

THE SOFTER SEX.

If twenty men loved twenty maids And the maids they loved them not...

To mourn their single lot? Twenty! If twenty maids loved twenty men...

THE ISLAND OF THE UNKNOWN.

A NATURALIST'S EXPEDITION INTO THE UNEXPLORED INTERIOR OF NEW GUINEA.

(Extracts from "Two Years among New Guinea Cannibals," by Henry Pratt.)

New Guinea, or Papua, as it used to be called, is the second largest island in the world...

THE HEAD-HUNTING TUGERI.

The first aboriginal tribe with which the author was brought into contact was the Tugeri.

A GRUESOME THREAT.

The march into the unknown interior was begun from the British Government post of Port Moresby...

SPIDERS' WEBS AS FISHING NETS.

Famine prevailed in many districts and cockatoo and bird-of-paradise soup was tried.

A CANNIBALISTIC FEUD.

Incidents such as the following abound, and throw a lurid light on the social life of the aborigines.

WHY AM I A TERROR.

VESUVIUS SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. For many years—according to their feeble computations of time—men have been guessing at the causes of my anger.

CATS—ORADLE AMONGST SAVAGES.

Mr. Pratt takes pains to tell us that he is no ethnographer, but had not done so we should have known as much owing to the surprise expressed by him at the native children in the far interior being acquainted with the game of the oradle.

BUSH TELEGRAPHY.

In many other directions, however, Mr. Pratt's ethnographical observations are most valuable; as, for instance, when writing upon the manners and customs of the hitherto unvisited tribes of the Owen Stanley Range.

POLICEMEN TO STOP WAR.

HOW THE FAMOUS NOVELIST, DAVID C. MURRAY, WOULD "KEEP THE PEACE."

To abolish war has been the dream of kings, statesmen, divines, and philosophers for centuries.

SEES WITH EYES SHUT.

"My strangest case," said a well-known oculist recently, "is a woman who can only see with her eyes shut."

A GALLANT BOY.

A well-known barrister was talking about a distinguished friend of his, and a distinguished friend of his, and a distinguished friend of his.

RUSSIA HAS PROBABLY THE MOST CURIOUS TAX IN THE WORLD.

It is called the "amusement tax" and was instituted a few years ago to found an institution for the poor.

WHITE SLAVES OF TO-DAY.

In what does the slavery of our times consist? What are the forces that make some people the slaves of others?

MURDER WILL OUT.

"Talkin' about parrots," chimed in a little man in the bar parlour of the "Froth and Funnel."

ANGRY FOR OVER A WEEK.

The learned physicians who have been called in from time to time to diagnose the cause of my bad temper have not done much beyond carefully noting the symptoms.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

The Panama Canal which the United States Government are going to complete has had a very chequered career.

WHAT IS "FORGETTING."

Loss of memory, or something masquerading under the name, has been seasonally prevalent of late.

TIGERS ARE DEAR TO-DAY.

A good Nubian lion is worth £200, a General specimen little more than half this sum.

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By the author of "Two Girls in a Thousand," "A Key," &c. &c. PART 12.

CHAPTER XXVI. DEFEATED.

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"A CHAIN OF FLOWERS."

BY ANNICE FAREY.

"That Lita Ferris—that innocent-looking girl sitting on the grass yonder, weaving a chain of daisies for those children? Pshaw! She is not so beautiful after all!"

"This exclamation came from hand-holding Duncan, and the tone was one of surprise and disappointment."

"Isn't she?" returned Jack Nadine quizzically. "Well, take care of your heart, old fellow; that's all I've got to say."

A formal introduction was given by Jack, the "mutual friend," and Duncan Devere threw himself down in a graceful attitude upon the grass.

Where were they? He didn't see anything extraordinary in the somewhat pale, clear-cut features, the black-fringed, gray eyes, and the dark masses of lustrous hair piled up with seeming carelessness above the low forehead.

"She laughed, and, singing out a fussy-haired little fairy, the youngest of the lot, with a quick graceful movement, endeavored to 'lasso' her by casting the chain over her curly little head."

"See, here, Miss Ferris," he exclaimed with a conical look of reproach; "you have put me in leading strings already."

"It was unintentional, I assure you," she replied, laughing, "but if blushing deeply, too."

"How would you like to go to California and the Yosemite Valley?" Mr. Roswell asked.

"I should like it very much," she answered, enthusiastically.

"Will you go this autumn?" "Oh, Uncle Devere, aren't you tired? Do not need to go home now, and rest for a week, then we will start for the Far West. What do you say to my plan?"

"I think with the fair complexion, with a sincerity that could not be doubted, and with eyes that were not slow in finding its other chain of flowers, since you have consecrated that one."

"Which I shall keep as a souvenir," said Duncan, gallantly touching his lips to her forehead.

"You're gone, old boy," said the latter sentimentally, as they left the fair siren's presence.

"Nonsense," said Duncan, scornfully. "I've known scores of prettier girls."

"Well, I'm glad to hear it," he said, after a critical glance at his friend.

"I would be a shame for an old graybeard to wear a girl like that, if he is a Senator," thought Duncan, indignantly.

"I should like to see her again just to renew that spiky conversation which Jack broke in upon so stupidly."

"I will never trouble him with anything again," he thought. "I will side it in the depths of my own heart. He has had trouble enough during his life."

"To be Continued."

haired old gentleman, of whom Devere had just become most bitterly jealous.

"Well," inquired Jack Nadine who took a somewhat malicious pleasure in letting Duncan know that he was fully aware of his folly.

"She is a heartless coquette," sniped Duncan, turning on his heel and leaving the room abruptly.

"I told you so," said Jack, in that comforting way some people have. "But you wouldn't listen to my advising you to get beyond the reach of that irritating voice, poor Duncan was too precipitate. He missed his footing and down, down, he went until he landed at the bottom of the long staircase with a broken link."

"Poor Jack was overwhelmed with grief and sympathy. He did all that a friend could do for Duncan's comfort, and watched over him day and night."

"I am not a flirt," she answered, smilingly, but seriously. "That is where you and others were mistaken. I never really cared for anyone—until I met you."

"But the Senator?" persisted Duncan, still doubting his own happiness.

"The Senator? Oh! with a laugh. "He is just a dear, charming old man, with whom it is a pleasure to converse. He never speaks a word of loving me, the only man who talks to me without ever paying me any compliments. So there! Are you satisfied?"

"Perfectly," said Duncan with a contented smile. "Do you want to see the first day we met?"

"I believe that Moolah lux was afraid of nothing, and he was the best shot I have ever ridden. The elephant was driving a rock, he caught a tiger that was supposed to be the best of the line of hunters was advancing."

"I'm fond of children," she said, with a sincerity that could not be doubted, and with eyes that were not slow in finding its other chain of flowers, since you have consecrated that one."

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Mining News.

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Skipton. Rev. Finlay McQueen, of Skipton, who has been on holidays owing to indifferent health, has returned home only slightly improved. His congregation are purpose giving him six months' holiday.

Snake Valley. The annual report and balance sheet of the Canaan Whistlers' and Orphans' Fund to hand. The receipts, which totalled £118 12s 10d, were a few pounds in excess of last year's.

Snake Valley. The annual election of councillors of the Shire of Ripon takes place on Thursday, 23rd inst. Mr. E. Flynn, J. Douglas, and A. R. Slater are the retiring members...

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Riponshire Council.

MONDAY, 6th AUGUST, 1906.

Present—Cra. Sinclair (president), Slater, Rodda, Douglas, Flynn, Stewart, Boggs, O'Shaughnessy, and Lewis.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

From John Humphreys, hon. secy. to committee of late John Wetherpoon Memorial Fund; stating that the work of erecting seats in the Park has been carried out, and with the proceeds, which would afford accommodation to a large number of people, received, and to be thanked; the President stating that seating accommodation had been provided for about 400 people with the help of the council.

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WHEN TO DIG IN.

When you want to get ahead, Dig in!

When the other fellow leads, Dig in!

When you're short on things you need, Dig in!

When the rent is overdue, Dig in!

When the landlord says he'll sue— Dig in!

When the world is looking blue— Dig in!

Never mind the other man— Dig in!

You can win—you can win— Dig in!

Patience will come your way; Just make up your mind to stay; Every dog will have his day, Dig in!

WHEN NATURE KICKS.

Europe is very often referred to as the "lucky continent" because it seldom suffers from the most terrible of Dame Nature's kicks.

Even Europe holds what is, in many respects, the worst record in the universe of earthquakes.

Far more appalling than the recent upheaval at San Francisco was the disaster at Lisbon on November 1st, 1755.

It seemed all the more terrible because the morning of the great succession of shocks was gloriously bright and calm.

Churches were filled, parks and promenades were gay with the thousands of people out to enjoy the beautiful weather.

And everything and everybody seemed to be at peace.

The crowds of people were rather surprised, but by no means alarmed, at hearing a hollow, thunder-like sound which seemed to come from the centre of the city.

IN A GALVANIC GRIP.

Within a few seconds however, the true explanation was forthcoming. The whole city suddenly gave a convulsive jerk as though it had just laid hold of a galvanic battery.

Buildings crumpled up and crashed into each other with a terrifying clatter, and in less than three minutes 30,000 people had perished.

For several minutes longer the shocks continued to come, and in Lisbon and its neighbourhood nearly 60,000 lives were lost on that fatal morning.

During the convulsions the extraordinary spectacle was seen of a waterless Lisbon Harbour, for the sea retired as though it had been repulsed by high and dry, only to roll in again directly afterwards as a wave sixty feet high.

People rushed for safety to a massive marble quay; but it was a poor refuge, for the quay and everything upon it was suddenly swallowed up by a great abyss, which yawned and closed a second time, engulfing for ever a large number of boats and small ships.

This same earthquake reached Loch Lomond, in Scotland, the water of that lake rapidly and mysteriously rising twenty eight inches, and then falling again below the normal level.

RECORD WHIRL OF FLAME.

It is only a few years since the holocaust in Martinique started the whole of the civilised world. The more recent outbreak of Vesuvius was scarcely worth mentioning by comparison.

In the early part of May 1902, Mont Pelée began to throw burning clinders into the city of St. Pierre, and into smaller towns and villages within its range.

This "peppering" performance lasted a few days, but at eight o'clock one morning there came an awful roar and an explosion which was heard for 300 miles around.

A vast whirling cloud of smoke, heavier than the mists of hell, shot from the crater and rushed down on the city and the bay. Close after the smoke came a still bigger volume of fire, which swept down upon St. Pierre without the slightest warning of its approach, destroying the entire city and every one of its 26,000 inhabitants in less than five minutes.

Not a single person was in St. Pierre at the time of the explosion lived to tell the tale, save a negro, who was in his prison cell. Nearly all the shipping at St. Pierre was caught in that unparalleled whirl of fire and reduced to ash.

China has probably been more heavily smitten by the eccentricities of Nature than any other part of the world. Perhaps it is because she holds herself so rigidly aloof from the world that the world remembers so little of her troubles.

The Yellow River—Fang Ho—is known as "China's Sorrow." In some parts of its course its bed is higher than the great plain through which it passes.

It has been completely changed its course nine times in 2,000 years, and it frequently overflows and carries death and destruction to large tracts of country.

A TERRIBLE VENGEANCE.

CHASED HALF WAY ROUND THE WORLD.

A terrible and mysterious story of crime comes from Minneapolis, in the United States.

Six men, quite dead, were found lying in an old wooden house. So little were they known in the town that the police had hard work to find out their names.

Five knives, the blood-stained hatchet, the splashes of blood everywhere; the disorder, the signs of a struggle, told the story as plainly as words could tell it.

Four of the bodies lay about the front room on the second floor; the other two lay in a dirty, muddy basement, where they had been duped by the murderers.

When the house of slaughter was searched a lamp was found burning in the rear room upstairs. A light had been seen there the night before.

It looked, however, as if the bodies found in the cellar had been taken there by the others. This only added to the mystery.

Both bodies were terribly hewed and hacked. In all, the six bodies between them bore more than 100 wounds, almost any one of them sufficient to kill any able-bodied man.

There were great splashes of blood all over the walls and floors, and it seemed as if the dead, aroused from their sleep, had made a desperate fight for life in vain.

The big bowie-knives were found in the room with the four. Two more lay in another room. In its sheath, lay in the basement beside another body. Then there was the hatchet, and not another clue.

Not a thing was found on any of the men to give absolute proof of their identities. Even the landlord, H. Magnusson, didn't know their names.

He had heard about was that the man had paid four months' rent in advance when they came there a week before. The man ate, slept, and lived in the little rooms on the upper floor.

They never drank liquor, and were apparently of the most peaceable disposition. They went out regularly every day, and returned with equal promptitude in the evening.

It was clear that robbery was not the motive of the crime, for over 500 dollars, besides many other articles of value, were found upon the bodies.

The knives were quite new, and the purchase of them was traced by the trade-marks upon them. They were identified as having been bought at a local cutler's by a party of six foreigners a week before the murder.

There was thus one murderer for each victim. The passports found on the dead men proved that the six had fled half-way round the world in their efforts to escape their pursuers.

The papers bore the marks of Turkey, Greece, the Balkan States, and Italy. They were two in number. One was issued to Krite Demetri on January 27, 1905. It was a passport from Macedonia, issued by the Turkish Government, and bearing the seal of the Sultan. The other passport was old and undecipherable.

This seemed to point to the fact that the crime was a political one. That the victims were leaders of the Macedonian rebellion, and fled to America, and that their murderers were agents either of the Turkish Government or of some secret society is believed by the police.

They knew that they would be followed, but hoping to escape to some place where they would be safe. But those whose appointed task was to kill were cleverer than they, and were always close behind.

Though the chase led half-way round the world, the Turkish agents found their quarry in an obscure corner of Minneapolis, and led them to their deathly abode, the job of killing. They rounded up together, and when all was quiet and deserted without, they stole inside and upstairs to finish the job for which they had come so far.

The dead men were not caught entirely by surprise. They struggled desperately against overwhelming odds. All the furniture was upset, showing that there was a fight before the men who had been aroused from their sleep to go to their death had not given in without a whimper. Every body bore wounds enough to kill a dozen men.

There at the Morgue the bodies were viewed by 20,000 of the morbidly curious, women largely in the majority. It finally came to such a pass that entrance was denied except to such as could claim relationship with the dead.

It was the same story at the house, which was left by the orders of the police in the same condition in which it was found on the morning after the murder. Hundreds tried to gain admittance that they might see for themselves the scene of slaughter, but a line was thrown around the place, and nobody was allowed within it unless he could prove his right to be there.

Affor satisfactory identification had been made, and the authorities had made their preliminary inquiries, the bodies were buried together, no clue to identify being forthcoming.

And now—'Who killed the six?' seems to bid fair to go down into history as one of the greatest murder mysteries of the century.

A MYSTERIOUS DUCHESS.

QUEER CLAIMANTS FOR DISPUTED WEALTH.

A strange romantic story is told in connection with a cunning lawsuit—or, rather, series of lawsuits—in the Italian courts.

The Duchess La Masa, widow of the Duke La Masa, the well-known Garibaldian general, died recently, leaving her fortune of 22,000,000 lire (2,200,000) to share with her heirs, if any could prove themselves to be the birth.

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WRESTLING DEATH'S SECRET.

It is unproved that Dewey is a fairly good wrestler. The day man—a fact which has been absolutely essential to him, and which is, in addition, opening out vast realms of colossal wonders.

Modern death of grim Death's tactics, breaking his weapon of destruction and unmasking his designs with more and more effectiveness as time goes on.

Science has now taken up seriously the study of the problem of Old Age, and with most promising prospect, Prof. Metchnikoff has announced that the span of human life 100 years or more must first find out what causes the weakening, decay and final collapse of the human organism; and along this line of research progress has been made.

According to the hypothesis of Metchnikoff, the normal phenomenon of old age depends upon the indirect action of microbes that become collected in our digestive tube. And, since the wearing away of the substance of the bones in consumption and leprosy is effected by masses of protoplasmic bodies, the same phenomenon of old age depends upon the indirect action of microbes that become collected in our digestive tube.

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A TALE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

A group of army officers were discussing the difference in naval smartness between foreign and American navies. A Lieutenant who served in the Spanish part of the war in the Philippines told this to point his moral.

"You remember how Dewey filed in squadron formation past the Spanish ships, firing as he went. The big guns were firing in order, each one in its turn.

"Now maybe you know how they load a big gun—first the projectile, which is rammed in tight; then two bags of powder. The projectile is ground exactly to fit the bore. The least obstruction puts it out of fit.

"The crew of a forward eight-inch gun had fired early in the action, swabbed out and loaded again. In cleaning they missed a burning bit of canvas sucking which holds the powder.

"So the projectile didn't fit, but they didn't find out until they shoved in the powder sacks behind it. They stuck an inch beyond their proper place and it was impossible to close the breech, and, of course, to fire that shot.

"There was only one way of getting the powder out. This was to haul the muzzle close inboard and send a sailor with a 24-foot rammer to shove it out. It would have taken a quarter of an hour. The gun crew stood to undergo the disgrace of losing the turn and of going out of action at a vital moment.

"The gunner in charge, without the slightest hesitation, yelled:—"Bill, give me a needle."

"He whipped out his sailor knife, ripped open the butt of the nearest sack and took out a double handful of powder. He shoved up the rip, closed the breech, and said:—"Allow 1,500 yards on this shot—let-go!"

"The shot struck the hull of the target ship and the gun was behind its turn only two or three seconds. "I believe this story is true. I heard it from the gun crew the week after the fight. And the question is: Would any gunner except a Yankee have had the savvy to solve the problem in two seconds of thinking?"

DENMARK'S UNCROWNED KING.

Denmark's new ruler has announced his intention of joining the ranks of uncrowned monarchs, that is to say, of sovereigns who have decided to dispense with any ceremony of coronation.

Neither of his two predecessors on the throne of Denmark considered it necessary to be crowned, and the last Danish king to be solemnly invested with the insignia of royalty was Christian VII., in 1809, a potentate renowned for his eccentricities, his profligates, and for the colossal character of his potations.

Among the principal other sovereigns now living who have dispensed with coronations are Emperor William, King Leopold, King Alfonso of Spain, King Wilhelm of Italy and the Kings of Greece, Bulgaria, and Wurtemberg.

Emperor William's reason for renouncing a coronation ceremony is that he does not wish to be crowned as merely King of Prussia, or as the King of other lands, if he were to be crowned as German Emperor, it would, by reviving the South German jealousies of Prussia, interfere with the gradual process of amalgamation of the various petty sovereignties of Germany, with a homogeneous Empire.

In Denmark, the king has decided to do without any coronation owing to the intensely democratic sentiments of his people, and to the conviction that in his dominions, at any rate, a ceremony of that kind would be considered in the light of an anachronism, and as out of keeping with the spirit of the age.

"BIRD OR DEVIL."

Most people who have visited the island of Ceylon and penetrated into its jungle fastnesses have heard the cry of the devil bird. This avenspiring sound resembles nothing so much as the scream of a human being undergoing the most terrible torture.

Naturalists have identified it with the sylvium indrani, a brown wood owl found in Hindoostan. But the devil bird of Ceylon is an elusive creature, and no one had the good fortune to kill or catch a specimen.

The Cingalese, naturally a superstitious race, regard the cry of this bird with the utmost horror; they believe that its scream heard at night presages the most dire misfortune, and they are in the habit of offering sacrifices to avert the approaching disaster. The superstition is probably of very great antiquity, but Robert Knox, who was a prisoner in Ceylon for twenty years about the middle of the seventeenth century, gives an interesting account of it, although in connection with the native belief that it is an elusive creature, and no one had the good fortune to kill or catch a specimen.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SUNDAY, 19th AUGUST, 1906.

Church of England—Beaufort, 11 a.m.—Lay Helpers. Middle Creek, 11 a.m.—Travalla, 1.15 p.m.—Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Rev. C. Reed.

Methodist Church—Beaufort, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Linton, 11 a.m.—Waterloo, 7 p.m.—Mr. R. Thompson. Linton, 11 a.m.—Waterloo, 3 p.m.—Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Rev. R. McDougal.

Methodist Church—Beaufort, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Main Road, 1.45 p.m.—Rugby, 3 p.m.—Rev. R. Yeo. Chute, 3 p.m.; Haglan, 7 p.m.—Beaufort Gospel Band.

HUTTON.—In sad and loving remembrance of our dear father, Thomas Hutton, who departed this life August 17, 1906, aged 63 years.

Dear father, how hast thou left us; We thy loss most deeply feel; But 'tis God who hath bereft us; We can all our sorrows heal.

We cannot chop thy hand, dear father; Thy face we cannot see; But 'tis this little book we'll read; We'll still remember thee.

—Inserted by his loving family.

THE Rifonshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1906.

The Foods Standard Committee, under the Pure Food Act, is busy dealing with foodstuffs in general and fixing the standard below which articles of diet must not drop.

The most important to the people of the State that it is possible to imagine, and in the war that is about to be waged against the adulterator no loophole must be left for the undermining of the general health through the faking of the food.

Mr. Thos. Stone, M.H.R., has been appointed an exhibitor at the New Zealand Exhibition which is to be held at Christchurch shortly.

It was stated at the Ballarat Presbytery meeting on Tuesday that the Rev. F. McQueen, of Skipton, was seriously indisposed, and would probably be granted six months' leave of absence to visit his wife and children in England.

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Mr. Dobson was also a member of the Commonwealth electoral register for the Burrumbidgee district. Deceased, who was 41 years of age, leaves a widow and five children to mourn their loss.

Some time ago he was kicked in the chest by a horse, and pneumonia supervened. Deceased was buried in the cemetery at Burrumbidgee, on Wednesday.

"LIVERED COMPOUND," Trade Mark of Kay's Compound Essence of Linseed, for Coughs and Colds. Gives instant relief to Asthma and Bronchitis.

The monthly meeting of the Fryer Creek Lodge of Free Masons on Wednesday night, Bro. W. J. Barley, J.W., was unanimously elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Rev. R. H. McDougal, of Beaufort, has, with the Rev. C. Cameron, been appointed to the Ballarat Presbytery at the general assembly in Sydney next month, in the event of the Revs. G. H. Moorhead and F. McQueen being unable to go.

A telegram being received from the Rev. McDougal at the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, stating his inability to go to Sydney. It was mentioned that Mr. McQueen had been granted six months' leave of absence to visit his wife and children in England.

The Stockyard Hill Courting Club hold a registered meeting in the Mohamud paddocks next Friday for an unlimited number of greyhounds at 21s each, with 25s added. A record nomination is anticipated, and no doubt a good day's sport will be enjoyed.

The draw takes place at Halpin's Camp Hotel on Wednesday evening. The secretary (Mr. A. M. H.) humbly desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations towards the funds of the club:—Mr. C. W. Vowles, 22s; Mr. J. Hannah, 10s 6d.

The Presbytery of Ballarat has decided to hold a visitation of the Beaufort charge on Wednesday afternoon, 12th September. It is a rule of the Presbytery that all charges shall be visited by them once in seven years.

At the visitation a series of questions are put by the Presbytery to the minister, and to representatives of the session, the board of management, and the Sabbath school. The congregation has also to appoint representatives, who are asked whether they concur in these answers. The Presbytery then considers the replies given and records its findings.

In view of the kindly feelings expressed all round the House, and the number of bills we have been instrumental in bringing forward, I have made up my mind to remain in State politics. It has been pointed out to me by my friends that I can look after the interests of the State in my present position. Of course, some people say I would not get in, but I know I would get in. I don't want to allow any of these people who have been finding fault to say that I resigned as a matter of pique.—Mr. Bent.

Rent of unused roads and water frontages will probably give the Minister for Works a considerable sum during the present year. A distributor among the municipalities. Where the whole of the lease is issued the annual rental will be, it is estimated, about £40,000, of which £23,000 will come from unused roads and £17,000 from water frontages. Half the former will go to the municipalities in Beaufort Proprietary Dredging Company, at once to the child to the police station.

Senior-constable Nickson displayed a good deal of acumen in following up a clue, and as a result of the enquiries made by the police a young woman named Lydia Provis, who had been in service at a number of places in Beaufort, and who admitted having abandoned the child, was arrested. She also made disclosures as to the paternity of the child.

When the child was discovered, Mr. J. P. the Rev. R. McDougal entering into a bond for £500 to secure the recovery for a like amount being accepted. Provis is to be brought before the Beaufort Police Court on Tuesday, 28th inst. In the meantime the child is being cared for by Mrs. Sturkey, wife of Constable Sturkey.

"LIVERED COMPOUND" PILLS OF Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. A Pleasant Remedy. Worthy of Trial.

DEPARTURE OF REV. T. P. LYON.—It will prove as a surprise to the many friends of the Rev. Father Lynch to learn that that popular gentleman has been appointed to the charge of the Portland mission, in succession to the Rev. J. J. Walsh. The rev. gentleman's well-wishers in the Ararat district will, however, while regretting his departure, feel a certain amount of pleasure in the knowledge that the transfer will mean well deserved advancement for Father Lynch. About three years ago the rev. gentleman came here from Kororo, where the people testify to the esteem in which he was held in a very tangible way with the local branch of the O.Y.M.S., St. Mary's Church, and other chorist organizations. The rev. gentleman was an active supporter of the sporting clubs in the town, and took a keen interest in golf, tennis, and other sports. His movements here were always ready to assist in an unostentatious way. Father Lynch's successor in Ararat is not yet known.—"Chronicle."

Local and General News. There was a clean sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Tuesday. Messrs E. Bezzes and J. R. Worthington, J.P., were the magistrates in attendance.

The official opening of the Beaufort golf links took place this (Saturday) afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

The president of the Hampden Shire Council (Dr. D. S. Oman, M.L.A.) presided at the last meeting, and was congratulated by councillors on his restoration to health.

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Wedding. MR. T. LISTON TO MISS N. M. KELLY. On Wednesday morning, at the R.C. Church, Beaufort, of Middle Creek, and late Mr. Matthew Kelly, of Burrumbidgee, were united in marriage by the Rev. F. O'Hare, who celebrated nuptial mass for the first time in Beaufort, the choir led by Mrs. M. Kelly assisting, and played the "Wedding March" as the party entered the church. The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her eldest brother, Mr. Kelly, looked charming in a handsome dress of cream silk trimmed with lace and insertion. The usual wedding and veil were worn, and a beautiful bouquet of white carnations, carnations, hollyhock, with asparagus and maidenhair fern, was carried. The bridesmaids were Misses Ada and Kitty Kelly, sisters of the bride. The groom wore a champagne-colored suit of grey cloth trimmed with white interlaced ribbon, with buttons to match. The groom was attended in a very becoming costume of cream hose, trimmed with velvet and gold and cream and red, and carried a handsome bouquet of red carnations and fern. The bridesmaids also wore gold and cream brooches, gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Kelly, and his sister, Miss Kelly, who acted as best man and groom respectively. The church was decorated by the friends of the bride, and was crowded with spectators and friends of the happy pair. After the ceremony the guests drove to the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Kelly, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was laid out, and guests to the number of 50 sat down and did full justice to the good things provided. The Very Rev. P. O'Hare presided, and in a happy speech proposed the toast of "The Bride and Bridegroom," and said he was glad to be a model couple, whose example should be followed by many others, and concluded by wishing them long life, happiness, and prosperity in their new home. The toast was drunk with musical honours. The bridegroom responded, and proposed the toast of "The Bridesmaids," and the best man responded, and in a few well-chosen words proposed "The Parents of the Bride and Bridegroom." Mr. Kelly responded. Other toasts honored "The Ladies," proposed by Mr. J. Mulcahy, and Flynn; "The Visitors," proposed by Mr. M. Kelly, responded to by Messrs. Flynn and P. J. Kelly; "The Beaufort Choir," proposed by Rev. P. O'Hare, responded to by Mr. J. O'Loughlin; "The Presbytery," proposed by Mr. W. H. Bent, supported by Mr. Luke Fay, responded to by Rev. P. O'Hare; "The Bridesmaids Council," proposed by Mr. W. H. Bent, responded to by Mr. J. O'Loughlin; "The Bride," proposed by Mr. J. 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THE CYCLISTS SONG.

Oh it's a joy to be up in the morning when the dew is yet on the clover. And the air is full of sweetness that makes a draught divine...

of the world's humankind. This, it would be a proud boast that nobody could escape the "Daily Mail," short of taking up residence on an inaccessible desert island...

BARRAATA AND "JOHN BELL." BIG LESSONS OF "LITTLE" WARS.

The Briton is over-prone to despise his enemy, and he has had to swallow some pretty sharp lessons in consequence. The colored gentleman known as Barraata seems to have made a lot of trouble for the South African authorities...

SOME OCEAN NEWSPAPERS.

The ocean daily newspaper may be described as a by-product of wireless telegraphy. Prior to the arrival of Marconi in the world of science, the Transatlantic passenger was cut off from the world for six or seven days...

MEMOIRS AND MORALS.

This seems to me to be a good subject, remarked recently the king of the world's humankind. You see, everybody has a memory, and all come eventually to a moral.

THE KING'S DEAR.

Who would not gladly change places with the King's candidate for the Derby? Win or lose the life of a horse engaged in the Blue Riband of the Turf is a most enviable one.

DEATH OF AN AUSTRALIAN REBEL.

The famous Eureka stockade episode is brought to mind by the death of John Lynch, who, as a young man of 24, led and drilled the pikemen who were to resist the military during the miners' troubles of 1851...

DEPORTATION OF "TOMMY TAMMA."

In old Queensland days it was a picturesque and interesting sight to see the returning time-expired Kanaka "boys" clustered together at the wharves awaiting embarkation.

A FLOATING COAL MINE.

Most people would think, naturally enough, that the obvious way to discharge a coal cargo would be from the top. But, nowadays, it is exactly the reverse...

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PART 14. CHAPTER XXV.

DAZZLING PROSPECTS.

Mrs. Richards sat in her boudoir one morning a few weeks later, reading a newspaper.

She had evidently gone wrong with her face, for she was overcast, and an angry glow shone in her cheeks, and her eyes gleamed with a sultry fire.

The reason of this was the flat refusal of Mr. Richards to accede to her immoderate demands for five hundred dollars to purchase herself and Josephine new dresses for the coming winter, and she had just returned to her room after the stormy interview.

Picking up the morning paper, which lay upon the hall table, on which she sat down, she saw that her mind was busily planning some way to get along without her accustomed full purse, and "keep up appearances."

Suddenly her eye caught a paragraph the reading of which set every nerve in her body quivering with excitement.

"The heirs or nearest of kin of Sir Charles Thornton, late of Halowall Park, Devonshire, England, will find it to their advantage to communicate at once with Compton and Bailey, No. 54, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London."

Just below this advertisement was a notice of the sudden death of the young baronet.

Mrs. Richards sat like one overcome by some violent shock for a few minutes after reading this account.

Then springing to her feet and taking the paper with her, she went back in hot haste to her husband, her cheeks crimson, her eyes glowing with agitation.

upon arriving in London in November, she and her family were most courteously received by the firm of Compton and Bailey, who assured her that her credentials and proofs of her relationship to Sir Charles were incontestable.

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"We cannot follow the gay company in all their enjoyments, but it was an eventual time, during which the hospitable hostess, and her lovely daughter, assisted by Lord Carrol, spared no effort to make it a memorable one; and when, right in the midst of it all, Ralph Meredith came by special invitation, one at least of the merry revels, felt that everything was complete, and nothing more might be wished for."

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BY M. C. L.

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"The business he transacted required him to return later in the day, and as he had occasion to come in the opposite direction, and the building taking up an entire block, he entered at the other, though more private, end. As he entered he encountered a gentleman who appeared greatly excited."

"In going up the stairs the detective counted the floors until he reached the fourth, and continuing his way through the half-closed door he perceived the gentleman, who, he supposed, had been introduced by the landlady who left the room—both by assumed names. A glance at the unfortunate man's face was evidence enough; this the detective noticed as he spoke pleasantly."

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"Two days Phineas Forbes passed restlessly. Would he succeed? If so, away with all circumstantial evidence then!

"The third day found him ready to act the part he was to play in this strange drama, and evening found him again entering the boarding-house."

"The information given was entirely satisfactory. Mr. Merriam had manifested a willingness to put himself under hypnotic influence. Only a glance was required to see the acquiescent of the room to be the accused murderer; but how changed! Refreshing sleep indeed had not been known to that poor, hunted-out man for long, weary days. Was there, then, a more willing subject to hypnotic suggestion when sleep was the desideratum than the man, who, landlady who left the room—both by assumed names. A glance at the unfortunate man's face was evidence enough; this the detective noticed as he spoke pleasantly."

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Boxing Matches

PROHIBITION RUN MAD

SHAKE VALLEY, Monday. At a meeting of the board of advice a letter was received from Copatible Brown objecting to boxing gloves being used by the members of the athletic association, which has the use of one of the school rooms. The board decided not to allow further use of the rooms until the boxing gloves are dispensed with. The matter has aroused a lot of feeling locally.—Age.

Mining News

Two shares in the Raglan East Chance G.M. Co. are advertised for sale by Mr. Emanuel Compiano, Main Lead. Mr. W. J. Vale is applying for a mining lease of 20 acres in Kewley's paddock, Waterloo. The following are the reported yields for the week ending Saturday, August 11th—Moss and party, 60z. 14wt. 11oz. Last Chance, 80z.; Martin and party, 10z. 7wt. 5gr.; Extended No. 2, Raglan, 30z.; sundries, 60z. Tawalla Leads G.M. Co.—Shall sink 14 feet, full depth 107 feet; in that case, the material which is constantly being deposited 15 feet for the week, through tough clay. Total depth, 66 feet. Victoria G.M. Co. (James and party), Beaufort.—Yield for week, 21oz. 10wt. 10gr. Morris and party.—Yield for week, 21oz. 10wt.

LIFE

(By "Viva.")

No living thing, from man to a microbe, can exist unless it is continually dying. It is not merely necessary for man to absorb nourishment in order to live; it is equally necessary that, simultaneously, some portion of his body, bones, blood, or tissues, must waste away and die. It is essential, also, that a balance be preserved in the two processes of replenishing the body and the removal of the waste or food material which is constantly accumulating within it. An uneven action of either means disease. A total suspension of either means death. Of course everyone knows that an adequate supply of suitable food, pure water and fresh air is requisite to build up the body, but, unfortunately, most people are not as well aware of the complicated action of the mechanism with which nature has endowed man for dealing with the used-up, dead and waste material always being produced within us, and which, unless regularly extracted from the blood and expelled from the body, must cause disease or death. Upon the skin, lungs, kidneys and liver rests the main responsibility of removing waste matter from the system. The skin usually removes a little attention beyond regular washing with soap and water, and it will, in the form of perspiration, rid the body of a quantity of dead matter. A fit of coughing or a choking sensation will specially call attention to anything which hinders the lungs in their work of removing, in the form of carbonic acid, an amount of used-up material equivalent to eight ounces of pure charcoal every day. The kidneys and liver, on the other hand, are delicate organs, and it is not until we begin to suffer from some serious complaint that we become aware that their action is impeded. Rheumatism, Boils, Eczema, Neuralgia, Backache, Blisters, Blood Disorders, Indigestion, Biliousness, Jaundice, Sick Headache, General Debility, Gravel, Stone, Bladder Trouble, Depression, Low Temperature, Anæmia, Bright's Disease, are all caused by disease, or indifferent action of the kidneys or liver, or both of those organs, permitting the body to retain urinary and biliary waste poisons which it is their function to eliminate from the blood and expel in a natural manner. It will therefore be seen how important it is that the rigorous health and activity of the kidneys and liver should be maintained. A person suffering from one or more of the many complaints mentioned should not regard his case as disease, but should follow the rational course of attacking them at their true source, by restoring a proper and regular action of the kidneys and liver, when the cause of the disorders having been rectified, the waste matter which produces the trouble is removed and health ensues as a matter of course. It was the comprehension of this fact which resulted in the discovery of Warner's Safe Cure. Certain medical men—being aware of the difficulty of treating the disorders referred to, and knowing that they were due to inefficient action of the kidneys or the liver, but being unable in most cases to accurately diagnose just which organ was at fault—set themselves the task of compounding a medicine which would act specifically upon the kidneys and liver alike. After long research they succeeded, and introduced the medicine to the world under the name of Warner's Safe Cure. This was about thirty years ago, and since that time millions of bottles have been sold, and millions of people have been saved from pain, suffering and death by taking a course of this invaluable specific for all kidney and liver disease and disorders arising therefrom.

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From the birds returned by farmers it is estimated that the area sown with wheat and other crops is 2,774,248 last season. The sales under grain this year is 2,088,000 acres. There were 30,127 yards sent out, 22,428 returned, leaving 7,699 to be still accounted for.

MOON PROVES FORECASTER.—The Advocate has received through Mr. J. B. Cochran, who is local agent for "The Gully" series of picture postcards issued by the Postmaster-General, the cards are portraits of Australian girls, and should be a welcome addition to any album. "The Gully" is giving them away to its readers.

Mr. W. H. Halpin, auctioneer, Beaufort, is suffering from a very severe attack of influenza. His temperature rose to 104 on Wednesday evening, and it was feared by his medical attendant (Dr. Rodie) that the illness would turn to pneumonia; but, fortunately, that did not occur, and Mr. Halpin, though likely to be confined to his bed for some days, is now again pleased to say, much better. Quite a number of residents have been laid up with influenza in a more or less severe form.

LINERED COMPOUND.—The Stockport Remedy for Coughs and Colds. Gives immediate relief.

Ballarat Live Stock Market. Tuesday.

Fat Cattle.—A very heavy yarding, numbering only 142 head, came to hand for to-day's sale, the majority consisting of quality ranging from good to prime, and comprising the remainder of the comprised week's descriptions. There was an average attendance of the trade, consequently throughout the sales competition was so lively, best descriptions selling at fully last week's highest prices; whilst for useful sorts the demand was very keen, prices showing a material improvement. Quotations:—Prime pens bullocks, £12 10s to £13 10s; extra, £14 10s to £16 7s 6d; good, £11 10s to £12; useful, £9 10s to £10 10s; useful quality cows, £8 to £7 12s 6d. Calves.—Only 5 penned, which sold well. Sheep.—An extremely light yarding, numbering only 1919, was penned for to-day's sale, of which a fair proportion consisted of good and prime quality, but chiefly comprising middling and inferior descriptions. There was a full attendance of buyers, and as the supply was well within requirements, the demand consequently was very active, last week's highest rates being fully maintained. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 24s to 27s; extra, 28s to 31s; good, 21s 6d to 23s; useful, 17s to 19s; prime merino ewes, 22s to 24s 6d; a few shorn sheep, to 32s; good, 19s to 20s; prime merino wethers, 21s to 23s; good, 18s to 19s; useful, 15s to 17s; merino ewes, to 18s 9d. Lambs.—711 to hand, of which fully 220 consisted of this season's drop. The demand for young lambs was very spirited, prime showing a material improvement. For old sorts a weaker demand existed; for such a decline on last week's rates had to be accepted: Prime (this season's), 7s 6d to 16s 6d; extra, 6s 6d to 13s 6d; good, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; prime (old), 10s to 12s; extra, to 20s; good, 14s to 15s; useful, 12s to 13s.

The following district sales are reported:—By Messrs. E. H. H. & Co. bullocks for Mr. George Exell, Glenholme, Stockyard Hill, £10 12s 6d to £14 5s, averaging £11 16s 8d; 26 sheep for Mr. Donald Stewart, Woinan, Skipton, crossbred wethers 30 11s, merino 20 9s to 23s; opping the market, half Shrop. 6s 6d to 12s 6d, merino 12s to 15s 6d, topping the market.

Roberts, the Goat-Breaker. SENTENCED FOR THE BEAUFORT ROBBERY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday. James Roberts, whose two attempts to escape from confinement at Beaufort brought him into notoriety, came before Mr. Justice Hodges in the Banco Court to-day to be sentenced for shop-breaking at Beaufort. He was committed at the instance of the court at Ballarat, but sentence was deferred owing to one of his attempts to escape having cost him a broken leg. He stated that the mending of his broken leg had been bungled by the Government medical officer, and he alleged that both the governor and the chief warden of the gaol had treated him cruelly, as he was compelled to make his bed and do other duty whilst recovering from the injury. Regarding his second attempt to escape, he stated that he was only a ruse to get away from the Ballarat gaol. He had arranged with another prisoner to give the alarm to the officials. He requested that the passing of sentence might be deferred until he had been examined by Dr. O'Brien, the Government medical officer. Mr. Justice Hodges said that he did not see that any good purpose would be served by further deferring sentence, and he ordered the prisoner to serve two years with hard labor. Prisoner asked that the sentence should be made on committal with the one which he was now serving for goat-breaking, but the judge said that belonged to a different jurisdiction, and he could not entertain the application. The complaint made by Roberts in regard to the gaol officials would be sent on to the Law department for investigation. "Star."

Some surprise has been expressed in police circles at the leniency of the sentence passed upon James Roberts, the Ballarat goat-breaker, by Mr. Justice Hodges. The opinion is strongly entertained that two years' imprisonment is quite inadequate. It is pointed out that Roberts is a determined and daring thief, of confirmed criminality, seeing that his sentences in the aggregate amount to 20 years, and that he broke into the shop at Beaufort the day after he had done his last term of five years in Pentridge. When sentenced on Wednesday Roberts complained of the governor of the gaol, the senior warden, and the medical officer, and insisted to be made concerning his allegations. The felon added that the other officials "behave like gentlemen."

The gaol officials should certainly be censured for compelling James Roberts to make his own bed when he was obliged to sedulously husband his strength for an excursion along the roofs and over the walls. It is just possible that when Goat-breaker Roberts complains of ill-treatment in the gaol, he was thinking of the coffee and cigarettes that might have been supplied to him and were not. "Echo."

Small boy—little pool. Oh joy—no school. Fat, wet—bad cold. Home got—mother scold. Top, sky—nearly dined. Oh, my, doctor said. Don't wait, but hurry. Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.



Application for a Gold Mining Lease.

It is intended to grant the undermentioned lease, subject to such excisions, modifications, and reservations as may be necessary. ALABAMA DISTRICT, RAGLAN DIVISION. No. 2034; P. O. Morris (Moss and party); 1/4 Sec. 14; parish of Beaufort; enclosing the overlap on lease block No. 1838. D. McLEOD, Minister of Mines. Melbourne, 16th August, 1906.

SCHEDULE A.—(Clause 4 (b)). NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

The undersigned, hereby give notice that, within ten days from the date hereof, I will have with the Warden at Beaufort, an application for a Lease, the particulars whereof are hereunder set forth:—Name in full of applicant or applicants, and style under which it is intended that the business shall be carried on—WILLIAM JAM S VALE; Roberts' Fancy Gold Mining Company. Full address of each applicant. Warden. Supposed extent of ground applied for, and whether on or below the surface, or both, or a lease—20 acres; both of and below the surface. Name and address of each person (if any) who is owner of and who is in occupation of the land, so far as the applicant has been able to learn—Thomas Lewley, Waterloo. Full description and precise locality of the ground—Allotment 5, section C, parish of Lang-Kai-Kal. Term required—Fifteen years. Time of commencing operations—On the granting of the lease. Whether the boundaries of the land applied for will include any river, creek, deposit of permanent water, spring, artificial reservoir, public road, or subject to any public rights—No. Nature of proposed mining operations. If mining, sinking or other operations proposed, state time each stage is likely to occupy, and estimated expenditure under each head—Boring and sinking. The metals or minerals for the winning of which this application will be made are—Gold. If for gold, state whether it is intended to work in quartz or alluvium—Both. If of private land state whether a prospecting area is required—No. Particular remarks—Nil. Place and date.—Waterloo, 16th August, 1906. Signature of Applicant.—WILLIAM JAM S VALE.

FOR SALE—TWO SHARES in the Raglan East Chance Gold Mining Company. Apply to EMANUEL COMPIANO, Main Lead.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the SHIRE HALL, Beaufort, at 8 p.m., on SATURDAY, 25th inst., for the purpose of NOMINATING A TRUSTEE for the Beaufort Jockey Club, vice Joel Tompkins, deceased.

SHIRE OF RIPON. TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE WEST RIDING.

Any person tendering for my signature (thereby returning me unopposed as one of your representatives in the Riponshire Council), I will, if I have no objection, endeavor to the best of my ability to justify the confidence you have again reposed in me. R. A. SLATER, President of Riponshire. "Spring Bank," Skipton, Aug. 8, 1906.

A Reminder.

ANYBODY CAUGHT on my Premises with the intention of OBTAINING GOOD VALUE WILL BE AMPLY REWARDED.

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BLARNEY STONE has proved himself a sure Foot-gut, and his stock in this district show to be of real good quality.

Terms—£2 10s. Cash 5 per cent. Guarantee, £1 Cash and £2 fee when Mare proves in foal.

For further particulars apply to J. McDONALD, Middle Creek.

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Beaufort, Raglan, Charlton, and Eurambeen United Goldfield and Farmers' Common.

Abstract of the Accounts of the Managers of the above-named Common for the year commencing on the 1st day of August, 1905, and ending on the 31st day of July, 1906, both days inclusive.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, and Balance in bank. Includes items like Cash to hand, Stock registered for half-year, and various expenses.

We certify the above extract to be true and correct in every particular. MICHAEL FLYNN, Managers. T. A. WILD, Managers. We, the undersigned, having examined the Accounts of the Managers of the Beaufort, Raglan, Charlton, and Eurambeen United Goldfield and Farmers' Common, being duly authorized in that behalf, hereby certify that we find the same to be correct, and that the foregoing abstract is a true statement of the Accounts of the Common. ARTHUR PARKER, Auditors. JOHN B. HUMPHREYS, Auditors. Beaufort, 11th August, 1906.

SEED! SEED!

On account of the Early Rains. This is the proper time to sow your Seed and obtain the best results. REMEMBER, the best and most reliable are Geo. Smith's, BALLARAT. Being raised in our own district, you can depend on Splendid Returns.

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HERE! IN NORTH MELBOURNE. A Good Case in Point.

The Case of Miss M. O'CONNELL. (By a Local Reporter.)

Each resident who delights to hear of grand achievements... The case of Miss M. O'Connell... A niece of mine was once very ill and everything was going very hard for her because all the medical treatments she had was of no avail...

On the Land. MR SKENE'S VIEW. In the course of his speech on the Budget on Wednesday evening, Mr Skene, M.H.R., alluded to the proposals which have from time to time been discussed for united action between the Commonwealth and States for the introduction of immigrants suitable for agriculture...

STATUTORY DECLARATION. I, Mary O'Connell, of the County of Victoria, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the advertisement... I have been cured of my illness by the use of Clements Tonic...

RAILWAY TIME-TABLE. The following is the local railway time-table: A mixed train leaves Ballarat at 11.20 a.m., Traralga at 12.7 p.m., reaching Beaufort at 12.22, and taking its departure at 12.30. It leaves Middle Creek at 12.54, and Bunung at 1.4. Adelaide express leaves Beaufort at 4.40 p.m. (Sundays excepted), Ballarat at 7.50, and Beaufort at 8.44 (arriving here at 8.50). On the return journey to Melbourne (Monday excepted) the express leaves Beaufort at 6.25 a.m. (arriving here at 6.30). The morning mixed train from Beaufort to Ballarat runs every week day. It departs from Bunung at 4.45 p.m., Middle Creek at 4.55, Beaufort at 5.30 (arriving here at 5.30). Traralga at 5.54, and Burrunbuck at 6.9. A mixed train will also leave Ballarat on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5.10 a.m. (arriving here at 6.50 a.m., and leaving at 6.55 a.m.), and on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 6.15 a.m., Burrunbuck at 6.9, Traralga at 6.55, Beaufort at 7.47 (arriving here at 7.50). The morning mixed train from Stawell to Ballarat leaves Stawell at 6 a.m. instead of 6.15 a.m., and is timed to leave the district stations every week day as follows: Bunung, 7.48; Middle Creek, 8.2; Beaufort, 8.30; Bunung, 8.57; Traralga, 9.16. The 8.30 p.m. train from Stawell to Ballarat, arriving at Beaufort at 11.10 p.m., has been discontinued.

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Religious Services. SUNDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1906.

There were no contests in the Shire of Ripon annual elections this year.

A public meeting has been convened by Mr. Stinor, President of Riponshire, for this (Saturday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Shire Hall, for the purpose of nominating two trustees for the Beaufort Jockey Club, vice Messrs Joel Tompkins and David Troy, deceased.

Detective Armstrong has concluded his investigation into the rumors that were circulated concerning the death of Mr. J. Dobson, of Barrumbidgee, and is quite satisfied, not only that the injury to the chest sustained by the deceased was accidentally caused, but that it had no connection with his death.

The bicycle race arranged several weeks ago, between Anthony Driver and George Stokes, of the Camp Hotel to the five-mile post on the Ballarat road, and back for £5 a side, and postponed because of the illness of Stokes, is to take place to-day (Saturday) at 2 p.m.

What is believed to be the largest straight-out order for any sheet medicine in Australia has been received by Mr. W. G. Heuser, chemist, Geelong, viz. £9,000 worth of Heuser's bronchitis cure in one order from Elliott Bros., Ltd., wholesale druggists, Brisbane, who congratulate the proprietor on the splendid reputation and enormous sale which Heuser's bronchitis cure enjoys.

THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1906.

The Ballarat Trustees' Executors' and Agency Company, Limited, is calling attention to the estate of the late Mr. Wm. R. Jay, Traralgon, farmer.

Some time ago a bequest of £200 by the late Mr. Malcolm Nicholson to the Beaufort Presbyterian Church was set aside as the nucleus of a fund for building a new church, and the monthly meeting of the Church committee on Monday evening, a letter was received from Miss Wetherpoon, Miss W. Wetherpoon, and Mr. A. L. Wetherpoon, who promised £25 each upon the acceptance of a tender for the erection of a new church.

Mr. B. McDonald and Miss Wetherpoon, of Middle Creek, had also promised £50 towards the same object. It was considered that a further sum of about £245 would be required for the purpose stated, and Mrs. McDonald and Miss Wetherpoon were appointed to obtain the additional promise of donations.

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The Waterloo Musical Club adjourned a social which was to have been held on Wednesday night for a month out of respect to their teacher, Miss Norah Troy, and in sympathy with her bereavement.

Mr. R. G. Kirkpatrick, of Beaufort, had the pleasure on Tuesday to have a valuable milk cow, full grown, run over by the engine of the 12-20 passenger train from Melbourne. The cow had strayed on to the line, and both of her hind legs were broken. The train was delayed about five minutes.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Mary Ann West, of Sailor's Gully, who died yesterday, at the age of 64 years. The cause of death was septicaemia, from dropsy and exhaustion. The funeral takes place to-morrow. The deceased leaves a husband and a large family to mourn their loss.

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The quarterly summons meeting of the Societies' Hall on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. when Mr. Chas. Hamilton, ex-M.L.A., and member of the Board of Directors, will lecture on "South Sea Investments." Leave advised.

A bill to allow the Municipal Association of Victoria to establish a municipal officers' fidelity guarantee fund, instead of paying sums as premiums to private companies has been introduced to the Legislative Assembly by the Minister of Mines, Mr. McLeod. It provides that a fund may be established when three-fifths of the municipalities of Victoria have agreed in writing to contribute to it. The rate of contribution in the first instance is not to be less than the amount payable to private companies for a like guarantee, but when the fund amounts to £5,000 the contributions may be fixed at such an amount as the association considers sufficient to meet liabilities and expenses and maintain a credit balance of £3,200.

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