

The Great Western... The output from the vineyards must grow to meet the demand through the British Empire, and as the demand grows...

TENNIS.

St. Andrew's, Beaufort, v. St. Andrew's, Ararat.

St. Andrew's, Beaufort, and six gentlemen of the Tennis Club of Beaufort on Monday evening...

First round. Drew beat Watson and Miss Jory—12-5. Watson and Miss Jory—12-5.

Second round. Hargreaves beat Watson and Miss Jory—12-5.

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Seventh round. Hargreaves beat Watson and Miss Jory—12-5.

Eighth round. Hargreaves beat Watson and Miss Jory—12-5.

Ninth round. Hargreaves beat Watson and Miss Jory—12-5.

Tenth round. Hargreaves beat Watson and Miss Jory—12-5.

Eleventh round. Hargreaves beat Watson and Miss Jory—12-5.

Twelfth round. Hargreaves beat Watson and Miss Jory—12-5.

Thirteenth round. Hargreaves beat Watson and Miss Jory—12-5.

BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the above was held on Tuesday evening... There was a much larger gathering...

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed... The acting-secretary (Mr. Thos. Williams) read the balance-sheet...

Mr. Williams said he undertook when Mr. Sinclair left to carry out the duties of acting secretary... He could get anyone else to act he would accept the position of president...

Mr. Williams being unanimously elected president... Mr. C. J. C. Baker vacated the chair in his favor...

Mr. Williams thanked them very much indeed for the very high position to which they had appointed him...

Mr. M. Flower and Mr. Jackson were elected as senior and junior vice-presidents respectively...

Two nominations were received for the position of secretary... Messrs C. Malcolm and E. B. Sturt were elected...

Fifteen nominations were received for a committee to consist of eight... A ballot resulted in the election of Messrs C. Young, E. W. Hughes, C. J. C. Baker, J. Eastwood, J. Jackson, A. Nicholson, Rev. C. Neville, and Dr. G. A. Eadie.

Rev. C. Neville returned thanks for his election as a committee member... Mr. Sturt returned thanks on behalf of the old members of committee...

Messrs Cogle and Troy. The former had been a member of committee for 20 years, and the latter was a past secretary... Unfortunately the speaker was to blame, as he had proposed the idea of nominating altogether new committee members...

Mr. Cogle had been a faithful member and he was sorry the Mechanics' committee had lost him... He certainly hoped he would offer himself for re-election at a future time...

Messrs Seager and Carroll were appointed auditors... Mr. Sinclair moved that the best thanks be tendered to their retiring committee...

The following were the avards:—Senior Girls (teacher, Mr. Muntz)—Florrie Driver, 1; Lillie Stuart, 2; Fourth Girls (teacher, Mr. A. H. Sands) Winnie Ingram and Lily Reed, 1; Dorothy Sands, 1; Miss M. Prentice—Mary Loft, 1; Winnie Deans, 2; Second Girls (teacher, Miss Sinclair)—Bessie Reed, 1; Fannie Eastwood, 2; First Girls (teacher, Mr. Muntz)—Dorothy Sands, 1; Mary Creagh, 2; Third Boys—E. Muntz, 1; H. Driver, 2; Second Boys (teacher, Miss Stuart)—M. Muntz, 1; Alex. Driver, 2; Third Boys (teacher, Miss Topper)—Alf. Kelly, 1; Alf. Driver, 2.

Many handsome books were won by the prize-takers, and the infants were each presented with a small volume... Mr. Muntz, on behalf of the staff and scholars, then presented a leather satchel containing hymn and prayer books...

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.

Don't Miss this Money-saving Chance.

J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., THE STORE THAT SERVES YOU WELL. BEAUFORT.

The customary bonus of 5 per cent. on subscriptions (£2 18s) was voted by the librarian on the motion of Mr. Hughes and Dr. Eadie...

The secretary then read a statement (familarly known as the "black list") of attendances of committee members during the past year...

A large gathering of the parents and friends of the scholars at St. John's Sunday school, Beaufort, assembled in the Parish Hall on Thursday evening to witness the annual distribution of prizes...

The meeting was opened by the vicar (Rev. C. Reed), who briefly addressed those present...

Mr. Muntz (superintendent of the Sunday school) apologized for the absence of Admiral Bridges, who was to have presented the prizes, but was detained by a business appointment in Melbourne...

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to Miss Katie Peake. The recipient, who has taken an active part in the work of the school, is about to leave Beaufort... Miss G. M. Creagh made a suitable response on her niece's behalf...

A social followed, harmony being tributed by Messdames Jackson, Kimlin, and Mrs. E. A. Stuart... Recitations were given by Dorothy Sands and Marjory Andrews... Miss Nickolls presided at the organ...

Mr. Eastwood supported Mr. Young's remarks in regard to the past services of Messrs Cogle and Troy... A meeting of the new committee was then held, and routine business transacted...

A grass fire broke out at the end of last week in grounds surrounding the work of the school... A strong wind was blowing from the north, and carried the fire along with great rapidity...

There's no need to insure your life if you ride a HERCULES CYCLE! Only the best material is used, and they are built by the best workmen... The numerous races won of late on these machines throughout the State show conclusively that they are ideal bicycles...

FOR SALE BY TENDER, 60 acres of LAND, situated 1 mile from Beaufort, with or without Buildings... Tenders returnable by 17th February...

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.

SMALL GOODS A SPECIALTY. My Motto—"Cleanliness, Quality, Civility."

W. R. GLOVER, BUTCHER. Late F. G. Prince. HAYLOCK ST., BEAUFORT.

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

DIXON BROS. & HALPIN have received instructions from Mr. R. G. KIRKPATRICK to sell, on the above date, all that piece of Land containing 253 acres 2 roods 26 perches, being allotment 382, in the parish of Eversham, county of Ripon...

The above paddock is very good Grazing Land, portion being fit for cultivation; also contains very valuable Timber.

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AGENT—ALFRED SHIELDS, MORTCHUP.

MISS NICKOLS has resumed Tuition "The Firm," Beaufort, 5/2/09.

LOST, Gold Star Pendant. Reward at "Advocate" Office.

SHIRE OF RIPON. APPLICATIONS, returnable by 10 a.m. on MONDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1909, are invited for an INSPECTOR under the Pure Foods Act for the Shire of Ripon...

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 489.—Re-forming, gravelling, surfacing, etc., parish of Cleptow.

WEST RIDING. Contract 491.—Supplying 120 c. yds of maintenance metal, Stockyard Hill and Skipton road.

NORTH RIDING. Contract 492.—Forming, metalling, etc., back road to Raglan.

Contract 493.—Forming, draining, removal of culverts, construction of inverts, etc., on the Barneburn and Streatham, roads.

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.

SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT. RETURN VISIT, ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10th, OF The World's Living Picture Co.

In an Entirely New Programme of Startling, Sensational & Comic BIOGRAPH PICTURES!

NEW SONGS, Illustrated, &c. POPULAR PRICES—2/- & 1/-.

WATERLOO—THURSDAY, 11th Feb. ALDO ANDERSON, Rep.

Beaufort Jockey Club's Annual Races, To be held on the Racecourse, WATERLOO PLAT, 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. Glover, F. Flowers, A. Parker, W. McCurdy, E. H. Welsh, H. Jaensch, E. Wankley, D. Bonding, R. McCallum, G. Vowles, and Dr. G. A. Eadie.

Stewards: Messrs W. O'Sullivan, A. Parker, H. Smith, and Dr. Eadie. Judge: Mr. J. McKeich. Clerk of Scales: Mr. D. McDonald. Starter: Mr. J. Smith.

Handicapper: Mr. W. E. Hodgetts (of Manchester). Handicappers for Hack Race: Messrs. Welsh, O'Sullivan, and McKeich. Clerk of Course: Mr. G. Maher. Measurer of Poles: Mr. G. Vowles. Treasurer: Mr. J. R. Wotherspoon. Timekeeper: Mr. R. Stokeld.

TRIAL STAKES, of £7. Five furlongs. Weight for age. For horses that have never won an advertised race of £5 or over. 1st, £5; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 7s.

BEAUFORT CUP, of £13. One mile. 1st, £12; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 8s; acceptance, 6s.

HANDICAP HACK RACE, of £5. Five furlongs. For horses that have never won an advertised race. Hacks to be approved 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 races).

WATERLOO HANDICAP, of £10. Six furlongs. 1st, £9; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 2s 6d.

FLYING HANDICAP, of £10. Five furlongs. 1st, £9; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 2s 6d.

HANDICAP TROT, of £5. A sweepstake of 5s. Two miles. Winner to take 75 per cent. of entry, and second 25. 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 nominees. 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.

NOTICE. I BEG to announce that I have taken the Blacksmith Shop known as Watty Johnston's, Raglan, and hope to get a fair share of public patronage. All kinds of Jobbing work done. Horse Shoeing a specialty.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON, BLACKSMITH, RAGLAN.

BECKINGSALE, CHEMIST AND DENTIST, BEAUFORT.

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.

GIBBS' SHAVING STICKS. Produces beautiful soft lather; makes shaving a delight. Sticks, One Shilling.

A large assortment of PERFUMES, suit-for Xmas. Presents. See Window.

THE DISPENSING DEPARTMENT, under the entire supervision of the Proprietor, where only the Best and Freshest Drugs obtainable are used.

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.

THE DENTAL DEPARTMENT is fitted with all the modern requirements. Extractions, Fittings, and Artificial Dentures at Melbourne prices. Fly work speaks for itself.

BECKINGSALE, CHEMIST & DENTIST, BEAUFORT.



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 inspection these pre-Christmas days commits you to nothing.

Hawkes Bros., BEAUFORT.

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WILLIAM JOHNSTON, BLACKSMITH, RAGLAN.

The Riponshire Advocate.

No 1029.

BEAUFORT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1909.

PRICE THREEPENCE

COAGULINE, KLINX, TRASITINE.

Centres for broken and other articles.

POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES.

For the information of our Readers we Herewith Publish the New Rates.

RATES FOR PLACES IN VICTORIA.

Letters—Half ounce or under . . . 0 1
For every ounce . . . 0 2

Urgent Letters—For each letter in addition to ordinary postage . . . 0 6

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Other places within the State, except town and suburban, including address and signature (not exceeding sixteen words), 1s. Each additional word, 1d.

On telegrams to and from Tasmania the charges to be those mentioned above, with cable charges added, which at the present time is 1/4d. per word.

Double the foregoing rates to be charged for the transmission of telegrams on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and for "Urgent" telegrams.

The foregoing rates are exclusive of postage charges.

Make your District Known.

Concerning some parts of the district news comes but seldom. This is not entirely our fault; we have no miraculous power of knowing what is happening at all the places within our area of circulation. It is the fault of residents in the silent places.

Will some man or woman take the matter in hand and cause the silence to cease.

If no one else is doing it for your district, will you try on these lines?

Send accounts of public and social events in your township and neighbourhood, such as weddings and deaths, accidents, concerts, matters touching district industries, etc.

Write the names of persons very distinctly.

Don't bother about grammar or spelling; let the editor's work to look after those trifles. The barest skeleton is enough.

Write only on one side of the paper. Give information; but let criticism alone.

Write your name and address on some corner—not for publication, but to prove good faith.

Too Well Known to Need an "Ad."

This idea that you have lived so long in town that everybody knows you and you don't need to advertise is a mistake. This very indifference to advertising, indifference to doing business as it is done in this day and age, is what has enabled the catalogue or mail order houses to grow from mere nothing to great concerns.

Can you convince the people of this section, and keep them convinced that his store is the best place to buy this and that article, will not lose trade to the mail order house. Of course, he cannot afford to get out a catalogue as thick as a Bible, but he can keep an advertisement in his local paper, and see that it is changed every week, thus keeping new bargains continually before the public. He should also have a mailing list, and send out a circular letter at least once a month. Don't look upon your country newspaper as an object of charity. There is not a single country newspaper in the State with a general local circulation, which is not able to give full value for money received. The country papers can help you solve this question if you give them a chance.—Ed. K. Slater, in "Merchants' Record and Show Window."

Talk to the local editor, and between you try to raise the general tone of advertising, and make people think well of their own town and their own shop.

CRACKING'S POWDER DESTROYS EGGS, FLIES, MOTHS, BEETLES, AND ALL OTHER INSECTS WHICH QUOTE HARMFUL TO DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

It is a powerful and effective disinfectant, and is perfectly clean in its application. See the article you purchase is "CRACKING'S," i.e., with the signature THOMAS CRACKING, on each tin, as imitations are too numerous to mention. Sold in Tins, 6d. and 1s. each, by all chemists.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.

All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be greatly surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "Troches" are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country. People troubled with a "backing cough," a "sight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try these too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic Affections. See that the signature of JOHN I. BROWN & SONS is on every wrapper. Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston, U.S.A. European Depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

CLARKE'S B. 41 PILLS.

A Warranted Cure for all Accrued or Constitutional Disorders from the Urinary Organs in either sex. These famous Pills are sold by all chemists and druggists throughout the world.

J. Holdsworth,

Wholesale and Retail

BUTCHER,

BEAUFORT.

SUPPORT

LOCAL INDUSTRY,

AND

SUBSCRIBE

TO THE

LOCAL PAPER,

THE

RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.

We ask that our efforts for the district's good shall be recognised. An increased circulation means still greater usefulness on our part. When a neighbour or friend asks for the loan of the local paper, tell him or her that for the small sum of

3/- per Quarter

It is obtainable direct from the office regularly.

In addition to complete and impartial reports of all local meetings, an interesting

14-Column Supplement

is presented to Regular Subscribers.

ORDERS FOR

Plain and Ornamental

JOB PRINTING

Executed with Neatness and Despatch.

Bear in mind that

ADVERTISING

ALWAYS PAYS.

Business men should note that as the Local Paper is extensively read in the district, it therefore affords a splendid advertising medium.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub wakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery, and diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup sold by Medicine Vendors everywhere.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY CURES COLDS AND INFLUENZA.

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A Safe Remedy for All Skin and Blood Diseases.

If you suffer from any disease due to an impure state of the Blood, from whatever cause arising, you should test the value of Clarke's Blood Mixture, the world-famed Blood Purifier and Restorer. This medicine has 40 years' reputation, and is to-day more popular than ever, because of its being undoubtedly the best of the wonderful remedies that profess to do cures—skin and blood diseases permanently.

Clarke's Blood Mixture

IS THE BEST REMEDY FOR PURIFIER OF THE BLOOD.

It is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities, from whatever cause arising. For SCROFULA, ECZEMA, BLOOD POISON, ULCERS, SKIN AND BLOOD DISEASES, OF ALL KINDS, IT IS A SAFE AND PERMANENT REMEDY.

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

NOTE.—This mixture is pleasant to the taste and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, from infancy to old age, and the Proprietors solicit sufferers to give it a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it.

TRIED MANY THINGS WITHOUT BENEFIT UNTIL I TOOK CLARKE'S BLOOD MIXTURE.

Mr. F. E. Lewis, 48 Bridge Street, Row, Chester, writes:—"Just a line in favour of 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.' I had eczema for seven months, and tried many things without benefit until I took your remedy. After the eighth bottle I was quite well again. Please accept this letter as a token of gratitude to your wonderful 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.'—June 13, 1903.

ECZEMA AND ITCHING SKIN TROUBLE CURED.

Mr. W. G. Weston, care of Messrs Knott, of 49, Esplanade, Kingsland-road, N.E., writes:—"Gentlemen.—I feel it my duty to inform you that I have been cured of my eczema through taking your famous 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.' I have been a sufferer from eczema and an itching skin trouble since the age of thirteen. While an out-patient at one of the big London hospitals a doctor informed me that my disease was the result of looking after foreign hives in my father's stable. I have since been under my father's care, my father being a horse dealer and jobmaster. He (my father) was speaking one day to a friend of mine, and he told me that he was cured of his eczema by taking your 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.' I was then cured of my eczema, and I am able to follow my employment, and am very pleased to think that there is such a valuable remedy obtainable for such a small sum. I should be pleased to answer any inquiries concerning my case."—July 27, 1903.

ANOTHER PERMANENT CURE OF BAD LEGS AND ABSCESSSES.

Mr. James Waring, of City Cotton Lodge, near Ipswich, writes:—"I feel it my duty to inform you that I have been cured of my bad legs through taking 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.' For a long time I suffered with bad legs and abscesses. I was under a doctor for five months, but not getting much better, I went as an out-patient to the local hospital for five weeks. I was then cured of my bad legs, and I am now well and in good health. I should be pleased to answer any inquiries concerning my case."—Oct. 15, 1903.

IMPURITIES IN THE BLOOD.

"We have seen letters from all sorts and conditions of people, in which the writers acknowledge the benefit they have received from Clarke's Blood Mixture, which is a curative agent cannot be too highly estimated, since it cleanses and clears the blood from all impurities, and restores it to its normal condition. This is a good testimonial from the Family Doctor, the popular medical weekly, which goes on further to say:—"It is certainly the best blood purifier that science and art have ever produced, and we can with the utmost confidence recommend it to our subscribers and the public generally."

Sold by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the World.

Clarke's Blood Mixture,

and beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

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LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

MAIL TIME TABLE.

Daily. Closing Time. a.m. p.m.

Melbourne 8 and 4.50

Ballarat 8 and 4.50

Geelong 8 and 4.50

Traralgon 8 and 4.50

Registered mail and parcels post close 20 minutes prior.

Ararat, 11.50 a.m., and 8 p.m.

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Stawell, 11.50 a.m., and 8 p.m.

Middle Creek, 11.50 a.m., and 8 p.m.

Murtoa, 11.50 a.m., and 8 p.m.

Daangor, 11.50 a.m., and 8 p.m.

Reg. mail and p.p., 20 minutes prior. English mail not by telegraph.

RAILWAY.

Daily. Closing Time. a.m. p.m.

Raglan 9

Waterloo S. 9

Waterloo N. 9

Main Lead, 9

Chute 9

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

Nerring, Wednesdays and Friday.

Lake Goldsmith 9

Stawell Hill 9

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

Ararat, 12.45 p.m.

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

MAILS INWARD.

Arrive Daily.

From Melbourne, Ballarat, Geelong, and Traralgon.—12.20 p.m. daily and 8.40 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. From Melbourne and Ballarat, 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

From Ararat, Stawell, Middle Creek, and Murtoa.—5.30 p.m. daily. Ararat, Stawell, and Murtoa, 8.30 a.m. daily.

From Waterloo, Waterloo South, Main Lead, Raglan, and Chute.—4.30 p.m. Monday, Wednesdays and Friday.

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

From Buramban and Shirley.—4.30 p.m.

From England.—Weekly.

POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

Two deliveries by postman daily. Office is open daily for transaction of postal and telegraph business, sale of stamps and postal notes from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m.

CONVERSATION BY TELEPHONE.

Between Beaufort and Ballarat, for 3 minutes, each additional 3 minutes, 6d. To Beaufort, 2d.; to Waterloo, 3d.; to Ararat, 8d.; to Great Western, 8d.; to Stawell, 8d.; to Melbourne, 10d.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS.

From 9 a.m. till 5 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SAVINGS BANK.

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

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

OLD AGE PENSION PAYMENTS.

9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

G. M. CREAGH, Postmistress.

Railway Time-Table.

The following is the local railway timetable.—A mixed train leaves Ballarat at 11.23 a.m., Traralgon at 12.10 p.m.; reaching Beaufort at 12.10, and taking its departure at 12.27. It leaves Middle Creek at 12.49, and Beaufort at 12.58. The Adelaide express leaves Melbourne at 4.40 p.m. (Sundays excepted), Ballarat at 7.40, and Beaufort at 8.35 (arriving here at 8.30). On the return journey to Melbourne (Monday excepted) the express leaves Beaufort at 6.20 a.m., arriving at 6.34.



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Every day it continues it gathers momentum—faster and faster the Bargains are snapped up—quicker and quicker sales are recorded. This week we will make stronger reductions than ever. Qualities are up to our usual high standard, and assortments are large. We have never held a Sale of greater magnitude—stocks were never so wisely selected—never have we offered such inducements for your trade. Splendid savings in all departments. We know that when a person gets better values than she expects it means a wedding of interests between store and customer, and we are satisfied that the Bargains we are giving will retain the goodwill of our clientele. Attend NOW! The Values are Phenomenal!

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Check to raise the water level above the present level, at a twelve-inch pipe, with valve, and a double rate is paid. It was found that a few temporary repairs at Cairns should be made. The water supply at this still remains unsatisfactory, and it is better than it was some time ago. Without any extraordinary conditions, the water will run out completely early in the morning. I have stopped all supplies, except a few half-inch pipes, and the cool weather, which might improve the supply, is being delayed starting the pump. The delay in getting an analysis of the water, and the cool weather, might improve the supply, is being delayed starting the pump. The delay in getting an analysis of the water, and the cool weather, might improve the supply, is being delayed starting the pump.

after wandering stock on the roads; after having all stock registered. They had appointed a man to do this in Hampden. He thought something should be done for the Skipton stock where there was on the Hampden side where they caused considerable damage, breaking fences, etc. The President thought they should consult the common managers. Cr. Stewart said the managers were in a fix themselves about it. The Hampden man was willing to take on the work for Riponshire. Cr. Lewis asked if these roads had been gazetted as main roads. Cr. Stewart said the roads were gazetted. He would move that the secretary write to Hampdenshire for further particulars as to boundaries. Cr. Slater thought notice ought to be given at this meeting to move that a man be appointed to do this work. NOTICE OF MOTION. Cr. Sinclair gave notice to move at next meeting, that the council take into consideration the borrowing of a sum of £2000 for the purpose of building a water storage reservoir in Arnyle Gully for Beaufort water supply. He did this in order to give ratepayers an opportunity to petition against it. The Beaufort water supply at the present time was a "tin pot" thing, for people could not get the water at the time they needed it. He understood they could borrow money at 4 1/2 per cent. interest and sinking fund, and it could be paid off in 30 years. This would mean the striking of an extra three penny rate. The business was transacted with promptitude, and was concluded before luncheon.

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A SPLENDID RECORD. The forty-second half-yearly meeting of the Riponshire Trustees, Executors, and Agency Co., Ltd., was held at the Office, Camp Street, on Wednesday, February 3rd, under the chairmanship of Mr. John M. Wood. There was a good attendance of shareholders. The following report was presented: "The available balance for division for the half-year to 31st December, 1908, is £2,202 14s 7d. The directors propose to use it as follows, viz.:—To dividend, 10 per cent., £220 14s 7d; to bonus, 1 per cent., £22 0s 7d; to reserve fund (making it £12,200, £1000); to reduction of cost of office furniture, £47 11s; to reduction of cost of property, £200; to balance carried forward, £215 3s 7d. The value of the trust properties and funds now being administered by the company total £1,309,740. The chairman, in moving the report, said that the company had been very successful in its operations, and that the directors were confident of the future success of the company. He also mentioned that the company had been successful in its operations, and that the directors were confident of the future success of the company. He also mentioned that the company had been successful in its operations, and that the directors were confident of the future success of the company.

METHODIST SALE OF GIFTS, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 24th and 25th, 1909, in the SOCIETY'S HALL, Beaufort. Meetings, gifts may be sent to the Beaufort Methodist Parsonage. THE ELECTORS OF THE NELSON PROVINCE. GENTLEMEN,— I thank you sincerely for electing me as one of your Representatives in the Legislative Council. I assure you I greatly appreciate the compliment. My best efforts will be put forth to assist my colleagues in governing the State in such a manner as will tend to the development of its great natural resources, and promote the happiness and prosperity of every class of the community. Yours obediently, J. DRYSDALE BROWN. Crown Law Offices, Melbourne, 4th February, 1909.

Sale of Race and Show Booths. DIXON BROS. & HALPIN will sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1909, at 5 p.m., at their Office, Beaufort, the right to hold Public and other Refreshment Booths at the Beaufort Agricultural Society's Annual Show (Beaufort Park, 10th March) and at the Beaufort Jockey Club's Annual Races (Waterloo Flat, 17th March).

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. Glover, E. E. Walsh, H. Jaensch, E. Wankey, D. Bending, R. McCallum, G. Wovles, and Dr. G. A. Eadie. Secretary: Messrs. W. O'Sullivan, A. Parker, H. Smith, E. H. Walsh, W. C. Jones, H. Jaensch, R. A. D. Sinclair, and Dr. Eadie. Judge: Mr. J. McKeith. Clerk of Scales: Mr. D. McDonald. Starter: Mr. J. Smith. Handicapper: Mr. W. B. Hodgetts (of Landsborough). Handicappers for Hack Race: Messrs. W. O'Sullivan and McKeith. Clerk of Course: Mr. G. Maher. Measurer of Paces: Mr. G. Wovles. Treasurer: Mr. J. R. Wotherspoon. Timekeeper: Mr. R. Stokeld.

TRIAL STAKES, of £7. Five furlongs. Weight for age. For horses that have never won an advertised race of 25 or over. 1st, 26s; 2nd, 21s; Nomination, 7s. PONY RACE (14 1/2 hands and under), of £5. Five furlongs. 1st, 24s; 2nd, 21s. Nomination, 5s. BEAUFORT CUP, of £13. One mile. 1st, 212s; 2nd, 21s. Nomination, 8s; acceptance, 5s. HANDICAP HACK RACE, of £5. Five furlongs. For horses that have never won an advertised race. Hacks to be approved of by stewards. Weight not less than 9st. 1st, 21s; 2nd, 21s. Post entry 5s (to be in hands of Secretary by 2 p.m. on day of race). WATERLOO HANDICAP, of £10. Six furlongs. 1st, 29s; 2nd, 21s. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 2s 6d. FLYING HAMPDEN, of £10. Five furlongs. 1st, 29s; 2nd, 21s. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 2s 6d. HANDICAP TROT, A sweepstake of 5s. Two miles. Winner to take 75 per cent. of entry, and second horse 25. 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.

NOTICE. I BEG to announce that I have taken the Blacksmith's Shop known as Watty Johnston's, Raglan, and hope to get a fair share of public patronage. All kinds of Jobbing work done. Horse Shoeing a specialty. WILLIAM JOHNSTON, BLACKSMITH, RAGLAN.

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GRAVEL AND BLADDER TROUBLE.

For some years I had been a great sufferer from disease of the kidneys. The attacks were often so severe as to make life a torment to me.

THE WESTERN FARMS.

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PLEA FOR A RAILWAY.

The "Willaura Farmer" repeats the following from the "Geelong Advertiser":—"Of the wheat country in Western Victoria, having for its natural outlet the port of Geelong, that of the county of Ripon is typical."

Ice Cream: Take 1 quart of milk, 3 eggs, 1 pint of cream, 1 cupful of white sugar and a pinch of salt. Heat the milk until hot. Beat the whites of the eggs separately, and then beat the yolks with the sugar.

The fashionable ladies in Perrin have recently decided to adopt the Russian cups and saucers are not used for tea; it is taken out of a glass tumbler.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

ONLY AN EGG.

Eggs are a meal in themselves. Every element necessary to the support of life is contained within the limits of an eggshell in the best proportions and in the most palatable form.

Fruit Pudding. Line a pudding basin that has been well greased with a light suet crust, but in the bottom either jam (raspberry or black currant) or fruit, such as cherries (stoned) or plums, then a layer, very thin, of suet crust, and another layer, then another layer of fruit and more fruit. Sprinkle a liberal amount of sugar, if fresh fruit, on each layer.

Currant Jelly: Cook the fruit in a stone jar, set in a kettle of boiling water. Keep the jar covered until the fruit is broken to pieces, then strain it through a coarse bag, putting in but a few spoonfuls at a time.

Baked Lemon Pudding: Boil one pint of milk, stir in one ounce of butter, and then pour over six ounces of bread crumbs and two despoonsful of desiccated cocoa-nut. Let this soak for a while, then add three ounces of sugar and the grated rind of a large lemon.

Improved Pastry: For 2 large pies take 2 cupfuls of flour through which a teaspoonful of cream of tartar has been sifted. Baking powder in the right proportion can be used, but cream of tartar and soda is preferable.

Mr. Dooley: 'Gimme a bar of soap please.' Shopman: 'Yes, sir. Do you want it scented or unscented?' Dooley: 'An' niver mind; I'll jist take it wid me.'

Mr. John Hamilton, South and Drammond-sts., Ballarat, Vic., writes: "Chamberlain's Tablets are our family medicine. I strongly recommend them to anyone who suffers from constipation, biliousness or any other disorder of the stomach or liver."

STRANGE MISTAKES.

When the Matabele first saw a locomotive engine at Bulawayo, they declared that it was a large animal which fed on fire; that it hated work—or else why did it scream before it moved; and that it suffered badly from malaria. They put the iron portion of the engine into a large pot.

When the pigmy bushmen first saw the wagons they noticed that some were large and some small, and they came to the conclusion that the small wagons were the daughters of the large. This seems grotesque and absurd, until one remembers that when they had previously noticed the spoor of the wagons in the sand they at once decided that these could only have been caused by animals.

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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.

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Table with columns for months (Jan to Dec) and years (1900 to 1908) showing rainfall amounts.

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If no one else is doing it for your district, will you try on these lines?

Send accounts of public and social events in your township and neighbourhood, such as weddings, deaths, accidents, concerts, matters touching district industries, etc.

Write the names of persons very distinctly.

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Talk to the local editor, and between you try to raise the general tone of advertising, and make people think well of their own town and their own shop.

"KEATING'S POWDER" destroys Beetles, Fleas, Moths, Beetles, and other insects, which quite harmless to domestic animals. It exterminates the pestiferous domestic animals. It is perfectly safe for application. See the article you purchase is "KEATING'S," i.e., with the signature "THOMAS KEATING," on each tin. It is a most efficacious and safe preparation, and is sold in Tins, 6d. and 1s. each, by all chemists.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be greatly surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "Troches" are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country. People troubled with a "hacking cough," "hoarse voice," or bronchial affections, cannot try these too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic Affections. See that the signature of JOHN I. BROWN & SONS is on every wrapper. Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston, U.S.A. European Depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

A Warranted Cure for all Acute or Chronic Discharges from the Urinary Organs in either sex. These Troches are a sure cure for Gonorrhoea, Stricture, and all other Urinary Disorders. Forty years' experience. Sold by all Chemists and Dispensaries throughout the world.

J. B. COCHRAN, NEWS AGENT, BOOKSELLER, AND STATIONER, begs to announce to the inhabitants of BEAUFORT and district that he is Sole Agent for the Argus, Age Herald, Star, Courier, Melbourne Punch, Sun, Zulu, Riponshire Advocate, Sydney, Weekly Times, Australian, Australian Journal, Sportswoman, and all other periodicals. All sent by post and direct. Advertisements received for all the above-named papers. While thanking his numerous customers for past favours, he trusts by strict attention to the delivery of all papers, to merit a fair share of their support. Advertisements received for all Melbourne and Beaufort papers. By sending through local agent advertisers save postage. Note the address—Next door to Wotherspoon & Co.

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3/- per Quarter

It is obtainable direct from the office regularly.

In addition to complete and impartial reports of all local meetings, an interesting

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A Safe Remedy for all Skin and Blood Diseases.

If you suffer from any disease due to an impure state of the blood, from whatever cause arising, you should test the value of Clarke's Blood Mixture, the world-famous Blood Purifier and Restorer. This medicine has 40 years' reputation, and is to-day more popular than ever, the reason of this being undoubtedly because this wonderful remedy does what it professes to do—cures skin and blood diseases permanently.

IS THE FINEST BLOOD PURIFIER EVER DISCOVERED.

It is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities, from whatever cause arising. For SCROFULA, BAD LEGS, SOREY, BLOTCHES, BOZEMA, BLACKHEADS, BLOOD POISON, PIMPLES, ULCERS, SKIN AND BLOOD DISEASES OF ALL KINDS.

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

NOTE—This mixture is pleasant to the taste and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, from infancy to old age, and the Proprietors solicit orders to give it a trial, as it has cured thousands of wonderful cases have been effected by it.

TRIED MANY THINGS WITHOUT BENEFIT UNTIL I TOOK CLARKE'S BLOOD MIXTURE.

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Mr. James Waring, of Clay Cotton Lodge, near Rugby, writes:—It is with great pleasure that I write to you to say that I have been cured of my 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.' For a long time I suffered with bad legs and abscesses. I was under a doctor for five months, and my disease was the result of looking after foreign horses. I have had as many as thirty horses under my care, my father being a horse dealer and jobber. He (my father) was spending one day to a friend of mine who mentioned that he was being cured of an 'eczema' leg, due to a skin trouble which he had contracted, however, to suffer until April 4 last, when my friend told me he was completely cured. Then I started to take 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.' I have been cured of my 'eczema' leg, and an irritating skin trouble since the age of thirteen. While an out-patient at one of the big London hospitals a doctor informed me that my disease was the result of looking after foreign horses. 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Every day it continues it gathers momentum—faster and faster the Bargains are snapped up—quicker and quicker sales are recorded.

We know that when a person gets better values than she expects it means a widening of interest between store and customer, and we are satisfied that the Bargains we are giving will retain the goodwill of our clientele.

Amend NOW! The Values are Phenomenal! A FEW OF THEM: Hoyles Prints, light and dark grounds, 50 per doz.

All Wool Delaine Blouse Lengths, 45 the length: usual price, 50.

Fancy Muslin and Delainettes, 37 1/2 doz.: usual price, 75 and 80 per yard.

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.

H. H. respectfully solicits a fair share of public patronage. Fencing and Barb Wire always on hand; also Galvanised Iron and other Hardware.

CORN SACKS, new and secondhand, from 5s 6d. Hay Forks, Water Bags, and Corn Sacks, at Lowest Prices.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

I wish to sincerely thank the general public of Beaufort and district for the splendid support accorded me during my three-and-a-half years in business, and I am pleased to state on that account my business has reached a standard of prosperity.

I trust by strict attention and civility, which is my motto, to increase my connection in the future.

I wish one and all a happy Xmas, and a bright and prosperous New Year.

GEO. PRINGLE, SPOT-CASH GROCER.

Neill Street.

Advertisement for Camp Hotel, Beaufort, and Richards & Co's Beautiful Bridal Portraits. Includes details about the hotel's location, amenities, and the photography studio's services.

J. W. HARRIS, SURGEON DENTIST.

The personal health cannot be maintained in its highest degree without good teeth. Teeth saved, wherever possible, with Gold, Porcelain, Amalgam, and Cement.

Artificial Plates avoided, wherever possible. Up-to-date Bridge-work, Gold Crowns, Pivots, Gold Inlays, Porcelain Inlays, are Specialties.

Artificial Dentures in Vulcanite, Gold, Aluminium, and other bases. Every Set is a work of art in appearance, and for Fit and Accuracy cannot be excelled.

Teeth carefully Extracted, under Chloroform, Somnoform, Nitrous Oxide, and Local Anæsthetics.

Consultations Free.

Teach your children to eat slowly. A little food, well masticated, is more beneficial than a hearty meal swallowed hastily.

HOURS: 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

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RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE. Notice to Advertisers.

Owing to the inconvenience caused by alterations in the rates of advertising, the following alterations to the standing rates are made with effect from the 1st of February, 1909.

Religious Services.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Beaufort, 11 a.m.—Sun. Reader, Middle Creek, 11 a.m.; Travalla, 11.30 p.m.; Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Rev. Canon Reed.

Local and General News.

Mr. H. J. Buchanan, who has been suffering for two months from an injury to the eye, has been compelled to undergo an operation.

Mr. P. Whitfield, of Beaufort, secured a second and a third place in the one mile and half mile bicycle races at the Westport sports on Wednesday.

The treasurer of the Beaufort District Bush Fire Brigade desires to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—Rear-Admiral, W. B. Bridges.

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QUEER TALES FROM CHINA.

A FEW STARTLING THINGS ABOUT THE "FLOWERY LAND."

To the ordinary Briton, China is a land of contradictions and mysteries. It bristles with surprises. The phlegmatic nature of the Chinese is in marked contrast to their inherent cruelty.

THE REFINEMENT OF TORTURE.

Torture of prisoners has been carried to a point of refinement. One case in which a man was placed so that his head just protruded at the top, while his toes only touched the ground sufficiently to prevent dislocation of the joints.

QUITE MILD!

The "cangue" is regarded as a comparatively mild sort of punishment. This consists of a wooden collar, about four feet square and four inches thick, which is placed over the prisoner's head, so that its full weight falls on the shoulders.

Conservative to a degree, it is not surprising to find that the wheelbarrow, as a passenger conveyance, is still in vogue. It is the ferry, consisting of a high, circular, covered across the water by a number of swimmers.

Machinery for the most part is depressed, and the mill still used for winnowing the staple rice, is full weight taken on the shoulders. A description of the office is also attached to the victim's body; and as he cannot feed himself, he has to rely on the public for sustenance.

What would be said in this country of a man who, wishing to build a house, merely dumped his materials down in the road, causing pedestrians to get past the obstruction as best they could? Yet "top-surveyors" think nothing of it.

For simplicity of keeping a city informed of the time Canton would be hard to beat. In one of the temples are large carriages, which are sometimes supplied with dancing girls, brooms, standards, and banners, which are carried over their shoulders in a long train.

Supposing, for instance, a man has a daughter he wishes to marry well, and she prepares a card bearing the indicating names, and the symbols of her birth, on month, day, and the prospective bridegroom's name. The latter consults a fortune-teller, the latter consults a fortune-teller to learn whether the match will be propitious.

UTILITIES OF THE ARCTIC.

A question constantly asked is: "What practical good is all the Arctic and Antarctic exploration now possible by such expeditions?"

A PROFITABLE OCCUPATION.

The early morning, long before ordinary mortals are awake, is the golden hour favoured by that most enterprising of all individuals, the "sand-scraper," whose work lies at the best known of seaside resorts, and whose gains are in the aggregate equivalent throughout one short season to the income of a first-class clerk.

The writer has known cases in which sand-scrappers have found amongst the furrowed sand, concealed amongst the shells of shells, and hidden in the crevices of rocks, which are quite a common occurrence.

At a well-known Yorkshire seaside resort some years ago, one of these sand-scrappers, whilst following his strange calling, turned up a cheque for £1,050 (10s.), which bore the date of the previous year, and was made payable to a widely-known sporting man of that period.

In addition to finding money and jewellery, it is no unusual thing for those who go out as sand-scrappers to pick up pocket-handkerchiefs, umbrellas, sunshades, hairpins, and even hats and wraps—"Spare Moments."

MACAULAY AND THE BARBER.

A very noticeable thing about Lord Macaulay was his clothing. Sir William Stirling-Maxwell, meeting him at a dinner party about the year 1845, thought he heard him say, "General Macaulay is a man who is Macaulay's beard, and it is Macaulay's beard that fixed his attention—his talk and his dress."

"He was unhandy to a degree quite unexampled in the experience of a man of his rank. When in the open air he wore perfectly new dark flannel trousers, and the fingers of which he never succeeded in inserting his own more than half way.

The majority of people think a locomotive only puffs at starting. Really it puffs all the time, only the puff is so rapid to be recognised as an engine going over a bridge. The bridge, with covered head, and second.

CHANNEL TRAGEDY.

MYSTERIOUS FATE OF COLONIAL OFFICIAL.

The death has occurred under tragic circumstances of the Hon. Aldon for Tasmania, Agent-General in London for Tasmania. It appears that he left his house in Lezhan-gardens, London, for a brief visit to Paris.

Knowing the characters of Robespierre, of Saint-Just, of Fouquier-Turville, I should have to have seen them in the same way, I thought that he had a certain amount of the same qualities.

It is only the dead that do not return to the country. I have seen this apportion is not of absolute application, perhaps, but apportion is rare, very rare, and we do not understand their exact nature. Are they sent to the country, or do they return to the country? The dead? It is not yet demonstrated.

Up to this day I have sought in vain for certain proof of personal identity through mediums and communications. And then, one does not see why spirits, if they are really the best-known Tasmanian families, he took an active part in Tasmanian politics during the last decade of the last century.

PAT'S FEAR.

"Pat," said the priest, "you're drunk." "I'm feeling purty good," replied Pat. "I'm feeling purty good," continued he, "I should like to know if you're feeling purty good."

THE KEY TO THE BALTIC.

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DO SPIRITS EXIST?

By CAMILLE FLAMMARION.

That souls survive the destruction of the body I have not the slightest doubt, but the spirits, more than those seen by the processes employed in séances by the experimental method has not yet given me absolute proof.

If the souls of the dead are about us, upon our planet, the invisible population would increase at the rate of 100,000 a day, about 36,000,000,000 in ten centuries, etc.—unless we admit reincarnation upon the earth itself.

It would seem natural, therefore, to see them manifest themselves under certain circumstances. Persons condemned to death, in consequence of some crime, and executed, should they not return to protect their innocence?

STRUCK THE PROPELLER IN HIS FALL.

and that death came instantaneously. A search was made for any effects, and a bag was found with the name "A. Dobson" upon it. On the arrival of the vessel at Folkestone it was opened, with the result that Mr. Dobson's London address was discovered, and a communication was facilitated during the time of the voyage to Folkestone and identified the bag and papers as belonging to her husband.

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WHERE IT IS REALLY COLD.

A person who has never been in the Polar regions can probably have no idea of what cold really is; but by reading the terrible experiences of Arctic travellers in that icy region some notion can be formed of the extreme cold that prevails there.

AN UNREHEARSED PERFORMANCE.

Animals have often enough been responsible for startling and unexpected dramatic effects, and their appearance on the stage opens a door to the possibilities of sudden tableaux as unexpected as undesired; but a horse at the Montparnasse Theatre, Paris, eclipsed all previous records.

Electric wires are used in some parts of India as a safeguard against the poisonous snakes who may feel disposed to enter the dwelling-house.

WHERE THEY HIDE STOLEN PROPERTY.

Curiously cunning indeed are some of the hiding-places chosen by thieves for storing their booty until it is safe to realise on it.

Two detectives were once searching the house of a well-known thief for some stolen jewellery. The scent was keen, and the examination searching. High and low they rummaged, but without success.

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THE PRICE OF BREAD.

"THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE." ...letter in your last ...-medium-place, ...of the ...I will endeavour ...Bread, ...at the present ...with an upward ten ...price, or even if it were ...as a "Consumer." There are 66 ...from 200lb. of flour, ...having for flour, 22d ...and, wheat and rye ...interest on credit ...are different ...hours are re- ..."Consumer." ...last winter, ...and four £9 10s., ...at the same price as at ...These Hall Council are ...before Parliament ...a standard rate ...at the beginning of ...of the harvest ...the ...The cause ...of the London ...market of the world, ...the ...weight ...Probably he re- ...a few days old, and ...scales.—Yours,

E. A. WANKEY.

Italian Widows' Fund Life Insurance Society Limited.

MELBOURNE, Friday. ...meeting of members was ...was reported ...the society's ex-

CRICKET.

...Club will visit ...to ...The ...the following: ...E. Wankey, ...Lennon, H. ...W. ...Lilley, J. ...Cracklen, ...many selec- ...Noble, ...Cotter, ...Armstrong, ...Hartigan, ...men,

...speaking at Ararat on ...a coalition Gov- ...the off- ...a horse, and he ...productive result ...On Tuesday ...any ...Mr. Macleod, ...Mr. Macleod, ...was agree-

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...railway station a ...with three revolvers and ...the office, and, without ...one of the officials ...two others. Infor- ...a servant snatched ...and beat out the rob- ...have come under ...of the New York ...is being introduced for ...All men sending ...must sign their names ...It is found that the sender is ...will be preserved and

...for Cakes and Cakes, ...the quotations at ...of flour, 22d ...11d to 1s., ...to 10d, dairy ...11d to 12d, middles ...11d to 12d, ...to 29 5s.; bran ...to 22d; maiting-bar- ...to 1s. 9d. to 1s. 10d. for ...to 23s.; maiting-bar- ...to 23s.; potatoes ...of Cakes and Cakes, and dignity of

FAREWELL AND PRESENTATION TO MISS CREGGH.

Miss G. M. Creggh, who has very efficiently discharged the duties of postmistress during the past eight years, and made herself very popular by her kindness and courtesy to all classes of the community, was tendered a farewell notice as an evidence of the high esteem in which she is held, and presented with handsome gifts, by a number of her friends at the Shire Hall on Tuesday evening.

President Flynn thanked them for electing him to the position. They all knew the object of the meeting was to bid her adieu, and that he was very pleased to see so many representative ladies and gentlemen intended to occupy their time now, as he understood there were many eloquent speakers here who could speak in a reserved and dignified manner.

Cr. Sinclair said they had met together to-night to say good-bye to one whom they respected very much indeed—Miss Creggh. A far greater number of people would have been present had they been aware that the gathering was going to take place. But it was quite impromptu, having been started at the council meeting, and there being no soliciting of funds.

Mr. J. B. Cochran voiced his feelings of pleasure and regret at being present. Every word that Cr. Sinclair had said of Miss Creggh was true; she had been a most obliging official, and although they had had a bit of row, they had learnt to understand each other. She had been very painstaking to both man and child.

Mr. E. Hughes endorsed the remarks of previous speakers, and alluded to Miss Creggh's kindness to people in cases of sickness, and also in getting letters through after hours. He wished her every possible good wish on her departure from Beaufort.

Mr. Eastwood having reminded the President of the semi-darkness caused by the poor lights and the need for acetylene gas, remarked that they all knew Miss Creggh to be a very worthy officer. Some people would say she was gifted with great tact; but she was gifted with something far better than that—good nature and kindness of heart.

Not one who had come in contact with Miss Creggh in business but had experienced that she was full of anxiousness and willingness to do them a kindness. It had been a pleasure to do business with her. She had taken a keen interest in her work, and the boys who had gone through her hands were a credit to her and to the town.

Mr. D. F. Crick, Dr. A. G. Jackson, Messrs A. Nicholson, W. C. Jones, W. J. Stevenson, and J. M. Carroll (who apologised for the absence of Rev. C. and Mrs. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Edie, Mr. and Mrs. Muntz, and Miss Carroll) spoke in eulogistic terms of the guest's many good qualities, and conveyed their best wishes for her future welfare and happiness.

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At the outset he had received his remarks, and he was justified and was good generalship, for at first he did not know how to say it, and now the gentlemen who had spoken had left him nothing to say. (Laughter.) But they were all sorry at Miss Creggh's departure. Personally he had not been much indebted to her for kindly granting him facilities for obtaining his correspondence. He very fully endorsed all that had been said about her to-night, but her good nature had assisted her to

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get through her work so well that it had become a labor more of love than of duty. He had been very pleased to have the opportunity of joining in the gathering, and he was very glad to have complimented her on her promotion to so nice a town as Bacchus Marsh. He would have liked to have seen a representative clergyman here, as Miss Creggh had been a liberal supporter of the church, and a very regular and staunch adherent of the Church of England, which would miss her very greatly indeed. He trusted she could have as happy a time at Bacchus Marsh as at Beaufort, and being on the main line they might have the pleasure of calling in and seeing her kindly face.

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CLOSER SETTLEMENT. From time to time of late figures published in these columns (says the Ararat "Advertiser") have shown that, without pressure from the Government, the cutting up of private estates is going on just as demand arises. In that way over 1,000,000 acres have been made available to purchasers in Victoria during the past five years. It is now well established that purchasers vary with the seasons—a good harvest leads to the resumption of buying, a bad season curtails it. Therefore, it is expected that as the result of this year's good harvest, the cutting up of estates will be on a larger scale than last year.

Additional particulars respecting the terrible catastrophe at the Flores Theatre, at Acapulco, in Mexico, in which 300 persons perished through the destruction of the building by fire, show that the three exits available were all near the main entrance. The greatest loss of life took place when the roof of the theatre fell in, stifling the screams and groans of the struggling and panic-stricken audience.

Beaufort Agricultural Society. A GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the SHIRE HALL on SATURDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1909, at 2.30 p.m. Urgent business. Full attendance requested. W. H. HALPIN, Secretary.

Sale of Race and Show Booths. DIXON BROS. & HALPIN will Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1909, at 5 p.m., at their Office, Beaufort, the right to hold Public and other Refreshment Booths at the Beaufort Agricultural Society's Annual Show (Beaufort Park, 10th March) and at the Beaufort Jockey Club's Annual Races (Waterloo Flat, 17th March).

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BEAUFORT TENNIS CLUB. A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Mechanics' Institute on WEDNESDAY, 24th February, at 8.30 p.m. Business—To consider advisability of putting down two asphalt courts. All others interested are invited to attend. SAMUEL YOUNG, Hon. Secretary.

EYESIGHT. S. T. MARCHANT & SON, CONSULTING OPTICIANS & EYESIGHT SPECIALISTS. "Kent House," Geelong. Next Date—MONDAY Afternoon, February 22nd, at Mr. Harris's Pharmacy.

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. Glover, F. Flowers, A. Parker, W. McCurdy, E. H. Welsh, H. Jamieson, G. Wankler, D. Bendish, R. McCallum, G. Vowles, and Dr. G. A. Eadie. Stewards: Messrs. W. O'Sullivan, A. Parker, H. Smith, E. H. Welsh, W. C. Jones, H. Jamieson, R. A. D. Sinclair, and Dr. Eadie. Judge: Mr. J. McKeich. Clerk of Scales: Mr. D. McDonald. Starter: Mr. J. Smith. Handicapper: Mr. W. B. Hodggets (of Landsborough). Handicappers for Hack Race: Messrs. Welsh, O'Sullivan, and McKeich. Clerk of Course: Mr. G. Maber. Measure of Pommel: Mr. G. Vowles. Treasurer: Mr. J. R. Wotherspoon. Timekeeper: Mr. R. Stokeld.

TRIAL STAKES, of £7. Five furlongs. Weight for age. For horses that have never won an advertised race of £8 or over. 1st, £6; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 7s. PONY RACE (14.1 hands and under), of £5. Five furlongs. 1st, £4; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 5s. BEAUFORT CUP, of £12. One mile. 1st, £12; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 8s; acceptance, 5s. HANDICAP HACK RACE, of £5. Five furlongs. For horses that have never won an advertised race. Hacks 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 races). WATERLOO HANDICAP, of £10. Six furlongs. 1st, £9; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 5s 6d. FLYING HANDICAP, of £10. Five furlongs. 1st, £9; 2nd, £1. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 5s 6d. HANDICAP TROT. A sweepstake of 5s. Two miles. Winner to take 15 per cent. of entry, and second horse 2s. 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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"I suffered for a long time with severe pains in the back, over the kidneys, and under the shoulder blades, and back of my neck. My back became so lame that it was with difficulty I could move about. I suffered for many weary months. I tried various advertised remedies, which failed to give me the relief I sought, until Warner's Safe Cure was brought to my notice. I took that medicine with marvelous result. In a short time the pains and aches had all left me; I am now in good health, and also suffered a good deal from Rheumatism, but the Safe Cure has also eradicated all symptoms of that complaint from my system."

"I have been using your Safe Cure for twenty-six years, and have found them most beneficial. In fact Warner's Safe Cure cured one of my daughters of dropsy at the age of thirteen. She is now a healthy woman, with a family of five healthy children. Several other doctors had pronounced her case hopeless, and as a last resort I tried your Safe Cure. I can also recommend Warner's Safe Cure for sleeplessness. From Mrs. Wm. Greaves, Picnic Park, Lyndhurst, N.S.W."

"About two years ago I was suffering from a serious form of kidney disease. I had pains in my loins and back, and the pain in the back would frequently extend as far as the back of the head. My urine was loaded with sediment, and other symptoms pointed to great constitutional disturbance. I was in this condition for many months, and almost despairing of recovering my health. I had been tried so many remedies without avail, when I was advised to try Warner's Safe Cure. After I had taken the contents of a few bottles of this medicine, my pains were alleviated, and, continuing the treatment, all symptoms of disease of the kidneys vanished. I am now once again in vigorous health. I have recommended Warner's Safe Cure to others, who have taken it with good results."

"Some years ago pain in the back began to trouble me a good deal, but I did not take much notice of it at first, thinking it would pass off, but as time went on and I became much worse, and my general health began to decline, I was forced to give it attention. My appetite was falling, and my nights were much disturbed, and I could scarcely stoop for the pain in the back and under the shoulder blades. I had heard of Warner's Safe Cure, so decided to try it. Before I had taken the contents of half a bottle I was greatly relieved. I continued to take the medicine for some weeks, when all symptoms of the complaint left me, and I could eat and sleep well. I have had no return of the complaint since that time."

"Some time ago, when lifting a heavy weight, I accidentally received a very severe strain in the back, in the region of the kidneys. The pain was so severe that I could scarcely stand upright. The pain would shoot upwards between the shoulder blades, and was awful whilst it lasted, depriving me of all rest and sleep at night. The remedies I tried failed to do me any good. In fact I got worse, and was afraid I was in for a very serious illness. When I was just about as bad as possible, I commenced to take Warner's Safe Cure, and in a few days I quite recovered. My back ceased to pain me, and I could get up and walk for a long time. I feel that I am quite cured, not having felt any pain in the back since that time, and I am now able to do my work with ease and comfort."

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BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET

The shooting-fish, a native of the East Indies, has a hollow, cylindrical body. When it sees a fly on the plants that grow shallow water it ejects a single drop of water, which seldom misses, and striking the fly into the water, the fish obtains its prey. Plaques from Used Stamps.—Brush over an ordinary dinner-plate a thin layer of gum, then cover with old stamps. Cut a few of the stamps into tiny diamonds, and arrange round the edge and over joints. Cover the whole with a thin layer of varnish. This will make a pretty ornament for the wall, looking quite as nice as an expensive plate. Anxious Old Lady (on river steamer): I say, my good man, is this boat going up or down? "Surly Deck-hand: Well she's a leaky old tub, mum, so I shouldn't wonder if she was going down; these of her boilers aren't none too good, so she might go up!" There is a special class of farm-labourers in Sweden who are given so many acres of land for their own use. In consideration of doing a certain amount of labour during the year for the owner of the farm. They are a sort of fixture to an estate, and their equal exists in no other country. Chinamen wear five buttons only on their coats in order that they may be seen in a slight something to remind them of the five principal virtues which Confucius recommended. These are humanity, justice, order, prudence and rectitude. As a steamer was leaving the harbor of Athens, a well-dressed young passenger approached the captain and, pointing to the distant hills, inquired: "What is that white spot on the hills captain?" "That is snow, miss," answered the captain. "Is it really?" remarked the lady. "I thought so myself, but a gentleman has just told me it was Greece"

HOW THE TIDE COMES IN.

The silent noon is past; the tide has turned; and now the sleepy sunbeams fill with a new song of In-driving ripples, as the waters begin to return along their long exiles under the glittering southern sky. Hustling together like sheep at a gate, the low wavelets and visible, span by span, the wide sand-crenate narrows before the eyes. An hour ago the sea was a voiceless, indefinable thing, remote as the blue sky it merged into on the far horizon; but now it is suddenly near, and broad, and eager—striding impetuously landward; stretching out wide sand-dunes that never again will drink at its sparkling rim. How swiftly the tide comes in over these brine-sodden levels is difficult to realise, unless careful watch be kept. It is as though a bright sun-gate fell into the remoteness and the silence, and at once some invisible barrier dissolved away. The incoming waters lift in long terraces one behind the other, and, beyond all, the blue sea curves up sharp and clear, an ever-gathering wall of water, out of whose waves a larger and larger to join the steady race for the shore. It is now, of all times, that the strength of the sea becomes manifest. In stormy weather—when the thunder crashing overhead in the murky sky is all but lost in the deafening impact of breakers below—all the sound and fury of the contending waters seem the call of angry impotence, the very antithesis of might. But when, in the breathless heat of summer noon, the great mystic, muttering things rouse the silent chattering of the skies, and comes swelling, murmuring shorewards, there is a note of resistless energy in the quiet music of its flowing infinitely more impressive than the wildest melody of the storm. It is the true authentic voice of the sea, its abasely strong now, yet all unbending mirth and levithan gentleness—the mirth which will never cease until, in the ruddy glow of evening, the last dim ripple-bell has sounded the farthest limit of the tide.

SAVED HIMSELF.

A non-commissioned officer, entering a barrack gate in Dublin, was mistaken for a recruit, and on entering, he immediately saluted him. The non-commissioned officer, unaware that his colonel was just behind, returned the salute—a thing not permissible in the circumstances. Soon he was called before the colonel. On presenting himself, he was asked how he came to return the salute, knowing full well that he was not entitled to it. Not in the least embarrassed, he promptly answered: "Sir, I always return everything I am not entitled to."

The colonel, taken back by his ready wit, laughingly dismissed him. Sundays and holidays excepted, it is estimated that £20,000 worth of fish are daily dragged out of the sea by British fishermen. It is characteristic, perhaps, of sport, that its followers bring to its pursuit a wealth of the finest qualities known. Courage, endurance, self-sacrifice, chivalry—these are common regards to the essential elements of heroic action; and yet, by a singular analogy, these are also the distinctive characteristics of true sportsmanship. These high qualities were developed to purposes of utility, the nation would be incomparably benefited; and, if it be objected that sport would be sacrificed, the answer is plain. Continue to employ the word, and you will scarce perceive the difference; for, after all, the game is immaterial. It is the spirit in which it is played that is the thing.

The pursuit of health, like the morphia habit or drunkenness, grows on people till it really becomes a vice. Continuous thought and anxiety about one's health is extremely bad for the constitution, and underlines it quicker than that word wine. "What did papa say?" "He showed me the door." "And what did you say?" "I said it was certainly a very handsome door, but not what I had come to talk about. That made him laugh, and a minute later you were mine!"

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SKIPTON.

At the Skipton Police Court on Wednesday, 10th inst., before Mr. Murphy, P.M., Cr. Slater and Mr. E. G. Austin, J.P., two men named T. Keating and J. Grist were each fined 10s for being on the premises of the Ripon Hotel on a Sunday without lawful excuse. The case against the hotelkeeper, Henry Bolte, was dismissed, it being shown that the men came to the hotel, and refused to leave when requested to do so. Supt. Milne prosecuted. A similar case is pending in connection with the Hampden hotel, which is in a different police district. Wheat carting will be finished next week. All the farmers had splendidly well secured top prices.—Grenville's Standard.

"I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and speak from experience," says Mr. F. Schmaak, Paddington, W.A. "I have never known it to fail in an attack of Colic, Cramps or Diarrhoea, so always recommend it to my friends and customers. To my mind no mother should be without a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and since they are most wearying—and Chamberlain's Pain Balm only costs 1s 6d per bottle—why go on suffering? For sale by J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., Merchants, Beaufort.

SNAKE VALLEY.

One of the best crops of onions ever grown in this district was harvested by Mr. Walter Hall during the past week. Several turned the scale at 2lb, and one manmoot onion weighed only 2oz less than 2lb. This is probably a record for the district. At the meeting of the P.L.C. on Saturday evening, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. Geo. Cross; vice-president, Mr. James Bass; secretary, Mr. John O'Shaughnessy; treasurer, Mr. A. M. Gardner; auditors, Messrs E. O'Sullivan and Baker; committee, Messrs H. Kelly, Wm. Aitken, P. J. Quinn, H. Hayward and A. C. Roddis. Mr. A. Stewart, of Ballarat, was present, and outlined the working of the leagues. The following properties have changed hands during the last few weeks:—Messrs J. D. Matheson's 340 acres to Mr. Neil Ferguson, at £2 6s per acre; Mr. John Ryan's farm to Mr. McSwan, at £8 per acre; Mrs. Peasey's farm to Mr. John Greenbank, at £9. Messrs Doepel and Chandler arranged the sales through their representative, Mr. W. C. Roddis.

At a meeting of the Carnham Cemetery Trust, held at the secretary's office last week, Mr. J. Sheehan was elected chairman, this being his 22nd consecutive year of office. Other officers elected were Mr. Douglas treasurer, Mr. Thos. Phillips inspector of works, Messrs Ryan and Wooley works committee, and Mrs. Jones secretary. The balance-sheet showed £49 18s receipts and £44 6s expenditure. Sooner or later a serious accident will be caused by motor cars being driven at high rate of speed through the township. School children have several times had narrow escapes from being run down.—Grenville's Standard.

Mr. T. R. Oddie, who has been seriously indisposed for some time, is able to get about again. Mr. Oddie is a brother of Mr. James Oddie, of Ballarat. Harvest thanksgiving services were conducted at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday evening by the Rev. O. F. Snell, of Kingston. The interior of the building was artistically decorated. Special hymns were rendered by the choir, and the congregation was the largest seen in the church for many years.

After the ordinary meeting of the local branch of the A.N.A., 13 members of the Linton branch attended, and were entertained at supper and dance. Mr. G. A. Chesneau presided, and proposed as the toast of "The Linton Branch." Mr. H. A. Adams responded. In reply to the toast of "Riponshire Council," Cr. L. Lewis forwarded a higher valuation next year.—Courier.

LEXTON REVISION COURT.

A Revision Court was held at Lexton on Wednesday, before Mr. A. Barlow, P.M., and Messrs J. G. Robertson and R. W. Laidlaw, J.P. William Henry Gardner, of Allendale, electoral inspector, presented the general roll. Three names were struck off, two on the ratepayer's list, and one ratepayer voter had left the district. On the ratepayer's roll 11 were objected to. Of these, 4 names were allowed, and 7 struck off. The case of importance was that of Walter James Wallace, manager of the Lanai kal-kal Estate. The inspector stated that Mr. Wallace was only an employee receiving a weekly wage, and the owners of the property paid the rates. As other names appeared for this property, he thought the police magistrate's ruling on what constituted an occupier was necessary. He contended that Wallace was not an occupier within the meaning of the Act, but only an employee. The late Mr. Leader had ruled that any person who was not a lessee or tenant was not an occupier. W. J. Wallace, sworn, stated in reply to Mr. Barlow, that his agreement with the owners of the property provided for certain salary and quarters, and he had sole use of a house for which he was rated. Three months on either side terminated the agreement. Mr. Barlow, in giving his decision, stated that Mr. Wallace was an occupier. He was put there as manager of the property at a stated salary, and the house he occupied must be taken as included in the salary. In consideration of the fact that Mr. Barlow was included in the name to stand. Mr. Gardner was quite right in bringing this matter forward.—"Star."

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Declared at North Melbourne, in the presence of me, J. W. FULLER, J.P.

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United Ancient Order of Druids. THE Ordinary MEETING will be held in the LODGE ROOM, SOCIETY'S HALL, on TUESDAY Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Religious Services. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1909.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Beaufort, 11 a.m.—Rev. C. H. Reed. Waterloo, 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. H. Reed.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Beaufort, 11 a.m.—Chute, 3 p.m.—Mr. J. Stricker. Waterloo, 11 a.m.—Rev. C. H. Reed, 3 p.m.—Rev. C. H. Reed.

THE Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1909.

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Local and General News.

A 12-roomed residence at Rosebery, owned by Mrs. D. McDonald, of Middle Creek, was burnt to the ground on Tuesday night. The building was a brick and wooden one, and was occupied by Mr. Grant and family, who lost everything.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1909. (Before Messrs H. M. Murphy, P.M., M. Flynn, and G. Topper, J.S.P.)

The adjourned case against John McDougal for arrears of old-age pension contributions was further adjourned till 23rd March; defendant having paid £1 on account.

R. A. D. Sinclair applied for the renewal of a gold-buyer's license. He stated that his application had already been granted by this court, but owing to its having been sent down on an application form instead of on a renewal form, and to his being unable to get the justices to sign it in time, his cheque was refused by the receiver and paymaster at Ballarat, and he was told that he would have to make a fresh application. The application was granted.

Ivan Wangler was charged by Constable G. Lovitt, of Waterloo, with being a neglected child. He was adjourned from last court for the attendance of the P.M. Upon being told that the police were wanted, he saw the child, which was very ill, and the mother, Jessie Wangler, told him she was ill and was to his medical advice. Mrs. Hinchliffe, however, agreed to do this, and Dr. Eadie found that the child was suffering from marasmus. He reported the matter to the superintendent, and went to bring the child before the court.

Jessie Wangler, a single woman, residing at Waterloo, gave evidence that the child in question was her illegitimate child, and was born on 14th August, last year. The father of the child was Charles Martin, whose present address she did not know, and who was not now supporting the child in any way. She took means to make him support the child, and got three months' maintenance, obtaining an order on 1st October at the Mayor's Court for £1 12s 6d; the last payment being received on 28th October. Since then Martin had contributed nothing towards the child's support. She went to the child's present whereabouts, and was not able to maintain the child. She was in service, getting a week.

To the P.M.—She had made no inquiries about Martin's whereabouts, and had no idea where he was likely to be found. He came from Waterloo, where the trouble occurred. His relations live at Waterloo, but she had not asked the police to do so. She should support the child, and that before she asked the Crown to do so she should have used every means in her power to find him. Witness said that she had not asked for a warrant.

Asked by Constable Lovitt if she wished the child committed to the care of the Department for Neglected Children, witness said she did not want to part with it.

To the P.M.—Martin went away at the latter end of October, but left no trace behind him. She went to the Fitzroy Court and found that no maintenance had been paid in.

Constable G. Lovitt, in charge of the Waterloo police station, sworn, stated he had known Jessie Wangler for about a month. When she first introduced him about the child, and he had seen that it was attended to, he made every possible inquiry, but failed to discover any trace as to the whereabouts of the alleged father, more than that he had left Waterloo at the end of October for South Africa.

The Bench decided to commit the child to the care of the Department for Neglected Children. Constable Lovitt said the mother would like the child to be boarded out to her.

The P.M. asked if she would be able to properly look after it, being a single woman. Constable Lovitt thought it would be difficult for her to look after it in a situation.

The P.M. remarked that it was a different thing where the mother was a widow and had a home, and the Bench could recommend it. At any time she could get the child back—the Department was very good in that way. Or if she could approach some institution such as the Orphan Asylum.

John Bell v. H. Baker. Balance on goods sold and delivered, 9s 7d. Order for amount, with 15s 6d costs on the Same v. George Lott. Order for 17s 10d, with 10s costs.

Another debt case was settled out of court. Mr. S. Young appeared for plaintiff in the above debt cases.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A 10-shot match at 500yds. was fired between five men from the Beaufort detachment D Co. Rangers, and five from the Waterloo detachment D Co. Rangers, on Wednesday afternoon. Most of the shooters registered poor scores. The Rangers came off victorious with only four points to spare, the totals being—Rangers, 175; Waterloo, 161. An erratic wind during the match was a great disadvantage to the competitors and abused their sense of smell with an abominable taint of bad beef it carried in its wake. This came from the rotten carcass of a cow which had been left to lie on the ground and die about 20 yards from the 500yds. mound, or had been dragged there after its decease by a thoughtless owner. The highest individual scores for the Waterloo men were—J. Day (44), J. H. Collins (42), and A. Saph (36). D. F. Troy (44), J. Prentice (36), and Geo. Collins (32) were the most successful for the vanquished team.

Three sixty-yard sweeps were afterwards fired at the same range, the winners being J. H. Collins, T. Buchanan, and Geo. Collins.

A rifle match takes place at Arrarat to-day (Saturday) between teams from the F. Co., 7th A.L.R., Ballarat, and D Co., V.R., Beaufort and Arrarat. Lieut. G. Williams has passed for six men from the Beaufort detachment, whose representatives will be picked from the following—Corp. R. Stewart, Ptes J. Day, J. H. Collins, R. Ingram, and A. M. Parker. The following will represent the Australian Infantry—Capt. Dudley, Lieut. Robertson, Co-sergeant Phillips, S.C.S.M. Ryan, Q.M.S. Dublin, Sgt. Webb and Red, Corp. Todd and Stringer, Ptes. Clark, Horgan, Bowman, Britnell, Preston, and James. The visiting team will be entered at a dinner, in the evening, by the Rangers.

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TENNIS.

A special general meeting of the Beaufort Tennis Club was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening. A large number of members were present, and the meeting was very enthusiastic. The president (Mr. E. W. Hughes) occupied the chair, and explained the objects of the meeting to be to consider the advisability of putting down asphalt courts and effecting improvements to the fences and buildings. A general discussion took place on the matter, and the secretary (Mr. S. Young) informed the meeting that certain ladies and gentlemen belonging to the club had offered to take debentures in the club in a sum sufficient to carry out the proposed project. He moved that an asphalt court be put down on the south end of the present site of the courts, and that the money be raised by the issue of debentures. Mr. Eastwood seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Mr. C. Malcolm moved, and Mrs. A. G. Jackson seconded, that an improvement sub-committee, consisting of the president, secretary, Messrs J. Eastwood and R. A. D. Sinclair, be appointed to carry out the previous motion and complete other desirable improvements. After discussion, it was resolved that the subscriptions for the current year should remain unaltered. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Since the above meeting, a tender of Mr. H. F. Watkin, of Beaufort, contractor, for putting down an asphalt court, has been accepted by the club, it is expected that the court will be available for games before 24th March.

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A Mechnical sale of gifts will be held in the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday, 27th inst., at 2.30 p.m. As the business is urgent, a full attendance of members is requested.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society's show on Wednesday, 10th March, at 2.30 p.m. The program and lower of good music and first-class humor will be amply rewarded for their attendance. As a special attraction, arrangements have been made for a performance of the starting "Milk Can Mystery," which has lately been the success of the Melbourne and Sydney clubs.

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PHAROAH-HUNTING IN EGYPT.

Pharaoh-hunting is essentially a winter sport. Its chief season is between October and March, when the climate of the Nile Valley is at its best, although even then heat and dust make it no easy matter to hunt amongst ancient tombs.

Pharaohs are strictly preserved nowadays. Henceforth it is necessary to have a permit to enter the tombs. It is not so easy to get a permit as it used to be. The Government is somewhat over-cautious. It is necessary to submit a form, and to have the inspection of things he finds to the satisfaction of the authorities, who retain all unique objects, and divide the value of the objects with the finder, who has, moreover, to pay an entry fee. These conditions are strictly enforced. The search for the wealthy, or to those financially supported by scientific societies, such as the Egyptian Exploration Fund, is not an increasing number of persons are engaged in a pursuit which is so fascinating that some of them have returned to it year after year.

But there is always a "fame" or other of even greater interest may be found in one of the innumerable burial-places in Lower Egypt. The tombs of the Pharaohs of any one of the thirty-one dynasties that ruled in Egypt before the present epoch have been discovered. The most famous of these is that of the eighteenth dynasty, which lacks only two mummies—that of Queen Hatshepsut, who reigned about B.C. 1500, and that of her successor, Amenhotep IV., which may have been destroyed, as he is known to have been regarded as a heretic.

VEDDAH'S DYING OUT.

The oldest inhabitants of Ceylon are passing away. These are the Veddahs. Fifty years ago it was estimated that 8000 of them were still living in the forests. But Dr. Max Molesworth, who has recently visited them, says there are only 50 or 60 of them still alive, and that a few years more will see the end of their race.

The Veddahs have interested anthropologists, because they have been regarded as the best living types of the man of the Stone Age. The Veddahs are a primitive race. They hold the poor creatures in great honour, and rank them as belonging to the highest caste in the island. The highest caste in the island are reputed to be descendants from the ancient deities or spirits that were the original possessors of the island.

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MOZART.

Mozart never seems to have grown up. He was the Peter Pan of musicians. It is all very well to read complacently of his extraneous behaviour in the company of his friends, but this does not give us a life, but this does not give us a life, but this does not give us a life.

CASTRO DETHRONED.

The best-known of the latter-day South American presidents is President Castro. He is a man of a different character from the last grown tired of President Castro. He is a man of a different character from the last grown tired of President Castro.

TASTE AND SMELL.

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NOTHING SERIOUS.

Proof was being given as to the fact of a certain Mr. Smith having been on board a steam-boat when the boiler exploded. Mrs. Smith, who both her husband and his trustee were on board, was asked if she had seen Mr. Smith on board of the boat.

ELECTIONEERING.

An Illinois politician, who once delivered a speech on the trust question, was most anxious to ascertain its effect upon the Democratic part of his audience, these for the most part being speech good, Pat? asked the politician.

STORIES AND ITEMS.

FROM THE MALMESBURY MEMOIRS. The last words of William IV., alluding to the day of his death, were: "I am a different character from the last words of Lord Fitzharding."

BOOTH TARRINGTON'S DOG.

Booth Tarrington, the American novelist, says that in no State in the Union have the newspapers more "journalistic enterprise" than in his native Indiana. While stopping at a little Hoosier hotel in the course of a hunting trip, Mr. Tarrington lost one of his dogs.

THE EXPRESS.

A WINTER IMPRESSION. The bleat of the sheep in the field by the railway is the only sound that has not been muffled by the snow. The lights of the distant town and the little station are twinkling pin-points of the rawest yellow. The sky is luminous like the inside of a peep-hole.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

A horse's strength, roughly speaking, is equal to that of about five men. The lion's roar carries further than any other sound made by living creature. There are eleven thousand brass bands connected with the Salvation Army.

REMINISCENCES OF MADAME PATTI.

Madame Patti is writing her reminiscences in the "Strand Magazine." She says: "Perhaps that which I touched most was that which His Majesty King Edward, when Prince of Wales, paid me. It was at a dinner to the Duke of York and Princess May, just after their marriage, the host being Mr. Alfred Rochchild, one of my oldest friends. There were many Royalties and distinguished persons present. I was chatting away as usual when the Prince, to my surprise, proposed the health of his old and valued friend, Madame Patti." He then went on to tell the company that he had first heard me in New York, and that he had seen me at the residence of the late Mrs. Patti in London.

CRASHING INTO ETERNITY.

On it goes, taking with it its howling, rushing devil-cries; and as it goes I think of the olden times, traces of which remain in the town over there, where the conches were wont to change their teams at the Post Box Inn by the Great North Road, where the passengers would warm themselves in the single-nook in the bar-parlor; of the sloping lovers and their angry pursuers; of the liveried foot-pastry-cooks; of the coach delayed in the snow-drift; of the howling snow-drift; of the howling snow-drift; of the howling snow-drift.

TALES OF HIGHWAYMEN.

—I think of all this, its romance, its discomfort, and these modern days of travel, where comfort is no romance and little gentility; and I to be distinguished by my habits, I would pre-ask myself which age I would prefer to have lived in, but the question is not answered. The express is out of sight and remains as I thread my way through the flock of now tranquil sheep, and towards the little town.—Pall Mall Magazine.

UNPLEASANT SURPRISE.

Miss Sarah Brooks once had a very disconcerting experience whilst forming one of a house party in the country. Worn out with dancing, she retired to bed, but, she relates, as soon as I closed my eyes a great voice close to me said: "Good-night, nurse." I could only peep round in the old grey light of day, and to see where the door was.

A WATCHWORD.

Wherever wrong is done To the humblest or the weakest, 'Tis worth the all-helmsman's care, And they are also done to us, Whose love of right is for themselves, And not for all the race.—James Russell Lowell.

MAGIC CLASS.

One of the most curious inventions is what is called patinet glass. A piece of glass is coated with a liquid which, when dried, becomes transparent, and then charged with platinum, and then charged to a red heat. The platinum becomes united to the glass in an extraordinary manner. The glass has not really lost its transparency, and yet if one places it against a wall and looks at it, he sees his image as in a mirror. This is the effect of the platinum. When light is reflected through the glass, it is reflected as if it were a mirror. This is the effect of the platinum. When light is reflected through the glass, it is reflected as if it were a mirror.

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