

The Unknown Bridegroom OR, THE MYSTERIOUS WEDDING RING.

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

Part 12. Inez had been greatly upset over the failure of her plot to capture her hated cousin on the night of the banquet...

When the men at the hall appeared to claim her promised reward for their services, they related what had befallen them just as they were on the point of abducting the victim...

She suddenly questioned Sir Walter and it was through him that she learned that the Seavers had left Rome...

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companion's face, she quietly returned. "I thought that matter had been settled long ago, Sir Walter."

"Do not say that, Florence," the young man pleaded, earnestly. "I cannot give you any answer until I know you seem inclined to draw back and regret the step we took last summer..."

"I know you assume there does not, dear," said Leighton, losing some of his colour. "But leaving that out of the question, after having plighted your faith to me and gone to the very altar, surely you can hardly say that I have no claim upon you..."

"I dare not press her too far just at present, for he feared she might refuse to become his guest, and he fondly believed the chance she saw his beautiful home and realised the position she would occupy as his wife, the temptation would be more than she could resist."

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"Do you like children?" he asked. "Yes—I think so," said the woman, dreamily. "Do you get plenty of work to do?" questioned the gentleman, glancing at her bundle...

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CRIME AND COMPLEXION. HOW THEY ARE RELATED. A fair-haired, blue-eyed villain, were we to meet him on the stage or in fiction, would seem quite an incongruity, so invariably do novelists and actors picture the scheming poisoner, deceiver, and every other evil character as a brunette...

"The swarthy skin, black hair, and black or brown eyes indicate a predisposition to certain kinds of crime. But as the great majority of Englishmen are fair, these fair men commit a majority of the crimes."

Now, the mode in which Nature gives protection from the injurious effects of light is by the deposit of pigment, or colouring matter, in the skin...

It was more than three hours to breakfast-time, and he fondly hoped, if he was not to be late, he would yet be able to carry home a basketful of his coveted treasures...

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HOW TO COOK HUSBANDS. A book which husbands may hesitate to give to their wives, but which they may be glad to receive...

The little book evidently hails from America, and purports to be a self-related observations of an opportunistic cook who has had many opportunities to cook a husband has not yet come. Meanwhile she shines as the best of wives...

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BEAUFORT ATHLETIC BOXING DAY. President—Mr. D. Leift. Judges—Mr. W. H. Hughes, J. P. Smith, and Mr. K. A. D. Sinclair...

The weather was delicate, and the gate receipts 213 8s 3d better than the previous year. There must have been present, notwithstanding prize money was £200 of complete success...

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EXQUISITE STYLES IN LADIES' MUSLIN AND SILK BLOUSES.

Ever hear an artist talk about lines—curvature and proportion? Applied to wearing apparel, that means style—

You get style—plenty of it—in the delightful—cool—breezy and airy Summer Silk and Muslin Blouses we are showing—

Those ladies who have called in here intent on purchasing their

Australian Natives' Association

The forthcoming MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on TUESDAY evening next, at 7.30 p.m. when J. F. LARKTON, Secretary.

RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.

Notice to Advertisers.

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

A. PARKER, Proprietor.

Religious Services.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1909.

Church of England—Beaufort, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Ripon, 9 a.m.—Rev. C. Reed. Presbyterian Church—Main Road, 11 a.m.; Middle Creek, 2.30 p.m.; Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Rev. C. Neville. Baptist Church—Beaufort, 11 a.m.; Ripon, 9 a.m.; Chute, 7 p.m.—Mr. R. Thompson. Methodist Church—Beaufort, 11 a.m.; Waterloo, 2 and 7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Kearns.

Local and General News.

The secretary of the Beaufort Ladies' Benevolent Society desires to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—Trustees of the late William Lewis, 25; Mr. W. C. Thomas, 25.

The monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council will be held on Monday next. Tenders are invited in our advertising columns for four contracts.

We do not move in a rut. We search the world for new ideas in blacksmithing and wheelwrighting. This is how we keep right up to date. Buchanan Bros., Beaufort.

'LINSSEED COMPOUND' of 40 years' proven efficacy, for Coughs, Colds, and difficulty of breathing.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society takes place at the Shire Hall on Saturday next, 16th inst., at 2.30 p.m., to arrange a prize list for forthcoming show on 10th March and transact general business.

New Year's Day was ushered in with the usual pealing of bells at Beaufort.

Watchnight services were held in several of the churches. The brass band played a pleasing programme of music at the rotunda under the conductorship of Mr. George Collins.

There was a commendable absence of larricism in the streets. The day Mount Cole was a favorite resort for picnic parties.

About 100 people spent the day at Fern Tree Gully, on the Middle Creek side; whilst there could not have been less than 200 on the Mount above Richards, on the Raglan side; at the picnic pro-

The best preservative for the teeth.

Beckingsale's Antiseptic Tooth Powder whitens and prevents decay. Beckingsale, Chemist, Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Russell, of Mawlaik, hospitably entertained their employees at a dance in the commodious dining-room of the shearer's hut on Tuesday evening last, and all who were present voted it the most enjoyable dance of the season.

The catering was of the best, and liquid refreshment could be obtained at a buffet in charge of Mr. George Maher.

The dining-room had been turned into a pretty ballroom by artistically arranged decorations of greenery, flowers, and drapery; much time being spent in this work by Mr. and Mrs. G. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. R. O'Neill, Mr. George Maher, and other employees.

About thirty-eight couples were present, and dancing was vigorously continued until 4 a.m. to inspiring music provided by Miss M. Jackson (piano) and Mr. Robt. Jackson (violin).

Mr. L. Hains was an efficient M.C. At midnight a tasty supper was partaken of by the dancers and their friends.

Contributed during the evening by Mr. W. G. Jones and Miss Whelan. Non-dancers found enjoyment in a quiet chat or a turn at cards.

A piano was kindly lent by Mrs. O'Neill. Before dispersing Mr. W. G. Jones, on behalf of the employees of Mawlaik, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Russell for the great kindness they had displayed in giving them such a pleasant evening's entertainment.

It showed the good spirit which existed between master and men. He trusted that the host and hostess would be long spared to live at Mawlaik, and asked

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening. Present—Messrs D. R. Hannah (president), W. Hellyer, W. H. Halpin, Wankey, Sinclair, Cogle, Cameron, D. Stevenson, Parker, Eastwood, and Drs. Jackson and Eadie.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following accounts were passed for payment, on the motion of Mr. Eastwood, seconded by Mr. Halpin:—J. J. Dunn, 49 2s 8d; Shire of Ripon, 56 7s; Mechanics' Institute, 15s; W. G. Stevens, 27 15s; scouts, 7s 6d; J. Humphreys, 5s; W. Driver, 12s; W. C. Poddie, 21 2s 9d; J. R. Wotherpoon & Co., 8s 10d; Police Department, 6s; Hawkes Bros., 21 6s 2d; J. B. Cochran, 21 15s; A. Farkey, 21 0; W. J. Stevenson, 21 1s; Trustees Societies' Hall, 21; Herman & Wankey, 21 13s; W. C. Jones, 22 12s 6d; Beaufort Town Brass Band, 26 6s; secretary's salary, 220; W. Bennett, 10s; F. Weston, 21 11s.

Mr. Halpin moved, and Dr. Eadie seconded, that Mr. John Humphreys be appointed auditor. Carried.

The secretary submitted an approximate statement of the receipts and expenditure for the past year, the former amounting to 2274 2s 9d and the latter to 2172 8s 6d, thus leaving a credit balance of 102 15s 3d.

The secretary stated that the profit on the sports and concert was about 241.

The president said they would all agree with him that the financial statement given by the secretary was satisfactory.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

"JACK" JOHNSON IN MELBOURNE.

HIS STORY OF THE FIGHT.

"Jack" Johnson, the champion boxer, arrived in Melbourne on Sunday afternoon by the express from Sydney, accompanied by his wife, his manager (Mr. Sam Fitzpatrick), "Duke" Mullins, "Bill" Lang, and "Tommy" Burns.

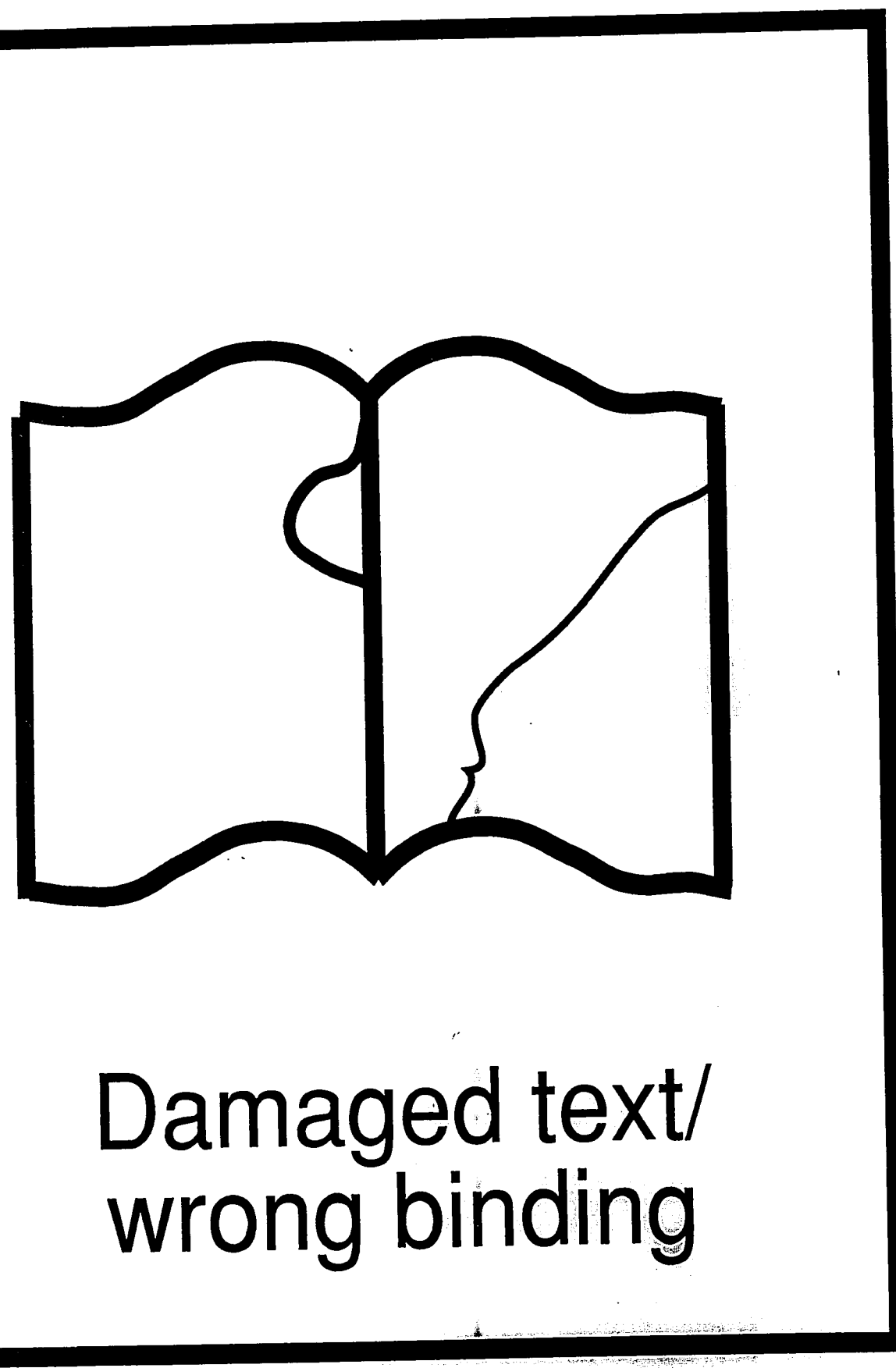
There was a large crowd at the railway station, and Johnson received a good reception.

The champion, after a drive round the city, was driven to the Palace hotel, where he signed the register in the presence of hundreds who were curious to see the man who had defeated "Tommy" Burns.

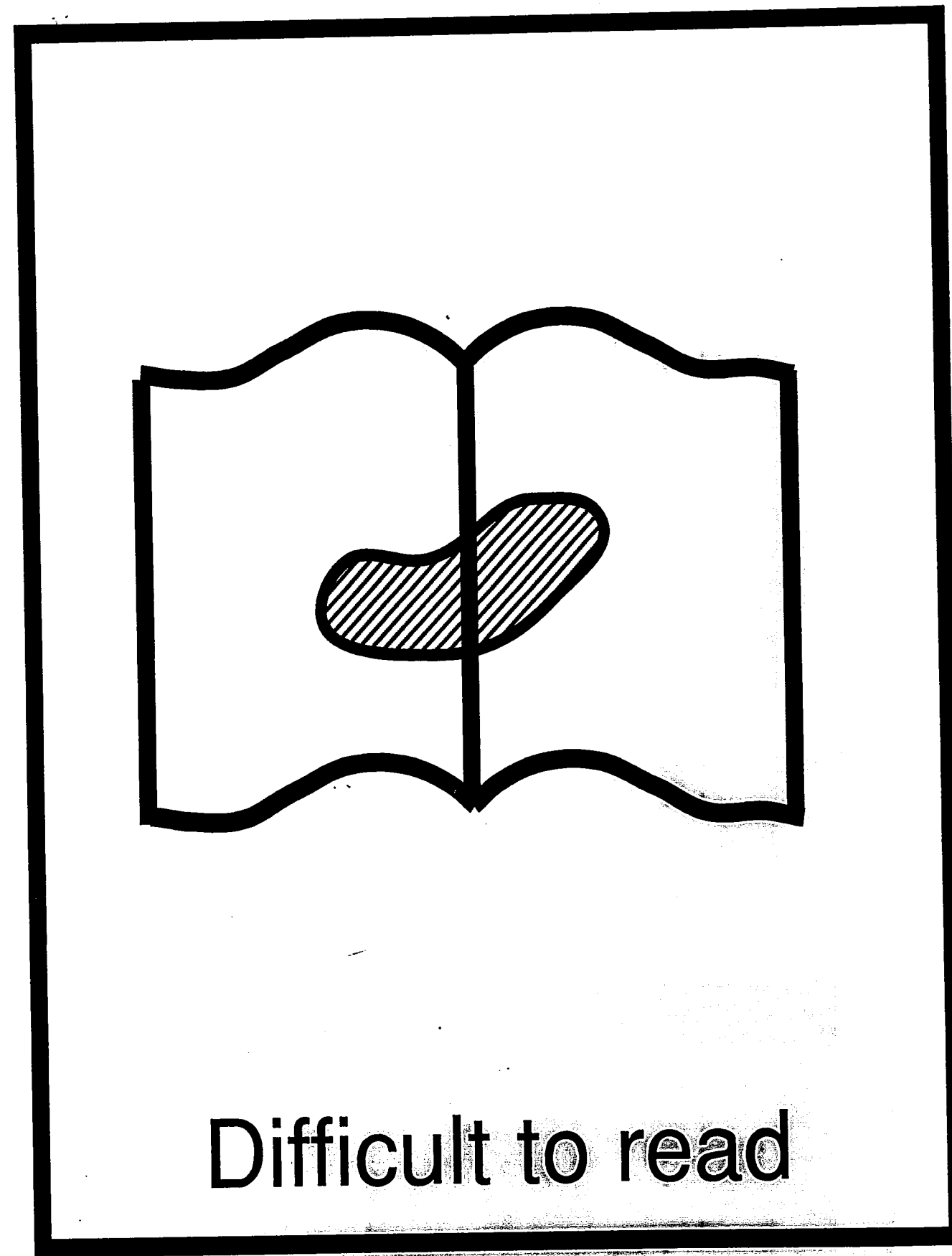
These preliminaries having been disposed of, Johnson gave his views on the recent contest.

"I won just as I expected," he said. "I knew in my heart that I could beat Burns, as I was bigger and cleverer, and to tell you the truth, I have forgotten more about boxing than he ever knew. Burns is a strong fellow, and has a good right punch—if he should land it. No man who is crocheting can hit a good man. He has to straighten up to deliver, and if the other chap is good and fast enough, all he has to do is to get him when he is coming up. There are many boxers in America who cover up as we call it, but they never get a decision, because they are not able to lead."

How did Burns get through his other opponents so easily?



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CAMP HOTEL, BEAUFORT.

The above Hotel, having changed hands, the present Proprietress wishes to notify the residents of Beaufort and district that the house has been thoroughly renovated, and no effort will be spared to make customers comfortable.

Only Best Brands of Wines, Spirits and Ales Kept. FIRST-CLASS BEDS, 1/- Meals a Specialty, at any hour, 1/-

First-class Groom always in attendance. Stabling Free. Horses and Vehicles on hire. The Proprietress trusts that with every attention, combined with civility, she will receive a fair share of patronage.

M. HALPIN, Proprietress.

Mr. SAMUEL YOUNG, Barrister and Solicitor, Procureur and Conveyancer, BEAUFORT.

A Commissioner of the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria and the High Court of the Commonwealth of Australia for taking Affidavits. LOANS on Freehold, No commission, and inspection, or valuation fees.

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We do them well and finish them in a style that calls for our undivided praise.

We keep Bridal Veils, Bouquets, Bridesmaids' Crooks, Buttons, Wreaths, &c., the latest styles.

We have rebuilt our studio—have new backgrounds and accessories of all kinds to enable us to do the best work.

Recent improvements have enabled us to do away with the disagreeable head-rest in any weather, no matter how dull.

Enlarged Photographs. We are now doing some lovely Permanent Enlargements in New Art Frames, Size of Photo, 13 x 10; size of Mount, 17 x 14. Price, complete, only 25s. Mail us your Photograph to be enlarged. Satisfaction guaranteed.

RICHARDS & CO., The Leading Photographers, Sturt Street, BALLARAT.

For own choice.

The same thing has been said to us "time after time," but we are content to go on fishing a few people from each other under the farcical belief that our development is proceeding nicely.

Our talent has been hidden in the ground too long, and it is time we dug it up and made some use of it.

The continent was not given to us to fool about with, and though we have every chance to start and build up a strong nation, we are fearfully disinclined to take it.

We are only trifling with fate, and if we want to hold Australia, the only way is to people it.

While preserving all the sacred ties of kinship, we don't want to be always occupying the position of a child hiding under the apron of Great Britain.

For goodness sake let us make some attempt during the coming twelve months to bring Australia to the fore by opening up the vast unoccupied spaces to our people from over the sea.

We will then be qualifying for our place among the nations, solving the defence problem, and adding another stronghold to the empire. This is undoubtedly the work we are charged with, and if we fail in our trust, we cannot blame anyone else for the consequences of after years.

George Tama, Sergeant.

Police and Detective Armstrong took the matter in hand, and on Tuesday (says the "Courier"), arrested a laborer named Ernest James Wilkie, aged 20 years, at Haddon; Wilkie, who was brought to Ballarat and lodged in the City lock-up, will be charged with stealing the money.

Tama, on receiving his cheque on 31st ultimo, cashed it in the presence of Wilkie, and returning to the station hut, placed it in what he regarded as a position of safety.

His duties on the following day necessitated his absence from the hut for a couple of hours, and it was during this period the cash disappeared.

Two men were observed to leave the hut and ride away at a rapid pace on bicycles.

Wilkie, who when searched was found to be possessed of 7s 6d, denies having committed the theft, but admits taking a pair of bicycle clips from the spot at which the money had been planted by its owner.

At the request of Sergeant Beckman, the City Police Court Bench on Wednesday granted a remand till 13th inst., in the case of Ernest James Wilkie, charged with stealing at that place on 1st January, 211; the property of George Tama. He was arrested on Tuesday. Mr. T. Mann, who appeared for the defendant, raised no objection to the remand, and asked for bail, which was granted in defendant's possession of 7s 6d, and another surety of 220 each.

'LINSSEED COMPOUND' for Coughs and Colds. Of proven efficacy for Bronchial irritation.

Middle Creek.

Harvesting operations are now drawing to a close in most places. Stacking has been almost completed, and stripping has commenced; but not enough has been stripped to get an average yield.

So far good yields have been reported—up to seven ordinary bags. The rains of the last few days have delayed work, but no damage has been done.

About 130 points has fallen. This will do good to the green crops. No threshing machines have yet come into the district, but as the district has a large amount of oat-threshing this year, a plant will soon be in.

Prime crossed ewes, 15s to 18s 6d; extra 16s 12s; good, 13s 6d to 15s 6d; useful, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; prime merino wethers, 11s to 12s; extra, 12s 6d to 13s 7d; good, 9s to 10s; useful, 7s to 8s. Store sheep—2500 yd, prices not reaching owners' expectations; the majority held over. Lambs—117s to hand.

A smaller proportion than usual ranged from good to prime; the bulk consisting of middling and useful descriptions. For best sorts the demand was rather keen, prices for all trade lots showing an improvement, others unaltered.

Prime, 13s 6d to 14s 6d; extra heavy, 15s to 16s 12d; good, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; useful, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; prime short, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; extra, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; good, 9s to 10s.

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KING CHAMPIONSHIP. J. JOHNSON IN MELBOURNE. IS STORY OF THE FIGHT.

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About seven o'clock Mr. Carroll arose, and missing Jamie, went upon the beach in search of his absent one.

But even this unusual absence at midnight occasioned no one any uneasiness. Mr. Carroll laughingly observed that "the sea was so calm."

He went out again upon the beach and proceeded to the spot where they had spent several hours the day before; but there was no evidence to show that the lad had been there.

Nevertheless, he did not sleep a wink throughout the night, and was awakened with a start by the sound of a carriage approaching from the opposite direction.

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HUMOURS OF THE LONDON GALLERY-BOY.

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STORIES FROM LIFE.

THE HAMSTEAD MYSTERY. By An Ex-Detective Inspector.

One gloomy day in the autumn of 1890, a young man passing through Crossroad, Hamstead, noticed the faded-up form of a female lying under a tree.

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A TREE-SURGEON WORKS.

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THE TWO BEST CLOCKS.

The two best clocks are those which are made in England. They are the most accurate and reliable of any clocks made. They are the most beautiful and elegant of any clocks made. They are the most durable and long-lived of any clocks made.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

The value of the pound sterling is steadily increasing. The price of gold is rising. The price of silver is falling. The price of copper is rising. The price of iron is falling. The price of steel is rising.

CRICKET.

The cricket season is now in full swing. The players are in excellent form. The matches are being played in a most interesting manner. The spectators are enjoying the matches very much.

SKIPTON.

The first grass fire of the season broke out on Saturday in Skipton. The fire was caused by a boy who was playing with matches. The fire was extinguished in a few minutes.

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KIDNEY POISONS.

The health of man is influenced to a very great extent by the condition of the kidneys. Any disease of the kidneys, or interference with their action, affects the whole system, because the purity of the blood is dependent upon the proper excretion of certain specific poisons, which it is the duty of the kidneys to remove. The kidneys are exceedingly susceptible to inflammation or congestion. An ordinary feverish cold, which closes the pores and hinders the skin in performing its part of the work of removal of the waste products of the body, throws a burden extra heavily upon the kidneys which they may be unable to perform. Measles, influenza, Dengue, or any kind of fever, or the free indulgence in alcohol or beer, will tax the kidneys, and thereby increase strain upon them may cause them to break down.

CARNHAM WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' SPORTS.

The annual meeting of the above club took place at the Recreation Reserve on New Year's Day under the most favorable climatic conditions. The attendance of the public was not large as last year's, but the entries so plentiful. The club works for a worthy object, that of the alleviation of the distressed, and also enjoys a good reputation as a public caterer. On Friday the programme consisted of 18 events, and the fact that they were commenced at noon and finished before dark is a tribute to the energy of the officials. The selections by the Carnham Brass Band were very much appreciated. The old time rider, George Goodie, was successful in piloting home three winners in the horse events, and the principal athletic event, the Carnham Handicap, was won by a pedestrian, John Gardner. Results: Maiden Race, 100 yds.: W. Graham, Skipton, 1; J. Gardner, Carnham, 2; W. Cairns, Skipton, 3. Only starters. Boys' Race: W. McIntyre, 1; W. Northey, 2; M. Gardner, 3. Eight starters. Pony Race: Finlay Whelan's Alvie, 72 lbs., (Goodie), 1; W. Scholar's Searchlight, 7st. 3lb. (N. Neus), 2; Wm. Bradshaw's Miss Enoch, 8st. 7lb. (W. Bradshaw), 3. Betting: 6 to 4 Alvie. Carnham Handicap, 120 yds.: John Gardner, 9 yds., 1; W. Cairns, 10 yds., 2; J. McCracken, 5 yds., 3. Five starters. Flying Handicap, five furlongs: H. Elder's Wellington, 9st. (Goodie), 1; J. Goujon's Nooram, 8st. (N. Neus), 2. Only starters. Horse Trot: T. Johnson's Belle, 8cr. (Brown), 1; D. Allen's Irene, 90 yds. behind (Owner), 2; F. Curley's Ruby, 10 yds. behind (Owner), 3. Betting: Evens Belle. Running High Jump: J. O'Shaughnessy, 5ft. 6in. handspike, 4ft. 6in., 1; J. Gardner and W. Graham divided second money. New Year's Gift, one mile: H. Elder's Wellington, 10st. (Goodie), 1; F. O'Leary's Billy, 2 (E. Thomas), 2; E. Goujon's Nooram, 8st. (E. Neus), 3. Betting: 6 to 4 on Wellington. Pony Trot: D. Allen's Irene, 100 yds. behind (Owner), 1; T. Johnson's Belle, 200 yds. behind (G. Brown), 2; M. Petre's Tiny Tim, 3cr. (Owner), 3. Betting: 6 to 4 on Irene. Hack Race: J. McDonald's Daig, 12. E. Wrentham's Billy, 2. J. O'Shaughnessy's Miss Falconer, 3.

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MINING NEWS.

The mining industry has been in a terribly depressed state throughout the Beaufort district during the past year. But now that the two Travalla companies have made such progress as to expect yields shortly, the outlook is more hopeful for the future. The district yield of gold for 1908 was only 2250oz. 10wt. 13 gr., as against 4842oz. for the previous year, which shows a decrease of 1992oz. 9wt. 11gr. This gold has been obtained chiefly by co-operative parties, who appear to have an aversion to make any return, judging by their refusal to reply to requests for the information. In addition two dredges have been at work at various intervals, viz., at the Yam Holes (which ceased operations about two months ago), and at Main Lead. The Last Chance, Morris and party, Martin's Reward, Adamthwaite and party, and McCracken and party have had good wages' claims.

BEAUFORT DEEP LEADS.

The erection of the plant was started shortly after last New Year's Day. The work was expeditiously carried out by Mr. J. A. Knox, and has given the management no trouble since. A shaft 16ft. 7in. x 4ft. 6in. in the clear was sunk to a depth of 270ft. in twelve weeks. This good performance was so satisfactory to the management that the miners each received a well deserved bonus. Mine opening is being very vigorously carried out, over 1000ft. of driving, etc., having been put in up to the present. In sinking the shaft, a slope of strong wash 2ft. 6in. wide was passed through. This contains highly payable gold, going 15oz. to the fathom. After a good deal of driving this run has been located, and was found to be a tributary coming in from the direction of the South Saxon. High prospects from this indicate that the value of that spent in the shaft will be tremendously exceeded. Driving for both the Waterloo and Beaufort gutters and the erection of steam puddlers will be proceeded with immediately after the holidays.

TRAWALLA LEADS.

This company started six months ago by removing and re-erecting engine and plant. The shaft was sunk to a depth of 300 feet, and the mine opened out and the main drive driven a distance of 140 feet. Then the company bored up and obtained 4 feet of wash, which gave encouraging prospects. The manager (Mr. A. Ansell) expects to wash the first machine in two or three weeks. Satisfactory progress has been made. The plant is capable of coping with the water.

Mr. J. Murray, the new State Premier, formed his Ministry on Thursday, and chose as his colleagues Mr. W. A. Watt, Essendon; Mr. P. McBride, Kara Kara; Mr. A. J. Gillon, Ovens; Mr. H. McKean, Rodney; Mr. W. W. L. Bellin, M.L.C., Northern Province, and Mr. J. Drysdale Brown, M.L.C., Nelson Province, with Mr. J. Cameron, Gippsland East, and Mr. J. Thomson, Dundas, as honorary Ministers.

BALLARAT LOCAL LAND BOARD.

The following applications were dealt with at the Local Board meeting held at Ballarat on Thursday by Mr. C. J. Joy, local lands officer: Parish of Carnham.—John White, 20 acres in sec. 26, same block as applied for by J. A. White, deceased; recommended. Hy. Haywood, 20 acres in sec. 26, east and adjoining block applied for by Mrs. and Mr. White; recommended. J. S. Quillan, 20 acres; recommended. F. L. Smith, 20 acres in sec. 26, north and adjoining block applied for by Gen. Wollard; recommended. J. S. Quillan, 20 acres; recommended. J. S. Quillan, 20 acres; recommended. J. S. Quillan, 20 acres; recommended.

BEAUFORT DEEP LEADS.

The Canadian athlete, R. E. Walker, who recently established two new running records at Johannesburg, has added another fine achievement to his record. At Pretoria he covered 100 metres (109.383 yards) in the record time of 10.2-6th secs. At Johannesburg Walker covered 100 yards in 9.2-5th secs., and 120 yards in 11.2-5th secs. The previous record for 100 yards was 9.5-5th secs., set up by Arthur Duffy at New York in May, 1902, and by Dan Kelly, at Washington, in June, 1906. For 120 yards the record was 14 secs., established by George Seward, in England, in May, 1847, and by T. M. Malone at Stawell (Vic.) in April, 1884.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 1909. (Before Messrs. M. Flynn, R. A. D. Sinclair, and E. C. Earles, J's.P.) A well-dressed young man named Max Felenthal was charged by Constable Felenthal with using obscene language in a public place at Beaufort in Lawrence-street on 2nd inst., and also with resisting a uniformed constable of police in the execution of his duty. Defendant pleaded guilty, stating that he did not remember anything about it. Senior-constable A. Nicholson conducted the prosecution, and said that defendant used disgusting and most filthy language, and resisted violently. He went to Constable Felenthal's assistance. Constable Max Felenthal gave evidence to the effect that at about 7 p.m. on 2nd inst. the prisoner was with some persons standing in Lawrence-street, near Halpin's hotel, and made use of that language (which was written down and handed to the Bench, and upon its being shown to defendant he said he did not remember it, but that it was terrible). Witness said he was in plain clothes at the time. He went up to defendant and told him he was a police constable and would arrest him for making use of bad language. Defendant walked to the Police Hall quietly, and made use of that language. He was a constable—anyone could say he was a constable—and would not go. Witness then sent for Senior-constable Nicholson to assist him. Defendant used no violence, other than to resist. To defendant—You did not assault me in any way, and only used those words once. Defendant said he was under the influence of drink, and if he used that language he was very sorry. He had been in custody for a week, and no one knew what he had suffered in body and soul. It had been a lesson to him. He came from a respectable family, who had promised to help him to leave the state. Defendant commenced to cry, and said he was thoroughly broken up. If he had been charged with murder he could not have denied it, as he was insane at the time. It was only the language of a blackguard. Mr. Earles (sternly)—That will do; a man must be in the habit of using that language or he would not do it when drunk. Defendant said that if the Bench gave him an opportunity to live he would never touch drink again, if there was an Almighty above. He had lived respectably up to this, and pleaded for mercy. Senior-constable Nicholson stated that defendant had served 14 days' imprisonment at Dimboola for using obscene language, and also a month at Ararat. Defendant admitted these prior convictions. Through business losses he had taken to drink. The Bench would do more good by giving him an opportunity to reform. Mr. Flynn said he was sorry that the Bench could not reconcile defendant's statement with his actions. He pleaded that friends would come to his assistance and help him leave the State. The Bench might have considered that if this were defendant's first conviction, but could not do so under the circumstances. Taking into consideration that defendant had been a week in custody, it would be fine to give him an opportunity on each charge, with 26 days' cost. The Bench refused defendant's request to make the sentences concurrent, and in making the order cumulative, the chairman thought the Bench had dealt very leniently with defendant under the circumstances. An old offender named Edward Roach was charged with being drunk and disorderly in a public place on Wednesday, and was fined 2s 6d or 12 hours' imprisonment.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

ADJOURNED MEETING. NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinary monthly Meeting of the above Council falling due on 4th January, will not be held till MONDAY, January 11th, 1909. By Order, J. M. CARROLL, Shire Secretary.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing five per cent. each deposit (minimum post, 2s) in cash or marked cheque, will be received till 11 a.m. on Monday, 11th January, 1909, for the following works:— Contract 485—Forming, metalling, supply of maintenance metal, &c., Eurambeen Street and road. Contract 486—Forming, &c., near S. Burdett's, parish of Smythesdale. Contract 487—Construction of pitched channel, Snake Valley. Contract 488—Forming, graveling, construction of footpath, &c., Cemetery road, Beaufort. 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. MAURIZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer, Skipton, Beaufort, 31st Dec., 1908.

BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING of members of the above Society will be held on Saturday, 16th inst., at 2.30 p.m., at the Shire Hall, Beaufort. Business—Arranging prize-list and general. W. H. HALPIN, Secy.

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FREAKS AMONG RIVERS.

One of the most curious rivers that have come to the knowledge of man is the White Nile, of Eastern Africa, a deep and rapid stream abounding in strange fish and ferocious crocodiles. Although it flows for hundreds of miles through fertile lands, the immense volume of water which it carries, a short distance north of the equator the river is lost in a desert region a few miles from the Indian Ocean.

The art of serving food for invalids is, even in this enlightened age, little understood. It is true we attend lectures on home-nursing and sick-room cookery, which deal with the making of broths, jellies, and eggs. But it is quite a different matter to set for these items of diet in such a way as to tempt the poor appetite of an invalid, and to give the food served the maximum of benefit to the patient.

SWIFT AND HIS SERVANT.

Dean Swift, while on a journey, and stopping at a tavern, met his servant John to bring him his boots. John brought up his boots in the same state they were in the evening previous. "There's no use in polishing them," said the dean, "for they would soon be dirty again."

WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

Happiness is the greatest paradox in Nature. It can grow in any soil, live under any conditions. It is the revelation of the depths of the inner life as light and heat proclaim the sun from which they radiate. Happiness consists not of having, but of being; not of possessing, but of enjoying. It is the warm glow of a heart at peace within itself.

MAY LIVE TWO CENTURIES.

Medical men are taking a keen interest in the strange case of two brothers, one aged twenty-three, the other thirty-seven. The elder of the two is physically and mentally just what a boy of five would be; the younger brother is still, in all but age, a baby.

A FAR BETTER PLAN.

It was at Wiesbaden, and Emperor William the First had gone to see Fritz Reuter's famous play "Onkel Bräsig." In the scene where the villain of the play, after having been prevented by Onkel Bräsig from committing suicide, calls out, "I will re-enter the army," the old Emperor leaned over the front of his box and called out, angrily, "Yes, but I won't take him on again!"

HEREDITY.

Reuter's wife (to village grocer): "Well, I hope that you like the new surate?" Grocer: "Yes, ma'am, thank you, we like him very well—pause—no, however, he's not a first-class animal."

PROUD OF A PATCH.

A poor boy, with a large patch on one knee of his trousers, was laughed at by a schoolmate, who called him "Old Patch." "Why don't you fight him?" cried one of the boys; "I'd give it to him if he calls me so."

HE COULDN'T ANSWER.

Tailor: "When will you pay me that bill?" Smithkins: "Upon my soul, old man, you remind me of my little nephew." Tailor: "I do? Why?" Smithkins: "Because you ask questions that for the life of me I can't answer."

AN IRISHMAN'S WAY.

One morning early, we began to plant the shrubs. "Where will we have the rosey dahmudras?" was my greeting from Thomas as I entered the garden. Having noticed from the breakfast table that he had slipped on a banana at the bottom of each hole prepared for the planting, I waited my chance the first minute he was out of sight, dropped on my knees, and began to dig the soft soil at the bottom of the hole, and unearthed a potato.

INDICATED.

An instructor at a technical school was explaining a piece of mechanism to his class. Placing his fingers upon the handle and turning it, he remarked: "You notice that this machine is set in motion by a crank." And a titter passed through the whole class.

A WEIGHTY ARGUMENT.

A good story is told of Professor Jellib. In the class-room immediately above his own Professor Jellib lectured on logic. One day the professor of the Professor of Logic was greeted with such rapturous applause, that it brought down some pieces of ceiling in the room below. As the bits of plaster tumbled about his room, Professor Jellib intently remarked: "Gentlemen, our opinions will not support the conclusion of the Professor of Logic."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

GROVER: "Is it true that an attempt was made to break your uncle's wind?" FORREST: "Some of us did think of it; but we found that he was broken when he died."

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THESE FACTS ARE SWORN TO.

Most Convincing Evidence. During conversation with Mrs. Genevieve Catherine O'Leary, of No. 11 Little Macquarie Street, a press representative perused the following notes, which Mrs. O'Leary appears to be a fair and candid writer.

A disastrous railway accident was averted at Ballarat East on New Year's night, when the Adelaide express and the Buninyong train would have collided with awful consequences but for the promptitude of the signaller and the driver on the express.

A shocking disaster occurred in Sydney Harbour Tuesday morning. A pinnace, in tow of a dockyard steamer, was conveying 72 men from the H.M.S. Encounter ashore to go through musketry practice.

Beaufort Rainfall. Table showing rainfall data for various months and years.

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BEAUFORT FIRE STATION.

With reference to the adjourned application from the Country Fire Brigades' Board for permission to erect a new fire station near Havelock-street, Beaufort, the following proposals were proposed at Monday's meeting of the Riponshire Council. From L. R. Reid and 72 ratepayers and residents of Beaufort, requesting the favorable consideration of councillors in connection with application of Beaufort Fire Brigade (in conjunction with Country Fire Brigades' Board) for the use of a piece of land on an unused road near Havelock street, for the purpose of the erection of a new and suitable fire station. In support of this it may be stated that the old fire station and bell tower are getting past repair, and the brigade is face to face with the fact that unless something is done the station as it stands will be condemned as unfit for use. A preliminary negotiation a buyer has been found for the allotment in use at present, and the Country Fire Brigades' Board are prepared to erect a fire station bell tower and an up-to-date fire station, in any position, the proceeds from the sale of the allotment mentioned are devoted towards this work. It is not possible to get a suitable allotment elsewhere in Beaufort, and in addition to this fact, there are no funds available for the purchase of one, in any case. The site selected for the most central one in Beaufort, being a site that will be approved of by the very great majority, on account of its central position—its accessibility and its great convenience. The erection of a station at this position would not interfere with the traffic, or inconvenience anybody in the smallest degree possible, and moreover the erection of an up-to-date station would improve the appearance of the street. The advantage of a central position for such a purpose is most apparent, as from this site it is possible to reach a fire very quickly in any portion of the town. No other site lends itself so well for this purpose. In conclusion, the petitioners would like to point out that the Beaufort Fire Brigade is a volunteer body that does an excellent work in this town. They always attend fires at personal risk and at personal loss, without any fee or reward from the residents of the town, their sole object being to save the property of residents. In view of this fact the petitioners feel that this most deserving body should receive special consideration, having for their object the improvement of the fire service of this town and district, and that if possible the fire brigade should be helped in every way possible so that they may not be encumbered in their work by obsolete appliances and conveniences, such as at present exist. They trusted that it may be possible to grant the request of the brigade, and that the matter would receive their consideration.

From L. Smith and 27 ratepayers and residents of Beaufort, asking that permission be granted the Country Fire Brigades' Board to purchase a piece of ground in Beaufort on a portion of Havelock-street near Welsh's hotel. In making this request the petitioners desired to say that they are of opinion that the street in question should be built upon in any manner that will impair its lightness or prevent its free use for the benefit of all residents. It is urgently necessary that a piece of ground adjacent to the street should be preserved in the centre of the town; as it was understood that it was decided to turn it into a park some considerable time ago, and that such would be done without delay. The portion nearest the band rotunda seems to them to be specially suitable for a reserve to be provided with seating accommodation for the convenience of those who might wish to make use of such conveniences on warm evenings, or when the band is playing in the rotunda. For these reasons, the petitioners begged respectfully to urge that the request be granted.

After the first petition had been read, the President pointed out that as both petitions were type-written, they were not in order, and asked the council whether they would deal with them or not. Cr. Sinclair said this was only a technicality, and thought the second petition should be read. The President replied that he did not intend to give one party an advantage over the other. Cr. G. Lewis thought that as it was purely North Riding business the members of that riding should deal with it in their own way. Cr. Sinclair mentioned that the whole council had dealt with a road deviation question at Beaufort at last meeting. Cr. Douglas moved that the council inspect the proposed site. Cr. Slater did not wish to shirk responsibility, and while recognizing that it was North Riding business, he moved that the two petitions lie on the table for a month, to give every councillor time to think over it. Cr. Sinclair said it had already been postponed for a month. The chief officer was coming up to deal with it next week, and if it were delayed by another month it would mean 12 months to the brigade. Cr. Douglas then carried. Cr. G. Lewis carried.

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Cr. Sinclair said he did not intend to move a resolution, but thought if the council allowed the building to be put near the trees behind Welsh's hotel, the petitioners could be granted. There would be sufficient room for a bowling green and tennis court, and when a public view he had no doubt it would be the assistance of the council. As he was the captain of the Beaufort Fire Brigade, he did not wish to make himself prominent in the matter; but he would like to say that the petition was signed by all along had had the site. The statement that the building was to be a great galvanised iron fire correct. He was in sympathy with the fire brigade, which he thought should receive the approval of the council. It was necessary to have the station in a central position. No doubt the garden would be very nice, but there was a lot of money in a remark passed by an old lady that the ratepayers' money should be first spent on the fire station and in getting good water supply. The drain near the school was a disgrace to the council, and they would have to face the question of a bigger water supply. In a central position, the firemen would be able to put a fire out. Cr. Slater moved that the request of the Beaufort Fire Brigade be granted, and permission given to erect a fire station on the site marked out (between the first and second tree behind Welsh's hotel). There was a good deal of ground left—plenty to make a nice little park. Cr. Douglas, in seconding the motion, thought the brigade should consider itself as small as a frontage as possible, say 20 ft, facing the band rotunda. There was sufficient room behind to store two reels and provide offices. The President said the frontage decided on was 24 ft. Cr. Sinclair said it was suggested that the building be 30 x 60, but he would be perfectly satisfied that the suggestion of the council should be carried out. The President said there was something in connection with the matter upon which he would like a little more light. It was wanted. If the council were going to comply with the request of the fire brigade, he thought that body might endeavour to raise funds to help the council fence in the reserve and make it into a beauty spot. The fire brigade had some prestige in the town, and if it gave an entertainment to back up the council 2 for 2 could be spent on the fencing to be done. Some time ago the council had decided to fence and plough the reserve, but owing to the want of cash they had to abandon it. He would like to see something done. Perhaps the captain of the fire brigade would give them some indication of what he was prepared to do. Cr. Sinclair quite agreed with what the President had said, but could not give any promise on behalf of the fire brigade. However, if the public bodies would call a meeting, as a citizen of the town he was quite prepared to do his best. The President said that if the brigade took a leading part, no doubt the public would assist. Cr. Sinclair promised to bring it before the brigade to see if they would do something.

SPECIAL DRESS GOODS SALE! Saturday, January 16, 1909, to Saturday, January 30, 1909. BANG! Now for Sale Prices! Small Prices lead the way while this great Sale lasts. Handsome Dress Goods are offered to women who want them for little money. Your fondest dreams are realised in the goods and in the prices we ask for them. Our profits are yours—take them and save money while you may.

	Usual Price.	Sale Price.
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Cream Striped Sicilian Lustre, 42 inches	2/6	1/6
Brown, Wine and Navy Kadantans	2/3	1/9
Colored Cashmires, Electric, View Rose, Cardinal	2/6	1/9
Navy and Black Sicilian, with white stripe	1/11	1/9
Cream, Navy, and Black Striped Sicilian Lustre	1/11	1/9
Plain Navy Silk Sicilian Lustre, 44 inches	2/11	1/4½
Cream, Navy, and Black Striped Mohair	2/6	1/9
Check Dress Tweed	1/3	10½d.
Canvas Cloth, Fawn and Grey	1/1	7½d.
Silk Striped Mohairs, in Green and Navy; Black Grenadines, Fancy Lustres, and Pastelle Dress Tweeds; all in Dress Lengths; Exclusive Designs; Usual Price, 17/6, 22/6, 27/6, 32/6; Sale Price, 13/6, 15/6, 21/6, 24/6.		
Special line of Floral Muslins, 4½d.		
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All Linings and Dress Trimmings will be Reduced.		
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J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., THE STORE THAT SERVES YOU WELL, BEAUFORT. BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET. Tuesday. Fat Cattle.—314 head came to hand for to-day's market, the majority being good and useful descriptions, with a fair sprinkling of prime quality. There was a good attendance of buyers present, and prime quality pens met keen competition at late values; but for other descriptions the market had a slightly easier tendency. Quotations.—Prime pens bullocks, 212 lbs to 214 lbs; extra do, 215 to 218 lbs; good do, 210 to 211 lbs; medium, 207 to 209; best cows, 26 lbs to 28; good, 24 lbs to 25 lbs. Calves.—24 penned; best forward selling to 49s. Sheep.—5296 came forward for to-day's sale, including about 1000 stores; the yarding being very indifferent as regards quality. Only a small proportion consisting of good descriptions, with an odd pen of prime, but the majority being good, including a number of ewes. There was a good attendance of buyers present. Best descriptions were in good demand at improved prices, whilst for other sorts the market was firmer. Stores were again dull of sale. Quotations.—Best crossed wethers, 14s to 15s 9d; good crossed wethers, 12s to 13s; medium do, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; best crossed ewes, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; good do, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; medium do, 7s to 8s; best merino wethers, to 15s 6d; good do, 9s to 11s. Lambs.—2423 penned for to-day's sale; a fair proportion consisting of good and prime quality, balance useful descriptions. There was a full attendance of buyers represented. Competition was brisk for all trade descriptions, and values show an advance on late rates. A fair demand. Quotations.—Prime pens lambs, 13s 6d to 15s 6d; good pens lambs, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; medium, 9s to 10s; best shorn lambs, 12s to 12s 6d; good shorn lambs, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; medium, 7s to 8s. The following district sales are reported.—By S. G. Valentine & Co., 110 merino wethers for Mr Philip Russell, 100 merino wethers, to 11s 6d. By Macleod & Booth, 20 bullocks for Mr Donald Stewart, "Wongan," Skipton, to 29; 866 sheep for same owner, 480 merino wethers to 10s 9d, 386 crossed ewes and wethers (2-tooths) to 11s 6d.

DISTRICT WOOL SALES. By Denney, Lancelles, Austin, and Co.—IMP over Nerrin Nerrin (trustees late J. McPherson), 6 bales com 14½, 41 bales com 12½; Challinor (Mrs L. Hughes), 6 A com 14½; X over Skipton (Mr John Daly), 4 1 at com 14½.

By Dalgety and Co. Ltd.—FO over Eganby Estate, Carnarvon, to 11s 4d. Oddie) was well grown, fine quality and character, but carried a little dust, owing to late shearing.—7 sup X com H 16½, 7 1 at com 14½, 4 2nd com 13½.

By George Hagan and Co., Pty. Ltd.—Arch over AW over Raglan (Beaufort), 10½; CB over Raglan (Beaufort), 10½; JR over T (Beaufort), 10½; WI over Middle Creek (Beaufort), 9½; CD over Chute (Beaufort), 10½; CB over DD (first D reversed) over Travalla (Beaufort), 11½; CB over Raglan (Beaufort), 10½; CB over T (Beaufort), 10½.

Father John, of Krontstadt, the famous Russian priest, whose death was reported a few days ago, left £200,000, principally personalty. His library was found to be strewn with bank notes and cheques, many of them carelessly placed in books and manuscripts. Enormous gifts were showered on Father John during his lifetime, but he was absolutely indifferent to money.

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The date of the annual conference of the Australian Natives' Association, which is to be held at Geelong this year, has been fixed for Tuesday, 23rd March.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS. AN A. EXCURSION. Tuesday, 20th January.—To Melbourne from Casterton and all stations to Wimmera inclusive, and from Coleraine at 10 a.m. (ordinary train). Fares—2nd class from Casterton, 21s 6d; Branchholme, 18s 9d; Hamilton, 17s 6d; Ararat, 11s 11d; Beaufort, 9s 7d; 1st class nearly 50 percent additional. Tickets close noon, 25th January. Particulars at stations. L. McCLELLAND, Secretary.

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HASELL'S MANURES. Dry, Free-Running. New Bags, Highest Analysis. ARTHUR H. HASELL, LOWBARD BUILDINGS QUEEN STREET MELBOURNE. Agent—ALFRED SHIELDS, Mortchup.



Advertisement for medicine and health products, including mentions of 'W. G. HEARNE' and 'Beaufort Rainfall'.

COMPLINE, KLIMX, TERABITINE.
POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES.

ORDINARY TELEGRAMS
Town and suburban, within prescribed limits...

Make your District Known.
Concerning some parts of the district news comes but seldom...

TO ALL THE AUSTRALIAN STATES
For every 1000 or under...
For every 1000 or over...

RATES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM
AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
Letters to United Kingdom...
Letters to other countries...

PARCELS POST WITHIN VICTORIA
Weight 112 lbs. Limit of size 3 ft. 6 in. in length...

RATES OF COMMISSION.
Money Orders Payable in the Commonwealth...
Orders Payable in New Zealand...

POSTAL NOTES.
Postal Notes are obtainable at any Post Office in Victoria...

WATERSPOON & CO.
Agents for Beaufort and District.

J. Holdsworth,
Wholesale and Retail
BUTCHER,
BEAUFORT.
SUPPORT
LOCAL INDUSTRY,
AND
SUBSCRIBE
TO THE
LOCAL PAPER,

Clarke's Blood Mixture
IT IS THE BEST PURIFIER
EVER DISCOVERED.
It is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities...

ECZEMA AND IRRITATING SKIN
TROUBLE CURED.
Mr. W. G. Weston, care of Messrs Knott, of 40, Essex-street, King Edward-street, N.E., writes...

ADVERTISING
Always Pays.
Business men should note that as the Local Paper is extensively read in the district...

PLAIN AND ORNAMENTAL
JOB PRINTING
Executed with Neatness and
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A Warranted Cure for
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The Man Who Doesn't Advertise
Breathes there a man with soul so dead?
To himself he hath not said...

MIXED MARRIAGES.
NEW CATHOLIC DECREE.
By the direction of the bishops of Australia...

CONVERSATION BY TELEPHONE.
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.
OLD AGE PENSION PAYMENTS.

SAVINGS BANK.
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RAILWAY TIME-TABLE.
The following is the local railway timetable...

FIREWOOD!
J. B. COCHRAN is now prepared to supply
good sound FIREWOOD...

WM. C. PEDDER,
WHEELWRIGHT, BLACKSMITH, AND
HORSE-SHOER.
Begs to thank the public of Beaufort...

GRAMOPHONES!
Graphophones
Phonographs!
From 20s. to £37.

STEVENSON BROS.,
BUILDERS
AND
CONTRACTORS,
BEAUFORT.
Estimates submitted for all work in
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W. EDWARD,
Painter, Paperhanger, and Glazier
NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT.
Dealer in Paints, Oils, Colours, Paperhangings...

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is the Advertising Medium for All Contracts
and notifications of the Shire of Ripon.

THE CIRCULATION
of the
RIPONSHIRE
ADVOCATE
is
steadily increasing.

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SPECIAL DRESS GOODS SALE! Saturday, January 16, 1909, to Saturday, January 30, 1909. BANG! Now for Sale Prices! Small Prices lead the way while this great Sale lasts. Handsome Dress Goods are offered to women who want them for little money.

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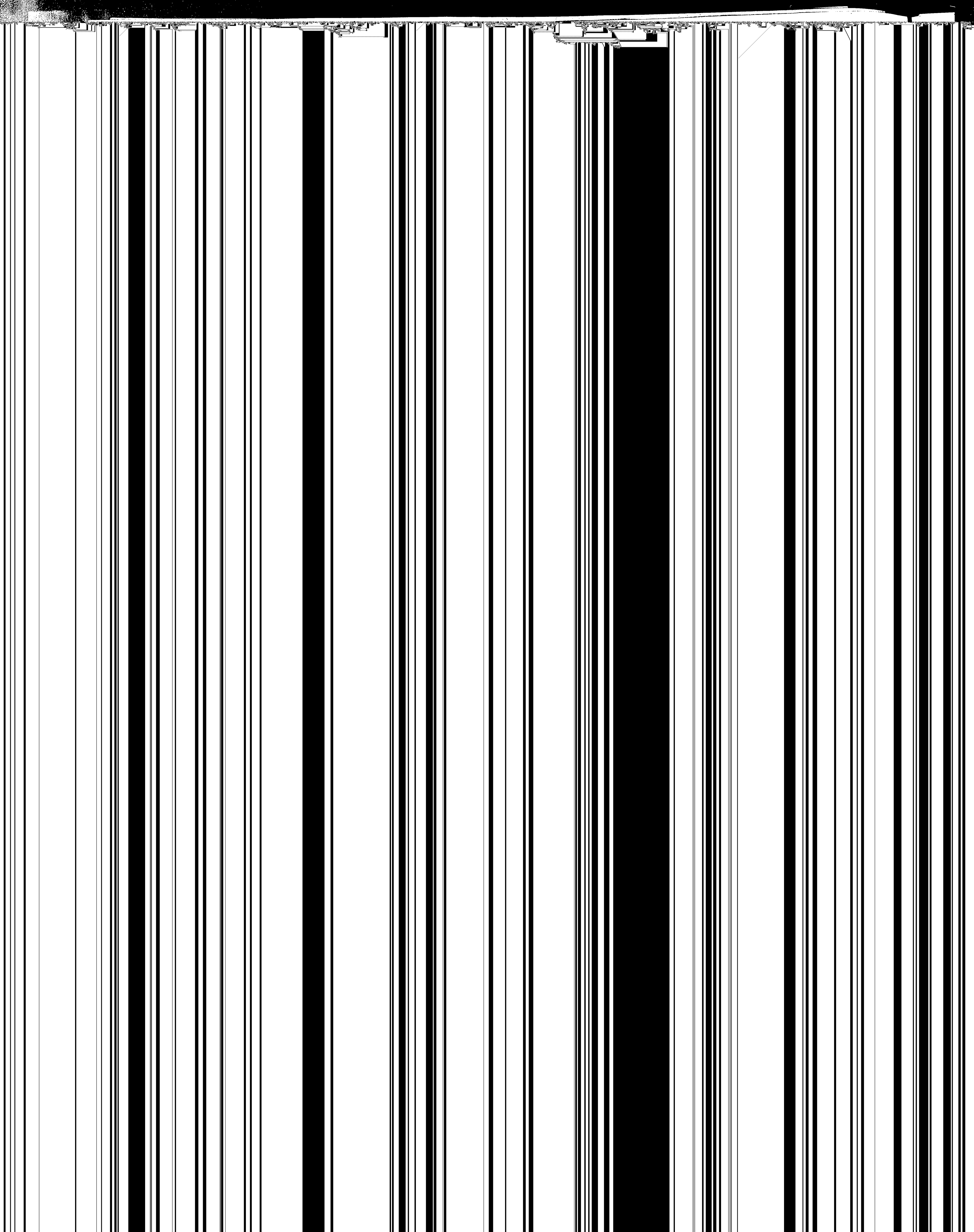
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pitching was done by W. ... and W. Lee, their throws ...

FILE SHOOTING. members of the Beaufort Rifle ...

PORT TENNIS CLUB. meeting of the above club ...

At a meeting of the past year ...

REPORT OF ENGLAND. ...

... preservative for the teeth ...

DEAD MILL.

By Elsie Norris, in "Yes or No." With a muttered imprecation, Desmond ...

AN EMPIRE-MAKER'S TOMB.

WHERE CECIL RHODES SLEEPS AMID 'THE MATOPPUS.' Mr. Frank G. Carpenter, a great ...

IN THE ABRUZZI.

A LAND OF ROMANCE. Eastward from Rome, beyond the ...

FREAK PHOTOGRAPHY.

After running horses, jumping athletes, flying cannon balls ...

HOW THE SPIDER PAID HIS DEBTS.

A HAUSA LEGEND. The spider, as the most crafty of ...

IN A CANNIBAL ISLAND.

A STRANGE EXPERIENCE. Miss Beatrice Grimshaw, the ...

WHAT SCOTTISH DIALECT.

An old Peebles worthy and an ...

NOTHING SERIOUS.

When Josephine was six years old ...

AN AEROPLANE FACTORY.

The largest and most successful ...

MARS AND ITS INHABITANTS.

When Mars lights his fiery beacon ...

THE MATABELE GUARDS.

As I climbed up the rocks and ...

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The prisoner pleaded ignorance of ...

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... "I really beg your pardon, sir," ...

STRANGE MISTAKES.

When the Matabele first saw the locomotive engines at Bulawayo, they declared that it was a large animal which fed on fire...

TRIPPING A LAWYER.

An old plasterer is called upon to give evidence for the plaintiff, Counsel for defendant, to bully him. 'Your name is John Smith?'

A POET'S WIT.

Longfellow was dining on one occasion at a friend's house, and the company included a gentleman named Nicholas Longworth.

ALL FOR THE BEST.

A popular preacher gives this amusing example of the cheery heart. An old man was sitting on the roof of his house in Kansas after the recent floods, and was gazing placidly across the rushing waters.

THINGS YOU CANNOT EAT.

A cushion for the seat of war. A look for the trunk of an elephant. A feather for the wing of the wind. A button for the coat of paint.

Some people never dream of taking anything or anybody. They take everything as a matter of course, and imagine that they show the superiority by so doing.

BALLARAT LOCAL LAND BOARD.

The following applications were dealt with at a Local Land Board held by Mr. C. J. Joy, local land officer, on Thursday...

MISS MURRAY TROY resumes 'Hillsdale,' Beaufort.

LAND SALE, SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1909. At 2.30 p.m. sharp, AT DIXON BROS. & HALPIN'S AUCTION ROOMS, BEAUFORT.

BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute will be held on TUESDAY evening, February 2nd, at 8 o'clock.

THE SPRAYING OF FRUIT WITH ARSENATE OF LEAD BY ORPHANISTS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF PARASITES HAS RESULTED IN SEVERAL CASES OF POISONING DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS.

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NOTICE.

I BEG to announce that I have taken the Blacksmith's Shop known as Watty Johnson's, Raglan, and hope to get a fair share of public patronage.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE is hereby given that the next two ordinary meetings of the Council of the Shire of Ripon will be held as follows: MONDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, and MONDAY, 22nd MARCH.

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WILLIAM JOHNSTON, BLACKSMITH, RAGLAN. NOTICE. I BEG to announce that, having purchased the business of Mr. F. G. PRINCE, I trust, by keeping only the best of Quality, to receive a share of your patronage.

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, 8th February, 1909, for the following works: EAST RIDING. Contract 480.—Re-forming, gravelling, surfacing, &c., parish of Moflichup, West Riding.

Genuine Bargains and Golden Opportunities for all!

Our Great Summer CLEARANCE SALE!

Commences Saturday, January 30, 1909, and continues until Saturday, Feby. 20, 1909.

The Balance of our Splendid Summer Stock will be offered at absurdly Low Prices to effect a clearance. No reasonable offer refused...

Note particularly that every article in our Drapery Department will be reduced in price during Sale time.

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THE Ratepayers' and General Lists for the above division are now printed, and copies may be inspected, free of charge, until the day appointed for revision (4th February, 1909), at my office, at every post office within the division, and at the offices of my deputies, as under, viz., at: Linton, Raglan, Skipton, and at Waterloo.

M. R. BODEY, Veterinary Surgeon (Regd.) will attend at Halpin's Camp Hotel on WEDNESDAY afternoon. Horse Dentistry a speciality.



Beaufort Jockey Club's Annual Races.

To be held on the Racecourse, WATERLOO FLAT, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, '09. Member's Ticket, 10s.

Admission to Course, 1s. Children under 15, 6d.

President, Mr. W. C. Jones. Vice-president, Mr. W. O'Sullivan. Committee: Messrs W. C. Jones, W. O'Sullivan, A. Dixon, W. G. Jones, E. H. Welsh, H. Jaensch, E. Wankey, D. Bending, R. McCullum, G. Vowles, and Dr. G. A. Eadie.

TRIAL STAKES, of £7. Five furlongs. Weight for age. For horses that have never won an advertised race of 25 or over. 1st, 2s; 2nd, 1s; 3rd, 6d.

BEAUFORT CUP, of £13. One mile. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 7s; acceptance, 6s.

HANDICAP HACK RACE, of £5. Five furlongs. For horses that have never won an advertised race. Hack to be approved of by stewards. Weight not less than 9st. 1st, £4; 2nd, £1. Post entry, 5s (to be in hands of Secretary by 2 p.m. on day of race).

WATERLOO HANDICAP, of £10. Six furlongs. 1st, £3; 2nd, £2. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.

FLYING HANDICAP, of £10. Five furlongs. 1st, £3; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 2s 6d.

HANDICAP TROT. A sweepstake of 5s. Two miles. Winner to take 75 per cent. of entry, and second half the rest. Last two years' performances to be given.

Nominations for all races except Hack Race and Trot positively close with the Secretary on Wednesday, 3rd March, 1909. A copy of the handicaps will be posted to nominators. Nominations must be accompanied by the fees. First race to start at 1.30 o'clock sharp. V.R.C. rules strictly adhered to. Jockeys must ride in colors. W. H. HALPIN, Hon. Secy.

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ONLY AN EGG. Eggs are a meat in themselves. Every element necessary to the support of an egg is contained within the proportions and in the most palatable form. Eggs are, however, not only food, they are medicine also.

THE ORCHARD.

By Jas. Lang, in the Victorian Journal of Agriculture.

The fruit crops this season did not get so well as expected. The trees were well watered, but boisterous weather at the time of blossoming interfered with the setting of the fruit, stone fruits especially.

A STRANGE FIGHT: BEAR V. ALLIGATOR.

It was the month of June, the day had been scorching hot. I had just taken my horse to a tree and was preparing to settle down for the night when I started by hearing a low growl of a tiger.

HEARNE'S BRONCHITIS CURE.

The Famous Remedy for Coughs, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Pleurisy, Asthma & Consumption

Those who have taken this medicine are amazed at its splendid healing power. Sufferers from Bronchitis, Cough, Croup, Asthma, Difficulty of Breathing, Hoarseness, Pain or Soreness in the Chest, experience delightful and rapid relief.

SOLD WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BY J. W. HARRIS, CHEMIST, BEAUFORT.

A COMMON EXPERIENCE.

The After Effects of Influenza

AN OLD EAST BRUNSWICK MAN SPEAKS. Parks and reserves are very necessary adjuncts to the health of any city, and are regarded as among a city's most valuable and dearest possessions.

FURNITURE, CARPETS, LINOS!

The Furniture Buyer's Wants

Are there here quickly, satisfactorily, and at Money-saving Prices. What greater inducements could be offered? Here are the Goods the people want.

Beaufort Rainfall.

Table with 12 columns representing months from Jan to Dec, and rows for rainfall data. Includes a note: 'We are indebted to Mr. Jas. McKelch for the following interesting information as to the rainfall at Beaufort since 1899.'

Headache, Indigestion, Constipation and Biliousness.

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

Fruit Pudding.

A line pudding basin that has been well greased with a light sweet crust; put in the bottom either jam (raspberry or black currant) or fresh fruit such as cherries (stoned) or plums.

Current Jelly.

Cook the fruit in a stone jar, set in a bath of boiling water. Keep the jar closely covered until the fruit is broken to pieces, then strain it through a coarse bag.

FROM NATURE'S FURNACE.

If a certain enterprising geologist successfully carries out a scheme which he is endeavoring to carry out, and other methods of artificial heating will soon be things of the past.

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Ten Guinea Special Bedroom Suite. Suitable for any Bedroom. A marvel of quality and price.

Dozens of other BEDROOM SUITES to select from, ranging in price from £5 10/0 UP TO £45.

New Linoleums and Carpets. Newest Designs, Choice Patterns, and Art Colours.

New Curtains. We are showing all the Newest Styles in Art Colours and Patterns.

Now Available—Our Special Lists of the Complete Furnishings of Homes of all Sizes.

Send for Illustrated Catalogue and Complete Furnishing Guide, Posted Free.

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IF YOU TAKE BEECHAM'S PILLS IT WILL PAY YOU. BEECHAM'S PILLS will find that it will pay you. You will gain by doing so.

There is only one Sun One Moon One Rabbit Poison One "S.A.P." Do not be deceived with something which is just as good or said to be "the same thing."

Improved Pastry.

For 2 large pies take 2 cups of flour, 1 cup of lard, 1 egg, and a pinch of salt.

Molly.

'Have you seen Mabel's engagement ring?' 'Daddy! Seen it? Why, I wore it all last summer.'

CHARCOAL AND ITS VALUE.

The value of charcoal is manifold. It is one of the greatest purifiers of water. Water or any substance of impure nature.

PUT OUT YOUR TONGUE.

A young girl suffered four days with a pain in her throat, and on the fourth day she was unable to swallow.

Miss Elderleigh.

'Marry a miserable toper you will, I should think.' 'What reason have you for thinking I would marry you?'

THE FASHIONABLE LADIES IN PERSIA.

have recently decided to adopt European dress. In Russian cups and saucers are used for tea.

THE MANUFACTURERS OF CAST STEEL IN INDIA.

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