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G. H. COUGLE, BEAUFORT. PUBLIC NOTICE. W. H. HALPIN. Desires to inform the Public that he is prepared to Sell Hay, Oats, Chaff, Bran, Pollard, &c., At Lowest Current Rates.

Mr. SAMUEL YOUNG, Barrister and Solicitor, Proctor and Conveyancer, BEAUFORT. Enlarged Photographs. We are now doing some lovely Permanent Enlargements in New Art Frames.

United Ancient Order of Druids. The Ordinary Meeting will be held in the Lodge Room, SOCIETY'S HALL, on TUESDAY evening next, at 7.30 o'clock sharp. A. C. WELSH, Secy.

Religious Services. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1908. Church of England.—Beaufort, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Middle Creek, 3 p.m.—Rev. Chas. Reed.

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FATHERS AND SONS AS MILLION-MAKERS.

MONEY MAKING THAT "RUNS IN THE BLOOD."

Many curious things "run in the blood," from twins to theology, but the cases are rare in which gold-winning genius is transmitted to the third and fourth generations.

ROMANCE OF THE VANDERBILTS.

The Commodore, when he was scarcely credited as a student in 1771, seemed as far removed from the possibility of riches as the man in the moon.

THE MATRIMONIAL SWINDLER.

HOW "DUMMY" LOVE-LETTERS ARE PREPARED.

It would be a dreadful shock to any girl if she were to find out that the harking epistles of love she keeps so dearly locked in a drawer were not the natural effusions of an ardent sweetheart's brain.

PASSIONATE LOVE-LETTERS.

His name was Oscar Goldberger, and whilst in reality an hotel kitchen-porter he posed as a German nobleman of great wealth.

WHEN JAY GOULD WAS THRASHERED.

Money-making runs equally in the veins of the Gould family, whose names are household words.

A PROFITABLE GAME.

The originator of the "dummy" letter was a far-seeing individual who saw money in his idea.

WHY THE SWINDLER OFTEN ESCAPES.

Now and then, the plausible "dummy" will account for the mythical husband's sudden loss of fortune and his reason for asking.

FROM STARVELING TO MILLIONAIRE.

And what the Astors have done by real estate dealing, the Gordon Bennets have accomplished in the arena of newspapers.

HELPING THE DOCTOR.

The physician looked troubled. "You know anything about the Turners?" he asked.

"Oh, yes," I said. "I know them well." "What do you know about them?"

LITTLE JOHNNY RECITES.

I hate the pants that mother makes. And leaves me room to drag around my legs.

AMONG THE MOUND BUILDERS.

In the fertile river valleys of Ohio have been found many signs of the strange people known amongst archaeologists as the Mound Builders.

A CITY MAN IN THE COUNTRY.

The city man, with a comfortable income, has an advantage on a farm, for he can better stand the cost of the mistakes that are made.

WHAT IS CONSCIENCE MONEY?

I am assured by a cynical correspondent that it is easy to exaggerate the amount of tenderness of conscience displayed by persons who remit sums of money to the Chancellor of the Exchequer because they have in some way escaped their due contribution to the income tax.

GAME WORTH A MILLION AND A QUARTER STERLING.

The most costly game of cards on record was probably that in which the late Mr. George McCulloch, proprietor of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, once took part.

WHERE RATES ARE RARE—RATESPAYERS MAY LIKE TO KNOW OF A PLACE WHERE A RATE IS A RARITY.

Dancing birds.—A species of albatross found on the island of Laysan in the Hawaiian group.

AN AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERING FEAT.

By the completion of the dam across the Cataract River, 60 miles from Sydney, a notable engineering work has been added to the other evidences of enterprise in Australia.

The length of the dam is 811 feet at the crest and it rises to the height of 157 feet above the river level below which the foundations extend to the maximum depth of 35 feet at the base and 16 feet 6 inches at the top.

A THERMOPHORE.

"A machine which may revolutionize book and newspaper printing has just been invented in Vienna."

MAZARIN AS A GAMBLER.

Mazarin's passion for gambling was so strong even in death that he played cards to the very end.

£10,000 GAME OF WHIST.

The curious fascination cards possess for their devotees is illustrated by the following story of Lord Granville.

A KING IN DISGUISE.

One of the most romantic of gambling stories is told by Mr. Thriffling, a plainly-dressed stranger who once took his seat at a far-table.

VERY LITTLE WORK FOR THE CHIMNEY-SWEEP.

A benevolent old householder had added to his stock some remarkably fine views of various Continental towns.

ROMANCES OF THE CARD-TABLE.

LOSING £30,000 WHILE HIS BRIDE WAITED AT THE ALTAR.

If the full story of the card-table could be written, it would truly be the most startling revelation of human cupidity ever published.

PLAYING FOR A FUNERAL FEE.

Equally weird is a story Goldsmith tells. When the clergyman arrived to prepare a lady parishioner, who had a passion for gambling, for her approaching death.

A PRINTING REVOLUTION.

"A machine which may revolutionize book and newspaper printing has just been invented in Vienna."

JAPS BEAT CHINESE BY SEA.

On Monday, September 17, 1894, the Japanese, of whom till very recent years little was known by Europeans.

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WHAT STOLEN KISSES COST.

PENALTIES PAID FOR PERKY PILFERERS.

May his soul be in heaven—he deserves it, I'm sure. Who was the first inventor of kissing.

WANTED ANOTHER FIVE POUNDS' WORTH.

It was a rather dear price to pay for a little osculatory practice, but a man who was charged with a similar offence at a seaside resort last year.

HOW KISSES SHOULD NOT BE STOLEN.

Sometimes the delinquent has been let off with a caution, while in other cases, where a girl has struggled and hurt herself in her efforts to avoid the unwelcome attention.

BREAKING UP THE KISSING AND COOING.

There is an old Puritan law in Massachusetts which prohibits kissing in the street.

WHERE CURID HAS A BAD TIME.

Lovers in New York, too, must in the words of the song, "be very careful what they do."

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£10,000 ON RAILWAY.

The most wonderful and expensive railway in the world was opened and a trial trip made, September 12, 1889, by Mr. Percy N. Leigh.

While the majority of us may echo the sentiments of the old-time poet, "White feet in breadth and length on to Mr. Dignity's residence," it was provided with a double floor, a wooden one, on which stood the trestles supporting the track itself.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

A New Street Terror.—Parisian cyclists have invented a new signal.

GERMAN DOMESTICS.—It is alleged in Germany that a professional beggar enters a family as a domestic servant.

SCOTTISH MANNERS.—The Scotch are distinguished by their politeness and civility.

THE CALL WAS SO WELL ACCUMULATED.

The call was so well accumulated that the stone in a few minutes had become a mountain.

THE BENEFACTION, THE GRANT AND THE MESS.

The benefaction, the grant and the mess were the three things that made the difference between a good and a bad man.

THE SPEAKERS WERE ROBERTSON, REED, ADAM, AND MESSRS. C. JONES, A. ADAM, H. MESSRS. C. JONES, A. ADAM, H. MESSRS. C. JONES, A. ADAM, H.

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that the work he had done would be done over again satisfactorily. (Applause.) A photograph of the ceremony was taken by Mr. John Brittain, of Ballarat. All present then joined in the singing of the hymn, "The church is one foundation is Jesus Christ the Lord." Rev. John Walker, as minister of St. Andrew's, Ballarat, felt extremely proud in being present at the memorial services with which they were engaged. He was glad to see this ceremony formed by one who had so long a ministry, and who was so revered and esteemed, as Rev. Alexander Adam. He was grateful that Mr. Adam had had prolonged health and vigor. He was of those grand old Scotchmen who were trained in the universities and of the halls of Scotland, and came out into this new land, carrying with them the message of God, in their brave Scottish mabod. Mr. Walker made an eloquent and impressive appeal to all present to help the work in a practical way; especially urging the young men and women to follow in the footsteps of their forefathers, by furthering the cause of Christ. He was sure the building of this church would have a lasting influence for good in the district. The speaker invited anyone present who cared to do so to step forward and place their contributions on the stone—the more the merrier. The call was so well responded to that the stone in a few minutes a receptacle on Rev. C. Neville then read a telegram from Rev. R. and Mrs. McGowan, Sydney, conveying their heartiest good wishes; also a letter from Mrs. J. A. Barber, apologizing for his unavoidable absence. Rev. C. Neville having pronounced the benediction, the gathering dispersed. Afternoon tea was provided for all in the Mechanics' Institute grounds by the ladies of the Church, there being a bounteous supply of good things. The members of the Girls' Guild waited on these present.

THE STORE THAT SERVES YOU WELL. ESTD 1856. W. WOTHERSPON & CO. BEAUFORT & BANGOR. WHERE DO YOU BUY GROCERIES? Ever tried our Store? We're Good on Groceries. We make a point of Stocking pretty well everything you could ask for. We see to it that the qualities are right, and we make sure that our prices are at least as low, but more often lower than those elsewhere. Isn't that ALL you want? No, there's something else—16 ounces to the Pound, whether you come yourself or send a messenger.

REMINDER EVENING. This gathering took place in the church in the evening, and was the most interesting function of the celebration. A building was crowded; and pioneers of the congregation were specially noticed. The song the congregation, "Harmony" contributed by Dr. Adam, Messrs. C. Jones, Gray, A. L. Wotherpoon, Misses A. Adam and A. Davis, Mrs. Roberton, Revs. A. Adam, R. Adam, and Messrs Gray and McKenzie were those of the Rev. A. Adam. The past was graphically recalled by the gray-haired patriarchs being listened to with rapt attention. Their experiences were varied, exciting, and amusing. Rev. A. Adam, when he rose to speak, was received with deafening applause. Dr. Adam likewise receiving a warm welcome. Rev. C. Neville occupied the chair. Reminiscences were exchanged until 11 p.m., when the gathering dispersed.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. A fine entry has been received for the Boxing Day sports, the total being 161, which is better than last year. The list is made up as follows:—Boys' District Schools Championship Footrace, 10; Beaufort Sheffield Handicap, 25; Fieri Creek Plate, 18; One-mile Bicycle Race, 24; Half-mile Bicycle Race, 24; District One-mile Bicycle Race, 5; Under-hand Wood-chop, 24; Standing Wood-chop, 18; Handicaps will be issued on Monday. Acceptances close on Thursday, 17th inst. The secretary of the Beaufort Athletic Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donation towards the Boxing Day sports:—Mr Philip Russell, Mawalok, 25. The successful tender for the supply of logs was Mr J. J. Dunn, Chute, at 8s 9d per log. The right to the publican's, luncheon and fruit booths at the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day sports will be submitted to public auction, on the bank-rotunda, by Messrs Dixon Bros. & Halpin, on Saturday, 12th inst., at 6 p.m.

BEAUFORT TOWN BRASS BAND. The half-yearly meeting of the above Band was held in the Mechanics' Institute on 25th ult., the president (Mr W. C. Jones) in the chair. There was a moderate attendance of members and subscribers. Correspondence was received from contest promoters of the Band's entry. It was decided not to enter for a contest this year. An application for the services of the Band on Wednesday, 2nd December, by the Presbyterian Church was complied with. The balance-sheet, showing a credit balance of 93 for half year ending 30th October, was received and adopted. Since then the band has been placed on a better financial footing by the holding of the sports and concert on 9th November. In regard to the purchasing of hats for the members, it was decided to obtain samples of same and submit them to the committee for consideration. The bandmaster's report showed the half-year to have been an exceedingly difficult one. Since Easter no fewer than 16 members (about half the band) have left the district. These included four leading soloists. When considered that the strength of the band to-day is over thirty players, it will speak well for the pertinacity

which has kept the organization together. The following are the office-bearers for the ensuing half year:—President, Mr W. C. Jones; vice-president, Mr L. A. Jaensch; committee, Messrs J. Eastwood, R. A. D. Sinclair, and E. H. Welsh (representing the town), G. Cutbertson, and R. O. Welsh (representing the band); librarian, Mr R. Driver; drum major, Sergeant W. A. Pedder; auditors, Messrs D. F. Troy and J. Kimlin; secretary, Mr H. J. Buchanan; assistant secretary, Mr A. M. Nicholson. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Australian Natives' Association. OLD PIONEERS' NIGHT. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1908. In the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. All Pioneers will be Cordially Welcomed. Sluicing Machinery. NEW YAM HOLE DREDGING COMPANY, BEAUFORT. SALE BY AUCTION OF COMPLETE HYDRAULIC SLUICING PLANT. High Pressure Cross Compound Engines, 11hp and 20hp. Cylinders; High Pressure Return Tube Boiler, 20ft. x 7ft. 6in., W.P. 140lb.; Electric Lighting Plant; 12hp. Water, 16hp. Gravel Pumps; 6hp. Reels; Washdown Pumps; Engine Housing, Smith's Shop, large quantity Pins, Tools, Stores, and sundries; together with Valuable Dredging Nuts, No. 2010, Arrast; Area, 68a. 1r. 25p. Complete Pumping Plant, suitable for Irrigation; 4000ft. Sin. Pipe; and 600 tons Firewood. THURSDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1908. At 1.30 o'clock sharp. ON THE DREDEGE AT BEAUFORT. Will sell in one or more Lots to suit Purchasers. Catalogues on application. BELL, LAWBERT & CO., Auctioneers, Ballarat.

NOTICE. TO BOTTLE DEALERS & OTHERS. ALL BOTTLES with the trade-mark and brand, M.B. over C.V. in a Spade, moulded thereon are the SOLE PROPERTY of the MANUFACTURERS' BOTTLE COMPANY OF VICTORIA, a PROPRIETARY LIMITED, from which Company they have been hired, and such bottles have been delivered by such Company solely for the purpose of enabling the contents to be used only once for refilling, consuming, or using Ale or Stout, or other fermented or unfermented liquors contained in such Bottles. The Bottles so branded are not used, and when the contents are once used, the Bottles must forthwith, on demand, be returned to such Company or their duly authorized agents. The Bottles may not be destroyed or damaged, or put off with, or in any way disposed of, and may not be used for any other purpose. Dated the twentieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and eight. G. BECKLEY, Manager. PAVEY, WILSON & COHEN, Solicitors, 61 Queen Street, Melbourne.

HARVEST, 1908-1909. An Abundant Harvest is assured, and FARMERS who have not already placed their orders for REAPER & BINDER TWINE WITH HAWKES BROS., of Beaufort, Should do so EARLY, as the Manufacturers are now REFUSING ORDERS, and supplies are limited. Don't wait until you want it, but "DO IT NOW." Both Donaghy's and Miller's makes kept in stock, also Single Ply imported Italian Hemp, at LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES. The New Standard Cornsacks, 2½lbs., at 5/6 per dozen, delivered. Once-used Wheat Bags (full size), at 6/6 per dozen. Best Calcutta Castor Oil, imported direct in Half Cases (2 tins in case), of 8½ gallons, at 3/9 per gal. "Castorine," a splendid Harvest Oil, for 3/6 gallon (4-gallon tins). Files, Rivets, Belting, Scythes, Sewing Twine, and all requirements for the Farm or Field. Hawkes Bros., The Ironmongers, BEAUFORT.

FORAGE. TENDERS will be received until Eleven o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 6th January, 1909, for the supply of Forage at the various Police and other Stations in Victoria from the 1st March, 1909, to the 28th February, 1910. Full details are published in the Victoria Government Gazette of 25th November, 1908, copies of which, with tender forms, may be obtained at the stations or from the Secretary, Tender Board, Treasury, Melbourne. Tenders, enclosed in an envelope, marked "Tender for Forage," must be addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Treasury, Melbourne. T. BENT, Treasurer, Melbourne, 23rd November, 1908.

SHIRE OF RIPON. TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing five per cent. each deposit (minimum deposit, £1 in cash or marked cheque), will be received up till 11 a.m. on Monday, 7th December, 1908, for the following works:—Contract 478—Construction of crossing near S. Burdett's, parish of Smythesdale. Contract 480—Re-decking culverts near Lillurie, and construction monier pipe culvert. Contract 481—Supplying 150 c. yds. bluestone maintenance metal, Beaufort and Lake Goldsmith road. Contract 482—Supplying 400 c. yds. bluestone maintenance metal, Beaufort and Streatham road. Contract 483—Fencing children's playground (old show-yards), in Beaufort. Contract 484—Construction of pipe culvert and crossing, Darraheen. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and specifications may be seen at the Mechanics' Institute, Skipton; Greyhound Hotel, Snake Valley; and Shire Hall, Beaufort. E. J. MUNTZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer, Shire Offices, Beaufort, 27th Nov., 1908.

SHIRE OF RIPON. NOTICE OF MEETING FOR EXAMINING AND SETTLING ACCOUNTS. Notice is hereby given that the accounts of the above Shire for the year ended 30th Sept., 1908, have been duly audited, and that a statement of such, together with the Auditor's report, is now available for inspection at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, during office hours. And notice is further given that the meeting of the Council for examining and settling the said accounts will be held at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday, 7th Dec., 1908, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. J. M. CARROLL, Shire Secretary, Shire Offices, Beaufort, 21/11/08.

BEAUFORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. SUNDAY, Dec. 6th.—Special Services. P. 8.00.—Prayer, Hymns, Scripture, B.D. (Ormond College, Melbourne). P. 10.00.—The Great Light will be repeated by the Choir. S. 11.00.—MISS ALLAN, Ballarat. WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Dec. 9th and 10th.—Girls' Guild JUBILEE FAIR! To be opened at 3 p.m. An unusual number of attractive Novelty COMPLEXTONS will be arranged for. Choruses each evening by the Children. Entries for Cookery, Flowers, &c., to be made with the Secretary, Miss McFarlane, or Miss E. McDONALD. Admission, 6d.

SALE OF ATHLETIC CLUB'S BOOTHS. ALL Rights and Privileges in connection with the Publican's Booth, Luncheon Booth, and Fruit Stall at the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day Sports will be Sold by Public Auction at the End Rotunda on SATURDAY, 12th Dec., at 6 p.m., by Messrs. DIXON BROS. & HALPIN, Auctioneers. A. PARKER, Secy.

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BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. Unregistered. Grand Athletic [Unregistered]. Sports Meeting! To be held in the BEAUFORT RECREATION RESERVE on BOXING DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1908. 282 IN PRIZES! £22. PROGRAMME. BOYS' DISTRICT SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTRACE, 100yds. Under 14 years; within a radius of 20 miles. Competitors must be attending school and certified as to head teacher. Prize, Gold Medal, valued at 30s, inscribed "Schools Championship Footrace." Entry free. First race of the day. To start at 10.30 a.m. MALDEN PLATE, 100yds. Handicap, £1. Post entry, 1s. BEAUFORT SHEFFIELD HANDICAP, 150 yds., £20. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

NOTICE. I BEG to announce that, having purchased the Business of Mr. F. G. PRINOS, I trust, by keeping only the Best of Quality, to receive a share of your patronage. A Trial Solicited. SMALL GOODS A SPECIALTY. My Motto—"Cleanliness, Quality, Civility." W. R. GLOVER, (Late F. G. PRINOS), 11 and 12 CHURCH LANE, BEAUFORT.

Beckingsale's Sarsaparilla. Dandelion and Potash. For all complaints arising out of impurities of the blood—scrofulous affections, blotches, boils, pimples, eczema, old sores, and all skin affections. Large Bottles, 4s.

Beckingsale's Hair Vigor; A pleasant Preparation which promotes the growth and restores the grey hairs to natural color. It is not a dye. Price, 3s.

Beckingsale's Chilblain Liniment; Most effectual and speedy cure for the troublesome complaint this time of year. Bottles, 1s. 6d.

Beckingsale's Sure Cure Corn Cure. Bottles, 1s.

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Beckingsale's Rheumatico; One of the latest and best Preparations for that troublesome complaint, rheumatism, sciatica, and all complaints arising from uric acid in the blood. In boxes, 2s. 6d.

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Egg Shampoo Powder. Ladies will relish a cooling and refreshing Powder for washing and cleansing the hair.

American White Pine Pectoral. A splendid Preparation for the coughs, colds, loss of voice, hoarseness, bronchitis, influenza, croup, and all affections of the throat and chest. Bottles, 2s. 6d.

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THE GIRLS' GUILD

JUBILEE FAIR.

On the 11th inst. the Societies'... The fair was held in the hall... The proceeds were used for the benefit of the poor...

EIGHT BANKS SWINDLED.

AMAZING TOUR OF THEFT IN A TAXICAB.

TWO HOURS' HAUL OF £2,000.

In the history of the banking world no more daring or audacious series of bank swindles have been perpetrated... The swindler was a man of the name of 'Mr. D. S. Windell'...

AFGHANISTAN'S TWO RAILWAY STATIONS.

Afghanistan has no railways—the Amir refuses to permit their construction... The two stations are at Kandahar and Herat... The railway is a project of the British Government...

IN OTHER LANDS.

Dunblane Cathedral, which has just been visited by the King, is an example of very thorough restoration... The Earl of Shaftesbury has declined the offer of £1,000 per week for thirty weeks for a concert tour in America...

DIFFICULTIES IN WARSHIP DESIGNS.

Hitherto the highest designed speed of any armoured ship has been 23 knots... The difficulties in warship design are increasing... The speed of the ship is a matter of great importance...

AN ELEPHANT'S REVENGE.

An old trainer, says a Malay newspaper, had a number of African and Indian elephants in his menagerie... The elephant's revenge was a lesson in the power of these animals...

THE SPEED CONDITIONS OF SHIPS.

The maintenance of a speed of 24.8 knots from Belleisle to Land's End, and of 25.13 knots for about three days on the Atlantic, by the new British cruiser, 'Indomitable'...

MORE THAN ONE HEAD WAS EMPLOYED.

In the conception of this cool fraud, this is the opinion both of Scotland Yard and the bank officials... The swindler was a man of the name of 'Mr. D. S. Windell'...

SEA-SIDE SCRAPS.

'Timid Lady (to Sailor-man) 'How do you feel in a great gale, when the giant waves come sweeping over the ship?' 'Tactful Old Salt: 'Werry wet, mum!''

BLIND BOYS WHO PLAY FOOTBALL.

The most remarkable team of football players in the world must assuredly be that attached to the Kentucky School for the Blind... They are able to play football as well as any other team...

WOUNDS IN ACTION.

Of wounds received in action there is no end of variety... The wounds were of various kinds, some of them being very serious... The medical staff did their best to treat the wounded...

FORGET A DETAIL.

Is it possible to beat the following instance of absent-mindedness? A professor, who shall be nameless, was reading about a great feat of engineering... He forgot a detail in his lecture...

TOO RISKY.

Colonel Fronsyles, of the 1st Royal West of England Ocean Terriers, was visiting Abbey Glen Towers for the 12th... The Colonel's prowess as a marksman had preceded him...

FLEECED EIGHT OF THE BANKS.

and had scooped up £2,220 in gold and notes... The swindler was a man of the name of 'Mr. D. S. Windell'...

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The greatest cold ever recorded in the world was at Yakutsk in the winter of 1829... Lord Liverpool was Prime Minister for a greater length of time than any other British Prime Minister of the past century...

The Unknown Bridegroom OR, THE MYSTERIOUS WEDDING RING.

By the Author of "Stella," "Two Keys," Etc., Etc.

At the sound of that voice Monica's heart sprang into her throat...

In her ignorance of locality, and blinded by the fog, she had inadvertently travelled in a circle...

With the boldness of desperation she tiptoed to the door of the carriage...

She uttered a cry of surprise as she saw the man standing in the doorway...

At the same moment the door of the house before which the man was standing was opened...

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R. W. Wotherspoon & Co. BEAUFORT BUANGOR.

Articles from the Riponshire Advocate including: 'RIFLE SHOOTING' (Fifteen members of the Beaufort Rifle Club fired a match at the 600yds. range on Wednesday afternoon...), 'FIRE BRIGADE' (On Wednesday afternoon the Beaufort firemen had the opportunity of handling their new competition reel for the first time...), 'SPARROW SHOOTING' (Local sparrow shooters had a busy afternoon at the children's playground on Wednesday...), 'ITS EFFECT IN INDIGESTION' (About ten years ago I was in very poor health, owing to faulty digestion and stomach troubles...), 'LINSEED COMPOUND' (The annual tea meeting in connection with Holy Trinity Church, Snake Valley, took place on Monday in the evening...), 'SALE BY AUCTION' (LAND, HOUSE, FURNITURE, CATTLE, SHEEP...), 'Grand Concert at Night' (In the SOCIETIES HALL...), 'HARVEST, 1908-1909' (An abundant harvest is assured, and FARMERS who have not already placed their orders for REAPER & BINDER TWINE...).

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MAN'S PLACE IN NATURE.

UP-TO-DATE PROOF OF THE APE THEORY. Notwithstanding the most prolonged search, zoologists, including such authorities as Professor Huxley, have not been able to find any one of the conclusions that the study of man and of men has revealed nothing essentially unique.

THE MAN-EATER.

SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TIGER. It is from the rank and file of village-hunting tigers that the occasional man-eater is recruited. There is reason to believe that the man-eater is the product of a sudden impulse of unsought opportunity.

MAN'S FACE HAS BEEN PUSHED AROUND.

Man is structurally inferior in many respects to some of his zoological relatives. He is degenerate, indeed, in many parts of the alimentary tract, muscular system, and skeletal system.

TAKING A BATH IN PARIS.

A HOT TUB IS DELIVERED THROUGH THE STREETS. There is plenty of water in Paris, and quantities of it are used on the streets by men with lines of hose made in metallic sections with flexible joints.

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OLD PIONEER.

The Beaufort bred Old Pioneers being sold at the Mechanic number of old residents. Excellent refreshment Mr. J. R. Hughes, a well known and highly respected citizen, has invited a meeting of the Old Pioneers Society's Hall on Tuesday at 7 o'clock.

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Few blue-eyed people are said to be colour-blind, and women, as a rule, have better eyesight than men.

THE MOST NOISIEST SPOT ON EARTH IS SAID TO BE THE PHRYGIAN ISLANDS.

The most noisiest spot on earth is said to be the Phrygian Islands, in the Aegean Sea, the home of the fur seals.

THE LIGHTS TO A FINISH BETWEEN THE SEALS.

The lights to a finish between the seals create a deplorable noise, being the murmuring of a brook compared to the tumultuous uproar which may be heard during the summer.

MUD BATHS WERE COMMON AMONG THE ANCIENTS.

Mud baths were common among the ancients, the mud on the seashore and the slime of the rivers being especially used for medicinal purposes.

THE PARTIANS ARE SAID TO USE THE USE OF THE EGYPTIAN POSSE.

The Partians are said to use the use of the Egyptian posse, which is a certain disease. They are taken by the people of many places on the continent of Europe, among which may be named Driburg, Eilsen, Neundorf, Pyrenae, Spa, Marienbad, Frankfurt, Eger, Kissingen, and Teplitz.

THE HORSESHOE SUPERSTITION IS VERY OLD.

The horseshoe superstition is very old. The ancients believed that it was a metal, and unknown powers would drive nails into their walls to keep off pestilence. It has always been thought unaccountable, lucky to find a piece of the iron in the mud, and as horseshoes were the form in which it was most frequently found, it has been used since the days of history as a superstitious signified by its name, derived from the Latin "umbra," a shade.

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WHAT MR. LEOPOLD DE BROTHS CHILD SAYS. "Personally I do not think there are so many rogues among thoroughbred horses as is popularly supposed. My own experience tells me that in many cases where horses fail to produce on a racetrack their proper form these rogues, although apparently they are running before their form, they are not a horse that is really their superior, and that has improved with age."

LORD LONDONDERRY.

"To my mind rogues and untruthful horses have greatly increased in number in the last few years. Formerly the number of untruthful horses was very few, and it is only now that they have become so many. It is not, however, that the rogues are not, several horses who earn the reputation of not doing their best, but that the rogues are doing their best, and the rogues are doing their best."

MR. A. D. SINGH.

Mr. A. D. Singh, who has been in the town for some time, has been very successful in his business. He has a large number of customers, and his goods are well known.

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OLD PIONEERS' NIGHT.

The Beaufort branch, A.N.A., held an "Old Pioneers' Night" on Tuesday evening at the Mechanics' Institute, when a number of old residents were entertained.

The president of the branch, Mr. H. Robinson, proposed "The Old Pioneers," and in the course of his remarks said that the men who had built up our country were the backbone of the country they came from.

Mr. A. D. Sinclair said he was delighted to see so many of the old pioneers present. He believed he was the oldest native in the town. He was one of the trustees of the Beaufort branch, and was treasurer when the late Mr. Edley was president.

Mr. J. B. Cochran, in responding to the toast on behalf of the old pioneers, said it gave him great pleasure to thank the branch for the honor done them. The old pioneers had done great work, and he advised the young men to look after their country.

Mr. J. B. Cochran proposed "The Natives." He hoped that when the country had recovered from its present rather unfortunate position, young Australians would begin to take a deeper interest in politics.

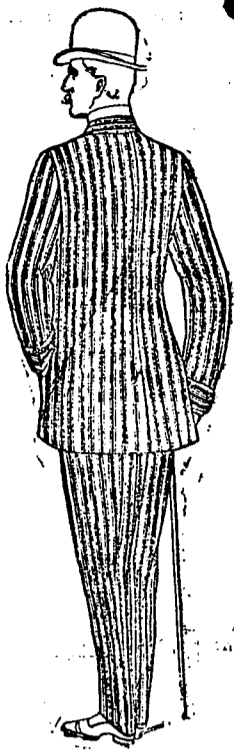
The following are the reported yields for the week ending Friday, December 18th: Adamantite and party, 40z.

The annual meeting of the Stockyard Hill and Lake Goldsmith District Bush Fire Brigade is announced for Monday evening at the Stockyard Hill Hotel.

Mr. Charles Haas, Tunnel, Tas., says: "For many years I was a sufferer from indigestion, from which I could obtain no relief. Three years ago I commenced taking Chamberlain's Tablets, and the relief was so satisfactory that I am now able to eat a bottle in the house. Many of my friends used them on my recommendation, and they were all benefited."

The following are the reported yields for the week ending Friday, December 18th: Adamantite and party, 40z. Last Chance, 50z. 6dw. Mt. Cocken, 50z. 3oz. 12dw. Sauries, 18oz.

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That is one feature in these ready-to-wear suits that makes them preferable.

The lapels hold their shape, consequently the coat always looks smart.

The Trousers will fit you—hang properly and set well over the boot.

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No shirt could ease your mind, it will give you comfort and that goes far to promote it. It's a fine shirt—one out of scores of different patterns. You'd be glad of it holiday time. Best of all it will fit you. Its shape is a human shape and its finish is splendid for the small price you pay for it.

GRAND TOUR OF VICTORIA (AFTER AN ABSENCE OF FIVE YEARS). Fitzgerald's New Novelty Circus and New London and Continental Co.

Will Appear at BEAUFORT, WEDNESDAY, Decr. 23rd. ONE NIGHT ONLY! A great combination of all-world STARS, specially engaged from the leading Circuses of Europe and America for a general tour of Australia, unanimously proclaimed by press and public as "The Best Circus ever seen in Australasia."

The World's Greatest Sensational Aerial Act—THE FIVE FAMOUS FLYING HERBERTS. Mlle. MILLIE DARMAN'S Sensational Fox Terriers and High-Diving Dogs (from Novaux Cirque, Paris).

The shire offices, Beaufort, will be closed on Thursday evening, 24th Decr., 1908, and will re-open on Monday, 29th January, 1909.

Our Own Make, Footwear for Horses, is the best you can get. They fit and wear well. Made in all shapes, styles, and sizes at BUCHANAN BROS.

Back up a sewer and you will poison the whole neighborhood, clog up the liver and bowels and your system is full of undigested food, which causes fermentation—this means Indigestion, Headache, Bad Breath, Yellow Skin and everything that is horrible.

TENDERS invited for about 30 tons Green and 10 tons Dry FIRWOOD, 24. Bills, 21/6 at Court House, on or at my private residence. C. W. MINCHIN, Beaufort.

FOR SALE, a full-bred Kelpie SHEEP-DOG, young and thoroughly broken in; 14 days' free trial given. Apply, F. A. MEH-HAN, Pretty Tower, Beaufort.

IMPOUNDED at Beaufort—3 Sheep, 2 Wethers, 1 Ewe; five brand nose, like O on rump. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold 18th January, 1909. W. G. STEVENS, Foundkeeper.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the STOCK-YARD HILL and LAKE GOLDSMITH DISTRICT BUSH FIRE BRIGADE will be held at Kirkpatrick's Stockyard Hill Hotel on MONDAY Evening next, 22nd inst., at 8 o'clock. WM. LYNCH, Hon. Secy.

EYESIGHT. Mr. MARCHANT, Consulting Optician, will visit BEAUFORT on MONDAY AFTERNOON, Decr. 21st, when he may be consulted at Mr. Harris' Pharmacy.

Mr. P. McMAHON, The Selected LABOR CANDIDATE for Hampden, Will Address the Electors in Mechanics' Hall, WATERLOO, TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), At 8 O'clock.

Wood-Chopping Contest, To be held at Herring's FARMERS' HOTEL on CHRISTMAS DAY, at 11 a.m. 18 inch Green Logs (oiled). Competitors to find their own logs. First Prize, £2 10s; Second, £1. Nominations, 2s. 6d. Entries close at Farmers' Hotel on 28th inst. Handicaps out on 24th. Last two years' performances to be given. L. HAINS, Handicapper.

THE INSOLVENCY ACTS. In the Court of Insolvency, Southern District, Beaufort.

A FIRST and Final Dividend is intended to be declared in the matter of SARAH JANE CUTHERBERTSON of Beaufort, Baker, whose Estate was sequestrated on the 6th day of June, 1908. Creditors who have not proved their debts by the 28th day of December, 1908, will be excluded. Dated this 14th day of December, 1908. E. L. BENTLEY, Assignee.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. Unregistered. Grand Athletic [Unregistered] Sports Meeting! To be held in the BEAUFORT RECREATION RESERVE ON BOXING DAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 26, 1908. 282 IN PRIZES! £82.

BOYS' DISTRICT SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTRACE, 100yds. Under 14 years; within a radius of 20 miles. Competitors must be attending school and certified to by head teacher. Prize, Gold Medal, valued at 30s., inscribed "Schools Championship Footrace." Entry, 1s. First race on the day. To start at 10.30 a.m. MAIDEN PLATE, 100yds. Prize, £1. Post entry, 1s. BEAUFORT SHEPHERD HANDICAP, 130 yds., 230, 1st, £18; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2. Nominations, 4s; acceptance, 2s. FREEY CREEK PLATE (handicap), 220yds., £10. 1st, £7; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1. Nominations, 2s. 6d; acceptance, 1s. FIREMEN'S ALARM AND RUSH, 180yds., 1st, 10s; 2nd, 5s; 3rd, 3s. Post entry, 1s. ONE-MILE DISTRICT BICYCLE RACE, £2 10s. 1st, £2; 2nd, 10s. Nominations, 1s. 6d; acceptance, 6d. HALF-MILE BICYCLE RACE, £8. 1st, £7; 2nd, £2. Nominations, 2s; acceptance, 5d. ONE-MILE BICYCLE RACE, £12. 1st, £10; 2nd, £2. Nominations, 2s. 6d; acceptance, 6d. HANDICAP UNDER-HAND WOOD-CHOPPING CONTEST (18in. green logs), £34. 1st, £10; 2nd, £4. Nominations, 3s; accept., 2s. HANDICAP STANDING WOOD-CHOPPING CONTEST (18in. green logs), £10. 1st and 2nd, £2. Nominations, 1s; accept., 6d. HANDICAP SWIMMING MATCH, 100yds. Prize, £1. Post entry, 1s. SHEAR-THRIVING CONTEST. 1st, Gold Medal, valued at £1 is gift of Mr. A. J. Thomson, jeweller, Ballarat East; 2nd, Trophy, valued at 10s 6d (gift of Mr. W. C. Jones, Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort). Post entry, 1s.

Grand Concert at Night! IN THE SOCIETIES' HALL. Special Engagement of Prof. WESTON'S COMBINATION & VAUDEVILLE COMPANY, Who will appear in their Refined DRAWING-ROOM ENTERTAINMENT (As shown at Government House, Melbourne), entitled "Music, Song, & Story."

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Secure your Tickets early, as a crowded audience is anticipated. POPULAR PRICES—2s. and 1s. Doors open at 7.30 p.m.; Concert commences at 8 o'clock sharp. D. R. HANNAH, President. A. PARKER, Secretary.

THE HASELL'S MANURES. LOMBARD BUILDINGS, QUEEN STREET, MELBOURNE. The HASELL'S MANURES are the best for all crops and soils. They are guaranteed to increase the yield and improve the quality of the produce. They are sold in all parts of Australia and New Zealand.

THOS. A. ODDIE, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Hampden.

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Something New in... TOILET REQUISITES... JUST OPENED. Large Consignment, direct from Manufacturers, made expressly for the Proprietor.

Beckingsale's Super-fatted Skin Soap; Delightfully emollient; absolutely free from excess of alkali; and can be used for the most delicate skins. Removes sunburn, freckles, &c. Box of three, 2s. Tabs., 9d.

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Having no stale stock, patients can rely on Prescriptions being prepared strictly according to the doctor's directions.

A Few Seasonable Lines:- Beckingsale's Hair Wash Powder! Cleansing and Refreshing. Packets, 6d.

Beckingsale's Sarsaparilla; Removes pimples, blotches, and old sores; purifies the blood. Large Bottles, 4s.

Effervescent Grape Saline; Refreshing and cooling aperient. Price, 2s.

Glycerine and Cucumber Cream, for rough and chapped hands, sunburn, freckles, &c. Price, 1s. 6d.

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Of what use is it to present to a friend a gift that is without some solid worth—a gift that will not prove of actual use—?

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We have some particularly fine lots in sets or in single pieces—any one of which would not only prove appropriate and pleasing as a Christmas gift, but would serve to remind the recipient of your discrimination and thoughtfulness—.

Your inspection these pre-Christmas days commits you to nothing.

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A Case of ACUTE NERVOUSNESS

Great suffering but Complete Restoration.

It is very gratifying to be able to place before the public a report as that made by Miss Millie Church, of No. 114 Surrey Road, South Yarra, who was asked by our reporter to give an account of her remarkable escape from a position surrounded with much peril.

"Most willingly," assented Miss Church, "for I think it only fair to other poor sufferers that I should let them know how I managed to emerge so successfully from my late trials. I may as well start by telling you I have nothing else in the world to thank but Clements Tonic for being here today, and all my people will tell you the same thing."

"Did you use any other medicine before Clements Tonic?" "Oh, ever so much; but I might as well have left it alone. You see, I was under several doctors, and they did not seem to know what was wrong. One said I was suffering from a floating tumor. At any rate I know I was as thin as a wafer, but I'm a bit different now, am I not? But I am speaking of two years ago. Then I was clear, what a change has taken place since then. In those gloomy days I used to get up of a morning and simply pick at the food put before me, and it was quite a common thing for me to go right through the whole day, and not speak to a soul in the house. They could not get a word out of me, for I hadn't got enough strength to engage in conversation. I felt as if life was unbearable. I used to sit and fret and cry by the hour, and had I been asked I could not say why, because everybody was kind, and I had all the care and attention a girl could wish for. But it was when I retired to my room that my misery really began, as when everybody else was peacefully asleep, there I'd be lying, thinking what a wretched life was before me—nothing whatever to look forward to but to become more frail and feeble still, if possible. I was extremely nervous and would be shaking in bed like a leaf, and filled with such terrifying thoughts that I was afraid to move. When I got up of a morning my two hands would be shaking like that (here Miss Church illustrated this remark by shaking her hands excessively)."

"Were you subject to any pains?" "Yes; terrible ones, too—all over my body, pretty well, my back in particular being strongly affected. If I went for a short walk along the street, it was often necessary for me to cling to a fence to save myself from falling, owing to the dizzy feelings that overtook me, and there were sensations in my chest which sometimes made me fear that I would not be able to draw my breath. I don't know what it was, but there was a feeling inwardly of something continually moving about, and as true as you are sitting there, I could get no relief from that horrible sensation until Clements Tonic was brought to my aid, and it is a positive fact that as soon as I started taking that wonderful medicine those agonies commenced to disappear. You see, I was like a walking shadow then, and I have no hesitation in saying that Clements Tonic saved my life. It was the one remedy that stopped me from going to my food, and as soon as I got over that trouble I went ahead rapidly and improved all round. I must tell you, though, how the first bottle of Clements Tonic acted on me, for, when it was finished, my face swelled out terribly, and my complexion became more sallow than before. This is to show that Clements Tonic removed all the impurities in the blood, for in a few days more my skin was beautifully clear, and I was as bright as possible. All my nervousness went away, I got quite strong again, so it is not hard to understand why I think so highly of Clements Tonic. Whenever I hear of any young lady afflicted as I was, it is my duty to mention all this with my own case for guidance, for I am sure that when I was cured, after being so very ill, everybody may be similarly successful if they employ the same remedy."

"May we reproduce your statements, Miss Church?" "I have no objection."

STATUTORY DECLARATION. I, Millie Church, of 114 Surrey Road, South Yarra, in the State of Victoria, do hereby declare that I have read the enclosed document, and that it contains a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and that it contains my full permission to publish my statements, which I give voluntarily, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, &c.

W. H. MAXWELL, SYDNEY, J.P.

BUSH FIRE BRIGADE. The annual meeting of the Beaufort Bush Fire Brigade was held in the Shire Hall on Friday evening, 11th inst.; Captain Stevens in the chair, and 9 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following report by the secretary was received:—"I beg to submit my report to you of the financial position of the brigade, and its operations during the past 12 months. During the early part of the year sev-

eral fires occurred in the district, and your brigade had some severe fire fighting to contend with, but owing to the strenuous exertions of the members, with the help of the residents of the district, the fires were subdued before much damage had been done. On the whole, the brigade did good service in the saving of property. During the year death claimed one of our respected members. I refer to the late Mr Geo. He lver, who whose genial face will be very much missed by the members; and to the widow and family we tender our deepest sympathy. With regard to the financial position of the brigade, there was received in subscriptions and donations the sum of £11 4s, and the expenditure was £20 5s 9d, leaving a credit balance of £10 3s 9d.—D. D. Cameron, secretary."

The balance-sheet showed receipts amounting to £30 9s 6d, and expenditure to £20 5s 9d, thus leaving a Cr. balance of £10 3s 9d. Mr J. Humphreys certified to its correctness.—Adopted. Mr Halpin moved that a bonus of £3 3s be passed to the secretary, as he had done a lot of work for the brigade in giving his time to collecting. Seconded by Mr L.

Hains. Mr Cochran moved as an amendment that the bonus be £2 2s, the same as last year. Mr Topper seconded, remarking that he would like to see the secretary get the larger amount, if it funds were better. The motion was carried; the secretary returning thanks. The captain asked Mr Halpin to take the chair while the election of captain took place; and before vacating office he would like to thank members for their kindness and courtesy to him during his term. Mr Halpin moved, and Mr Topper seconded, that Mr Stevens be re-elected. They could not do better, as he was an old and experienced fireman.—Carried. The other officers were elected as follows:—Vice-captains, Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair, A. Nicholson, and J. B. Cochran; lieutenants, Messrs L. Hains, E. Baker, and Jas. Rogers; treasurer, Mr R. A. D. Sinclair; apparatus officers, Messrs J. Wright, J. George, J. Day, and L. Lilley; secretary, Mr D. D. Cameron; advisory board, the officers; collectors, Messrs Topper and Cameron. It was resolved that the usual number of circulars soliciting donations be printed and sent to farmers. The matter of securing a new

Headache, Indigestion, Constipation and Biliousness. The immense number of orders for Frootoids, sent by post direct to the Proprietor, is a convincing proof that the Public appreciate their splendid curative power over the above-named complaints. Frootoids are elegant in appearance and pleasant to take; they are immensely more valuable than an ordinary aperient; they remove from the blood, tissues, and internal organs, waste poisonous matter that is clogging them and choking the channels that lead to and from them. The beneficial effects of Frootoids are evident by the disappearance of headache, a bright, cheery sense of perfect health taking the place of sluggish, depressed feelings, by the liver acting properly, and by the food being properly digested. Frootoids are the proper aperient medicine to take when any Congestion or Blood Poison is present, or when Congestion of the Brain or Apoplexy is present or threatening. They have been tested, and have been proved to afford quick relief in such cases when other aperients have not done any good at all. Frootoids act speedily on the liver: a dose taken at bedtime, once a week, is highly beneficial. A constipated habit of body will be completely cured if the patient will on each occasion, when suffering, take a dose of Frootoids, instead of an ordinary aperient. The patient thus gradually becomes independent of Aperient Medicines. Price 1/6. Chemists, Medicine Vendors, or the Proprietor, W. G. HEARNE, Chemist, Geelong, Victoria.

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Small Size, 2/6; Large Size, 4/6. Sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors, and by the Proprietor, W. G. HEARNE, Chemist, Geelong, Victoria. Forwarded to any Address, when not obtainable locally. SOLD WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BY J. W. HARRIS, CHEMIST, BEAUFORT.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

Balance-Sheet for the Year ending 30th September, 1908.

Table with columns for RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, and various sub-categories like Riding Balances, Cr. Transfer on account, Audit Fees, etc. Includes totals for North Riding, East Riding, West Riding, Beaufort Water Supply, and Trust Account.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the President and Councillors, Shire of Ripon. Sir and Gentlemen, I have the honor to report that I have completed the Audit of your Books and Accounts for the year ending 30th September, 1908, and that I find them correct and in good order. I have the honor to be, Sir and Gentlemen, your obedient servant, T. MARTIN, Municipal Government Auditor.

In Paris, 37,000 horses are eaten every year. 'LINSÉED COMPOUND' of 40 years' proven efficacy for Coughs, Colds, and difficulty of breathing. One pound of honey represents the produce of a million flowers.

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BAR NONE. BAR NONE is a commanding, though compactly built, thick-set bay colt, foaled November, 1904, with magnificent heavy rib bone, an abundance of hair, a great mover, in every respect a typical cart-horse, and possessed a beautiful double temper.

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BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

On Saturday (Boxing Day) the Beaufort Athletic Club provide an attractive programme of sports in the local Park. There are 113 acceptances for the principal events, all the scratch men being competitors, including several of the leading ex-amen of Gipsland, notably Mr C. Weston, who only receives 6 sec.

SNAKE VALLEY.

Complaints have been frequent in regard to sheep being worried by dogs. Several district breeders have suffered heavily.

The committee of the Widows and Orphans Fund met on Saturday evening, 19th inst, to open tenders for the public's booth for New Year's Day sports.

Dr. Green (bishop of Ballarat) paid a visit to Holy Trinity Church on Sunday week. There was a large congregation and a collection taken up in aid of the Home Mission fund was liberally responded to.

USEFUL WASTE.

Without indulging in the riotous living of the prodigal, it is necessary that the substance of everyone must be continuously waste. The wasted substance, too, is not merely worldly goods, but actual flesh and blood.

The skin, lungs, kidneys and liver are the organs whose function it is to deal with this dead material, and when they are inactive, we are compelled to suffer. The skin usually works freely if kept clean, but the kidneys and liver often get overworked and fail to do their duty efficiently.

In addition to the regular 5s. and 2s. 6d. bottles of Warner's Safe Cure, a concentrated form of the medicine is now issued at 3s. 6d. per bottle.

Beaufort Rainfall.

Table with columns for dates and rainfall amounts. Includes a summary row for the year: Average per year: 1900, 26.92; 1901, 30.86; 1902, 23.62; 1903, 22.67; 1904, 27.76; 1905, 25.1; 1906, 27.80; 1907, 27.48.

LINSEED COMPOUND.

News from Persia states that further sanguinary fighting was taking place at the front between the Shah's troops and the Nationalists. The Shah's troops were eventually routed. The casualties on both sides numbered 2000. The bodies of 67 women in male attire were found amongst those killed on the Nationalist side.

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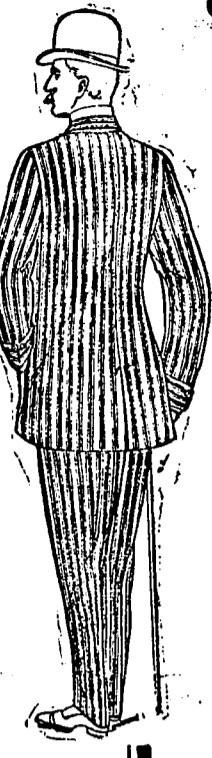
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ST. CLAIR AND THE MOUNTAIN MAID.

WHERE WAS SANTA CLAUS? On Christmas morn I met a child, A little peasant girl, With dimpling cheeks and eyes so mild, And many a golden curl.

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ETHEREAL VOICES MADE PAUSE.

Wait angels through the breeze, The legend of your Santa Claus, Has ought to do with these."

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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons found HEROLYING BULLS belonging to the Managers of the Common, and placing and keeping them in their paddocks will be PROSECUTED; and all persons HEROLYING HORSES and CATTLE on the Common without permission from the Herdsman will be similarly dealt with.

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Grand Annual Carnival! NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1909. \$250 IN PRIZES! \$250.

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The Season of GIFT GIVING.

Of what use is it to present to a friend a gift that is without some solid worth—a gift that will not prove of actual use—?

If when purchasing you are actuated by a desire to please—by a desire to make the best possible use of your gift money, permit us to show you our collection of BEAUTIFUL CROCKERY & GLASSWARE.

We have some particularly fine lots in sets or in single pieces—any one of which would not only prove appropriate and pleasing as a Christmas gift, but would serve to remind the recipient of your discrimination and thoughtfulness—.

Your inscription these Pre-Christmas days commits you to nothing.

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Grand Concert at Night! IN THE SOCIETIES' HALL! Special Engagement of Prof. WESTON'S COMBINATION & VARIETY COMPANY.

EVERARD SISTERS, Song and Dance. CONNIE WOOD, Soloist. LITTLE NELL, Comique. FRANK WESTON, Versatile. EILEEN STRAHAN, Soloist-Comique.

RATIONAL INDIGESTION CURE.

By "Sano". Food must be eaten in sufficient quantity, and must be digested, and be converted into blood. Nature makes this one of her most imperative laws of life.

From the stomach it passes to the smaller intestine— which is about 18 feet in length—and there certain portions of the food are digested by the bile and other juices. The food thus made liquid is in condition to be absorbed into and become a constituent part of the blood.

Just as certainly as that it is necessary for the food to be absorbed, so, likewise, it is essential that the blood must be in a condition to absorb the food. Purpity of the blood is the chief cause of nearly every case of indigestion, and when the liver is torpid the kidneys are generally sympathetically affected.

The blood must be continuously purified by the action of the kidneys, and of good digestion cannot be expected to occur.

Many sufferers from indigestion obtain temporary relief by eating pre-digested foods or taking medicines, such as pepsin, which act as digestives in the intestines.

Warner's Safe Cure is not a purgative medicine. It permanently cures indigestion and dyspepsia, simply because it restores the liver and kidneys to health and activity.

In addition to the regular 5s. and 2s. 9d. bottles of Warner's Safe Cure, a concentrated form of the medicine is now issued at 2s. 6d. per bottle. Warner's Safe Cure (Concentrated) is identical in the same number of doses as the 5s. bottle of Warner's Safe Cure. H. H. Warner and Co. Limited, Melbourne.

ST. ANDREW'S TENNIS CLUB. The opening match, a triangular between Beaufort, Middle Creek, and St. Andrew's, took place on the Manse courts on Wednesday, 16th inst., and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

HOW THE RESURRECTIONISTS WERE FOILED.

In the earlier half of the nineteenth century, the practice of stealing bodies from the churchyards was so common, that it was not only tolerated, but was even considered a business of some importance.

Various plans were made to defeat the work of these sacrilegious resurrectionists, as they were sometimes called, a very common one being the erection of two or three small watch-houses whose windows commanded the whole burying-ground, and in which the friends of the deceased mounted guard for a number of nights after the funeral.

A usual method of the grave-robbers was to dig down to the coffin, bore in it a large round hole by means of a specially constructed centre-bit, and haul the body to the surface with a hook-roped. It was to counteract this manoeuvre that the curious contrivance of the ruined church of Aberfoyle, in Perthshire, were constructed.

When an interment took place, one of these massive slabs was lowered to the top of the coffin, and there it was left for some considerable time. Later on the grave was opened, and the iron armor-plate was removed, and laid aside ready for another funeral.

THE FRIVOLOUS WOMAN. It is a mistake to suppose that the frivolous woman is devoid of feeling. She is a creature of extremes, and in proportion as she laughs and riots, she is frequently sympathetic and true.

The woman who is so serious has little charity for those who enjoy life. She wants everyone modelled on the same lines as her own. She has none of the brightness of the present in her veins, and cannot understand the sparkling effervescence of the woman who lives in life's sunshine.

At Work. A certain well-meaning gentleman who delights to act the peacemaker, recently came upon two laborers in an Irish quarter fighting. Bold from experience and belief in the righteousness of his task, the gentleman pushed through the crowd and persuaded the combatants to desist.

WHY RAIN CLOUDS ARE BLACK. The color of a cloud depends on the manner in which the sunlight falls upon it, and the position of the observer. It will be noticed that high clouds are always white, or light in color, and this is because the light which reaches our eyes is reflected from the under surface by the numberless drops of moisture, which go to form the cloud.

THE DOWNWARD ROUTE IN EVOLUTION.

Writing to his friend, Sir J. D. Hooker, six years after the publication of the "Origin of Species," Charles Darwin, one of the most tender souls of all time, penned these words: "I quite agree how humiliating the slow progress of man is, but every one has his own pet horror, and this slow progress or even partial atrophy of the faculties in my mind into insignificance compared with the idea or rather I presume certainty of the sun some day cooling and we all freezing."

HOW TO MANAGE A WIFE. A great many persons have suggested methods as to the best way to manage a husband. The following rules for the successful management of a wife have been framed by a well-known business man, who claims to have followed them. The letter dates of the last year, and says they have never been found at fault in a single instance.

Never contradict her. You are right, of course, nine times out of ten, but she knows it, but to tell her so makes her always unmanageable.

A STORY FROM RHODESIA. A wonderful story is told in a South African paper of the Northern Rhodesia on the way to Livingstone in search of a new hunting-ground.

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THE SECRET OF A HAPPY HOME. An American writer says: "You want to help the man you marry to be fine and strong and true. Show him that you believe he has all those things that you will raise his own self-respect and bring him to the level you tell him he occupies. Believe in him; be gentle with him; don't let him know that he is trying to let him let him know he is having his own way in his own house; feed him with what he likes, and laugh at his jokes!" Here lies the secret of a happy home.

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BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

BOXING DAY SPORTS.

Boxing Day sports were held on Wednesday at the Beaufort Athletic Club. President - Mr. D. R. Hannah; vice-president - Messrs. W. H. Halpin and J. E. Loft; judges - Dr. Eadie, Messrs. E. W. Hughes, J. Eastwood, W. H. Halpin, W. Lynch, and C. J. Baker; referee - Mr. K. A. D. Sinclair; lap-corner - Mr. G. H. Cowie; starters - Messrs. Thos. Witt and J. E. Loft (cyclists); assistant starters - Messrs. D. Cameron and H. Scudder; timekeeper - Mr. Jas. McNeill; timekeepers of seats - Messrs. W. G. Glover and D. Stevenson; number stewards - Messrs. D. D. Cameron, P. Cashlag, W. Hellyer, D. Bendling, L. Ravo, J. H. Robertson, and E. Hellings; color stewards - Messrs. W. J. Stevenson, H. Toy, and J. George; protest committee - Messrs. T. Williams and R. A. D. Sinclair; foot-racing - Sinclair and A. Parker (yell); J. H. Boyce, W. H. Halpin, and L. Hains (wood-chopping); committee to arrange logs - wood-chop - handicapper; declarations - Mr. R. A. D. Sinclair, J. E. Parker; ticket seller - Mr. W. C. Pedder; distributors of competitors' tickets - Messrs. D. D. Cameron and E. Hellings; gatekeeper, Mr. W. G. Stevens; secretary - A. Parker.

The Beaufort Athletic Club's 38th annual sports carnival was held on Boxing Day under very favorable conditions. The weather was delightfully cool and fine, and the gate receipts were in consequence £10 9s 3d better than last year, the takings amounting to £69 9s 3d. There must have been over 2000 people present. Notwithstanding the cold, the prize money was very large, the number of competitors was very large, and every form of sport provided on the programme met with full appreciation. The wood-chop, in which Chas. Weston, one of the first flight of axemen in Australia, gave a magnificent exhibition, but was unable to make up the heavy handicap given against him, were especially interesting and exciting. In the standing chop he had the misfortune to break his axe, and thus lost time in picking up another, while in the underhand contest, he lost second place by a single blow. A big profit is anticipated on the meeting. A membership of about 70 is not bad for a place like Beaufort. An excellent programme had been prepared, and every arrangement that could possibly be made to ensure a successful day's sport had been attended to. The running tracks were never in better order. Mr. W. G. Stevens, as usual, doing excellent work in their preparation. There was one bad fall in the half-mile bicycle race, four riders coming down, but fortunately none of them were seriously hurt. There were some very close contests, the various events being very keenly contested. The officials worked hard and satisfactorily. Mr. D. R. Hannah, the president, spared no effort to make the gathering enjoyable, and he was ably assisted by a very efficient committee. Messrs. Herman and Wankley provided an excellent lunch for the committee. Mr. W. C. Jones of the Golden Age Hotel, had charge of the public's booth, and Mr. J. Reeves, of Ballarat East, of the fruit stall; but the weather was too cool to suit the booth-holders, especially as exceptionally high prices had been paid for the rights. The Beaufort Town Brass Band, under the capable conductorship of Bandmaster Collins, played a very fine programme of music, which was much appreciated.

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THE CONCERT. The usual concert took place in the Societies' Hall at night. The sum of £28 7s 6d was taken at the doors, and so great was the demand for tickets, that over 100 people were unable to gain admittance. Although there were several good items, on the whole the concert provided was somewhat disappointing to the audience, who evidently expected something better from a Melbourne company. The caterer for the entertainment of the public was Professor Frank Weston. An overture was well played by Stella Barronia. The Everard sisters sang a song and dance entitled 'Motoring,' which was well received. Connie Worth's singing of 'Take me back to Bendigo' was so well liked that she was forced to repeat the song. 'All amongst the hay and clover' was nicely sung by Ellen Strahan, who was also encouraged and complied. The song 'I'm going to meet Bertie to-night' by Little Nell, a wee dot of six or seven summers, was warmly received, and in response to an encore the mite gave a graceful performance of a skirt dance. Frank Weston amused and mystified the audience for ten minutes with illusions and sleight-of-hand tricks. During the interval Mr. D. R. Hannah, president of the Athletic Club, thanked those present for their support at the sports during the day and at the concert in the evening. He was very pleased to say that their membership was a record one, as was also their gate. This house was very flattering, not only to the club, but to the performers at the concert. The speaker then invited the successful competitors at the sports, to go to the back room and receive their cheques. As to the song 'The Everard Sisters,' they were also accompanied by the singers. The Everard Sisters reappeared in the serio-comic 'Splash Me,' and so increased their popularity with the audience that there was a loud demand for more of the singers repeating the song. Next came a half-hour's manipulation of the old-fashioned Punch and Judy show by Frank Weston, which drew forth screams of laughter from the children.

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CONSTIPATION.

By "Common Sense." A constipated condition of the bowels is the commonest cause of ill-health...

OXYGEN AS FOOD.

Breathe pure air always. In the lungs a most important physiological process is going on...

WIT AND HUMOR.

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AS REGARDS SEA-BATHING.

"Don't bathe just after perspiring freely, or when chilly," says an eminent medical man.

THE ILLUSIONS OF YOUTH.

Most of us, at middle age, give ourselves credit for having outgrown many of the petty vanities and self-illusions of life...

ONE OF DR. GUTHRIE'S STORIES.

A presbytery with which the late Dr. Guthrie was connected, and found it difficult to get evidence against him...

WONDERS OF THE BODY.

The skin contains more than 2,000,000 openings, which are the outlets of an equal number of sweat glands.

MAKES THE BEST OF IT.

"You are building a good wall there," said a passer-by, stopping to look at a workman...

TOO BUSY.

"You seem to have lost interest in the mothers' meetings," suggested the woman who aimed to make the world better.

Beaufort Rainfall.

Table showing rainfall data for Beaufort from January to December.

Mr William Wallace, Tararua, Roto.

via Hilton, N.S.W. writes: "I make it a point to always keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house...

Extinguished.

A village cricket club, which never by any chance won a match, was discussing the appointment of a captain...

Grump.

"If you will take every frog's advice," said the nephew: "Don't think it, sir, just because I asked you."

Where Man Leads.

Miss Flatts: Why do you suppose the dog howls so when I play the piano, Mr. Sharpe?

The Wrong Door.

"I'd like to see the head of the horse, please," said a man who had just rung the front door bell.

A Heavy Debt.

"Did you notice that tall man who just passed us?" asked a post thoughtfully.

A Riddle.

I often murmur, yet I never weep; I often lie in bed, but never sleep; My mouth is wide, and larger than my head...

Statutory Declaration.

I, FRANK JAMES, of the State of Victoria, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document...

Rheumatism and Nervousness. A RESIDENT OF FITZROY.

In reply to a reporter who had called on a mission of enquiry, Mr. Frank James, of No. 113 George-street, Fitzroy, answered...

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Headache, Indigestion, Constipation and Biliousness.

The immense number of orders for Frodoles, sent by post direct to the Proprietor, is a convincing proof that the Public appreciate their splendid curing power...

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Advertisement for S.A.P. Rabbit Poison, featuring a sun and moon logo.

Advertisement for Beecham's Pills, including a testimonial from Frank James.

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