goods, and the grocer's man or draper will not throw in gratis 1/1 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.

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### 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.

### Clarke's Blood Mixture

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THE WORLD-FAMED BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORE.

IS WARRANTED TO CLEAR THE BLOOD from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scoury, 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 Blackheads or Pimples on the Face, Cures Scoury, Cures Blood and Skin Diseases, Cures Glandular Swellings, Clears the Blood from all impure Matter, From whatever cause arising. It is a real specific for Gout and Rheumatic Pains. It removes the cause from the Blood and Bones. The world-famed Blood Purifier and Restorer is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities, from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scoury, Eczema, 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 most delicate constitution of either sex, from infancy 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 Balmoe 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, and I remained for eight months. I was then told nothing more could be done for me, and was discharged. I tried other doctors, but they could not do anything for me. I was then told to try Clarke's Blood Mixture, which was very great. I was on my back for two years altogether. At last, having seen Clarke's Blood Mixture advertised 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."

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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.

## GENERAL PRINTING AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES, "The Advocate" Office, Beaufort

### Postal Intelligence.

#### LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

##### MAIL TABLE.

Daily.	Closing Time.
Melbourne	8.15 and 4.50
Barrat	8.15 and 4.50
Geelong	8.15 and 4.50
Traralgon	8.15 and 4.50
Registered mail—8 p.m. previous evening and 4.30 p.m. p.p. 8 p.m. previous evening and 4.30 p.m.	
Ararat	11.50 and 8
Stawell	11.50 and 8
Middle Creek	11.50 and 8
Murtoa	11.50 and 8
Buamgor	11.50 and 8
Reg. mail and p.p., 11.30 and 7.40.	
English mail per Mail steamer, 5.15 p.m. Tuesday; via Adelaide, 8.15 a.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday.	

### 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 R. FARLEY, and hope by moderate charges and prompt attention, to merit a continuance of the patronage accorded to their predecessor.

### FUNERAL ECONOMY.

Established 1860.

### A. H. SANDS

(Late Wm. Baker), UNDERTAKER, Corner of Neill and Haylock Streets, and opposite State School. Hearse and other requisites supplied in town or country at stated charges. Post, Telegraph, and Telephone Messages promptly attended to.

### A. H. SANDS,

Cabinet Maker, Upholsterer, Window Blind and Bedding Manufacturer.

A. H. Sands has ON SALE the following lines:—Pine Shelving, Flooring, and lining boards, California, kauri, and clear pine, up to 36 inches; cedar, all thicknesses and widths; table legs, sashes, doors, architrave and other mouldings, window glass, white lead, oils, turps, and all the building requisites. Sashes, doors, and all kinds of Joiner's work made to order at the lowest possible prices.

### 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.

### P. J. O'SULLIVAN,

SADDLER AND HARNESS MAKER, SNAKE VALLEY.

A large Assortment of Saddlery and Harness suitable for all purposes. All kinds of Harness bought, sold, or exchanged. Repairs neatly and promptly executed. Also Cash Order of Saddlery, Horse-hair, Beeswax, Furred Skins, &c., &c.

### NOTICE.

#### NEWSPAPER LAW.

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

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

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

4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publishers, and the papers are sent to the former direction, the subscribers are responsible for the cost of postage, and on the most reasonable terms.

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

ARTHUR PARKER, Proprietor. Beaufort, 5th September, 1896.

### To our Readers and Patrons.

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

Therefore, Support Local Industry and Local Enterprise.

### W. EDWARD NICKOLS

Auctioneer, Valuer, Arbitrator, General Commission Agent.

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

Correspondent and Valuer for the Beaufort Banking Company, Limited.

Trust and other Moneys to Lend at Current Rates.

J. B. COCHRAN, NEWS AGENT, BOOKSELLER, and STATIONER, begs to announce that he is Sole Agent for the Argus, Age, Herald, Star, Courier, Melbourne Punch, Sydney Bulletin, Riponshire Advocate, Australian Journal, Sportsman, and all other Periodicals. All School requisites kept in stock. Advertisements received for all the above-named papers. While thanking his numerous customers for past favors, he trusts, by strict attention to the delivery of all papers, to merit a fair share of their support. Advertisements received for all ad current and Ballarat papers. By sending through local agent advertisers save postage. Note the address—Next door to Bank of Victoria.

### JOHN HUMPHREYS

COMMISSION & INSURANCE AGENT ACCOUNTANT ETC., Neill Street, Beaufort.

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

### JOHN J. NAYLOR,

Blacksmith and Wheelwright, BEAUFORT.

Wishes to inform the public that he has taken the premises lately occupied by Mr. Williams, and trusts by careful attention to business, and by doing good work, to merit a share of public patronage. Shoeing a specialty. All sorts of vehicles built and repaired.

### YOU CAN AFFORD IT.

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

### Business Men, Read

It was Benjamin Franklin who wrote—"What steams it to machinery, advertising is 'business.'"

And another wiser head said—"He who in his 'biz' would rise, Must either 'bust' or advertise."

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

### Arthur Parker;

Printer and Publisher, LAWRENCE STREET, BEAUFORT.

### JOB PRINTING

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. BALL TICKETS & PROGRAMMES, ADDRESS & BUSINESS CARDS, MINING SCHEMES, REPORTS, &c., PAMPHLETS, CIRCULARS, BILLHEADS, POSTERS, DRAPERS' HANDBILLS, CATALOGUES, MOURNING CARDS, SOIREE & DINNER TICKETS, &c., &c.

PRINTED IN FIRST CLASS STYLE AT MELBOURNE PRIORS. Office:—Lawrence Street, Beaufort.

### Plain & Ornamental Printing

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

### BOOKBINDING

ON REASONABLE TERMS. LITHOGRAPHIC, CALL, RECOMP, DELIVERY BOOKS, &c., &c. Prepared on the shortest notice.

**NOW SHOWING,**  
For the **EASTER HOLIDAYS,**  
A **MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF**  
**AUTUMN & WINTER**  
**MILLINERY, DRESSES,**  
**LADIES' MACKINTOSHES, JACKETS, CAPES,**  
**FURS, MUFFS, TIPPETS, &c., &c.**

An entire New Stock of General Manchester Goods, at prices lower than ever.

New Clothing from the Best Makers.

Men's Suits, Chesterfields, and Mackintosh

Coats, Trousers and Vests, Boys' Suits,

Hats, Shirts, Ties; very special values.

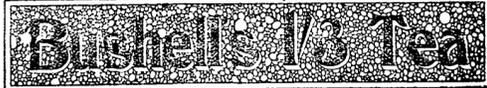
New Boots for the Autumn trade.

All sorts, sizes, and prices to suit all requirements.

**J. McKEICH,**

IMPORTER,

BEAUFORT.



*"Speaks for itself"*



**Bismillah**

Agents for Beaufort and District—

**J. R. WOTHERSPOON & CO.,**

General Merchants, NEILL STREET.

**MR. SAMUEL YOUNG,**  
Barrister and Solicitor,  
Proctor and Conveyancer,  
NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

OFFICE HOURS—10 to 12, 1 to 5.

Trust and other MONIES TO LEND  
on freehold and other securities.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES.**

SUNDAY, 25th MAY, 1902.  
Presbyterian Church.—Middle Creek, 11 a.m.; Tralls, 3 p.m.; Beaufort, 7 p.m.—  
Rev. J. A. Barber, B.A.  
Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 a.m.—  
Mr. Chelver, Shirley, 11 a.m.; Raglan, 3 p.m.;  
Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Rev. W. J. Bottoms,  
Chute, 9 a.m.; Raglan, 7 p.m.—  
Mr. Waldron,  
Waterloo Mechanics' Hall, 7 p.m.—  
Mr. Durey.

**COMMERCIAL.**

**BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.**  
Tuesday.  
Fat Cattle.—230 head penned for to-day's sale, of which about one-third could be classed as ranging from good to prime descriptions, remainder consisting of middling and useful qualities. There was a good muster of the trade, still competition lacked the briskness of our late markets, and taking sales throughout a decline on previous values was noticeable. Quotations—Prime pens bullocks, L14 to L15 15s; good, L12 to L13; medium, L10 to L11; prime pens cows, L9 to L10; extra, L8 to L9; good, L8 to L9 10s. Fat Calves.—181 penned, including a few good and prime vealers, which sold fairly well; best to L5 2s 6d. Fat Sheep.—4197 came to hand for to-day's sale, only a very small proportion being good to prime, the balance principally comprising middling and useful qualities. There was an average attendance of buyers, the market opening to somewhat dull competition, excepting for the few pens of really prime quality, which realised fully late rates, and continued so all through, prices showing a decline on last week's values, closing weak. Quotations—Prime crossbred wethers, L7 to L8; extra, L8 to L9 1s 6d; good, L6 to L7; medium, L5 to L6; prime crossbred ewes, L4 to L5; extra, L4 to L5; a few special to 20s 1d; good, L2 to L3; prime merino wethers, L2 6d to L3 2d; good, L1 to L2; medium, 8s to 10s. Store Sheep.—1000 yarded, for which there was hardly any demand, the bulk remaining unsold. Lambs.—1683 to hand, fully one-half being stores, the remainder chiefly useful to good, a few prime. The demand was very uneven, prices showing a slight decline, store descriptions meeting with no demand. Prime, L12 6d to L13 6d; good, L11 to L12; medium, 8s 6d to 9s 6d.  
The following district sales are reported:—  
By Messrs Macleod and Booth.—10 bullocks, D. Stewart, Wanganui, Strathmore, L11 2s 6d to L13 17s 6d, averaging L12 9d.

**Important Announcement.**

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

Begs to inform the residents of Beaufort and surrounding district that he has COMMENCED BUSINESS on the premises lately occupied by Mr J. B. Cochran, HAVELOCK-ST., BEAUFORT (NEXT TO THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE).

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

Prescriptions carefully, conscientiously, and faithfully dispensed under personal supervision.

Mr Harris having had considerable experience in country and leading Melbourne houses, customers can rely on having their requirements faithfully and promptly attended to, and he trusts, by strict attention to business, to merit the confidence and patronage of the public.

**Mr J. W. HARRIS, JUNR., B.S.,**  
Surgical and Mechanical Dentist,  
HAVELOCK-STREET, BEAUFORT.  
Teeth fitted accurately in vulcanite or gold at lowest prices.  
PAINLESS DENTISTRY.—Teeth extracted painlessly with cocaine ether, chloride of ethyl, laughing gas, &c.

NOTE THE ADDRESS—  
HAVELOCK-STREET  
(Next Mechanics' Institute),  
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**CREDIT FONCIER.**

**Loans to Farmers.**

IN SUMS FROM  
**£50 to £2,000,**  
At 4 1/2 per cent. for 3 1/2 years,  
With option of paying off all or part  
at any Half-year.

LOANS made on security of Freehold or Crown Leasehold, may be used to Pay Debts or Crown Bents; Part Purchase Land, Stock, Implements, Seed, etc.; to Make Improvements; to work and carry on the farm, etc.

Apply for forms at any Post-office or Savings Bank, or by letter to  
**The Inspector-General of Savings Banks,**  
20 MARKET ST., MELBOURNE.

**THE Riponshire Advocate**

Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1902.

SINCE the delivery of the Clunes speech, the feeling of the country throughout appears to have set more strongly against the Peacock Government. But we have not observed much evidence of sound sense or political sagacity in the attitude of either press or public upon the clear questions which ought to have met with plain answers long ago now. The Kyabram movement has served its turn; the committee has shot its bolt, and is bound, like all initiators, to stand aside while others carry on the fight. The meeting of the Kyabram reformers to reply to the Premier's speech was perhaps a necessary event, but it could have no special significance. Kyabram has laid down a programme, and all it could do after the Clunes manifesto was to meet and repeat its former declaration with a mild cry of no surrender. Kyabram might have

attempted still to lead the fight by bringing forward some details of the retrenchments required in public expenditure; but either this was not thought of, or the reformers were afraid to state in so many words what they want. A third alternative is that Kyabram, like a lot more centres, has not a vague idea of what departmental retrenchments should be favored. This task is left to the National Citizens' Reform League committee. Even the great metropolitan newspapers are shirking the issue, and beyond the flabbiest generalities in opposition to the Peacock Government, nothing is to be gathered from their leading columns as to the policy they would recommend to the country. In referring to the Kyabram meeting, we are flooded with talk like this—

"In declaring that Mr. Peacock's deliverance has utterly failed to give satisfaction to the alarmed public, the Kyabram meeting voiced the general opinion. The right policy is to stick to the Kyabram proposals, and to energetically continue organising for the coming fight. It is evident to assume that there will be a big fight, that the issue will be finally determined by the ballot-box, and that all the resources of a closely knit party of reform will be required to break down the vested interests in extravagance."

And further—  
"Naturally, the question suggests itself whether the Government proposals ought to be accepted as a reasonable compromise. The proper reply is an emphatic negative. In the first place, why should there be a compromise at all? If, as is believed, the reformers are a large majority of the electors, let the State, let the taxpayers, let the producers, have the benefit of majority rule in regard to economy."

The dailies seem both to mean that Mr. Peacock has failed and must go, but even this they will not say in decisive terms. They seem to lose sight of the obvious fact that as soon as the broad and necessarily indefinite declaration for reform and retrenchment was passed by the people, every association or organ that assumed to lead public opinion must be ready to give clear detailed meaning to the generalities about "necessity for reduction of public expenditure," and so forth. Yet they keep repeating that the Clunes programme is unsatisfactory, and—at this time of day—that the proper reply is an emphatic negative. A fishwife haggling over a basket of herrings can make a more convincing reply than that; she will rip out what she wants quick and clear. She will not sentimentally observe: "If, as is believed, the price I want is the price I expect, let me, let the vendor, let the trader, have the benefit of that belief in regard to the price to be paid." We have only stated our price in the matter of reducing the Houses to 23 and 46. This, as we have stated, is an extreme proposal, and probably a large majority of thinking electors proposed these figures with the idea of bringing out a compromise, not with the idea of finality. It is likely that, if Parliament is reduced at once to this level, there will be long bitter complaints in the country of under-representation. Apart from Parliament, the chief sources of expenditure to be dealt with are Law, Railways, Education, Land, Public Works, Agriculture, Mines, and Water Supply. Now drastic retrenchment definitely demanded in almost any of these would be unpopular with some one party or branch of the community; hence we have fierce demands for economy upon a few isolated items as though they covered the whole question. But to vaguely tell Mr. Peacock that he has done wrong, and not to put forward a programme of retrenchment over all the State departments, is the cowardly childishness of hitting from behind and running away. The Premier says he will not dismiss a public servant. The country must say they shall be dismissed, or must agree with the Premier. He says that neither the Railways nor the Schools are over-manned. We must say that they are and order that they shall be run on, say, twenty-five per cent. less staff, or say "ditto to the Premier."

Do we want the railways offered for sale to a syndicate? Let us say so plainly. Do we wish the schools placed in the hands of the local councils? Let our fiat go forth. If we don't know what we want, how are our members to represent us? We in the country emphatically do not want less money spent on water supply, nor on railways. We want much money spent and spent wisely, for we know that the very existence of Victoria depends upon the great productive industries which depend upon water for life. Roads and railways we know to be needful, so we approve of grants to shire councils, and to a progressive national policy in road-making and railway extension. The time has come now for some centre to emulate Kyabram by bringing the will of the country to a focus and putting forward a real programme of reform, to dress in living flesh the skeleton of Kyabram, and be the embodiment of Victoria's policy for an age to come.

**Local and General News.**

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Mr. S. H. Stuart, the eldest son of Mr. H. M. Stuart, and a native of Beaufort, has been elected president of the Ballarat City Branch, A.N.A.

Last week, in our report of the re-opening of the Skipton bridge, we stated that the work of renewing the wooden portion cost £240. The total expenditure, however, was £205 15s 9d, made up as follows:—Contract, £243 3s; extra, £45 10s; level crossings, &c., £17 2s 6d. A short description of the bridge will no doubt be read with interest. The bridge has a span of 191ft., with six openings—one 26ft. and two 33ft. on Ripon side, and one 33ft. and one 24ft. on Hampden side, with 40ft. spans in centre. The five piers and two abutments (all of bluestone) were built with the original bridge in 1877. The beams are compound, each consisting of two pieces each 16 x 6in., bolted together, and separated by means of fish pieces. The beams are supported by double corbels on two centre piers, 24ft. and 11ft. long, and single corbels on other piers, each 15ft. long; corbels 15 x 13 in. in centre, tapering to 12 x 13 in. at ends; decking, 8 x 4 in. x 20ft. The following alterations in the original design have been made:—Beams originally, 13 x 12in., squared; now two 16 x 6in., sawn, thus doing away with all heart wood, and also giving water chance to get away, thereby lengthening the life of the beams. This is a new departure in Riponshire. The original bridge had the old-fashioned double deck, which has always proved unsatisfactory; the new bridge has the more modern single deck. In the new hand-railing projecting posts have been done away with, and are now level right along the length of the beams. This has been done throughout, this being the best obtainable at reasonable cost.

Mr. S. Sauer, clerk of courts, Ballarat, a commissioner under the Old Age Pension Act, sat at the Beaufort Court House on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and heard a number of applications for pensions, with the following result:—Thomas Boothroyd, Tralls, granted 7s per week from 24th May; Eleanor Hancock, Mt. Cole, granted 4s from 12th April; Matthew Keating, Waterloo, 6s from 12th April; George Symons, Waterloo, 7s from 24th May; John Jackson, Waterloo, 7s from 12th April; William Austin, Waterloo, 3s 6d from 24th May; John Cadie, Nerrine, 6s from 12th April; Joseph Mott, Mt. Lonah, 6s from 12th April; Elizabeth Mott, Mt. Lonah, 6s from 12th April; William Hutchison, Chute, 6s from 12th April; James Dugmore, Beaufort, 6s from 12th April; Timothy Duffy, struck out, no appearance; Thomas Frank, Beaufort, 5s from 12th April; Patrick Lennon, Main Lead, 6s from 12th April; Caroline Lennon, Main Lead, 6s from 12th April; John Mounthill, Stockyard Hill road, 5s from 12th April; Mary Ann Sidweeks, struck out, left district; Mary Norman, Beaufort, 6s from 24th May; George Garver, Beaufort, refused; Harriett Gilloch, Beaufort, 5s from 12th April; Chas. Broadbent, senr., Main Lead, 6s from 24th May; Jabez Huchlight, left district; Alexander Hutchison, Beaufort, 6s from 24th May; Margaret Hutchison, Eurambone, refused; Elizabeth Kenny, Beaufort, withdrawn; Eliza Kreuger, Beaufort, 6s from 24th May; Philip Lowe, Beaufort, 8s from 24th May; John Lytton, Main Lead, 6s from 24th May; George Murray, Nerrine, 6s from 24th May; James McDonald, Beaufort, 5s from 24th May; John McDougall, Lillurie, 5s from 24th May; Paul Newling, Main Lead, 5s from 24th May; William Nokes, Beaufort, refused; Joseph Ogilvie, Waterloo, 6s from 24th May; George Patterson, Waterloo, 6s from 24th May; John Pearce, Beaufort, 5s from 24th May; Susan Phillips, Beaufort, 6s from 24th May; Thomas Read, Waterloo, 7s from 24th May; John Robinson, Waterloo, 5s from 24th May; Elizabeth Robinson, Waterloo, 5s from 24th May; Sarah Stewart, Beaufort, refused; William Esherston, Beaufort, withdrawn, no appearance; John Oliver Cameron, Beaufort, recommended for admission to Ballarat Benevolent Asylum; Patrick Ryan, Middle Creek, adjoined; Robert Spth, Beaufort, 6s 6d from 24th May; Abeline Spth, Beaufort, 6s 6d from 24th May; Peter Sharp, left district; James Smith, Beaufort, 6s from 24th May; Harry Stuart, Beaufort, 5s from 24th May; Margaret Taylor, Beaufort, 5s from 24th May; Elizabeth Thompson, Beaufort, 6s from 24th May. The average was 5s 9d per week.

At a meeting of the general representative committee of the Beaufort Presbyterian Church, held at Beaufort on Wednesday evening, it was unanimously decided to engage assistance for the Rev. J. A. Barber, in order to cope with the demand for additional services throughout the charge. For the present a student from the Hall will be engaged, a gratifying to minister and people alike to know that the tone of the charge is so healthy.

The usual committee meeting of the Raglan branch, A.M.E.A., was held at the Raglan Hall on Monday night last. Present—Messrs J. Kelly (in the chair), R. Thomson, P. Padfield, B. Mitchell, and A. Stevenson. The following accounts were passed for payment:—J. Malhouse, £2; J. Laney, £1; R. Laney, £1; M. Robertson, £1; A. Wilcox, 16s 8d; J. Pope, 13s 4d; F. Wheeler, 10s; Secretary's salary (2 weeks), 15s. For Bronchial Coughs take Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s. 6d.

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Riponshire ratepayers are notified that their rates must be paid on or before 10th June to entitle them to have their names placed on the voters' roll.

The Rev. C. Trezner (of West-Country, Melbourne) will give a lecture on "The Ministry in the Beaufort Shire" on Monday, 2nd June, and in the evening will give a lecture on "The Riponshire Council." The Central M. L. A. has been in existence some years, and as he is a well-known educationist of some note, and a thoroughly good one, he should attract large audiences.

In addition to the Court of Petty Sessions at Beaufort, the Court of Petty Sessions in the fourth Township in the district of Beaufort will also sit on the 26th and 27th of each month in future.

Mr J. S. Ditty, a well-known traveller for the Ballarat district, was yesterday afternoon while driving to Beaufort from Waterloo. It appears that while on this side of Loft's paddock the horse, which was going at a good pace, the trap swerved, and this wrenched the other shaft off. Mr Ditty stuck to the reins, but the horse pulled him over the splash-board, and falling into the ditch, Mr Ditty was unable to get out of one of his ribs and to get his body and leg considerably bruised. Luckily the horse was a very quiet one, and did not attempt to kick, otherwise Mr Ditty's injuries would have been much more serious. Mr Ditty was taken to the house of Dr. Eadie, and progressed so satisfactorily as to be able to return to his home at Ballarat.

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An adjourned meeting of the Beaufort Football Club was held at Mr C. W. Jones's hair-dressing saloon on 6th inst. Mr Jones in the chair, and a good attendance of members present. An action was taken to request to compete for a Stawell trophy. A match was arranged with the Amphitheatre Club for 17th inst., and another of arranging a match with Skipton was left in the hands of the secretary. The following were elected officers:—President, Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair; vice-presidents, Mr E. W. Hughes, Dr. G. A. Eadie, and Mr A. L. Wotherspoon; secretary, Mr C. W. Jones; committee, Messrs A. Sneddon, M. Tyrell, J. Cheseeman, S. Young, M. O'Brien, and A. McDougall; match-committee, captain, vice-captain, and secretary. The same patrons as last year were appointed, with some additions. It was resolved to elect the captain on the field at the first match. The secretary was instructed to get 50 tickets printed; also to write to Granahan Club asking if a trophy is to be given there, and if so, to send a copy of the conditions; also to get a new football. Vice-president A. L. Wotherspoon promised to give a donation to the club's kit, which was to be blue and white. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

Cr. Shoppe at Monday night's meeting of the Ballarat Benevolent Asylum committee (says the Star) defended himself against the secretary of Riponshire. He said he had been charged by the secretary with having mis-stated certain items on the balance-sheet, but he had only quoted the balance-sheet issued by the secretary. He would like the secretary to show him where he was wrong, and challenged him to visit the treasurer and himself to explain the matter. The secretary (Mr Carroll) said in a letter to the president that the council had reduced their contribution from £30 to £10. They did nothing of the sort, they wiped it out altogether, and when the board protested they repaid it £10 for the amount. Then the secretary challenged the number of inmates sent from Riponshire. He would like it disputed? The books not only showed the number, but he (Cr. Shoppe) had found that these were now four, and yet the Riponshire Council thought that the committee was going to keep their poor for a paltry £10 per year. Mr Odie remarked that the council apparently did not know what the asylum was. He said the "row" to the mental culture of the men and their intellectual requirements. Had the Hon. W. Lewis been alive there would have been no such trouble. Mr Colman suggested that the committee should find out how the council equality should carry them out. The president said that the secretary of Riponshire be asked to meet the president and secretary of the board to endeavor to arrange the matter amicably.

Cr. Oman, M.L.A., in proposing the toast of "The Riponshire Council" last Thursday week at the dinner to celebrate the re-opening of the Skipton bridge, said that that council reflected great credit on the ratepayers, and that matters brought under their jurisdiction were carried out with a view to the best interests of the shire. He felt that the Riponshire councillors were men who studied the ratepayers' interests as though they were their own, and that accounted for their success. The ratepayers had reason to know that they had good men as councillors, who were prepared to do their work without fear or favor. Cr. Douglas, in responding, said he always tried to do his duty to the best of his ability, but no doubt he made mistakes very often through ignorance. Cr. C



# THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE, SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1902.

## TOPICAL ARTICLE.

### MILLIONAIRES.

Will the day arrive when the millionaire shall have disappeared from the earth that he is at present common? He is not a modern invention. The Romans had him, and a precious article he was as he figured in the last days of a dying civilisation. The man of much money of our times is certainly an improvement upon the luxurious animal of those old Roman days, when men and women did homage to their superior civilisation by pampering their appetites. For all that, we do not discover much to admire in the modern millionaire, except his bank balance. As a man, he is generally a very poor sort of creature, not at all ahead of the average human being in intellect, and possessed perhaps of one quality in advance of other people—a persistent absorption of all his energies in the business of money-making. To this faculty, they who accumulate great fortunes owe their success rather than to any exceptional power of mind or shrewdness of nature. He who devotes his whole energies, thought, life, to the achievement of a purpose is bound to accomplish his end. And it is thus in the great majority of cases that the millionaire comes forth.

Some of these men maintain the simplicity of their early lives to the end. They have not sought fortune as a means of indulging themselves in the pleasures which riches can buy. Their pleasure has been in the process of accumulation and the heaping up of treasure upon treasure. They have not found time to devote to the pleasures that wealth produces, but largely appreciative of wealth itself. Mackay, the "silver king" of California, leaves the spending of his wealth to his wife and family. They reside in the old world, and lavish the money supplied to them by the sturdy miner in Colorado upon people of rank and fashion, who accept their hospitality and smile at their pretensions. Who pursues the more satisfactory and the happier course—Mackay, who finds content in the accumulation of wealth, or his wife and children, who seek in vain for their spending? It is a question not easily answered.

The vulgar display which is made of their wealth by millionaires is rarely observed in the founder and creator of the millions. It is his descendants who make the money fly—very seldom with good taste or benevolence. When we read of a dinner party of thirty persons costing £5000 (a large proportion of which was wasted in vulgar and meretricious display), we who have not the millions can afford to smile with contempt at those who possess them. The excesses of Lucullus and the great bonvivants of the Roman Empire in little respect exceeded such absurd extravagances as that of the Bradley-Newton supper party in New York, at which £40 was paid for celery and radishes, and the salads cost £200.

The cant that contends that wasteful extravagance is good for trade, loses sight of the circumstance that men of great wealth have duties other than those of spending their money on fashionable wasters and loafers. The example of their crimes against common sense and good taste affects the common understanding of the people. The divisions of society are accentuated. It is natural that the poor and struggling should doubt a Providence which confers wealth with such a lavish hand upon people incapable of earning it, and themselves who toil for bread. Thus it is that the modern millionaire breeds more mischief than good, and that his existence under the conditions of the future would seem to be incompatible with the large development of the responsibility of the State to the people.

The development of the American millionaire has arisen in causes which as yet do not affect Australia. It is true that in a few cases the origin of the enormous wealth has been that of accident. But in the majority of cases the "bloated capitalist" owes his wealth to what were little short of crimes against society. The existence of trusts, for instance, a combination of several or the action of one wealthy man, has as yet not been called forth in this part of the world. The monopoly of railways, of the four market, the artificial fact of a lesser value to that of higher, which in America has filled the pockets of so many unscrupulous and daring adventurers, have had no parallel in this country. Nor as yet, at any rate, have there been any such gross examples of the prostitution of political influence for the purpose of gain as obtain in the United States. In the land of the Stars and Stripes the purchase of a representatives advocacy and vote is a common matter—so common, indeed, that it is notorious that the best men of the country avoid all active participation in politics. This has been one of the agents that have contributed to the monstrous development of the American millionaire; so that we may conclude, as a rule, that his wealth is ill-gotten and at the cost of honor and truth. Let us hope that Australia will escape this shame, and that the spectacle of a class of millionaires, whose wealth has been acquired by such devious methods will never be beheld in this land.

But it is little likely. There is evidence that the people of the Commonwealth will not tolerate that which is an outrage upon their honor, and which interests. There is evidence, indeed, that in the coming times the millionaire will have to pay for the right of existence; and that the monopolist of the treasures of the earth will speedily be as extinct as the Dodo.

## A RAILWAY THIEF'S GENUITY.

An article entitled "Successful Knavery" appears in the current issue of "Chamber's Journal." In its course the writer tells the following story—

One afternoon, some years ago, three persons got into a second-class compartment of the London train at a little country station. One was a stout, farmer-looking man with a loud voice and a bold confident manner, and in one of his companions who turned out to be a master tailor on his way to London to purchase his spring goods—he evidently recognised an old friend he had not seen for several years. The third man in the compartment was meek-looking and middle-aged; dressed in shabby black and carried an old cotton umbrella; and from the moment he entered the carriage he never stirred out of the corner in which he had placed himself, seeming absorbed in his newspaper.

Between the burly man who proved to be fresh from Australia, and the master-tailor a brisk conversation was kept up. Among other things, the Australian announced he was going forward to Dover by the first train to see a niece who was living there, and that he should not be back in London for two or three days, when, however, he hoped to see his friend, the tailor again.

Among his luggage, he said, was a small black portmanteau—then under the carriage of the seat—which he would rather not take forward to Dover as he might lose it or be robbed of it. Would his friend accompany him to leave it in the cloak room at the London terminus till his return to town? The tailor replied that under the circumstances, he could do as he pleased, but he would be glad to see the ticket which he would give him on taking charge of it.

On alighting at the terminus the Australian and his friend made their way to the cloakroom, the former hardly less loud-voiced than he had been in the train, and apparently not caring though all the world should hear what he had to say.

They were followed at a respectful distance by the man in black, who was desirous of depositing his umbrella with the behind the Australian, while the latter handed in his portmanteau, paid his fee and received a check in return, the counterfoil of which was affixed to the portmanteau. Then with his mind apparently relieved of a load, the Australian walked away with his friend in a higher state of jollity than ever.

The man in black now handed in his umbrella, paid the fee and received a voucher in return stamped in one corner with the number 544, with the abbreviated words "City of Umbria" written across the face of it. About two hours after another seedy-looking individual presented himself at the cloakroom, with a somewhat dilapidated black portmanteau, which he deposited in the usual manner, receiving a voucher for it with the words "Bik ptman" dashed across its face.

In the course of the forenoon of the following day a showily dressed young man alighted from a cab at the terminus, made his way to the cloakroom, and producing a ticket numbered 543 had the Australian's portmanteau handed to him, which was precisely what he had come for, and drove away with it in triumph.

Among other things it contained a considerable quantity of gold dust and some valuable jewellery.

The ticket presented by the young man was of course a forged one, but it was so cleverly executed that the forgery was not discovered till the real ticket was presented by the Australian. The rogues had rightly argued that the tickets given to the public were numbered in sequence, and that 544 was the number for the Australian's portmanteau.

The second portmanteau was afterwards found to be full of shavings and firewood was deposited by a confederate in order to obtain a correct idea of the abbreviated words necessary to be filled in on the forged ticket, which, in effect, were imitated so closely that the cloakroom porter himself, even after the forgery was discovered, could not distinguish them from his own scribble.

None of the stolen property was ever recovered.

## THE HEIGHT TO WHICH BIRDS FLY.

The aeronaut, Hergesal, of Strasbourg, saw in one of his ascensions, an eagle at the height of 3,000 yards, and in another two storks and a buzzard at 900 yards. Larks have been seen at 1,000 yards, and crows at 1,400 yards. But these are exceptional heights. Birds are rarely seen above 400 yards, and very few above 400 yards. Birds have been released from balloons at heights varying from 900 to 3,000 yards. In a clear atmosphere they flew directly downwards, remaining near the balloon, however if the air was cloudy.

Pigeons were released from a balloon 30 miles away from home in cloudy weather. The first pigeon returned home in three hours, the second in four, and the last took nearly a day. In clear weather they reached home from that distance in about 95 minutes.

Brown—"You never know the trouble of a wife until some great trouble befalls you."

Merrit—"Yes, it's so nice to lay the blame on her."

## TOLD BY A SEA-CAPTAIN.

A sea-captain tells the story of a hair-breadth escape. "We were running before a gale blowing at the rate of sixty miles an hour," he says. "It was an inky-black night, and to make matters worse we were on an imperfectly-surveyed coast. We were tearing along with seven fathoms of water under our keel so that it was certain we were well out to sea. Judge then, of our astonishment when the sound like a humming of millions of bees broke on our ears. The noise soon resolved itself into the chirping of birds. We dropped anchor for we dared not proceed.

"With the coming of morning an astonishing sight greeted us. Scarce a quarter of a mile away was an immense towering rock, which had the vessel struck it, would have dashed her to fragments in an instant. Stranger than all the vast granite rock was inhabited by myriads of white birds, which reposed on its barren pinacles and fluttered about the lonely apex. It was there, on the night, which had saved the steamer."

## A DESERT OF SALT.

One of the most remarkable geographical districts in the United States is the great Colorado Desert in Southern California. It covers a territory about 140 miles long and 70 miles wide and is absolutely bare of vegetation. The traveller to whom it is known never ventures to cross it, as the attempt means almost certain death. It is even difficult to get to the Indians who are familiar with it, to enter it during the summer. The dried bodies of horses and human beings have often been found as well preserved from decay as ancient mummies.

And yet at one point in this vast expanse of barrenness there is a crystal lake as pure and white as driven snow.

In the centre of a wide valley, 280 ft. below the level of the Gulf of California, there lies a sea of solid salt. During the day this vast desert, stretching away for miles, gleams in dazzling whiteness, its scintillating crystals reflecting the rays of the sun like virgin snow. As the sun goes down it takes on hues of crimson and gold of marvellous beauty. To those approaching it at night it seems as if a miracle had been wrought. The spotless whiteness extends to the horizon, and in places the salt is piled up in great heaps like veritable snowdrifts.

Agos ago this entire desert was part of the Gulf of California, but the salt is not that left by the ancient sea. It is the deposit of the springs that are ever running down from the distant mountains.

The salt is spread over a great area and to make it merchantable it is necessary to collect and dry it. Usually artificial heat is necessary to dry the produce of salt mines; but the intense heat of this desert is all that is required.

The method of collecting the salt is to plough it up by steam, each plough cutting a furrow 8 ft. wide and 6 in. deep. One plough will cut and gather 700 tons per day, which gives some adequate idea of the intensity of the deposit. A railway has been built out into the lake and the salt is loaded directly in the cars. Thousands of tons are piled up here and there in little mounds.

The temperature of the lake in the summer is 150 deg., and it would be impossible for white men to work in it and live; but the Coahuila Indians endure it without apparent ill effects.

## FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

One of the very few occasions on which Lord Kitchener has given himself away in public is mentioned by a writer in "Navy and Army Illustrated" that he is able to size men up at a single glance.

Shortly after Dr. Wet fell like an avalanche on Lord Robert's communications, Lord K.—was down the line fitting out extemporary Mounted Infantry columns. A large number of details had been dumped down at Vrededorf Road Station. Lord K. determined to equip and send them into the field at once. He went to the waiting-room to look for officers, and found a single man in occupation. He was smart and well-dressed, and he said to Lord K. "You will command a corps of Mounted Infantry I've just raised?" "Very good, sir, what will my duties be?" "Do you not know your duties?" "My own—yes, sir!" "Then don't argue. What is your regiment?" "Blanksires, sir."

"What rank?" "Master tailor, sir!"

Lord Kitchener had business elsewhere.

## A DOUBLE SCORE.

A parish doctor having obtained a more remunerative practice in another district, engaged the sexton to assist with the removal of his furniture.

Some time after the doctor sent an account for medical attendance, to which the sexton replied by sending a bill for assisting at the removal, leaving a slight margin to his own credit.

This the doctor indignantly charged as a gross overcharge, and stated that if the sexton could get steady work removing furniture at the same rate, he might give up grave digging at once.

The sexton replied briefly—"Dear Doctor, I would be very glad to get steady work at anything as there has been almost nothing to do in the churchyard since you left."

## LORD ROSEBERY.

### SOME INTERESTING ANECDOTES.

**AN INCIDENT OF HIS CHILDHOOD.**

Lord Rosebery is fond of telling a story of his extraordinarily precocious boyhood. His grandfather was a fine handsome gentleman of the old school. In his early reading when a boy of nine, Lord Rosebery came across "The Trial of Queen Caroline," and read it from beginning to end. He went to his grandfather, and said passionately—"I cannot understand why you voted in favour of that woman, Queen Caroline, after having heard all the evidence." The reply of the grandfather had better not be given.

### THE PUDDING WAS COLD.

On one occasion Lord Rosebery gave a dinner to a number of his tenants. Sitting next to him at the table was a worthy farmer who evidently was unaccustomed to such surroundings and such fare as he found at Dalmeny. When the puddings were put down before each guest, the farmer, not knowing what he had to tackle, took one of his usual large spoons. He got a shock, but manfully struggled to get over it. Turning to Lord Rosebery, he said—"The pudding's froze." His Lordship, with that consideration for the feelings of others which is his characteristic, took a spoonful, and, lifting his eyebrows to express feigned surprise, replied—"By Jove, so it is."

### HIS KINDNESS TO YOUNG FOLK.

Lord Rosebery is very fond of children and delights to enter into their amusements and sympathise with them in their trials.

When leaving Dalmeny in the autumn his attention was drawn to a group of caddies who were waiting for Barton golfers. His Lordship in a homely fashion entered into conversation with the lads. On hearing that they were having a holiday he gave them a gold piece for equal distribution.

Not long ago when waiting at Swinton station, the ex-Premier observed a poorly-clad girl weeping. On leaving his carriage he learnt that she had been carried past the junction where she should have changed carriages. He took her in charge, found an Inspector to whom he committed the care of the girl, and gave her money enough to carry her comfortably to her destination.

### HIS DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES.

Lord Rosebery on one occasion spoke at an Artisan Institute. A workman was present there named Elliott, who possessed violent Republican opinions, and he alluded to the ex-Premier as "Mr. Rosebery." The Chairman rose, and asked the speaker not to be so rude to his guest, and after the meeting, apologized to the noble Earl for the insult.

"Oh," said his Lordship, "if these men only knew how little we care for our titles they would not make such a fuss about them."

Seeing Elliott and some others at the coffee-stall as he went away, Lord Rosebery held out his hand, saying—"Come, Mr. Elliott, let us shake hands. I'm not such a bad fellow."

### SCENT AND PER CENT.

On a remote part of his estate at Dalmeny, Lord Rosebery has some shale mines. It was in reference to these that the ex-Premier once made a witty remark to a guest.

"The wind was high, and on such days the smoke and the smell of the mines sometimes reached the mansion. The guest thought it a nuisance to have such things as mine scents near the house and he expressed his feelings to his host as they walked through the grounds. "Ah, my friend," said Lord Rosebery, however unpleasant to me, but to me it is a pleasant scent—twenty-five per cent."

### ONE FOR THE BISHOP.

A story is told which shows that in the days when Lord Rosebery was younger, he was already a humorist.

He wanted a new hat and went into a great Oxford establishment to buy one. While he stood bareheaded waiting to be fitted, a Bishop entered on the same errand, and mistook the Earl for one of the shop assistants.

"Have you a hat like this?" he asked, showing him his extraordinary headgear. The future Premier took it from him and examined it critically before he answered—"No, I haven't got a hat like that, but I had, I'm blest if I'd wear it!"

### CONGRATULATIONS.

When the late Lord Falmouth was in the middle of his victorious racing career, so that he seemed to have a lease of all the great races, Lord Rosebery excited his friends by getting a hundred letters of congratulation lithographed in the following terms—

"My Dear Falmouth—Allow me once more to congratulate you on the success of your horse—in another classic race, the—Believe me, &c.,

"Rosebery."

The blanks for the name of the horse and the race were duly filled in, and one of the forms was sent to Lord Falmouth at each fresh success.

### CABMEN AND NEWSBOYS.

Lord Rosebery was a prime favourite with the cabmen and newsboys of Edinburgh. "See," said a Jehu the other day, as he extended his palm on which lay a golden piece, "that's the size of him every time. He's what I call a Liberator."

One evening in the summer when walking out from Edinburgh to Dalmeny, as he frequently does, he met a newsboy who had been calling his "specials," with little success in the neighbouring villages. Struck with the boy's dejected look, his Lordship purchased a paper, tendered a

## THE FIRST IRON VESSEL IN GREAT BRITAIN.

It is interesting to note that it was as early as the year 1809 that Robert Dickinson, the eminent inventor, first suggested to the Admiralty a scheme by which the old wooden ships of the Royal Navy were to be gradually replaced by vessels built of iron, and thus make the English Fleet incomparably stronger than any combination that could be brought together by foreign nations.

The proposed innovation was promised due consideration, and, in 1830, 21 years afterwards, the conclusion arrived at by the Admiralty was that iron vessels would be practically useless in the line of action, and totally unmanageable in a storm! Absurd as it was, nevertheless, now appears, it was, nevertheless, ardently supported by Dr. Lardner, a scientific authority, who said the idea was perfectly chimerical, and that there was about as much chance of an iron boat reaching New York as there was of its journey to the moon.

A fierce storm of invective and derision was waged against all who had the temerity to hold an opinion contrary to that of the Admiralty, and its "scientific" supporters. But Thomas Wilson, a young ship-builder ignored the biggest opposition, and in 1816, commenced to build a boat of iron at Fasken, Scotland. She was named the "Vulcan." Her dimensions were 60 feet in length, 12 feet in breadth, and 5 feet in depth. All the plates, rivets and angle-irons were made over the anvil by Wilson and his blacksmith. The plates were fixed perpendicularly or boiler-fashion, not horizontally as in modern iron ships. The boat was specially constructed for the passenger service on the Monkland Canal, and plied between Port Dundas and Loch No. 16.

When the Vulcan was being built, Wilson was severely ridiculed by the craftsmen on the canal, which ran close to his yard—who, when passing would drop small pieces of iron into the water, and sarcastically inquire if he expected his boat to "suum." And as soon as it was known in the neighbourhood that an iron vessel was being built, the villagers came to the yard and gazed openmouthed at the phenomenon.

In a short time deputations of the sceptically-minded began to intercept the builder on his way home and endeavour to point out the foolishness of his undertaking. Wilson was one morning surprised to see them coming down to the water's edge with pots and pans to add his own weight to the load instead of walking.

The fault-finder wound up by saying—"I'm a shareholder in the society, and therefore part owner of your horse and van."

"Shareholder, are you?" responded the cooly, pulling a hair out of the horses' tail and handing it to the astonished member with the remark—"Here's your share of the animal, mister."

He then drove on.

## CHILDREN'S ANSWERS.

Dr. Marnamara, M.P., has a fund of good stories of children's whimsicalities.

"Last Christmas," he says, "I was at a meeting of school children at Kennington. Before going away I said to them—Now boys, mind you don't get into trouble or mischief between now and next Christmas, to which the children replied—'Same to you, sir!'"

To a question as to where the Nile rose, one answer was "In Mungo Park." Another child was asked—'Where are the most famous volcanoes in Europe?' to which he replied—"In Sodom and Gomorrah."

Definitions given by some of the little ones were well worth preserving. Here are some—"A vacuum is a man who attends to nothing, and an optimist is one that attends to your eyes."

This is what a little girl wrote of the Salic Law—"Edward III would have been King if his mother had been a man."

Again—"King Henry VIII liked plenty of money and plenty of wives, and died of ulcers on the legs." "Grass," answered one little child, "is what you've got to keep off." Another wrote—"The marriage custom of the ancient Greeks was this; that a man married only one wife, which was called a monotomy."

## HIS SHARE.

A newly-admitted member of a big co-operative society, boasting 16,000 members, met one of the society's vans laden with coals, with the driver sitting on the shafts.

The new member full of importance of belonging to such a large society, considered it his duty to remonstrate with the driver on his want of consideration for the horse by adding his own weight to the load instead of walking.

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## THE CARE OF THE TEETH.

In all people the decay of the teeth is due to little bacteria that live between the teeth and feed on starchy and sugary substances.

In the daytime they get little time to work havoc, for if a man isn't eating he is pretty sure to be using his mouth in some way. Night is their feeding time. Does the moral begin to appear? The important thing is to go to bed with the mouth free from fat, starch, and sugar, so that in the inevitable quiet time of the night there is no food for bacteria to have as little food as possible and so get feeble and degenerate.

It is common for people to brush their teeth in the morning; far better is it to wash them morning and night (and after meals).

The less chemicals used the better. If there is a tendency to acidity, baking powder or camphorated chalk is good—also dental soap (hard white tooth powder) are harmless and simple. The brush should not be hard else it wears off the enamel. If there is a tendency to foul-smelling teeth any powder containing carbolic acid, or a little boracic acid, proves beneficial. In many people tartar has a tendency to the formation of tartar colouration, and favouring bacteria. A little weak acid may be brushed on and instantly washed off with a little soda in the water to counteract the acid. This remedy must not be used more than twice a year; it tends to spoil the enamel.

For little points of decay go to the dentist at once and get it stopped. It is cheaper and in any case no artificial teeth are as good as one's own.

If there is a big cavity and the tooth is past stopping and yet painful, wash out the cavity, dry it, and put in, on cotton wool, the following—Carbolic acid, 20 grains; cologne, 1 drachm; cocaine, 2 grains; tincture of iodine, 10 drops. This relieves the pain.

When there is toothache in all the teeth a course of iron and quinine is beneficial, with an occasional teaspoonful of malt and cod liver oil, and the pain may be relieved for a time by painting the gums with a mixture of tincture of iodine, tincture of acetic acid, and 5 per cent. solution of cocaine—of each one drachm.

In conclusion, "a stitch in time, saves nine"—visit your dentist early. Have your teeth cleaned regularly. Better late than never!

## GENERAL INFORMATION.

### Only six per cent of the criminals in the United States are women

Texas alone grows more cotton than any other country on the globe.

The smallest quantity of any metal raised in England is of antimony.

The furniture of the 23,000 first-class houses in Britain is valued at £5,900 per house.

If you write 80 words a minute your pen is travelling at the rate of 300 yards an hour.

The number of wild animals destroyed in India in 1900 was 17,250, as compared with 18,887 in 1899. The snakes killed in the same period numbered 88,232 and 94,548 respectively.

A French specialist in mental diseases has discovered that 166 out of every 100,000 soldiers and sailors become hopeless lunatics. Among mechanics the average is but 69 per 100,000.

The number of male physicians in Russia is 14,734, that of female physicians is 824; but it will soon be larger; there were last year 869 female students in the medical Institute for Women.

Dredging rivers in gold-bearing countries for gold has become a great industry, and dredges of wonderful power and capacity are being built to dredge 60 ft. below the water line, and to reach 60 ft. above it, along the banks.

One of the newest things in the way of food is fish powder, which, it is claimed, is a highly nutritious article, easy of digestion, and therefore, particularly suitable for invalids. It is intended however, for ordinary household use.

Blood stains can be removed from an article that you do not care to wash, by applying a thick paste made of starch and cold water. Place in the sun and rub off in a couple of hours. If the stain is not entirely removed, repeat the process and soon it disappears.

### The Czar has just sanctioned a remarkable engineering project, the raising of the water of the Sea of Azov 14 ft. 8 in. by building a dam near Kerch, nine miles long. In the wall immense sea gates are to be made for the passage of ships.

There will also be outlets for the superfluous water. The cost will be about £5,000,000, the interest on which will be paid by ships trading to the ports affected.

An ambulance in a lamp-post is the latest idea in street contrivances. Paris has just been endowed with several specimens of what is called "phare de secours," or first-aid lighthouse. It consists of an ornamental bronze pillar, about fifteen feet high, with a round, overhanging top resembling that of a lighthouse, and containing a clock-face barometer and three transparent pictorial advertisements, revolved by clock-work and lighted by gas from within. In the base of the pillar is a letter-box and in the shaft is a folding stretcher, with printed instructions for affording first aid to the injured.

Five hundred miles an hour is beyond the wildest dreams of M. Behr, the mono-railist, but the Rev. E. T. Danby, of Market Weston, states that that is the speed at which the northern bluebird (declared to have only moderate powers of flight) migrates. It gets, he says in "Nature Notes," from Egypt to Heligoland in a spring night of nine hours. The Virginia plover makes 636 miles an hour in its journey of 9,600 miles from Labrador to North Brazil. The bird that travels at this unimaginable speed soars so high that the resistance of the air is reduced to a minimum.

### IN A NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

A dapper little man came into a country newspaper office and asked if the Amusement Editor was in.

The man handing out a piece of pasteboard ten inches square, said—"Here's my card. I want to see you about our huge combination of gigantic circuses—a circus of circuses, sir. Yes, sir, just mention miles of cages containing beasts, a recently-discovered jabberwock from Africa. We employ ten thousand people and import artists from the rate of twenty a week from Rome to keep up the supply of those who die on the road."

"Indeed?"

"Yes, sir; and a man like you with a fine descriptive ability and inexhaustible supply of language which has made you famous in two continents—"

"How many columns do you want?"

"Oh, as many as you please."

"When will the show be here?"

"Perhaps not for two months; we travel more for pleasure than for coin."

"Just so. Well our figures for big circuses like yours are £20 per column, cash down and 30 per cent. of the gross proceeds if the show is a success."

"The agent seemed rather affected."

"Isn't that rather steep?"

"It is, I'm afraid, but we circulate such a mammoth edition that the price is comparatively trifling. 400 waggons come up every day with paper for our editions, worked off by machines and lighting-gears. By simply cutting down the size of the paper an eighth of an inch we can save money to build four free libraries, or to do down an orphanage, but simply for the paper for money but simply for—"

But the circus man had

### THE UGANDA RAILWAY.

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Everything has to be brought from a long distance. The labour, for instance was provided for by the importation of 20,000 men from India and all stores and tools have to come either from that country, or from a still greater distance, from England.

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ST. GEO RATHBORNE

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MAID MIRIAM.

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SONG OF DE WET.

By S. W. SCADDING.

You are not quite one of our set, De Wet; A fact that we almost regret...

You are devilish quick on your pins, De Wet; And run a fast race with your sins...

You've led us a dance of a chase, De Wet; At a no-time-for anything pace...

You've dodged in right under our nose, De Wet; And trod rather hard on our toes...

You've dashed through slick under our guns, De Wet; For though put there to turn you...

That debt it's our pleasure to pay, De Wet; Whenever you've leisure to stay...

We'll give you as good as we get, De Wet; We're safe; for of course, you don't bet...

THE DANGER OF BLIND BURIED ALIVE.

Few people probably are aware of the extent to which this danger is a very real one...

THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

Certainly no living Sovereign has been given more nicknames than the still comparatively youthful Kaiser...

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Autumn & Winter, 1902. HAWKES BROS., NEW GOODS. NEW GOODS. NEW GOODS.

COUGLE'S. JUST OPENED AT. MILLINERY. MILLINERY. MILLINERY. Black and Colored Dress Materials.

When You CANNOT SLEEP for coughing, it is hardly necessary that anyone should tell you that you need a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy...

State Politics. An unusually large number of members gathered at the state Parliament-house for luncheon on Wednesday...

Police Magistrate's Fixtures. The following are the police magistrates permanent engagements in the Ballarat district...

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YOU CAN GIVE A DOSE TO THE AGED AND INFIRM, and ensure their repose at night and ease during the day.

YOU CAN STRENGTHEN YOUR VOEGAL ORGANS AND CHEST by taking a dose before speaking and immediately after. This will prevent any feeling of weariness.

YOU SHOULD REFUSE IMITATIONS. The genuine has Brimwood, Cherry, 30 Killa, on label and wrapper. Sold by all stores and chemists.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling out, see it with THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORATIVE...

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Commence at 7.30 a.m.

- 1. SONG—"Bid Me to Wash" (White Lather) ... W. A. SHERWOMAN. 2. MANGLESELECTION—"I Press Thee Close," with a Tub Accompaniment. 3. CONTRALTO SOLO—"White Starch."

- 4. SHORT ADDRESS—"To the few who know not the delight, the ineffable, unfeigned pleasure experienced in using J. R. WOTHERSPOON & CO'S. SOAP, STARCH, CANDLES, MATCHES, etc., and also the general satisfaction which the splendid quality of their goods gives, I earnestly recommend a trial. Once used—well, don't take my word for it only, but ask your neighbour..."

- 5. SONG—"Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" (J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co's. Candle)... T.H.E. MISTRESS. 6. DUET—"Alice, where art thou?" (To be sung at 10.30 a.m.) THE MISTRESS and W.A.SHERWOMAN.

To Conclude with the SCREAMING FARCE, "WHY GO ELSEWHERE?" when J. R. WOTHERSPOON & CO'S. SOAP, STARCH, CANDLES, etc., Their Splendid Brands of WINES and SPIRITS, Their CHAFF, OATS, BEAN and FOLLARD, etc., ARE ON THE MARKET.

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Dixson's Great Tobacco YANKEE DOODLE Finer now than ever.

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CuraKof The most efficacious Medicine yet known for the Cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, etc. Price 2s., from E. SCHLICHT, BEAUFORT.



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PRICE THREEPENCE.

POSTAL NEWS.

LETTERS WITHIN VICTORIA. a. d. ...

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Clarke's Blood Mixture

THE WORLD-FAMED BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORE. IS WARRANTED TO CLEAR THE BLOOD from all impurities from whatever cause arising...

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT. Have stood pre-eminent during the past sixty years as RELIABLE FAMILY MEDICINES.

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.

SUPPORT LOCAL INDUSTRY.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE LOCAL PAPER.

TERMINAL RATES. SOUTH WALES, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, WEST AUSTRALIA, F.M. NEW HEBRIDES AND BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

LETTERS.—Per 3 ounces or under 0 2 ...

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LETTERS.—Each 3 ounces or under 0 2 ...

CONVENCIAL PAPERS.—4 ounces or under 0 2 ...

REGISTRATION FEE. Acknowledgement of delivery of a registered article ... 0 2 1/2

LATE LETTERS must bear full postage and late fee stamp of 2d. extra, and may be posted at any time not exceeding a quarter of an hour after mailing.

BALSAM. OWLE, BEAUFORT.

ER & SONS, Gentlemen's Outfitters, 47 GEORGE STREET, BEAUFORT.

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Postal Intelligence. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS. MAIL TIME TABLE. RAILWAY. Closing Time.

STEVENSON & SONS, UNDERTAKERS AND CARPENTERS. HAYCOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

A. H. SANDS, UNDERTAKER. Corner of Neill and Havelock Streets, and opposite State School.

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

P. J. O'SULLIVAN, SADDLER AND HARNESS MAKER SNAKE VALLEY.

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

JOHN HUMPHREYS, COMMISSION & INSURANCE AGENT. Neill Street, Beaufort.

JOHN J. NAYLOR, Blacksmith and Wheelwright, BEAUFORT.

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

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

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

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

ARTHUR PARKER, Proprietor. Beaufort, 5th September, 1896.

NOW SHOWING,

For the EASTER HOLIDAYS, A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF AUTUMN & WINTER MILLINERY, DRESSES, LADIES' MACKINTOSHES, JACKETS, CAPES, FURS, MUFFS, TIPPETS, &c., &c.

An entire New Stock of General Manchester

Goods, at prices lower than ever.

New Clothing from the Best Makers.

Men's Suits, Chesterfields, and Mackintosh

Coats, Trousers and Vests, Boys' Suits,

Hats, Shirts, Ties; very special values.

New Boots for the Autumn trade.

All sorts, sizes, and prices to suit all requirements.

J. McKEICH, IMPORTER,

BEAUFORT.

Bushell's 1/3 Tea

Speaks for itself



Bushell's

Agents for Beaufort and District—

J. R. WOTHERSPOON & CO.,

General Merchants, NEILL STREET.

Mr. SAMUEL YOUNG, Barrister and Solicitor, Proctor and Conveyancer, NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

OFFICE HOURS—10 to 12, 1 to 5. TRUST and other MONIES TO LEND on freehold and other securities.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Presbyterian Church—Beaufort, 11 a.m.; Trawalla, 3 p.m.; Waterloo, 7 p.m.—Mr Geo. Rowe, B.A., Lecturer, 11 a.m.; Waterloo, 3 p.m.; Beaufort, 7 p.m. (young people's service). Solo: "The Light of the World."—Rev. J. A. Barber, B.A. Methodist Church—Beaufort, 11 a.m.; Clun, 3 p.m.; Raglan, 7 p.m.—Rev. W. J. Bottoms, Raglan, 3 p.m.—Mr Chelwell, Main Level, 3 p.m.; Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Mr Cunningham. All seats free.

HAVELOCK TOBACCO. HIGHEST QUALITY MANUFACTURED. DARK OR AROMATIC. FINEST SELECTED AMERICAN LEAF.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday. Fat Cattle—A very small yarding, numbering only 155 head, came to-day's sale, of which number barely one-fifth could be classed as prime, the bulk of the remainder being of inferior quality, and a few only middling. There was a good attendance of the trade, all suitable quality meeting a keen demand at prices showing a material advance on last week's rates, closing firm. Quotations—Prime pens bullocks, £14 10s to £15 12s 6d; good do., £12 10s to £13 10s; medium do., £10 10s to £11 10s; cows, to £8 12s 6d. Fat Calves—28 penned, which was the number penned for to-day's sale, by far the greater portion consisting of middling and useful descriptions, a small proportion being good and prime. There was a large attendance of buyers, and the meeting with brisk competition, prices showing an improvement on last week's rates, whilst other sorts remain unaltered. Quotations—Prime crossbred wethers, 18s to 23s; extra do., 20s 3d; odd sheep, 22s 6d; good do., 15s 6d to 18s; medium do., 12s 6d to 15s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 17s to 18s; extra do., 19s to 22s; good do., 14s to 15s; prime merino wethers, 15s to 16s 1d; good do., 13s to 14s; medium do., 11s to 12s. Lambs—500 to hand, only a few lots being up to trade requirements, few lots being up to trade requirements. Prime, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; odd ones, to 17s; good, 11s to 12s; medium, 8s 6d to 9s 6d. The following district sales are reported:—By Messrs Macleod & Co., £13-370 merino wethers, estate of late J. McPherson, Martin North, Streatham, 11s 10d to 15s 2d, averaging 12s 1d; 25 comback lambs, J. Jess, Middle Creek, ewes, 5s 11d to 7s 9d, wethers, 5s 7d to 7s 11d. By Messrs Hepburn, Dooling & Co., £1-100 merino wethers, estate of late J. McPherson, Martin North, Streatham, 9s 6d. By Messrs S. G. Valentine and Co., 17 nice quality light-weight bullocks, Admiral Bridges, Trawalla Estate, to £13 7s 6d, averaging £12 1s 2d.

Important Announcement.

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

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Board of Advice.

A meeting of the Board of Advice for the School District of the North Riding, Shire of Ripon, was held at the Beaufort State School on Saturday afternoon. Present—Messrs Parker (chairman), Topper, and Cameron. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. From J. W. BROWN, tendering his resignation as correspondent to the board, as he felt that it was necessary for him to be relieved of the duties.—Resignation accepted with regret, and Mr Cameron appointed to the position. From R. G. TILLEY, pointing out that a hat-rail and lock wanted repairing at Beaufort school; also from C. Baker, asking for repairs to a hat-rail.—To be attended to by correspondent. From Education Department, notifying that Miss Ethel M. Gruber has been appointed head teacher of the Main Level school.—Received. From same, intimating that owing to repeal of section 13, Education Act 1890, and substitution of section 4, Education Act 1901, in lieu thereof, the Crown solicitor has given his opinion that no proceedings against parents of defaulters can be taken until after the expiration of the quarter ending 31st March; that all cases pending must be withdrawn, and that instructions to this effect have been issued to the truant officers.—Received. From same, notifying that the following works will be effected at the Beaufort school:—Providing a new urinal, drain and filtering pit.—Received. From same, notifying appointment of Mr C. J. C. Baker as head teacher of Beaufort school.—Received. The action of the correspondent in granting holidays to several schools was endorsed.

Justice's Fixtures.

The local J's.P. have arranged to attend the Beaufort Courts of Petty Sessions as under:—Second Tuesday—Messrs F. Beggs, H. Cushing, and J. R. WOTHERSPOON. Fourth Tuesday—Messrs M. Flynn, G. Topper, and T. Beggs. GAZETTE NOTICES: Licences Approved.—Luke T. Smith, Waterloo, 23 acres, parish of Beaufort; Saml. Baldwin, senr., Trawalla, 201a, parish of Langi-kai-kai; J. Bankin, Ballarat, 16s and 92 parcels, Mt. Cole State Forest; J. Stokes, Chute, 1900 c, 101n, and 25,000ft. mine timber, Mt. Cole State Forest; W. Milne, Beaufort, 100 fencing posts, Trawalla. June 26th and 27th have been appointed school holidays in connection with the coronation festivities. A man named Eric Niemier, who was arrested at Beaufort on 18th inst. and sentenced to three months' imprisonment on a charge of being illegally at large. To "Tattler": there's many a man Who over his bank account, And they who lowly lie began, Climbed quickly up the chart. We trust that those whose count of gold To perils may a-lure, Such as neglect a cough or cold, Take Woods' GREAT PEPPERMINT Cure.

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Australian Natives' Association, WATERLOO BRANCH.

The half-yearly meeting, held at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Tuesday evening, was attended by about 30 members; the President (Mr R. A. D. Sinclair) in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. CORRESPONDENCE: From Board of Directors, asking for proposed amendments in rules to be submitted by 30th June. To be attended to by the President. From Metropolitan Committee, asking branch to forward its syllabus by 1st July.—To be attended to. From Warrnambool branch, appealing for donation on behalf of a late member's family.—Received, the branch having no contingency fund, and the secretary stating that if any members wished to give a shilling he would forward the amount on. From Allendale branch, applying for clearance of Member Young.—Complied with. From W. T. Hill and C. W. Jones, joint secretaries of Coronation celebration committee at Beaufort, soliciting a donation.—Received. The president suggested that members should give 6d each to make up a donation of 10s. Mr Menzies thought the other appeal more deserving of consideration, pointing out that as members would be waiting on collectors for the Coronation celebration, it was not fair thing to ask them to contribute even sixpence here also. Mr Muntz remarked that he had no power to compel members to give, and the president replied that he did not ask them, but that if they liked they could give privately. GAZETTE OF OFFICERS: Mr H. H. Menzies having been elected as president without opposition, was installed by the retiring president, who reminded members that they had elected a really good president, and one who would conduct the business in a business-like manner. He (Mr Sinclair) had been elected after Mr Sinclair had announced his own resignation. Mr Menzies would give them a little latitude, but when they exceeded that he would pull them up. He sincerely trusted that Mr Menzies would have as happy a time as he had while in office. In returning thanks Mr Menzies remarked that it would be rather a difficult task after Mr Sinclair had announced resigning the chair, for him to correct it. He perhaps would have to put the screw on at times, but he hoped that would not keep members away. He asked them to help to make the meetings interesting, his desire being to see the branch prosper. By attending the meetings, listening to papers and taking part in debates, they would gain more ground than they expected. There was a great need for young public men in the district. They saw the same few carrying on meetings, whilst every man able to think should get up and give expression to his thoughts. For the position of vice-president, Mr Muntz defeated Mr Carroll by 17 votes to 12. Mr A. E. Sands was re-elected treasurer, and Mr W. T. Hill secretary. Mr Carroll was appointed assistant-secretary, defeating Mr W. C. Jones (who asked members to vote against him) by 23 to 6. The voting for the committee was—W. Kay, 25; M. Franze, 24; W. C. Jones, 24; J. Ball, 20; M. Kelly, 20; McKerrall, 18; and A. Hogg, 14. The first two were declared elected. Messrs J. B. WOTHERSPOON and G. H. COUGLE were re-elected auditors, and Mr A. PARKER press correspondent. Several of the newly-elected officers returned thanks. GENERAL BUSINESS: Two new members were elected and welcomed, and one proposed. Five members were reported on the sick list, only one remaining on. Accounts amounting to £49 15s 1d were passed for payment. The president, vice-president, and secretary were deputed to draw up a syllabus for the next meeting. Mr Muntz, in accordance with notice, moved—"That a levy of 2s. 6d. per member per annum be made for the quarter ending 31st August, 1902, and thereafter at corresponding quarters in each year; 1s. 6d. to be used as oculist's fees and 1s. towards forming a contingency fund." This was seconded by Mr W. C. Jones. An amendment was proposed by Mr Sinclair, and seconded by Secretary Hill—"That a levy of 1s. per member per annum be made towards forming a contingency fund." Both spoke of the 2s. 6d. levy as being detrimental to the branch, the secretary knowing 20 or 30 members opposed to it, and who were not present. Correspondence from Dr. Guthrie, of Ballarat, as to his willingness to act as oculist to the branch for 1s. 6d. per member per year, exclusive of operative treatment, was read and discussed, as also the matter of honorary members not being allowed to speak or vote on matters relating to the sick fund, medical officer, and chemist, except he is receiving medical benefits, nor on finance, as ruled by the president, who ordered that they should not pay the levy, if the motion were carried. Mr E. J. Jones then moved that the president's ruling be discussed with which was seconded by Secretary Hill. Vice-President Muntz was then proposed to the chair. The motion was, however, lost by a large majority, and the president resumed the chair. A lively and protracted discussion followed. As it had been previously decided that the whole branch should be placed on the oculist's list, subject to its being ascertained from the board that they had power to impose a levy, Mr W. C. Jones asked that this minutes should be read. The president ruled that it was not necessary, and further ruled that Mr Muntz's motion was in order upon Mr Carroll questioning whether it was in order to discuss it before rescinding the previous motion and J. A. Leitch. Mr C. W. Jones then moved that the president's ruling be disagreed with, but found no seconder. The president, in support of his ruling, read rule 7 of procedure at meetings, as follows:—"Any subject that may be at once settled by vote or division cannot be again entertained at the same meeting, or at any subsequent meeting, unless due notice be given at a meeting of the branch, in which case the original mover and seconder shall be properly notified. And no motion passed at a summoned meeting shall be rescinded, except at a quarterly summoned meeting or special summoned meeting, due notice of which must be given at a prior meeting of the branch." This rule, he maintained, had been carried out, rendering the rescinding of the previous motion unnecessary. He also pointed out that the adoption of the amendment would not be a deterrent to members either going on the oculist's list, or from being examined by Dr. Guthrie and going on his list.





Ultimately the amendment was carried by 10 votes to 8, and when put a motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. C. Jones moved that the secretary write to the board of directors, asking if it is not the proper course to rescind the previous motion before receiving Mr. Jones' notice of motion.

The president said he would be justified in ruling it out of order, as it was another way of disagreeing with his decision, but as there was no seconding by Mr. Jones, and Mr. Carroll agreed with Mr. Jones, and contended that the wrong procedure had been followed. He gave notice to move that meeting.

The president refused to accept it. The treasurer reported that the contributions for the evening amounted to £39 10s 2d, and the president announced that this sum had "broken the record."

Light refreshments having been partaken of the evening being a pleasant hour was spent in progressive euchre. Messrs L. F. Troy and H. Stuart tied for first honors with 8 games each, and Mr. Carroll was runner up.

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