

The Whistling Buoy; OR THE MOANING MEMENTO OF A SECRET SORROW.

By Charles Barnard. CHAPTER IX.—(Continued.)

"John, will you please find out from the head steward who occupies the cabin that we have an old acquaintance in that room, but he is not sure of the name."

terrible momentum of the ship's disaster... The ship shook in the sea and every heart of board seemed to stop with chilling suspense.

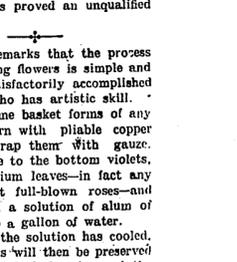
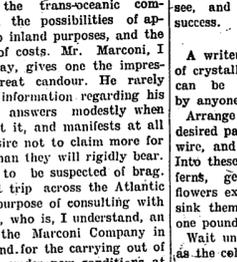
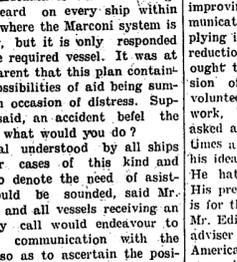
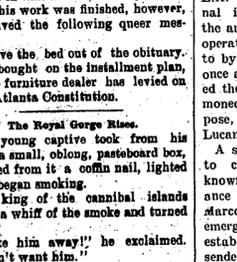
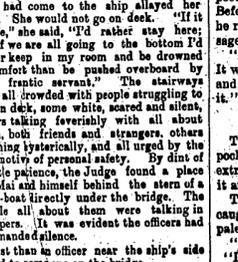
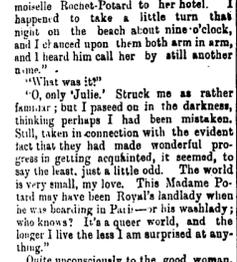
she was calmer. As for this woman—this Madame Potard, he would probe her acts and motives till he found the truth that she had some motive in her cruelty that he clearly recognized.

HER FATAL DISCOVERY. After she made it there was no hope for her. "Break our engagement!" he echoed in amazement.

CONVERSATIONS WITH MARCONI. IN MID-ATLANTIC. THE WIRELESS SYSTEM AT WORK. SHIP SPEAKING TO SHIP.

Turkey views the Macedonian situation, and her intention to use stern measures of repression. As the installation on the Lucania has not the transmitting power necessary to acknowledge a message from a far distant station, the plan in operation is for Cape Breton to repeat its messages after an interval of five minutes.

GENERAL INFORMATION. There is said to be only one musk-ox in captivity. This is in the Zoo at Hamburg. The estimated cost of a bridge over the Straits of Dover is thirty-four millions.



"What you mean?" "Oh, nothing, only a little circumstance I need to tell you about last summer at the Hotel. Remember that night Royal came home? You sent him to escort this Madame Juliette to her hotel."

"THE YELLOW MARINER KICKED HIM ASIDE." Iured away her husband. She had already stabbed her through the Judge's wife. She would attack the girl herself, let the consequences be what they might.

Another War Victim. The old East of One of Our Old Favorites. He seemed so wan, so pitiful, as he leaned wearily against the hot, unyielding wall.

Hard Lines. "I found out the cost of those roses," said the girl with the real blond hair, "but I can't say that the information has done me any good."

WHERE 7,000,000 PERSONS ARE BEING VACCINATED. The largest bacteriological enterprise the world has ever seen is being undertaken by the British Government in India.

ONLY PAINTED. "V. C." has a story of a South African Judge, who, hearing a commotion at the back of his residence hurried out to find his little son enjoying himself immensely by chasing the Kaffir round the yard with a red-hot poker.

ONLY JUST ARRIVED. Sunday-school Superintendent: "Who lead the children of Israel into Canaan? Will one of the smaller boys answer?"

Frederick Central. The best all-round district for very good people seem to be in the district of the value of £1. For the old-fashioned man, the value of £1. For the old-fashioned man, the value of £1.

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paid a dividend of fivepence out of the two shillings paid for shares. Subsequently the company was re-formed, and as an inducement for better local support, the office was shifted from Melbourne to Ballarat. As the old directors refused to give local shareholders two representatives on the board, the latter, holding the balance of shares, took the bull by the horns, and tarred off three old directors in favor of three from Beaufort and Raglan. One of the cast-off directors, a large Ballarat investor, who was paying calls of £60 a month, turned rusty and sacrificed his shares. But other shareholders were induced to come in, and as the shaft is now down 50ft., and a winding and pumping plant has been erected, the troubles of the company have practically been overcome, and in a few months time shares will in all probability begin to rise. The prospects of the company certainly warrant this belief. Troy and party have made the valuable discovery of a new lead (which also improves the Junction prospects) also improve the Junction lease. They bored the ground, and at a depth of 240ft. obtained 2ft. of wash. A company in all probability will be promoted early in New Year to work this ground. North Sons of Freedom Company.—Tributors engaged putting in main reef drive extended 600ft. N.N.W. Cross-cutting in wash. The whole of the wash treated averaged 1oz. 6dwt. per ton. A number of investors from Melbourne and Ballarat are inspecting the district, with a view of taking up leases of the old abandoned shallow diggings for dredging purposes. Stevens and party (7 men), King Charley's lead.—Sunk shaft to wash 100ft. Erected steam machinery. The winding plant was originally used at the late Sons of Freedom mine. After a little prospecting, payable ground was discovered, and some very fair yields were obtained, the last machine washed giving a return of over 13oz. Stevenson and party (8 men), Duncan's lead.—Sunk shaft 160ft.; are working with a portable engine; have done a considerable amount of prospecting, with poor results, but are at present obtaining slightly better returns. Mosey and party, Surface Hill lead.—Have trenched wash in sinking at 160ft., but owing to the water being too heavy for present appliances they have decided to erect a whim. A few old fossickers and Chinamen at Raglan are earning a crust in the shallow diggings. Martin and party, Brusher's lead, Waterloo, have sunk shaft, erected whim, and are driving to discover the continuity of the lead which has been profitably worked by various former parties, but now abandoned. Ballantine Bros., Baxter's Gully, Waterloo, are working the shallow ground with varied results. At one period of the year there was quite a rush of miners there, owing to a number of nuggets being discovered, the largest being 5oz., 11oz., and 13oz. respectively. The Last Chance party of nine, Waterloo, have very serviceable machinery and plant. Their underground workings are a considerable distance from the shaft, having been continuously engaged for eleven years, and during the past year they have obtained fair returns. They consider they have another two years' work in sight. Stewart and party, Shicer's Gully, Waterloo, are working the skirtings of the old ground, and are obtaining small wages. A few individual miners are prospecting the ranges for payable quartz, but so far their efforts are unsuccessful.

Federal Elections.
GRAMPIANS ELECTORS.
DECLARATION OF THE POLL.
The official declaration of the poll for the Grampians electorate was made by the returning officer, Mr. J. A. Barry, at the Town Hall on 24th Decr. There were only a few persons present. Mr Barry read the results of the polling, which was as follows:—
A. Andrews... 722
P. W. McGrath... 2738
A. Ritchie... 3285
T. Skene... 3836
Mr T. Skene, having the greatest number of votes, he then declared him elected, the announcement being received with applause.
Mayor Wild remarked that Mr Skene had asked him in his absence to return back on his behalf. He (the Mayor) thought the best way of doing so would be to read Mr Skene's letter, which was as follows:—"As it is impossible for me to be present at the declaration of the poll in Ararat, I shall esteem it a personal favor if you will return thanks for me to the electors for their renewed pledge of their confidence in me. I need hardly say how deeply I feel the honor in being returned with such a large majority, notwithstanding the splendidly organized Labor vote and still larger Ministerial vote against me. This result convinces me that what the Grampians electorate requires is temperate, not experimental or extreme legislation. I can only say, in conclusion, that in the future, as in the past, my endeavors will be for the common weal of the Commonwealth, and then to secure justice for those in my electorate, whether supporters or opponents, and I trust that at the next election the votes which were at this recorded against me will be then accorded to me.—Thos. Skene." (Applause.)
The Mayor then moved a vote of thanks to the returning officer, Mr J. A. Barry, and, in doing so, pointed out that Ararat could pride itself on the fact that the returns sent from here had never to be corrected, and that was more than could be said of any other electorate. (Hear.) It was a feather in the cap of Mr Barry to have done so well, more especially on his first occasion. (Applause.)
Mr Barry thanked the Mayor for his kindly remarks, and also those who had been associated with him in the election for the assistance they had rendered him.—Advertiser.

DEVOTION OF A HUSBAND.
Ordinary End of Dr. Dokitch, President of King Alexander's Ministry.
DECLARATION OF THE POLL.
Deep and widespread is the regret in Serbia at the untimely death of Dr. Dokitch, the young president of the ministry under King Alexander after his recent assumption of full power. It was a heroic death, however, for Dr. Dokitch, whom many of his countrymen considered the most promising man of his time, met his end through his devotion to his wife. The romance of his life had already endeared him to his people.
When a student a few years ago in Belgrade, Dokitch, one of the most brilliant men at the university, saw his wife pass the house in which he lived. She was poorly clad, and her appearance proved that she had come from a poverty stricken home. But the beauty of her face and her kind eyes impressed the young man. He learned her name later and found that she was a grammarian, the main support of her family. Despite their difference in rank, he fell deeply in love with the girl and asked her to be his wife. Soon after his graduation he became professor of law at the university and prominent in politics, and then led her to the altar.
But the young wife was already afflicted with consumption, and the disease soon made rapid progress. Naturally of a melancholy disposition, she became despondent. Then came the hope inspiring message from Berlin that Professor Robert Koch had discovered a cure for tuberculosis. Dr. Dokitch endeavored to induce his wife to go to the German capital, but the young woman was convinced that her case was hopeless and declined to carry out his wishes. He tried to soothe her spirits and prove that her condition was not dangerous. He gave up his work, spent almost every moment of his time with her, drank from her glass and tried in other ways to convince her that he had no fear of her life or the disease. The "Koch cure" was tried, but in vain, and Mrs. Dokitch died.
The coup d'etat came and the professor was summoned to the highest office under the young King Alexander. But he had contracted consumption by his devotion to his wife, and his constitution was undermined. A few months ago he had become so weak that he was compelled to resign, much to the regret of his king. He sought relief in vain, and a few days ago the people of Belgrade heard with sorrow that he was dead. The cause of his untimely end was known, and hundreds of people who never knew him in life followed him to the grave.—New York Tribune.

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SHIRE OF RIPON.
TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, enclosing five per cent. cash deposit (minimum deposit £2 in cash or marked cheque), will be received up till 11 a.m. on Monday, 11th JANU., 1904, for the following works:—
Contract 232.—Carting timber from Smythesdale, Linton, and Beaufort railway stations, to be delivered as specified.
WATER-BRIDGES.
Contract 235.—Carting and stacking 240 cub. yds. quartz metal in Hope's Lane and Ballarat road.
Contract 236.—Supplying, breaking, &c., 380 cub. yds. bluestone maintenance metal, Hope's Lane and Ballarat road.
WATER-BRIDGES.
Contract 237.—Re-building culvert, near Cross Roads, parish of Moalblack.
Contract 238.—Supplying, breaking, &c., 150 cub. yds. bluestone maintenance metal, Stockyard Hill.
Contract 239.—Supplying, breaking, &c., 300 cub. yds. bluestone maintenance metal, Beaufort and Streamham roads.
NORTH BRIDGES.
Contract 240.—Re-building bridge between Ball's and Willox's, over Frye's Creek, near Raglan.
Contract 241.—Draining, &c., on road from McQueen's bridge, towards Buangor.
Contract 242.—Twelve chains forming and metalling, construction of invert, &c., near All Nations Consols.
Applications are also invited from those willing to carry out work of rolling in the Shire. Conditions, &c., may be inspected at same places as contracts.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the Mechanics' Institute, Skipton; Greyhound Hotel, Snake Valley; and Shire Hall, Beaufort. E. J. HUNTZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer, Shire Office, Beaufort, 31st Decr., 1903.

SHIRE OF RIPON.
ALTERATION OF DATE OF MEETING.
Notice is hereby given that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council of above Shire will be held on MONDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1904, and the following Meeting on FEBRUARY 8th, 1904.
(By order)
J. M. CARROLL, Shire Secretary, Beaufort, 23rd Decr., 1903.

A Happy New Year.

Remember,
A small present, but ever so small, gladdens the heart of young and old.

Presents, Presents, Toys, Toys, Cards, Cards.

AT
C. W. JONES'S
Grand Xmas Toy Fair,
BEAUFORT.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

DIXON BROS.,
PRODUCE MERCHANTS, ETC.,
Wish to notify the farmers of the surrounding district that they have leased the premises lately occupied by Mr. J. Guthbertson as Steam Chaff-Mills, OPPOSITE CAMP HOTEL, BEAUFORT.

They have on hand first-class Cornsacks from 4s 6d to 5s 6d per doz. Horse Rugs, Tarpaulins, Water-Bags, Buggy and Coach Rugs—a speciality.

We are Direct Importers of Duck and Canvas, and as we buy largely for cash we can offer special inducements in these lines. Farmers should not allow stacks to become damaged while our Tarpaulins are obtainable. Place your orders early with us, as our Geelong Factory is now working overtime, and we wish you to get prompt delivery.

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Dinner Sets, 17s 6d; Extra Large, 35s;
Tea Sets, 15s; Bedroom Sets, 10s 6d.

All these Sets are direct from British Potteries, which is a sufficient guarantee of their excellent quality.

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Are second to none in quality and variety. No difficulty in making a selection from such a stock.

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Are all the go just now. We have an immense assortment, at very small prices.

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Of every description, to suit all purses.

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You will never wish to take another dose of pills after having once used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are their action and more reliable, as they are always depended upon. They also soothe and invigorate the stomach and leave the bowels in a natural condition, while pills are harsh in effect and their use is usually followed by constipation. "What You Need." Only 1/6. Sold by J. E. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Merchants, Beaufort.

FOR SALE, SPRING DRAY, W. C. PEDDER, Wheelwright, Beaufort.
SONS OF FREEDOM CENTRAL G.M. COMPANY, No Liability, Raglan.
Notice.—A DIVIDEND (No. 21) of Sixpence per Share has been declared in the above company, payable to registered shareholders at the office of the company, on Thursday, 14th Jan., 1904.
J. H. CUNNINGHAM, Manager.
No. 7 Lyford-street, Ballarat.
N.B.—Transfer books close on Thursday, 7th Jan., 1904, until after date of payment of dividend.

SONS OF FREEDOM JUNCTION G.M. CO., No Liability, Beaufort-AUSTRALASIA
Forbidden for non-payment of the 7th Call of Threepence (3d.) per Share will be SOLD by public auction, at the Mining Exchange, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., unless calls and expenses be previously paid.
A. J. PEACOCK, Manager.
IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.—Black bull, no visible brands. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold 30th Jan., 1904.
W. G. STEVENS, Penitentiary.

W. EDWARD NICKOLS, AUCTIONEER
AND COMMISSION AGENT, BEAUFORT
and ARARAT, begs most respectfully to tender his thanks to his friends, patrons, and the public for their liberal support and patronage during the past forty years, in which he conducted the business of Commission Agent and Auctioneer, and begs to inform them that he has taken a PARTNER in the business, viz., Mr. CHESTERFIELD, of Piffeld. The business will be carried on as heretofore, with every attention and prompt settlement. The firm will be W. EDWARD NICKOLS and CHESTERFIELD, Auctioneers and Commission Agents, Beaufort, Ararat, and Piffeld. (Mr. Chesterfield, Auctioneers.)
W. EDWARD NICKOLS, Auctioneer.

COMMITTEE MEETING of the above INSTITUTE on TUESDAY Evening next, 5th JANU., 1904, at 8 o'clock. Business.—To consider proposal, to Bicycle Race, passing accounts in connection with the Boxing Day sports, and general. A full attendance of members requested.
H. PARKER, Secretary.

Public Notice.
W. H. HALPEN begs to notify the public of the surrounding district that he has ceased to be Agent for Linton & Baird, and that he will hold MONTHLY SALES in connection with DIXON BROS., at their yards, BEAUFORT. The FIRST SALE will be held during JANUARY. DIXON BROS. solicit the patronage of the public in their new undertaking, sales of Land, Stock, Furniture, etc., conducted at lowest rates.

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Notice to Advertisers.
OWING to the inconvenience caused by advertisements being received after the appointed time, we beg to notify that unless ALTERATIONS TO STANDING ADVERTISEMENTS reach us by WEDNESDAY Morning, such alterations will not be made till the following issue.
In future this rule will be strictly enforced in fairness to our employees. Correspondents are also requested to send reports by Thursday.
A. PARKER, Proprietor.

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More Increase of Butter Fat Than Milk Product.

The bulletin of the Iowa station puts matter in the clearest light and without any ambiguity when it says, "The fat product was increased to a larger extent by the feeding than the milk product."

I have found that the use of rich food crops has a greater effect than might be expected from the grain food alone.

My cow will eat clean 100 pounds of cut grass and clover when nothing else is given and with twenty pounds of cut hay will get six pounds of meal.

In regard to the statement that the fats from the food are increased by the feeding of the water fat substances, I might explain that my belief is supported by the analogous case of the larger butter yield when the various kinds of cream from several cows are mixed than when they are churned separately.

No doubt we may not be able to get all the fat made from hay or grass, but when the richer foods are used those who may gather the other fats through other means.

Frosted Feed and Bitter Butter. Mr. B. C. Bliss says in The Practical Dairyman:

I have had more trouble from poor butter in winter than on any other time simply because farmers persist in turning out cows to eat green grass or feed on frozen cornstalks.

We are convinced that one of the ruling causes for bitter butter is frosted feed. At least we have noticed for years that this trouble mainly comes with the advent of freezing weather.

This shows how important it is that the patrons of a creamery should know just what they are doing and all the consequences that result to the central product from what they do.

To make the butter come in February there is nothing like having a fresh cow come in about that time.

Professor Cheeseman, which is a good name for a man who knows all about dairy interests, rescues his grass lands every three years.

The oleomargarine law of Pennsylvania puts that product on the same footing with liquor. If it comes into the state as an original package it can be sold there, although the state has a law prohibiting its sale.

Dairyman and creamery men ought to give us good an article of butter at a reasonable price that nobody would touch oleomargarine for anything but soap grease.

Anyone who has ever given Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy a trial will tell you it is unequalled for all stomach and bowel troubles.

Arson in Wall Paper.

It is generally known that arsenic enters into the coloring of many kinds of cheap wall papers, and some of the better grades also, writes W. P. Penn in The Ladies' Home Journal.

A simple but efficient test will immediately locate the presence of the mineral, and every housewife should have the necessary knowledge.

Finger Nail Fashions.

This is a progressive age, and the "manicure lady" is up to date.

"Will madam have her nails shaped or exhibition or execution?"

The patron plinks the banjo. She takes the delicate style, and when the operator is through with her hands the flesh stands up above her finger nail cushions.

The "exhibition cut" is for filed hands, and the nails are tinted and filled in curves as nearly like the moons at the base of the nail as they can be shaped.

Women in English Politics.

The woman canvasser is a picturesque feature of English politics not yet familiar in this country.

London High Society. London high society has been exercised recently by a series of articles in The Statesman Gazette detailing the experiences of an American young woman who advertised for a chaperon who could introduce her into court and other exclusive circles.

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Nervous Prostration.

TOO NERVOUS TO SLEEP.

THE PROBLEM SOLVED.

The Case of Mrs. C. JOHNSON.

(By a Local Reporter.)

The work of the reporter is to gather facts and incidents from as many sources as possible, so that reference of considerable value may be afforded to all who seek for information on various matters.

"I used to puzzle my brains as to what I ought to try next," observed Mrs. Johnson, "but it took me several weeks to arrive at the right decision, and then it occurred through a mere accident, or, to speak more correctly, through a stroke of good fortune."

"What was the main object of your experiments, Mrs. Johnson?"

"Why, to get something that would cure my terrible nervous prostration, of course. I was too far gone to be benefited by any medicine my friend was so persistent in recommending to me."

"Oh, some years ago, and my health has been grand ever since, and I solved a problem which it was my duty to enlighten other sufferers so that they may know the true value of Clements Tonic. You can publish these facts any way you like."

"Before I tell you that, you must know that during my long term of suffering I had passed through the hands of several doctors, and very kind and able doctors they were, but they did not seem to do me any good, but they relieved my sufferings at all. Besides being treated privately, I was also under the care of several hospital doctors. One medical gentleman seemed to think that my heart and lungs were affected, and when he wrote out a prescription for me he said I would keep the chemical going, and he gave me a bottle of medicine, but I was a regular medicine swallower, and I spent no end of money in endeavoring to get relief, but when I found it was all a waste of time, I was resigned to my fate."

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Justices' Fixtures.

The local J.A.P. have arranged to attend the Beaufort Courts of Petty Sessions as under—Second Tuesday, Messrs. F. Beggs, H. Cushing, J. R. Wotherspoon, and Rear-Admiral Bridges. Fourth Tuesday—Messrs. M. Flynn, G. Topper, and T. Beggs.

Important to Applicants for Mining Leases.

Applicants for leases within the district covered by The Riponshire Advocate are invited to peruse the following notice:

The New Mining Regulations require that when a lease is marked out the applicant shall insert in a newspaper published in the district where the land is situated, or if no such newspaper, then in the one published nearest the district, an advertisement of notice in the form marked A in the schedule prescribed.

Ten days are allowed, after marking out the lease, in which to lodge the application with the Warden or his clerk, and forward a duplicate to the Minister of Mines.

The word "district" in the regulations has been defined by the Crown Solicitor to be the local, and not the mining district, and the lease should therefore be advertised in the paper nearest the land for which application is to be made.

This is borne out by the following memo. from the Mines Department, conveyed by Mr. H. A. Adair, Grenville Standard, Linton.

By Young Tonic, dam, SARAH; grand sire, TONIX; grand dam, BRIT.

TO STAND AT MIDDLE CREEK this Season, and travel the surrounding district, the celebrated ROADSTER STALLION, BLARNEY STONE.

W. EDWARD, Painter, Paperhanger, and Glazier NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

T. E. SANDS, Cash Grocer, Beaufort, and hopes by strict attention to business and by keeping the Finest Meat, to merit a first class patronage.

F. G. PRINCE, Begs to intimate that he has STARTED BUSINESS as a PURCHER in premises in NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

FIRE, FIRE, FIRE. Absence of Grass. Farmers Beware. Household to Beware. INSURE YOUR STOCKS, STABLES, AND PROPERTIES in the City Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The Leading Fire Office IN AUSTRALIA. Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. Dwelling, Shops, Farm Buildings, Hay and Grain Stacks and Sheds, Agricultural Machinery, etc.

CAMP HOTEL, BEAUFORT. THE PROPRIETOR of the above well-known Hotel, in the thickly populated district of the very liberal patronage bestowed on the house during the past two years, and the opportunity to let takes this favorable opportunity to let the HOTEL be RENOVATED, PAINTED, and where necessary, RE-FURNISHED, and patrons will now find the Accommodation unsurpassed in the District.

WILLIAM J. HILL, Proprietor.

The only Machine that leaves Land Perfectly Level.

This Patent Style of Machine is the only machine perfectly and completely controlled by Compound Levers to instantly set machine in and out of cut, or deeper or shallower when travelling. Made all size.



PATENT MALLEE KING STEEL OR WOOD-FRAMED DISC. Renowned for immense quantities and quality of work done. Leads Everywhere.

ORCHARDIST'S EXTENSION DISC

Patent Extension and Reversible Double Beam Steel Frame Orchard Cultivator, will extend out to 10ft. or 12ft. wide, and close up to 5ft. 6in. Simple and easy managed in every particular.

ONE-HORSE or PONY DOT,

For smaller Growers, suitable for Vineyards, Nursery Growers, Small Orchards Potato and Onion Growers, is built on Reversible and Extension Principle.

SEND FOR ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUES.

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AGENTS FOR BEAUFORT AND DISTRICT—DIXON BROS.

TO STAND this Season, at NERRING, near Beaufort, and travel the surrounding district, THE PONY STALLION, ST. ENOCH, ST. MARNOCKS.

TO STAND this Season, at EURAMBEEN EAST (near Beaufort), the THOROUGHBRED HORSE, ST. MARNOCKS.

IF YOU DRINK WHISKY, And want to enjoy the exhilaration that is only to be found in a PURE SPIRIT, distilled and matured under the very best possible conditions, in one of SCOTLAND'S GREATEST and UP-TO-DATE DISTILLERIES, then ASK AT ONCE FOR THE BEAUTIFUL REGAL CLUB WHISKY.

REGAL CLUB WHISKY. Just imported into Victoria within the last few weeks. Its reputation comes with it.

FROM THE FIRST-CLASS CLUBS OF GREAT BRITAIN and EUROPE. It has the fullness of AGE, of STRENGTH, and of QUALITY. But it has MORE. It is a FLAVOUR WHICH IS IRRESISTIBLE, and which will command for it a welcome in every leading hotel in the State. Its advent is opportune! Such a Whisky is wanted.

Local Agent—J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co. L. BRAVO, Hairdresser and Tobacconist, LAWRENCE STREET, BEAUFORT.

J. B. COCHRAN begs to intimate that having purchased Miss Wilson's Stock of FANCY GOODS, TOYS, CONFECTIONERY, etc., he intends carrying on this business, in conjunction with his NEW GEMMY and STATIONERY BUSINESS, in the premises formerly occupied by Miss Wilson, next door to Wotherspoon & Co. Ladies are notified that Attention is called to the fact that the above-named Goods, and Musical Sundries kept in Stock. A good assortment of Pipes, Tobacco, and Cigarettes.

GEELONG WOOL SALES. SEASON 1903-1904. GEORGE HAGUE & Co. Will hold Weekly Wool Sales as usual every Friday during the coming season. They would call special attention to their EXTENSIVE WAREHOUSES, built expressly for the storage of Wool, splendidly lighted, and unequalled in the colony for the proper display of Wool. Railway and shipping right at the door. FARMERS' CLIPS receive special personal attention, and no lot, however small, is sold under full-market value. A LARGER LOCAL CONSUMPTION of Wool than any other market in the Australian Colonies. CHARGES the lowest ruling in the colony. Promptly and accurately rendered invariably three days after sale. ACT STRICTLY as Selling Brokers only. THIRTY-NINE YEARS' practical English, Continental, and Colonial experience of the Wool trade. CASH ADVANCES, if required, directly on receipt of produce into store.

THE ADDRESS IS—GEORGE PAY, WAWCHMAKER and JEWELLER, BALLARAT (Two doors down Sturt-street Post Office.)

A. H. SANDS, Cabinet Maker, Upholster, Blind and Bedding Manufacturer. A. H. SANDS has ON SALE Lines—Fine Shelving, hanging boards; Californian, pine, up to 36 inches; cedar, and wattle; table legs, arched and other mouldings, glass, white lead, oils, turpentine, varnishes, etc. Give your orders for the newspaper in your district, thousands of repetitions for which it receives whatever. It is always ready and money to benefit the prospects of the paper. Give your orders for the newspaper in your district, thousands of repetitions for which it receives whatever. It is always ready and money to benefit the prospects of the paper.

AGENTS FOR WATERLOO, BEAUFORT, AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS—M. FLYNN.

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THROUGH THE MILL LUNGS, LIVER AND KIDNEYS AFFECTED. A Sensational Cure.

The Case of Mr. H. BEHRENE. (By a Melbourne Reporter.)

The more questions are discussed the more perplexing they usually become. Numerous opinions combine to form such an intricate web of conditions...

My appetite was so poor that it was very seldom I wanted any. Establishments of any kind were equally objectionable in their effects...

Undoubtedly, you had a lot to put up with. Yes, but the worst has yet to be told. On the top of all the other complaints...

Cricket. BEAUFORT v. WATERLOO. On Saturday last the above clubs met in the Beaufort Park. Waterloo were late in arriving...

ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA. THE SECOND TEST MATCH. The second test match was brought to a conclusion on Tuesday, and terminated in a draw...

Snake Valley. David Wallace was thrown from a young horse on Monday through the girth of the saddle becoming unfastened...

Mining News. Mr. N. Davey, the mine manager of the All Nations Consols Company, Beaufort...

Carnham Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING. The 39th annual demonstration in aid of the Carnham Widows' and Orphans' Fund took place on New Year's Day...

The weather was all that could be desired for outdoor gatherings, and had the effect of inducing a very large number of spectators to witness the raising...

Yes, as soon as my bodily aches were banished I started work again. My nerves were made wonderfully steady by Clements Tonic, and by the aid of that medicine I regained all the strength I had lost...

STATUTORY DECLARATION. I, Hugh Behrene, of No. 5 George-street, South Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, do hereby certify that I have carefully read the annexed document...

BETTER THAN PILLS. You will never wish to take another dose of pills after having once used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easier to take, more mild and gentle in their action...

THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER. If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling out, use THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER. It will positively restore every case of Grey or White hair to its original color...

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THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER. It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on the scalp, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER, whole sale depot 29, Farringdon Road, London.

Large deposits of caterpillars eggs found in the stooked hay at Snake Valley. Aligned sly-grog selling at Ararat Chinese camp. Two arrests made.

IF IT STRIKES YOU

That you would like to purchase something either for personal adornment or for a present for a friend.

COME HERE FOR IT. We have just opened a lovely lot of New Goods. Novelties suitable for the Xmas trade. Specially selected by our buyers.

We Have Something Good for Everybody. Are again to the fore with an entirely New and Up-to-date Stock of ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, FANCY GOODS, GLASSWARE and ORNAMENTS.

We cannot suppress the silent eloquence of our Goods. They require only to be seen to be sold.

MONEY GOES A LONG WAY HERE. It is surprising how much can be bought for a little money.

CALL ROUND. And inspect our great Stock and Low Prices. "The Store of the Country."

J. R. WOTHERSPOON & CO., UNIVERSAL PROVIDERS, BEAUFORT AND BUANGOR.

Spurious bank notes in circulation in the Colac district. WANTED TO SELL, SPRING DRAY, in good order. Apply, H. SMITH, Main Street, BEAUFORT.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

DIXON BROS., Stock Station, Grain and Commission Agents, Valuers, and Export Produce Merchants. Wish to notify the farmers of the surrounding district that they have leased the premises lately occupied by Mr. J. Cuthbertson as Steam Chaff Mills, OPPOSITE CAMP HOTEL, BEAUFORT.

MONTHLY STOCKSALES. WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THEIR AUCTIONEER, Mr. W. H. HALPIN, EVERY THIRD THURSDAY. FIRST SALE, JANUARY 21st, 1904. Sales Conducted in any part of the State. Entries received by the Auctioneer, or Mr. Hill, Camp Hotel.

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Direct from the makers. Value better than ever. Call and see for yourself what a large and choice assortment there is to select from.

IN OUR WINDOWS. We are showing samples from the largest direct shipment of ENGLISH CROCKERY ever consigned to Beaufort, and just landed ex S.S. "Afric."

Dinner Sets, 17s 6d; Extra Large, 35s; Tea Sets, 15s; Bedroom Sets, 10s 6d. All these Sets are direct from British Potteries, which is a sufficient guarantee of their excellent quality.

Our Linoleums and Floorecloths. Are second to none in quality and variety. No difficulty in making a selection from such a stock.

PAPERHANGINGS. Are all the go just now. We have an immense assortment, at very small prices. Xmas and New Year Presents of every description, to suit all purses.

Write for self-measurement forms and patterns of our New Season's Goods & Magnificent selection.



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YOU MUST HAVE NOTICED
Our business going ahead while others were standing still or going backwards.

YOU MUST HAVE AN IDEA
Of what our business is now compared to what it was a few years back.

YOU MUST GUESS
That there is something powerfully convincing about our method of doing business. ARE YOU ONE OF PAYNE'S CUSTOMERS? If not, we respectfully ask for your patronage, and if afterwards you do not think we are worthy of it, we are perfectly willing to lose it.

Whatever is done here is done properly. Whatever we sell you is "Right" in the full sense of that word.

Our stock embraces everything in the Watch, Clock, and Jewellery line, and a good selection is shown in everything. If there is one lot of goods more than any other we would like you to inspect it is our selection of Rings—either Wedding Rings and Kepters, Dress and Engagement Rings, or Gent's Rings.

We have a beautiful stock of Diamond Mountings, Diamond Half-hoop, and Gipsy-set Dress and Engagement Rings, at all prices.

Another thing we wish you to bear in mind is that our PAYNE'S RINGS are made by Expert Ring-makers only. You can buy a ring here with confidence, and rest assured that it has passed through hands whose owners have made ring-making a life-long study. Of course, you can see from the foregoing that this is undoubtedly our specialty; but a splendid selection of other goods is shown as well, including Photo Albums, Links, Bracelets, Buff Chains, Ring Pendants, Gent's Gait and Silver Chains, Locks, Medals, Neckties, Gold, Silver, Nickel, and Gunmetal Watches, Clocks, Spectacles, &c.

Sight Tested and Spectacles Made to Measure. We can guarantee you satisfaction in every description of Watch, Clock, and Jewellery REPAIRS. Expert workmen employed in each branch of the trade.

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

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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

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3s per Quarter

It is obtainable direct from the office

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In addition to complete and impartial

reports of all local meetings, an

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14-Column Supplement

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JOB PRINTING

Executed with Neatness and

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Bear in mind that!

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Business men should note that as the

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Clarke's Blood Mixture

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IS WARRANTED TO CLEAR THE BLOOD

from all impurities from whatever cause arising.

For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blackheads, Pimples, and all other eruptions of the face.

It is a real specific for Gout and Rheumatic Pains.

It removes the cause from the Blood and Bones.

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Purges the following quantities in a high degree:
They Strengthen the Stomach, They Regulate the Bowels,
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and they give tone to the whole Nervous System.

Also Cash Eyer of Hides, Horse-hair, Besawak, Purged Skins, &c.

WORTH A GUINEA A BOX.

GENERAL PRINTING

AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

"The Advocate" Office, Beaufort

Postal Intelligence.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

MAIL TIME TABLE.

RAILWAY.

Daily. Closing Time.

Melbourne ... 8 and 4.50

Ballarat ... 8 and 4.50

Geelong ... 8 and 4.50

Traralgon ... 8 and 4.50

Registered mail and parcels post close 20 minutes prior.

Ararat ... 11.50

Stawell ... 11.50

Middle Creek ... 11.50

Murtoa ... 11.50

Banango ... 11.50

Reg. mail and p.p., 20 minutes prior.

English mail per Mail Steamer, via Adelaide, S.p.m. every Wednesday.

CONVEY.

Daily ... 9.15

Ballarat ... 9.15

Waterloo S. ... 9.15

Main Lead ... 9.15

Chute ... 9.15

Reg. mail and p.p., 9 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Norring ... 9.15

Lake Goldsmith ... 9.15

Stockyard Hill ... 9.15

Reg. mail and p.p., 9 a.m.

Tuesday ... 12.45

Shirley ... 12.45

Reg. mail and p.p., 20 minutes prior.

MAILS INWARD.

Arrive Daily.

From Melbourne, Ballarat, Geelong, and Traralgon—12.20 p.m. daily and 8.40 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

From Ararat, Stawell, Banango, Middle Creek, and Murtoa—5.30 p.m. daily.

From Waterloo, Waterloo South, Main Lead, Baglan, and Chute—4.20 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

From Stockyard Hill, Norring, and Lake Goldsmith—4.30 p.m.

From Euaueben and Shirley—4.30 p.m.

POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

Office is open daily for transaction of postal and telegraph business, sale of stamps and postal notes from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m., and from 7 p.m. till 8 p.m.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS.

From 9 a.m. till 5 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SAVINGS BANK.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays, 10 to 12 a.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. for receiving deposits only.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

From 10 a.m. till 8 p.m.

OLD AGE PENSION PAYMENTS.

9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

G. M. CREAGH, Postmistress.

The Man Who Doesn't Advertise

Breathes there a man with soul so dead

That to himself he hath not said,

"My trade of late is getting bad,

I'll try another ten-inch ad."

It is not that he, go mark him well,
For him no beam of glory fell—
No angel with the golden staff
To welcome home a millionaire.

To such a man the noisy din
Of traffic may not enter in.
For bargain hunters by the score
Shall pass no heed his dingy door.
'Tis he 'tis he who sits on the wall
And on some berryard gets a scrawl.
No people who have cash and sense,
Go prancing round to read the fence.

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

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

—Mortimer Crane Brown.

"KEATING'S POWDER" destroys Bugs, Fleas, Moths, Beetles, and all other insects, and is a sure and safe domestic animal. It exterminates the success of this powder is extraordinary. It is perfectly clean in application. See the article you purchase is application. See the article you purchase is application. See the article you purchase is application.

"KEATING'S POWDER" is, with the signature THOMAS KEATING on each tin, as a guarantee of genuineness. Sold in Star, and is used, by all chemists.

STEVENSON & SONS.

UNDERTAKERS AND CARPENTERS.

HAYDOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

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

P. J. O'SULLIVAN,

SADDLER AND HARNESS MAKER

SNAKE VALLEY.

A large Assortment of Saddlery and Harness Requisites kept in stock executed with neatness, accuracy and despatch, and on the most reasonable terms.

Repairs neatly and promptly executed.

Also Cash Eyer of Hides, Horse-hair, Besawak, Purged Skins, &c.

NOTICE.

We have resolved to reduce a

HAND AND RING.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

UNDER THE GREAT TREE.

Imogene went to the window. Confused, disordered, the prey of a thousand hopes and a thousand fears, she sought for solitude and found it within the four walls of the small room which was her only refuge.

"Mr. Ferris thinks we ought to keep watch over the house, to make sure she does not leave it again," announced Mr. Byrd.

"Does he? Well, then, I am the man for that job," quoth Hickory. "I was on this very beat last night."

"Good reason for it," said Byrd. "Well, then, nine o'clock you shall."

"Why after nine?" "Because if she's bent on skylarking, she'll leave the house before ten," laughed the constable.

"And you want to be here if she goes out?" "Well, yes, rather."

"They compromised matters by both remaining, Byrd within view of the house and Hickory on a corner within hall."

Neither expected much from this effort of surveillance, there being no good reason why they should venture forth into the streets again that night.

"The truth is," said Hickory, "I don't know how to get on with you. You are a queer fellow."

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He came almost immediately—came with his usual hasty step and with much of his usual expression on his well-disciplined features.

"Who is there?" "It is I, Mr. Byrd." "What is the matter?" "I have just seen a man who looks like the man who was with you last night."

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Timber and Lumber.

THE SHIRE'S PLY.

At the monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council on Monday the 12th...

Mining News.

A sale of forfeited shares in the Sons of Freedom Junction Co. is announced for Saturday, 23rd inst., at 12.30 p.m.

New Insolvent.

James Henry Wills, miner, of Raglan, near Beaufort.

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Political Part.

The work of preparing the State electoral rolls for use at the election for the reformed Parliament is being pushed on as rapidly as possible.

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LOST, A BABY BOY.

Sixteen months old, lovely blue eyes, light curly hair, fresh complexion, strayed from his nurse while she was looking in the windows of Messrs. J. R. Wotherpoon & Co's splendid store...

The baby was recovered shortly afterwards, and in extenuation of her neglect the nurse explained that her "young man" was inside the shop getting measured for one of their wonderfully cheap Tailor-made Suits...

When you require anything, you want to see a large variety, so that you may be able to make a selection. You also want the price to be low. "THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN."

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

DIXON BROS., Stock Station, Grain and Commission Agents, Valuers, and Export Produce Merchants. Wish to notify the farmers of the surrounding district that they have leased the premises lately occupied by Mr. J. Guthrie...

MONTHLY STOCK SALES.

WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THEIR AUCTIONEER, MR. W. H. HALPIN, EVERY THIRD THURSDAY. FIRST SALE, JANUARY 24th, 1904.

DIXON BROS., Lawrence Street, BEAUFORT.

MISS NORA TROY resumes tuition "Piano Monday, 18th Jan., 1904. "H. H. H. H."

NOTICE.

I BEG to notify that I have sold to Mr. Louis Bravo, of Beaufort, the business carried on by me at Beaufort as a Hairdressing Saloon and Fancy Goods Shop during the past 4 years...

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I BEG to notify that I have purchased the business above, and I respectfully solicit a continuance of the support accorded to Mr. C. W. Jones in the past...

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Are again to the fore with an entirely New and Up-to-date Stock of ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, FANCY GOODS, GLASSWARE and ORNAMENTS.

IN OUR WINDOWS

We are showing samples from the largest direct shipment of ENGLISH GROCERY ever consigned to Beaufort, and just landed ex S.S. "Africa."

Dinner Sets, 17s 6d; Extra Large, 35s; Tea Sets, 15s; Bedroom Sets, 10s 6d.

All these Sets are direct from British Potteries, which is a sufficient guarantee of their excellent quality.

Our Linoleums and Floorcloths. Are second to none in quality and variety. No difficulty in making a selection from such a stock.

PAPERHANGINGS

Are all the go just now. We have an immense assortment at very small prices.

Xmas and New Year Presents of every description, to suit all purses.

his goods in Beaufort, simply because he could get his choice, and if goods did not suit him he could send them back. If they thought timber was left out in the open, they would have to build a timber yard, or it would be taken away, and not a cwt. to let anyone come and take it away.

Cr. Flynn—Why did you not think of that before? You are going behind the resolution which has not been rescinded. The reason I consider it a good one is that it is as good as new with regard to the cost of carting the timber being 3d, is that my opinion is backed up by experience.

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Various Tea Roses... The roses best adapted for indoor culture...



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Outdoor culture... Marie Van Houtte rose... The polyantha rose makes an excellent stock...

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Whirling Belts and Whirling Pulleys in a Nifty Workshop... Without any question whatever, it is the most unique factory in New York...

It is hard, however, to discover what the manufactured product may be... I visited this establishment the other day at the suggestion of a friend...

The machinery was placed on one side of a long, sunny room... As I entered, a figure arose and walked over to one of the machines... The polyantha rose makes an excellent stock...

At another machine a second woman sat, with her arm clasped by two rubber and metal plates which rapidly revolved... The coloring of the flowers is charming...

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BEAUFORT v. WATERLOO.

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A LONG & DANGEROUS ILLNESS.

Clements Tonic Again.

The Case of Mrs. A. J. CAMPBELL (By a Special Reporter.) Practical subjects will always receive far more attention than mere airy flights of theoretical imagination...

"I was taken ill in church," remarked Mrs. Campbell to the newspaper reporter... "I felt as if I were going to faint before the service was half finished..."

"My blood turned to water, and I could not digest any food... I got so low that I could take no proper nourishment..."

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USEFUL HINTS.

To WASH CLOTHES IN PARAFFIN SOAP.

To CLEAN EXHAUSTION.—Gold and silver jewelry-work of this description may be most easily cleaned with spirits of wine...

To WASH CLOTHES WITH PARAFFIN OIL.—To every eight gallons of cold water put 1 lb. of soap, three lbs. of soda and a half table-spoonful of paraffin oil...

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The following are the police magistrate's permanent engagements in the Ballarat district...

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET. Fat Cattle, 247 head to hand for today's sale, of which number only about 60 could be classed as ranging from good to prime...

RICHARDS & CO.

A New Exhibition of Artistic Photographs A Marvellous Display. The local press says that the exhibit is without a parallel in the history of photography.

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Religious Services.

SUNDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1904. Presbyterian Church, - Middle Creek, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Beaufort, 7 p.m.; Rev. J. A. Birbeck, P.A.; Beaufort, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Main Lead, 7 p.m.; Mr. J. E. Patterson, P.A.; Methodist Church, - Beaufort, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Reglan, 7 p.m.; Mr. Woodcock, P.A.; Baptist Church, - Beaufort, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Reglan, 7 p.m.; Mr. Woodcock, P.A.; Wesleyan Church, - Beaufort, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Reglan, 7 p.m.; Mr. Woodcock, P.A.

Mr. J. W. HARRIS, S.D.S., Surgical & Mechanical Dentist, HAVELOCK-STREET, BEAUFORT. May be consulted daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Teeth fitted accurately in vulcanite or gold at lowest prices.

means a struggle with shabby genteel poverty to keep up appearances and dress like a couple of hundred-pound-a-year man on a wage something below that of a good harvest hand. In one case a law clerk writes that after seven years of hard struggle in one of the largest firms of Melbourne solicitors he is receiving the paltry remuneration of 22s 6d per week, and so on. From what has been written it seems that the clerical labour market is badly glutted, and the cry is still being raised, and the cry is still being raised, and the cry is still being raised...

The Secretary of the Beaufort Ladies' Benevolent Society desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations towards the funds of the Society - Admiral Bridges, £6; Mr. C. Lewis, 25.

A meeting of the Scotch picnic committee was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday evening, Mr. J. R. Wetherpoon in the chair, and seven members present. The chairman stated that the meeting had been called to consider whether it would not be better to postpone the Scotch picnic, owing to there being so many country gentlemen from Great Britain and other countries. But with much material at our own doors, why should not an effort be made to utilize some of it? It is not to be expected that the middle-aged or elderly pensioners could at this stage start an agricultural career, but among the young portion of the fraternity there must be hundreds who would like to drop as producers and farmers if the matter was brought home to them in a strong light and offers made to take up land after undergoing some training which would fit them for their new life.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society is announced for Saturday, 30th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

Local and General News.

The meeting of the supporters and members of the Beaufort Athletic Club, held at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday night, to consider the recommendation to hold sports on Easter Monday, did not take place, as owing to the sparse attendance it was deemed advisable to postpone the meeting.

At a meeting of the Beaufort Gun Club on Friday evening, 18th inst., in the Mechanics' Institute, Mr. W. J. Hill presided, the following correspondences were received - From C. L. Whitpain, stating that Beaufort had no Gun Club rules in hand, and advising club to be constituted.

The problem of what to do with our boys is one of the issues raised by a pretty extensive correspondence in the dailies on the under-payment of the clerk and clerical workers generally. Recently the question was prominently to the fore in connection with a discussion on the overcrowded state of the various professions, and it still seems as far off practical solution as ever.

Rather a phenomenal fall of rain occurred at Beaufort on Thursday, no less than 3.57 inches being registered, and with 14 inches on Friday, making a total of 5.11 inches for the week. A very heavy thunderstorm took place on Thursday afternoon, and in about four hours 2.20 inches fell. The water channels of the town were unable to carry off the storm water, and in several places the roads were flooded. The Yan Hole Creek was running a banker, and low-lying ground was inundated.

The residents of Beaufort and district will have an opportunity of attending three national picnics during the month of February. On the 1st the English (Church of England) picnic will take place in the Coleridge Park grounds, and the Irishmen (Catholic) and their friends take a jaunt to the Ballarat Gardens, engaging a special excursion train for the occasion.

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Whether the Australians or the Englishmen win the rubber in the five test matches to be played, the third test will always be remembered as one of the most interesting of the series. When the Australians set the Englishmen 495 runs to win, the defeat of the visitors appeared absolutely certain, but the fine stand made by Warner and Haywood placed an altogether different complexion on the game.

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A very highly esteemed resident of Ararat, in the person of Sergeant-Major Britain, has received his commission as Major in the 2nd Battalion of the 1st New South Wales Regiment, and will be promoted to Major-General in the 1st New South Wales Regiment.

An interesting reply to Mr. Oman, said his wages and carrying expenses amounted to £200 a month for the past 10 years. A sawmill site had been refused irrespective of the size of timber altogether.

The Chief Secretary's Department again reminds all persons not already enrolled on the Legislative Assembly rolls that nine days only remain within which to secure selectors' rights. Persons eligible to obtain rights are urged not to leave their applications to registers till the last day of the 1st of February.

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For a Friend's Life.

"Oh Roland, Roland; I knew it would come to this! The foolish boy! He simply would not listen to us. He went mad with enthusiasm when the Chevalier and his army entered Manchester, and when we found he had disappeared, we knew only too well he had gone to join the Prince's standard. Oh, how I wish I could break my father's heart as he is hanged and everybody fears he will be. It will break my father's heart and mine, too."

He lost no time in preparing for his desperate venture, and despatched forthwith a letter to a member of his family holding a high position at Court. From cautious inquiries in the right direction, he made himself fully acquainted with the mode of procedure adopted in the despatch of Crown warrants, and learned that the mail would come in a week's time with Walter Gardner's death-billet by the ordinary mail-coach.

Accordingly he got out his shabbiest and most sombre suit and procured a black mask. Then a few days before the mail-coach was due at Derby he set out for that town, mounted on his favourite roan horse Merrills, and armed with four double-barrelled pistols, two in his holsters and two concealed in the deep pockets of his long-skirted coat over which he wore a long, black-caped cloak.

He did not enter Derby but put up at a little wayside inn about midway between Belper and Derby, where the mail-coach was due at midnight, the driver having to be at Sheffield next morning. At this inn Roland lodged until the day when the mail-coach was to come. Then he paid his bill and took his departure, giving "mine host" and the ostler to understand that his business was taking him to Nottingham.

"I'll tell you the truth," he said therefore. "I want a certain warrant that is coming up by this mail. It is the death-warrant of a friend of mine at present lodged in Edinburgh Gaol for taking part in the Rebellion of the Young Pretender; and I mean to stop it."

He was saved, however, from any self-reproaches later. The stillness of the winter's night was suddenly broken by the "thud, thud," "crunch, crunch," of rapidly galloping hoofs upon the snow. The sounds came from the moor intervening between the road and the forest.

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Freeman received the report of the Minister of Lands has been satisfactory result of the Minister's standard. Oh, how I wish I could break my father's heart as he is hanged and everybody fears he will be.

SAVED BY A COAT.

How he hung for two hours suspended by his coat from a staple 200ft above the ground is related by Alvah Jackson Stone in the "Wide World Magazine."

THE GIRLS THAT ARE WANTED.

Girls that are fair on the heathstone, And pleasant when nobody sees, Kind and sweet to their own folk, Ready and anxious to please.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

There are twenty-five great ocean currents in the world. Newspapers are printed in fifty-nine languages. The average length of a dog's life is fifteen years.

A RECITATION.

If a cat doth meet a cat upon the garden wall, and if a cat doth greet a cat. Oh! he need they both to equal?

SENTENCE SERMONS.

A liar needs no label. Life is the laboratory of religion. Our phrases are but the garments of truth.

FIRST ACTION OF THE BOER WAR.

On October 20, 1899, the first general action of the Boer War took place, when the British force in Glencoe camp, under Major-General Sir W. P. Symonds, found himself under the fire of five guns, on an eminence to the east, while scouts reported that 4,000 or 5,000 Boers were with these in position.

THE RAREST SHELL IN EXISTENCE.

The rarest shell in existence is one called the "Cone of the Holy Mary." There is a specimen in the British Museum, which a few years ago was valued at £1,000.

Mr. Taverer—We can't give it to you. You will find the common carrying more stock when you have only 10,000 acres. Don't you think it right that we should give more consideration to human beings than to cattle? There is evidence here to-day of people having to go miles to look for their cattle on the common.

Mining News.
ALL NATIONS CONSOLS COMPANY.
The half-yearly meeting was held at the George Hotel on Thursday morning the chairman of directors (Mr. G. K. House) presided.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY HAS NO EQUAL.
W. H. Conolly, General Storekeeper, Tolson, Bay, N.S.W., writes: "I have stocked Chamberlain's household medicine constantly and feel much pleasure in confidently recommending their Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It has no equal. This is the medicine that the world over with people who have become acquainted with the good qualities of this remedy. It is the most successful preparation that has yet been produced for bowel complaints for both adults and children. Try it when you have need of it. It is a relief to the sufferer not fully satisfied with the results the dealer from whom you bought it will refund you your money. For sale by J. R. Wozneszenko & Co., Merchants, Beaufort."

SONS OF FREEDOM CENTRAL CO.
The half-yearly meeting is to be held at the Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort, on Thursday next, 23rd inst., at 8 p.m. The business is to receive reports and financial statements, to elect directors and auditors, and general. The reports are as follows:—
Directors' Report.—We have the honor to lay before you our report of the progress of your company during the past half-year. Work at the mine has been carried on on a large scale during the past period, and gold obtained to the value of £13,000. For full information as to the working of the mine we refer you to the mining manager's report. During the half-year your directors have been able to declare two dividends of one shilling and five pence. Owing to developments in the more easterly portion of your mine your directors deemed it advisable to purchase the Sons of Freedom Extended Lease for £100. This, it is thought, will prove a valuable addition to your property. Two of your directors, viz., Messrs W. McNeil and J. T. Stevenson, retire at this meeting, but are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves as candidates. The retiring directors were re-elected, and the retiring auditors were re-appointed. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—3497.

W. EDWARD NICKOL & CHESTERFIELD (LATE W. EDWARD NICKOL), Auctioneers and General Commission Agents, Horse, Land, and Insurance Agents, BEAUFORT, ARAAT, and PITFIELD.
MR. J. H. CHESTERFIELD, Auctioneer.
FOR MONEY TO LEND.
AUCTION SALES CONDUCTED IN ANY PART OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA.
Every description of property returns: W. EDWARD NICKOL & CHESTERFIELD, Auctioneers.
ABOUT ARNOLD'S "BALSA" FOR COLIC AND CHOLERA.
This Balm was invented and perfected by Dr. Arnold, and is the best and most reliable remedy for Colic and Cholera of every kind that has ever been known. It is a relief to the sufferer not fully satisfied with the results the dealer from whom you bought it will refund you your money. For sale by J. R. Wozneszenko & Co., Merchants, Beaufort.

RAGLAN
The Raglan Tennis Club, formed last year, celebrated the opening of their court on 13th inst., when Mr. A. Allison, in an appropriate speech, congratulated the members on this latest step of the progress and prosperity of the club. A large number of young folk turned out, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The ladies provided afternoon tea and an enjoyable time was spent at Mrs. Price's residence, discussing the game and providing credit to the gentleman of the committee for the energy and enthusiasm displayed in laying out the grounds and erecting the new netting, etc., required. The court is situated at the north end of the township, facing the Mr. Cole road, and is in every way— for convenience and for play—a good and suitable one. The following members of the club were prominent in providing material and labouring to have everything ready for the opening day:— Messrs J. Grant, G. Boyd, B. Oulton, A. Panther and F. Finn. Miss A. Price is the energetic secretary of the club, which is likely to have a long and successful career.

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LOST, A BABY BOY.

Sixteen months old, lovely blue eyes, light curly hair, fresh complexion, strayed from his nurse while she was looking in the windows of Messrs. J. R. Wozneszenko & Co's splendid store, where a striking display of Drapery, Muslins, Laces, and Fancy Goods, etc., etc., is on view, together with an attractive display of ready-made Clothing for Boys, Youths, and Men, at prices that stagger the people.

The baby was recovered shortly afterwards, and in extenuation of her neglect the nurse explained that her "young man" was inside the shop getting measured for one of their wonderfully cheap Tailor-made Suits, and while waiting for him to come out, she forgot all about the baby, who had wandered into the Produce Department of the firm, and was hiding amongst the new mown Hay Chaff.

When you require anything, you want to see a large variety, so that you may be able to make a selection. You also want the price to be low. "THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN."

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

DIXON BROS., Stock Station, Grain and Commission Agents, Valuers, and Export Produce Merchants, OPPOSITE CAMP HOTEL, BEAUFORT.

MONTHLY STOCK SALES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THEIR AUCTIONEER, W. H. HALPIN, EVERY THIRD THURSDAY. FIRST SALE, JANUARY 21st, 1904. Sales conducted in any part of the State. Entries received by the Auctioneer, or Mr. Hill, Camp Hotel.

For PRIVATE SALE, Single-seated ABBOTT BUGGY, two WAGGONETTES, and a second-hand FARM WAGON.

DIXON BROS., Lawrence Street, BEAUFORT.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES 1st To be held on the Racecourse, WATERLOO PL., Wednesday, March 2, '04.

Member's Ticket, 10s. Admission to Course, 1s. Children under 15, 6d.

Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort. And trust by keeping the very Best Liquors in Stock, to receive a share of public patronage. I will be in possession on and after Saturday, January 30th.

Buangor Athletic Club's SPORTS MEETING Will be held on Monday, 1st Feb., 1904.

Cheap Railway Excursion TO MELBOURNE. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1904. In connection with the A.N.A. Fifteenth Great NATIONAL EXHIBITION, 30th January, and 1st February. Exhibition Building and Grounds, MELBOURNE.

MR. G. KILBURN-HERON, A.L.C.M., PROFESSOR OF VOICE PRODUCTION AND ARTISTIC SINGING. Visits BEAUFORT every TUESDAY.

FOR SALE HORSE, HARNESS, and HOUND BUGGY; also 1 acre FREE HOLD LAND, adjoining Methodist Parsonage. Apply, REV. W. J. BOTTOMS.

New Zealand Insurance Co. Established 1859.

THE PREMIER COLONIAL COMPANY. Dwellings, Farm Buildings, and Hay Stacks insured at Current Rates. Prompt Settlement of Losses.

Local Agent—JOHN McDONALD, Middle Creek. Ballarat Branch—Franklin Chambers, Lyndard St. ROBT. J. SPARROW, Local Manager.



Without Leaving Your Fireside and with no more trouble than the writing of a letter, you can purchase one of our FAMOUS Two-Guinea SUITS to Measure.

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CHRISTMAS, 1903.

HAWKES BROS., BEAUFORT.

Are again to the fore with an entirely New and Up-to-date Stock of

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, FANCY GOODS, GLASSWARE and ORNAMENTS.

Direct from the makers. Value better than ever. Call and see for yourself what a large and choice assortment there is to select from.

IN OUR WINDOWS

We are showing samples from the largest direct shipment of ENGLISH GROCERY ever consigned to Beaufort, and just landed ex S.S. "Africa."

Dinner Sets, 17s 6d; Extra Large, 35s; Tea Sets, 15s; Bedroom Sets, 10s 6d.

All these Sets are direct from British Pottery, which is a sufficient guarantee of their excellent quality.

Our Linoleums and Floorcloths

Are second to none in quality and variety. No difficulty in making a selection from such a stock.

SPECIAL NOTE

We have a few Remnants left (various lengths), at less than cost.

PAPERHANGINGS

Are all the go just now. We have an immense assortment at very small prices.

Xmas. and New Year Presents

Of every description, to suit all purses.



A UNIQUE FACTORY.

THERE ARE WONDERFUL MACHINES, BUT NO VISIBLE PRODUCT.

TEA ROSES.

Varieties That Give Satisfaction for Indoor Cultivation.



Without any question whatever, it is the most unique factory in New York. When you enter the door, the whir and buzz of machinery distracts your eye.

The coloring of the flowers is charming in its combination of lemon, yellow and peach, and the beauty of the plant is everywhere.

For general decoration few plants rival the fuchsia, and no one has collected a complete without one or more varieties of this graceful flower.

Secure a strong, vigorous plant, and allow one shoot to grow upright until about two feet high; then pinch off the top of the shoot.

Items in Pear Culture. A member of the Michigan State Horticultural society recommends cutting back nearly two-thirds of the young growth of dwarf pears.

Things That Are Told. No flower is so popular in America with our flower dealers as the Bourdieu fuchsia.

The American Cultivator says: "There are a few plants, the pansy, primula and carnation, that like the shade and thrive in northern light."

CLARK'S 41 B PILLS are warranted to cure either sex, all irregular or constitutional disorders from the urinary organs, Gravel, Pains in the Back.

Cricket.

BEAUFORT v. BUANGOR.

On Saturday last the above clubs met at Beaufort, and the game resulted in an easy win for Beaufort by 98 runs.

Table with columns for batsmen and runs scored. Includes names like M. O'Brien, J. Harris, and runs scored by each.

Table with columns for bowlers and wickets taken. Includes names like E. Lilley, M. O'Brien, and wickets taken by each.

BETTER THAN PILLS. You will never want to take another dose of pills after having once Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Important to Applicants for Mining Leases.

Applicants for leases within the district covered by The Riponshire Advocate are invited to peruse the following facts:

The New Mining Regulations require that when a lease is marked out the applicant shall insert in a newspaper PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT WHERE THE LAND IS SITUATED, or if no such newspaper, then in the one published nearest the district, an advertisement of notice in the form marked A in the schedule prescribed.

This is borne out by the following memo from the Mines Department received by Mr. H. A. Adams, Grenville Standard, Linton.

THEOAT AFFECTION AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will find relief in the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches."

THE GREAT AD you can give your newspaper is your printing; if you do not feel able to do so, you can give your newspaper your advertising, and you can give your newspaper your business printing to execute.

SEMIER COMPLAINT is the children's most dangerous enemy and the mother's most dire foe. Immediate and proper treatment is always necessary.

A SLUGGISH LIVER.

Makes Days Unhappy And Nights Miserable.

The Case of Mr. S. FORTINGTON.

"Without any other end than to perform my duty to the public," said Mr. Samuel Fortington, of No. 455 Bathurst-street, Carlton, to our reporter.

"I believe you have often spoken of a remarkable escape you had from a fire. Do you mind telling me all about it?"

"I was perfectly exhausted before half my bowl was done, and at last I went clean off my food. When this happened, I thought the crisis had arrived, as I felt not even a regurgitation of food without making some vomiting."

STATUTORY DECLARATION. I, Samuel Fortington, of No. 455 Bathurst-street, Carlton, in the State of Victoria, do hereby declare that I have read and understand the contents of the above document, and that it contains a true and faithful account of the facts therein stated.

Justice of the Peace and for the Central District of the State of Victoria.

Justice's Fixtures.

The local J.P. has arranged to attend the Beaufort Courts of Petty Sessions as under:—Second Tuesday, Messrs F. Beggs, H. Cushing, J. R. Wotherop, and Rear-Admiral Bridges, Fourth Tuesday, Messrs M. Flynn, G. Topper, and T. Beggs.

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USEFUL HINTS.

To Wash Clothes in PARAFFIN SOAP.—Cut down 1 lb. paraffin soap and put it into a boiler of water. Rub the clothes well out of the soda water, in which they have been previously soaked, put them into the boiler, and let them boil for an hour.

To Clean Enamelled—Gold and silver fancy-work of this description may be most easily cleaned with spirits of wine, either alone or diluted with an equal weight of water.

To Wash Clothes with PARAFFIN SOAP.—To every eight gallons of cold water put 2 lb. of soap, shred fine, one and a half tablespoonful of paraffin oil, into a boiler, put in the clothes, and let them boil for an hour.

To Clean BURNING CARPETS.—Brussels carpets may be cleaned in the following manner:—First, stretch the carpet tightly on the floor, nail it at the sides, and sweep it clean.

To Wash FURNITURE.—In washing flannels (not particularly), to keep them a good colour, and to prevent their shrinking, get from the grocer 1 lb. of (according to the size of your wash) of soap, and mix it with three quarts of water; boil to a jelly, and with this wash your flannels.

Limewashing is a much more effective mode of purification than whitewashing, but as it is often used in a wrong manner, how to make lime-wash. If lime is used it is destroyed by the lime, and the wash easily rubs off the walls when dry.

WORKING DRESS.—It is best to wear washing dresses to work in as much as possible; of course washing them on the premises, but dirt and grease do not ruin them, and they look better and better than stiff dresses, especially in summer. Never stuff a washing dress with flosses or fells; it is a waste of space, and it is not so good as a working dress made long, it is a waste of stuff, and your working dress clean and dry by wearing over it a large thick apron with a bib, and turning up your sleeves.

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Police Magistrate's Fixtures.

The following are the police magistrates permanent engagements in the Ballarat district, with the necessary proviso, added by Mr. Dickson, "unless otherwise engaged":

Ballarat—10 a.m., daily. Ballarat East—10 a.m., 3rd Wednesday and fourth Thursday. Beaufort—1.30 p.m., 1st Thursday and fourth Tuesday.

T. E. SANDS, Cash Grocer, Beaufort. Beaufort to inform the public of Beaufort and district that he has removed his business to the Corner of Hill and Launceston streets, Beaufort, and by keeping only Best Quality Goods, at Lowest Rates, hopes to secure a fair share of public patronage. Orders called for.

W. M. C. PEDDER, Wheelwright and Blacksmith, Beaufort. Beaufort to inform the public of Beaufort and district that he has removed his business to the Corner of Hill and Launceston streets, Beaufort, and by keeping only Best Quality Goods, at Lowest Rates, hopes to secure a fair share of public patronage. Orders called for.

L. BRAVO, Hairdresser and Tobacconist, LAWRENCE STREET, BEAUFORT (NEXT TO THE POST OFFICE).

CAMP HOTEL, BEAUFORT. THE PROPRIETOR of the above well-known Hotel, in thinking residents of Beaufort and district for the very liberal patronage bestowed on the house during the past two years, takes this favorable opportunity to let them know that the HOTEL has been thoroughly RENOVATED, PAINTED, and patrons will now find the Accommodation Unsurpassed in the District.

WILLIAM J. HILL, Proprietor.

FIRE, FIRE, FIRE.

Abundance of Grass. Farmers Beware. Householders be Wise. INSURE YOUR STOCKS, STACKS, and PROPERTIES in the City Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

London and Lancashire Fire Co. Surveys made free of charge. Losses promptly settled. Prompt Settlements made. Lives insured in leading Life Office.

IF YOU DRINK WHISKY, And want to enjoy the exhilaration that is only to be found in a PURE SPIRIT, distilled and matured under the very best possible conditions, in one of SCOTLAND'S GREATEST and UP-TO-DATE DISTILLERIES, then

REGAL CLUB WHISKY. Just imported into Victoria within the last few weeks. Its reputation comes with it.

THE LEADING FIRE OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA. Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. Dwelling, Shops, Farm Buildings, Hay and Grain Stacks and Sheds, Agricultural Machinery, etc.

GEORGE PAWCHMAKER and BALLARAT. (Two doors down Sturt-street Post Office.)

The only Machine that leaves Land Perfectly Level. This Patent Style of Machine is the only machine perfectly controlled by Compound Levers to instantly set machine in and out of, or deeper or shallower when travelling. Made all size.

ORCHARDIST'S EXTENSION DISC. Patent Extension and Reversible Double Beam Steel Orchard Cultivator, will extend out to 10ft. or 12ft. wide, and close up to 5ft. 6in. Simple and easy managed in every particular.

ONE-HORSE or PONY DOT. For smaller Growers, suitable for Vineyards, Nursery Growers, Small Orchards, Potato and Onion Growers, is built on Reversible and Extension Principle.

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What a lot in that associated with any business what a vast amount bracketed with a WATCH JEWELLERY BUSINESS.

YOU MUST HAVE. Our business goes ahead we're standing still or going.

YOU MUST HAVE. Of what our business is no what it was a few years back.

Another thing we wish to mention is that all PAYMENTS made by Export Bills can be made by a ring here with credit assured that it has no hands whose owners have making a life-long study.

THE ADDRESS IS—GEORGE PAWCHMAKER and BALLARAT. (Two doors down Sturt-street Post Office.)

A. H. SANDS. Blind and Bedding Makers.

A. H. SANDS has ON SALE a large quantity of the following:—Blue Shirting, Blue and White Shirting, Blue and White Shirting, Blue and White Shirting, Blue and White Shirting.

Give your orders for the newspaper in your district through the thousands of depots throughout the country. It is always ready and waiting to be sent to you. It is always ready and waiting to be sent to you.

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YOU MUST HAVE NOTICED

Our business going ahead while others were standing still or going backwards.

YOU MUST HAVE AN IDEA

Of what our business is now compared to what it was a few years back.

YOU MUST GUESS

That there is something powerfully convincing about our method of doing business. ARE YOU ONE OF PAYNE'S CUSTOMERS? If not, we respectfully ask for your patronage, and if afterwards you do not think we are worthy of it, we are perfectly willing to lose it.

Whatever is done here is done properly. Whatever we sell you is "Right" in the full sense of that word.

Our stock embraces everything in the Watch, Clock, and Jewellery line, and a good selection is shown in everything. If there is one lot of goods more than any other we would like you to inspect. It is our selection of Rings—either Wedding Rings and Keepers, Dress and Engagement Rings, or Gent's Rings.

We have a beautiful stock of Diamond Watches, Diamond Half-hoop, and Gipsy.

An advertisement is a paper man's most valuable 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 men "in a bad way." But exercise a little human nature. Support him; he needs encouragement and support; but do it in the legitimate way. If the printer gets a few pounds worth of printing orders from you, he is not in a position to give you a pound's worth of advertising for nothing. And you have had value for the printing already. Go into a grocer's or draper's for £5 worth of goods, and the grocer's man or draper will not throw in gratis £1 worth of something else that you may ask for. Try him; you don't believe us.

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LOCAL PAPER,
THE
RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.

We ask that our efforts for the district's good shall be recognised. An increased circulation means still greater

Clarke's Blood Mixture

THE WORLD-FAMED BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER.

IS WARRANTED TO CLEAR THE BLOOD FROM ALL IMPURITIES FROM WHATEVER CAUSE ARISING. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blackheads, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds. It is a never-failing and permanent cure.

Cures Old Sores.
Cures Sores on the Neck.
Cures Sore Legs.
Cures Blackhead or Pimples on the Face.
Cures Scurvy.
Cures Ulcers.
Cures Blood and Skin Diseases.
Cures Glandular Swellings.
Clears the Blood from all impure Matter, from whatever cause arising.
From whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Ulcers, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blackheads, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous.

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

As this Mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the 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 Balcombe 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, where I remained for eight months. I was then told nothing more could be done for me, and was discharged and sent home. I tried other doctors, but they could not stop the discharge, which was very great. I was on my back for two years altogether. At last, having seen Clarke's Blood Mixture advertised, I tried some, and after the first large bottle found myself very much better. I continued with it, and it made a perfect cure of me. I can truly say Clarke's Blood Mixture is a wonderful medicine.'

"30 Palmouth-chambers, Palmouth-road, New Kent-road, S.E., July 8, 1893.
"P.S.—I should like to mention that when sending a relation for the second bottle from the neighbouring drug stores they persuaded her to take a preparation of their own, which they declared was 'just as good.' I found this to be no good at all. It was, therefore, sent back, and the genuine article procured, with above result."
"Mr W. Payne, Broad Lane, Cottesbush,

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Postal Intelligence.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

MAIL TIME TABLE.

RAILWAY.

Daily.	Closing Time.
Melbourne	8 and 4.50
Geelong	8 and 4.50
Traralgon	8 and 4.50
Registered mail and parcels post close 20 minutes prior.	
Ararat	11.50
Stawell	11.50
Middle Creek	11.50
Murtoa	11.50
Buargor	11.50
Reg. mail and p.p., 20 minutes prior.	
English mail per Mail Steamer, via Adelaide, 9 p.m. every Wednesday.	

Daily	Time
Regin	9.15
Waterloo	9.15
Waterloo S.	9.15
Main Lead	9.15
Chute	9.15
Reg. mail and p.p., 9 a.m.	
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.	
Nerring	9.15
Lake Goldsmith	9.15
Stockyard Hill	9.15
Reg. mail and p.p., 9 a.m.	
Eusamben	12.45
Shirley	12.45
Reg. mail and p.p., 20 minutes prior.	

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FOR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

Marriage.

ROCKLIFF-ANSALDI.—On the 28th January, at the Cathedral Church, Ballarat, by the Very Rev. Dean Parkyn, Mr. E. Rockliff, electrician, Melbourne, to Rosie, second

The death of Mrs R. O'Donnell, a boarding-house keeper, of Raglan, occurred, we are sorry to say, on Monday. The cause of death was an internal complaint. Deceased, who was 83 years of age, leaves a widow and a grown-up family to

Mining News.

SONS OF FREEDOM CENTRAL G.M. CO.
The half-yearly meeting of shareholders

out the Grater tributary to within about 500 feet of the gutter, there being no level to continue any further. Fifteen-inch lifts are lying at the mouth of the shaft, ready for lowering at once, and are fully capable of coping with the water. It is proposed to sink the shaft to a depth of

Mining Accident at Raglan.

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A MINER ENTOMBED FOR SIX HOURS.
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Josh could not tell what possessed him but he turned his head and looked at her. Their eyes met for the second time; and as the girl lowered her eyes and blushed, Josh gripped the rope-rail he held convulsively...

Josh's whole demeanor the rest of that day was reckless and excited; and when he came into supper at night-fall Rhoda found him strangely silent and preoccupied.

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"Seems to me I ain't ever thinkin' of anyone else but you!" declared Josh, blurring forth the truth.

"I know that's the gipsy blood in me. But if you'll love me I'll try to alter. I'll worship you, Dick—that's what I'll do. By the stars I worship you now!"

Then Bet who had dreamed of no other than the girl, the first day she had seen him, had accepted his offer and promised to be true to him.

And presently Dick came home from work. He was later than usual having spent a half-hour on the door-step of Freedom Cottage with Rhoda, who had complained of feeling lonely, and had hinted at Josh's neglect of her.

"What's this?" the pottery worker demanded, after Josh had informed him of his love for Bet. "You want my consent to come courting my sister? What'll you do if I refuse?"

But Dick did not refuse for all that. He seemed satisfied, and uttered a mysterious remark to the effect that one good turn deserved another, and that some day he might find himself asking a similar favour of Josh.

But Josh and Bet were so engrossed in their own great happiness that they did not grasp his meaning; it had never occurred to them to wonder whose absorbing company had kept him so late.

It was nearly twelve that night before Josh allowed himself to be taken to bed. He was so tired that he fell asleep almost immediately.

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Six months had passed. It was sunny June now, and Freedom Cottage and the little turnpike house were covered with clematis and old-fashioned cluster-roses.

CHAPTER IV.

Josh was not given a chance of wreaking his vengeance upon Sidney Withcombe, for that cowardly individual and his sister fled the district before dusk that evening.

CHAPTER V.

There was a breezy ten minutes between Dick and Josh the next time the two young men happened to meet, for though Bet refused to explain matters to her brother, Dick could not help feeling indignant that Josh had set her word aside, and in preference taken that of a stranger.

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A TERRIBLE TOWN HUNT FOR A LION.

The following account might very well be put down as fictitious were it not for the fact that it occurred in the life of the celebrated animal trainer, Mr. Frank Bostock.

A country fair was being held at the time. We had an African lion, a handsome beast which had killed one man and wounded several attendants at various times.

On the opening day we ran one of our big cages on wheels up to the cage containing the two lions and placing the cages door to door dropped a lasso over the quiet lion's neck, and by gentle twitches induced him to enter the big cage.

With a terrific wrench he got himself free, and with such a wild bound that the cages shook again he sprang into the next cage so suddenly and with such terrific force as to cause the wagon to move away on its wheels, and before the attendant could close the door, he sprang over his head and into the street, untrammelled as when in his native wilds.

On his way he came to one of the openings of the many sewers, which empty the waste of the city into the river, looking up at the crowd of people and roaring at the top of his voice.

The police and sewer men turned out, and I have never seen so many murderous weapons at one time in my life. Each man looked like a working arsenal.

While he was trying to fix this the kettle tipped over and went crashing down the sewer, making a noise and racket which echoed and resounded throughout the whole length of the narrow tunnel in the most appalling manner.

There was an eight-foot fall in the rear of the sewer, and this was evidently his reason for being so reluctant to turn back until frightened by the kettle. We did not know of this, and consequently tumbled headlong into it.

WHY SHE SOUGHT HELP.

A gentleman was walking down Howwood lane when his thoughts were interrupted by a pleading child voice, which said: "Oh please, sir, will you open this gate for me?"

A retired major, living at Pinner, took to cycling, and the first day he went out for a spin his new machine collapsed, and the major got a nasty fall, which rendered him insensible.

Where am I? "Where am I?" "You're in the King's Arms, sir." "Ah," said the Major. "That's better. Thank goodness I'm out of here."

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Some time ago a rather well-dressed man asked a railway booking clerk for a "seaman's return" but the clerk refused to give him one, saying that such tickets were only issued to sailors, and that he did not believe the applicant was one.

But I am a sailor," said the man. "But how am I to know that?" responded the clerk.

Well," said the would-be passenger, "shiver my timbers, but you're a rum sort of craft. Now you wily whippersnapper of a sea-cook if you feel my starboard boom running foul in your jaw tackle a bit."

Give him a ticket," said the station-master who had overheard the conversation, "he's a sailor."

There are no less than 3,262 different species of fish inhabiting the waters of America, north of the Isthmus of Panama.

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There is a church in America built entirely of stone taken from a single boulder.

The Hungarian House of Representatives is the largest in the world. It has 751 members.

While the birth rate on the average for all Europe is 32 per 1,000, that of Austria is 42 per 1,000.

Glow-worms are much more brilliant just before an approaching storm than they are at any other time.

In spite of hard times, the value of farm animals in Germany is increasing at the rate of four millions a year.

THE WORSHIP OF THE... It is interesting to note that the worship of the... is a very ancient custom...

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THE TEMPERAMENTS

Two Thousand Years Ago

It is interesting to find that so thoroughly scientific a man as Professor William Preyer has adopted the four-fold classification of temperaments made nearly 2,000 years ago...

Hutchinson defines temperament as the sum of the physical peculiarities of a man exclusive of his tendency to disease. This is not very satisfactory...

Table Manners in Argentina. "We encamped near a swamp," says a gentleman, describing a meal he had with some car drivers in South America...

Cries About Despairation. In each respiration an adult of the human species inhales one pint of air. A healthy man will respire 16 to 20 times per minute...

Battles of the Future. Writers on military science unite in claiming that future battles will begin with a series of hot skirmishes along the front. These skirmishes will gradually increase in heat and the number of combatants...

The Workshop of Images. "Go," said the engineer to his courier, "and direct that all those who hold beliefs at variance with the state be thrown into prison. And, by the way, set at the treasury department of your way out and instruct my chancellor of the exchequer that the new issue of coins be stamped with the image of Liberty, that thus we may please the populace."

The Human Elephant—Bounced him. "The Human Elephant—Bounced him," says the Kansas City Times.

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Correspondence

We do not in any way identify ourselves with the opinions expressed by our correspondents. It is desired that letters to the editor shall be accompanied by the real name and address of the writer, not for absolute publication, but as a bona fide guarantee.

Sir,—Will you allow me sufficient space to give an emphatic denial to the rumour which has gained currency this week to the effect that the Beaufort Branch of the A.N.A. is running an entertainment in opposition to the proposed Scotch concert...

E. J. MUNTZ, President Beaufort Branch A.N.A.

[We were pleased to hear last night that a conference of both committees the matter was amicably settled, and it is now intended to join forces by holding the Scotch concert and the A.N.A. celebration in conjunction.—Ed. A.A.]

M. FLYNN, Waterloo, 27th January, 1904.

Easter Monday Sports

A meeting of members and donors of the Beaufort Brass Band, convened for the purpose of considering the Band members' recommendation to hold sports on Easter Monday, took place in the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday night.

Mr. C. W. Jones pointed out that a number of young men were willing to join the Band, but circumstances would not permit them to buy instruments, and the Band wanted to raise funds for this purpose.

Mr. E. W. Hughes understood that the money was to be utilised for fencing in the grounds as well as for instruments.

Mr. Jones said that it was not proposed, but the Band had an idea of giving open-air sports to get funds for a flower garden around the grounds.

The chairman said there was a fund of £18 towards the gardens. It was not expected that more than £20 or £25 would be raised from each annual concert, and he thought it was an excellent suggestion that part of the proceeds from the sports should go towards beautifying the street.

Dr. Radie thought it unlikely that there would be a surplus after paying for the instruments.

Mr. Jones said an impression was rife amongst a number of townspeople that the Band was coming to town before the public.—[Mr Hill: So they have.]—It was many months since they ran sports or anything else for the funds of the Band.

Mr. Hughes remarked that the Band would make itself more popular if they occupied the grounds more. He had heard it said that it was very little used.

After further discussion, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Dr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to hold a sports meeting under the auspices of the Band on Easter Monday.

Mr Wotherpoon was sure the Band could not complain of the support it received from the public; and Mr Jones assuring the meeting that every member was grateful for the kind consideration shown by the public, and considering they were in duty bound to assist in beautifying the town.

Mr. Hughes was elected chairman of the sports committee (Mr Wotherpoon and Dr. Radie having first declined the honor), and promised to do his best to make the gathering a success.

Mr. Jones and Mr. McDougall were appointed joint secretaries, and Dr. Radie treasurer.

All in the room formed themselves into a committee, with power to do, to carry out the sports.

The prize money was fixed at £25. The chairman, secretaries, and Mr. Parker were appointed a sub-committee to draft a programme of sports and submit same for approval at next meeting.

It was decided to hold a concert on Friday, 12th Feb.

The secretaries were instructed to write to the Shire Council, applying for permission to use the Park and charge admission; also to engage the Societies' Hall for the concert.

The next meeting was fixed for that night week.

Rifle Shooting

Two rifle matches (sealed handiaps) were fired on Wednesday, 24th and 25th inst., at 200, 300, 400, and 500 yds. The first match was at 200 yds. and 500 yds. The prize (a rifleman's clock, valued at £2 2s), presented by the club, was won by Mr T. E. Sands.

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THE UNDERSIGNED application will be dealt with at the District Lands and Survey Office, Ballarat, on Thursday, 4th February, 1904, at 11 o'clock a.m.

WANTED, YOUTH as groom and useful. Apply, DR. JACKSON, Beaufort.

WANTED, at once, a good THATCHER. Apply, JOHN FRUSHER, Waterloo.

TENDERS, returnable 11 a.m., 24th February, 1904, are invited for REPAIRS SHEEP WASH, JAMES MAWALLOX. Plans and specifications may be inspected at Wels's Beaufort Office, G. LEWIS, Manager.

STRAYED, one Grey Buggy HORSE, branded R near shoulder, point of hip down, aged, £1 Reward, M. KRINBY, Beaufort.

SONS OF FREEDOM CENTRAL G.M. COMPANY, No Liability, Regd. Notice.—A DIVIDEND of 2s per share has been declared. The above company, payable to registered shareholders, at the office of the company, on Thursday, 11th Feb., 1904.

H. CUNNINGHAM, Manager, No. 7 Lydiard-street, Ballarat. N.B.—Transfer books close on Thursday, 4th Feb., 1904, until after date of payment of dividend.

A.N.A. LOOK OUT FOR Annual Celebration, SOCIETIES' HALL, 16th FEBRUARY.

Beaufort Athletic Club. A GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on TUESDAY, Evening next, 23rd FEBRUARY, at 8 o'clock sharp. Business—To receive and adopt Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report of Boxing Day's Sports, and general. A full attendance of members requested. H. PARKER, Secretary.

Beaufort Jockey Club. A MEETING of the STEWARDS of above Club will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, on THURSDAY Evening next, 4th Feb., at 8 p.m. A. PARKER, Hon. Secy.

PUBLIC NOTICE. DESIRE to THANK the IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO. (LIMITED), for the PROMPT SETTLEMENT of my claim for the fire which recently destroyed my residence. JAMES HALL, 11th-street, Beaufort, Jan. 29, 1904.

LOST, A BABY BOY.

Sixteen months old, lovely blue eyes, light curly hair, fresh complexion, strayed from his nurse while she was looking in the windows of Messrs. J. R. Wotherpoon & Co's. splendid store, where a striking display of Drapery, Muslins, Laces, and Fancy Goods, etc., etc., is on view, together with an attractive display of ready-made Clothing for Boys, Youths, and Men, at prices that stagger the people.

The baby was recovered shortly afterwards, and in extenuation of her neglect the nurse explained that her "young man" was inside the shop getting measured for one of their wonderfully cheap Tailor-made Suits, and while waiting for him to come out, she forgot all about the baby, who had wandered into the Produce Department of the firm, and was hiding amongst the new mown Hay Chaff.

When you require anything, you want to see a large variety, so that you may be able to make a selection. You also want the price to be low. "THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN."

NOTICE TO FARMERS. DIXON BROS., Stock Station, Grain and Commission Agents, Valuers, and Export Produce Merchants, OPPOSITE CAMP HOTEL, BEAUFORT.

MONTHLY STOCKSALES. WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THEIR AUCTIONEER, MR. W. H. HALPIN, EVERY THIRD THURSDAY. SECOND SALE, FEBRUARY 18th, 1904.

DIXON BROS., Lawrence Street, BEAUFORT. T. E. SANDS, Cash Grocer. Begs to inform the public of Beaufort and district that he has removed his business to the Corner of NIXIE and LAWRENCE STREETS, BEAUFORT.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES. To be held on the BEAUFORT WATERLOO FLATS on Wednesday, March 2, '04. Member's Ticket, 10s. Admission to Course, 1s.; Children under 15, 6d.

A Penny for a Stamp A Dip of Ink. And a Minute Spent in Writing. Famous Two Guinea Suits. Together with full instructions for Self-measurement. Write for Patterns, POST FREE. Lincoln, Stuart & Co., Ltd. Finders Street, MELBOURNE.

CHRISTMAS, 1903. HAWKES BROS., BEAUFORT. Are again to the fore with an entirely New and Up-to-date Stock of ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, FANCY GOODS, GLASSWARE and ORNAMENTS.

IN OUR WINDOWS. We are showing samples from the largest direct shipment of ENGLISH CROCKERY ever consigned to Beaufort, and just landed ex S.S. "Africa."

Our Linoleums and Floorcloths. Are second to none in quality and variety. No difficulty in making a selection from such a stock. SPECIAL NOTE—We have a few Remnants left (various lengths), at less than cost. PAPERHANGINGS. Are all the go just now. We have an immense assortment at very small prices. Xmas. and New Year Presents of every description, to suit all purses.

