





Clothe your Boys at our Store... Customers repeatedly say to us 'I bring my Boys to your Store for their clothes—the Suits I get from you always wear so well.'

That's the way we have built up our Boys' Clothing Department till today we are recognized as the Leading Shop in the District for value in these goods.

You'll save money buying from us these quotations... Boys' Crash Tunics, trimmed White Braid, 3/3. Boys' Crash Duke of York Suits, 8/11.

Straw Hats, Washing Hats, and all Summer Headgear for Boys of all ages. G. H. COUGLE, The Store of Good Values, 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.

Highest Cash Prices for all kinds of Produce. 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.

The Most Reliable Garden Seeds at GEO. PRINGLE'S, Tomato Plants a Specialty.

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

Only Best Brands of Wines, Spirits and Ales Kept. First Class Beds, 1/- Mains a Specialty, at any hour, 1/-

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

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

A Commissioner of the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria and the High Court of the Commonwealth of Australia for taking Affidavits.

J. W. HARRIS, CHEMIST AND DENTIST. TELEPHONE 12.

INFLUENZA! It will be with us soon! Remedial Agent will be wanted—wanted promptly!

The Most Efficient Influenza Remedy is Harris' Cough and Influenza Mixture! It is especially speedy in curing the Cough and Influenza, reduces the fever, and relieves the aching experienced in the bones, back, head, &c.

I can help you in time of sickness by dispensing your prescription just as your physician expects it.

Years of experience have taught me to be just as careful as it is possible, and the drugs I use act as the physician intends them to do.

J. W. HARRIS, CHEMIST & DENTIST. Havelock & Neill Sts., Beaufort.

All Medicines are Dispensed at Ballarat Prices. Religious Services. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1909.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Beaufort, 11 a.m.—Mr. E. J. Muntz, Middle Creek, 11 a.m.—Travalla, 3.30 p.m.—Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Rev. C. Neville. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Beaufort, 11 a.m.—(Communion and Pulpit). Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Rev. C. Neville. LEXON, 11 a.m.—Waterloo, 3 p.m.—11 p.m.—Mr. R. Thompson.

United Ancient Order of Druids. THE Ordinary MEETING will be held in the LODGE ROOM, 21, MARKET ST., on TUESDAY Evening next, at 7.30 o'clock sharp.

Security may be Freehold, or Crown Leasehold, which could be made freehold at any time. The amount of the balance of the loan is 314 years.

The Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1909.

Mr. E. W. Hughes, J.P., presided over the Beaufort Police Court on Thursday. Elizabeth Schlicht obtained an order for £2 6 4 (5) having been paid on account.

A serious accident befel a young man named John Bell, aged 19 years, son of Mr. Richard Bell of Sturley, on Tuesday. From the particulars to hand it appears that Bell and a companion went on to the Eastmain Estate for the purpose of getting a load of wood, and whilst in the act of doing this a large log 10 feet long fell on him, rendering him unconscious.

The Australian Estates and Mortgage Co. Ltd. resumed office on Wednesday after one week's strike. The sale of the property was completed on Tuesday. The sale was exceptionally successful, being sold for 10 per cent. above the reserve price.

Richard & Co.'s Bridal Portraits. The excellence of Richard & Co.'s Bridal Portraits is such that they stand in a class by themselves—unequalled in quality, and unapproached in price.

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BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

THOSE "OBNOXIOUS" BY-LAWS. COMMITTEE REQUESTED TO REMOVE THEM.

A special meeting of subscribers to the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held on Monday night for the purpose of considering the by-laws adopted by the committee for the government of the billiard-room.

Mr. Muntz (secretary to the Institute) said that he had received a copy of the by-laws and that there were several of them which were not only objectionable but also illegal.

Mr. Muntz asked the secretary to read the by-laws. Mr. Muntz said that before they came to this meeting he had written to the committee asking them to amend the by-laws.

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THE UNRAVELLING OF A STRANGE WILL MYSTERY.

By HEDLEY RICHARDS Author of "The Haighs of Hill from Mill to Manston" "Diana's Inheritance," Etc., Etc.

SIXTEENTH INSTALLMENT. CHAPTER XXXII. THE MAN WHO CAME IN THE NIGHT.

At half-past four Mrs. Hayes, who lived in Wotton, and who had travelled by the same train, offered to give her a seat in the carriage which she was to occupy.

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of your own, yet you've made a very decent master of Gelder Hall—a bit stingy, and not so well liked as Mr. Lionel would have been, but—"Hold your tongue!" interrupted Mr. Hudsphith, whose face looked the picture of baffled rage...

"The Good Shepherd has gathered her into His fold; she will never stray again," said Mrs. Hayes, smiling at the girl during her brief illness. Mrs. Hayes did not answer; she was wondering how far she had been guilty...

There's one stop at Wottonbury at five to seven on the mail. That is the first. Will you go by it? "Yes. There's a path to the station across the fields that cuts off a lot, but it's lonely," she said...

It was no use writing; besides, I had a reason for not letting her death be known till I came back. Madame, you are a good woman—you were good to poor Gertrude—and I want you to help me do right. Years ago I was party to a great wrong...

What the deuce are you doing, Marcus? "Trying to catch a big blue-bottle that wants to settle on your forehead," he said. "All right. Have you got him?" "He said this in a sleepy tone, but I saw his eyes close; but what I struck was Mrs. Marcus's face...

NERO. A PARADOX. We think of Nero as of a hideous tyrant, an unnatural murderer, a vain and incompetent dilettante in the arts, a reckless spendthrift, and a ruler of monstrous cruelty...

NO CHANGE THERE. An old Scottish minister had a sermon which he preached on special occasions taken from the text, "Were not two sparrows sold for a farthing?"...

THE ISLANDS OF FIJI. A country like Fiji with its copious rainfall is naturally full of watercourses, and the mountainous character of the land gives opportunity for numerous waterfalls which are among the most charming features of the islands...

THE KING AS A GUEST.

King Edward is the ideal guest. Of this there is no doubt among those whose privilege it has been to act as his host for even the briefest space of time.

His Majesty expects his incoherence to be most strictly observed during these visits, and none of the guests may address him by his title, "sir," and never allows his kingly rank to be unduly emphasised when paying a visit.

Another case was where a cashier continually found himself short after balancing the day's transactions. Usually the deficiency was for small sums.

After breakfast which His Majesty usually takes in his own room, he usually finds it necessary to devote an hour or so to his State duties, which he finds it impossible to relinquish even when away upon a private visit.

His Majesty enjoys the presence of the ladies of the party at luncheon during a shoot, and when leaving for the covers usually intimates to his hostesses that he hopes to have the pleasure of her company at the lunch.

HOW BANK CASHIERS ARE SWINDLED.

The affable gentleman who hands you a note of gold in exchange for your cheque is the mark of sharks and scoundrels of all descriptions.

Bad money is seldom presented at a bank, unless undesignedly, by those who have been themselves deceived.

A SWINDLE WORKED BY A LADY.

Nevertheless, a simple swindle of a petty nature was successfully worked for some time at a certain bank where a number of tellers were employed.

WHEN FATHER PACKS THE TRUNK.

When mother packs the trunk, she lays Each garment in its place. She folds things neatly, smooths them down.

When father packs the trunk—my word! You ought to see him, now! He grubs up garments, right and left.

AN AMAZING CITY.

New-York's Municipal Expenditure.

Of the growth in municipal expenditure we in this country (says the London "Evening Standard") are not without experience.

Table with columns: Cities, 1909, 1899. Rows include New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, Cleveland.

When the crowd had melted away, a man whom he had already paid into, the man, who was an old soldier, sent to cash a cheque by a Government department.

DEALING WITH FORGED CHEQUES.

Forgery is the terror of the bank cashier, for it is difficult to detect, and may relieve him of a large sum at one blow.

THE FIRST SILK HAT.

WOMEN PAINTED AT THE SIGHT.

On January 15, 1787, one Hetherington, a haberdasher.

THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED.

WHEN FATHER PACKS THE TRUNK.

When mother packs the trunk, she lays Each garment in its place.

When father packs the trunk—my word! You ought to see him, now!

And later on you'll find His something he wants the most.

WHERE WOMEN PROPOSE.

In the remote island of New Guinea it is a little time in one important sense, for out there all proposals of marriage are made by the women.

So when the belle of New Guinea becomes in love, she promptly sends a piece of string to the sister of the lucky man.

THE BETROTHAL IS ANNOUNCED.

A FAMOUS WILL.

"It Looks Decent to See an Old Maid taking Snuff."

THE AUGUST PART OF "CHAMBERS'S JOURNAL" CONTAINS A COPY OF THE WILL OF DR. WILLIAM DUNLOP, AN Ayrshire man who, during the earlier portion of his career held a commission in the Connaught Rangers.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

REAL RAIN ON THE STAGE.

ACTRESS AND ACTRESS, SINGERS AND DANCERS, DID NOT INDEED BY ANY MEANS ENJOY their experiences with Ludwig.

MANANA.

SPAIN'S "ACCURSED SPELL."

IN A VILLAGE CHURCH.

AT A MARRIAGE SERVICE PERFORMED IN A little country church, when the minister said in a solemn tone.

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FARMING IN AUSTRALIA.

No one can claim that the Commonwealth is fertile from ocean to ocean. It is a land with a vast amount of waste, but it contains so much that is good that the desert portions can be acknowledged with frankness by its most uncompromising patriots.

WE RECKON IN AUSTRALIA that farming settlement is profitable on country with an average rainfall in excess of about 18in.

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A LAND OF MYSTERY.

Four hundred millions of people of a distinct race which have lived in one land for thousands of years with scarcely an infusion of foreign blood; such is China—the land of mystery.

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THE "NOR-WEST FARMER" GIVES the following as a certain method of overcoming the shibboleth of a "whipping" which a horse is generally of no use.

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Come over to the Mechanics and play a game of billiards; you can take as much whisky as you like there. (Laughter.) These here that night who frequented the billiard-room would know that whoever told that man this told an untruth. He is able to be as never seen here. It was over 12 months since any drink was taken in by members. As Mr. Kimlin said, that was only a lapse. It should never have been taken up after all that time. The information of those who had put down the institute as a gambling and drinking den.

The New Ideas. SOME LOVELY DESIGNS IN SPRING MILLINERY. 'Where is the girl with soul so dead, who never to herself has said, 'Give me a lovely hat for Spring. Spring Millinery represents an embodiment of natural beauty—striking and charming floral effects and pretty colorings. Our new models are artistic productions—fashioned on the most stylish London and Continental models. COME AND SEE THE PRETTY SHAPES CITY SHOPS WOULD CHARGE YOU TWICE AS MUCH.

J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., The Store that Serves You Well, BEAUFORT AND BUANGOR. In time the subscribers would eventually get the best of it, there was no question of that, but it meant rows all the time. Mr. J. W. Harris—We have been dictated to. Dr. Jackson—Should two or three men dictate to the whole institute? Mr. Muntz—We all have the best interest of the Mechanics at heart. By helping a quarrel with the committee it will not right the thing. Would it not be better to give them an opportunity to make peace? By putting "disapprove" in they were liable to the imputation that they consented to betting and gambling.

DEATH OF MR. E. H. AUSTIN, M.L.C.

STAWELL, Wednesday.—General regret will be felt at the announcement of the unexpected death of Mr. E. H. Austin, M.L.C., who died at his residence here on Tuesday evening. He arrived here by the 9 o'clock train yesterday morning with the intention of attending a show sale at the Minster Hotel, but had a seizure, and was taken to the Commercial Hotel, and subsequently to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he died at 11 o'clock last night. Today the flag at the Town Hall was flying at half-mast.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ADJOURNS. When the Legislative Council met on Thursday, Mr. Bailieu (Minister for Public Works) said that the news of the sudden death of Mr. Austin, one of the members for the Nelson Province, had caused a great shock to members. Mr. Austin was an energetic and conscientious member of the Council. Mr. Bailieu's painful duty to move that the House adjourn out of respect to the memory of Mr. Austin. Mr. Davies, in seconding Mr. Bailieu's motion, said that Mr. Austin had been a member of the Legislative Assembly for many years. He did not know Mr. Austin personally, but he had read his reports and knew of his success as a very unassuming man, but that he had read his reports and knew of his success as a very unassuming man, but that he had read his reports and knew of his success as a very unassuming man.

BEAUFORT GUN CLUB. SHOOT will take place near Old Show Ground on WEDNESDAY NEXT, at 1.30 p.m. TROPHY and SWEETS. W. R. GLOVER, Secretary. BEAUFORT TOWN BRASS BAND. THE Half-yearly General Meeting of the above will be held in the MECHANICS' HALL, BEAUFORT, on FRIDAY, 10th inst., at 7.30 p.m. A large attendance is respectfully requested. A. N. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

LAND TAX BILL. A PETITION against the Land Tax Bill has been received from the Landowners' Association of Victoria by the Secretary of the Beaufort Agricultural Society, and a request for signatures may be made at my Office. Petition to be presented to Legislative Council on Tuesday next. W. H. HALPIN.

HORSES FOR SALE. FIVE Draught COLTS and FILLIES broken and unbroken; also two Delivery carts. Reasonable Terms. Apply THOS. R. RANDALL, Middle Creek. Beaufort Stock Sale. SATURDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1909, at 2.30 p.m. DIXON BROS. & HALPIN will offer Horses, Cattle, Sheep, 3 Double-seated Traps, "Farmers' Favorite" Seed Drill, quantity Harness, and other sundries. Horses include Drafts, Heavy and medium, also Ponies, Sheep—Fats, Full-mouthed Ewes, and Fat Lambs. Cattle—Primarily Milkers. Further entries invited. W. H. HALPIN, Auctioneer.

SALE OF ATHLETIC CLUB'S SPORTS BOOTHS. THE Right to the following Booths at the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day Sports will be sold by DIXON BROS. & HALPIN, Auctioneers, at their Office, on SATURDAY NEXT, 11th inst., at 6 p.m. PUBLISHERS (including Next Drinks for Day), LUNCHEON, FRUIT (Day and Night separate), and SOTT DRINKS (Night only). As splendid sports entries have been received, and five hands are competing, there should be a large attendance. The Booths are well worth buying this year. A. PARKER, Secretary.

A GRAND GARDEN FETE AND ENTERTAINMENT. WILL BE HELD IN THE ST. JOHN'S FISH HALL GROUNDS, BEAUFORT, ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 8th, 1909. Afternoon and Evening. To be Opened at 3 p.m. Plain and Fancy Work! Toys! Sweets! Refreshment and Flower Stalls! Christmas Tree and Fire for the Children! Beaufort Brass Band and Jackson's String Band will render Selections. Afternoon and Evening. Admission—Adults, 6d.; Children, half-price; Each Afternoon and Evening. H. SAGEBERG & A. E. SCHLICHT, Hon. Secs.

J. H. GAZZARD (Late of GAZZARD BROS., BALLARAT) has pleasure in notifying you that he has purchased the Business so long carried on by Mr. W. C. PEDDER. And trusts by personal attention to your requirements to secure a continuance of the favours you have bestowed upon Mr. Pedder. EVERY DEPARTMENT OF BLACKSMITHING, WHEELWRIGHTING, AND COACHBUILDING CARRIED ON. HORSES CAREFULLY SHOD. On latest approved scientific principles. Guaranteed to Cure Unsound Corneous Horses.

SMIRB OF RIPON. TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing five per cent. each deposit (minimum deposit, £1.00 in cash or marked cheque), will be received up till 11 a.m. on Monday, 6th December, 1909, for the following work: Contract 510, East Riding—Repairs to Ward's bridge, Snake Valley. Contract 511, West Riding—Supplying 300 c. yds. maintenance metal near Wangata Spring. Contract 512, West Riding—Supplying 150 c. yds. maintenance metal, Lake Goldsmith and Skipton road. Contract 513, North Riding—Fencing in Havelock-street, Beaufort. Contract 514, North Riding—Fencing, &c., in Burton and Walker streets, Beaufort. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and specifications may be seen at the Mechanics' Institute, Skipton; Greyhound Hotel, Snake Valley; and Shire Hall, Beaufort. E. J. MUNTZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer, Shire Offices, Beaufort, 29th Novr., 1909.

A REMINDER. Of what does a bad taste in the mouth remind you? It indicates that your stomach is in a condition, and will remind you that there is nothing so good for such disorders as Chamberlain's Tablets. They cleanse and invigorate the stomach and regulate the bowels. Sold by Wotherspoon & Co., Mechanics, Beaufort.

SOME SEASONABLE LINES. WATER-GLASS SOLUTION, THE Best and Cheapest Egg Preserver. Magnesia Fluid, Grape Saline, Magnesia Citrate, Fruit Salt. DENTRY'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS, For all Stomach and Liver Complaints. Hair Brushes, Combs, Soaps, Perfumes, Tooth and Nail Brushes. OPTICAL DEPARTMENT. RIMLESS SMOKED SPECS, For overcoming the Glare of the Roads. GOGGLES, OPEN SIDE, GAUZE SIDE. Hypermetropia, Myopia, Presbyopia, Astigmatism, Strabismus, Treated on Up-to-date and Scientific Lines. FRAMES REPAIRED. BROKEN GLASSES REPLACED. HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICINES. J. R. DENTRY, CHEMIST & OPTICIAN, BEAUFORT.

STRONG, DURABLE MEAT SAFES! The satisfactory kind—the HAWKES BROS. kind. Built of dependable galvanised netting—in all gauges—interlocked into strong flattened steel-finished tin. Japanned stoved—absolutely no smell of paint. No better safe ever left a good manufacturer. Dust proof—fly proof—warranted to last through many a long summer. We have them in a variety of sizes—at a variety of prices. 12in. diameter, 6/-; 14in., 7/6; 16in., 9/6; 18in., 12/6; 20in., 15/- COME—CONSIDER—CRITICISE AND COMPARE. HAWKES BROS., BEAUFORT.

BEAUFORT MECHANICS INSTITUTE.

(Continued from page 1.) Mr. Parker certainly thought the committee themselves had offered consideration...

PRESBYTERIAN JUBILEE MEMORIAL CHURCH. SUCCESSFUL OPENING SERVICES.

Not quite a year ago, on Wednesday, June 2nd, 1908, 600 people stood on a vacant site adjoining the Court House at Beaufort...

foundation upon which the living church must be built was Christ Jesus. It implied but one thought, "that the person of Christ dominates the Christian doctrine."

The church's own foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation. By water and the word...

Now, to the character of the superstructure. "To take heed how ye build thereupon." They must build of gold, silver, and precious stones...

On Sunday morning at half past ten the appointment of the initial services was made. The church is anticipated with difficulty in obtaining seats...

The new Presbyterian Church occupies the site adjoining the Court House, and is a conspicuous ornament when coming into the town from any direction...

The church is of brick, with concrete pillars and slate roof. The hall being arranged in the form of a cross with nave and transepts in accordance with the old Gothic manner of church design...

At the close of the service, the Rev. Mr. Knigt, who has just all the post-arrived from South Australia on Friday. The birds are said to have cost the owner £100.

HEARNE'S BRONCHITIS CURE. The Famous Remedy for Coughs, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Pleurisy, Asthma & Consumption

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

Small Size, 2/6; Large Size, 4/6 Sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors, and by W. C. HEARNE & Co., Ltd.

Headache, Indigestion, Constipation and Biliousness. The immense number of orders for this medicine...

Nervous Prostration. A REMARKABLE CURE. Great interest was caused in Carlton when news of a change for the better came to mind concerning Mrs. Charlotte Clancy...

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BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. The following are the handicaps for the above Club's Boxing Day sports...

- Handicap list including names like Anderson, Buzgoff, Hamilton, etc. with various handicaps.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. YOUNG PRINCE AT THE BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

Handicap list for the Young Prince event, including names like Anderson, Buzgoff, Hamilton, etc.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. DISTRICT WOOL SALES.

At the Melbourne wool sale, the Victorian wool was sold at the rate of 10s 6d per cwt.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. EYESIGHT.

Advertisement for S. T. MARCHANT & SON, CONSULTING OPTICIAN & EYE-SPECIALIST.

Advertisement for W. S. SMITH, BAKERY Business recently carried on by Messrs. HEIMAN & WAINMAN.



Clothe your Boys at our Store. Customers repeatedly say to us "Bring my Boys to your Store for their Clothes—the Suits I get from you always wear so well."

Boys' Crash Tunics, trimmed White Braid, 3/3. Boys' Crash Duke of York Suits, 8/11. Boys' Galatea Blouse Suits, Navy Collars, 6/6.

G. H. COUGLE, The Store of Good Values, 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.

CAMP HOTEL, RICHARDS & CO'S BEAUFORT. The above Hotel being situated in the present Proprietor's estate to notify the house has been thoroughly renovated.

J. W. HARRIS, CHEMIST AND DENTIST. TELEPHONE 12. INFLUENZA! It will be with us soon! Remedial Agent will be wanted—wanted promptly!

J. W. HARRIS, CHEMIST & DENTIST. Havelock & Neill Sts., Beaufort. I can help you in time of sickness by dispensing your prescription just as your physician expects it.

LOANS TO FARMERS On Easy Terms. CREDIT FUNDING. In sums from £50 to £2000 at 4 1/2 per cent. interest, and from 2 1/2 per cent. in reduction of principal, which pays off the loan in 3 1/2 years.

The Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1909. The "Beaufort" One-fire Cooking Stoves. Latest improvements—Solid cast rugged oven plate, double fire doors, or fall fire door, cast protecting plates on side.

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL. MONDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1909. Present—Mr. Flynn (president), Slater, Sinclair, Beggs, J. Lewis, Stewart, G. Lewis, and Roddis. The President said that before proceeding with the business of the council, he would like to refer to the death of their late colleague and representative in the Legislative Council, the late Hon. E. H. Austin.

CONSPIRACY. From Monday's report, stating that there are no drills at present available for boring at Snake Valley, and asking whether council is prepared to defray any portion of the cost of such boring.

DEATH. BALL—On 3rd Dec. at Beaufort, Charles Ball, son of John and Mary, aged 6 years. Deeply regretted.

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For report at next meeting, on motion of Mr. Sinclair and Beggs. From John Fray, Esq. objecting to being rated so high, as he thought £4 3 was too much for a rise in 3 years.

From Chas. Wright, Beaufort, asking for an increase of wages for sanitary work, pointing out that there were now a larger number of houses to attend to.

From Gerald Halpin, Erambeen, drawing attention to about 30 chains of the Raglan end of the back road from Beaufort being in a bad state, and reminding council that about four years ago they promised to make that portion of the road in the next financial year.

From D. S. Oman, M.L.A., stating he had arranged for deputation to Minister for Railways on Wednesday, 8th Dec., in stating that the Smythville register, instead of the Carnaghan register, had reported a death.

From Sir A. J. Peacock, M.L.A., forwarding departmental letter notifying that it is proposed to expend £75, under the provisions of the Land Tax Act, 1891, for the purpose of providing a public library at Beaufort.

From John Sheehan, Snake Valley, stating that he was neither the owner nor occupier of 942 acres of land, and even if he were, he considered the valuation excessive. He was sending the usual amount (£25) as soon as the valuation is properly made.

"HOME AT LAST. Sister Mary, come and sit here beside me in the window—rings—ill with the best dreams of sleep in crimson through the battlements while above them in the Hesper lists his tiny look the roof flies whirring in dusky clouds. Home the weary reaper. Peace and rest at length. All the days long to And each heart "Home" Home at last! —Tom.

THE CURIOUS B. One does not need to be reminded of the fact that the fruit annually in the orchards of the district are those familiar as they are those who maintain that the fruit of the district is not the same as that of the district. The quality of the fruit is not the same as that of the district. The quality of the fruit is not the same as that of the district.

With all the business to be done, the committee will be held on Thursday, 12th inst. at 8 o'clock.







THE STORE THAT SERVES YOU BETTER. ESTD 1856. R. W. WOTHERSPOON & CO. BEAUFORT BUANGOR. NOVELTIES FOR THE SEASON! There are Xmas. Novelties all over the Store—the result of powerful, concentrated thought on the part of our buyers, in their endeavours to provide the best possible value, coupled with the highest quality and the newest creations and novelties procurable from England and the best Colonial markets.

GARDEN FETE AND ENTERTAINMENT. The weeks past the ladies of St. John's Church of Beaufort, have been busy in the preparation of a garden fete and entertainment, to be held on the 12th and 13th inst. at the church grounds. The function took place on Wednesday the 10th inst. and was a very successful one. The church grounds are an ideal spot for such a purpose, and the ladies have been very busy in the preparation of the fete. The church grounds are an ideal spot for such a purpose, and the ladies have been very busy in the preparation of the fete.

WOOL SALES. The Australian Estates and Mortgage Co. Ltd. held their usual wool sale on Wednesday, and offered a catalogue of 3255 bales, which embraced some superior wools from Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland. Competition was spirited, and the market firm for all super crossbred, comb-back, and merino, but medium to good wools of the latter quality hardly maintained last week's level. Highest price of the sale was paid for 21 bales of comb-back of the Rifle Downs clip from Digby, which sold to 18 1/2d per lb. This brand came forward in perfect condition, being light and bright and well classed.

GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA. THE PROPOSED RAILWAY. DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER. MELBOURNE, Wednesday. Mr. Oman, M.L.A., today introduced a deputation to the Minister of Railways (Mr. A. Elliott), in connection with the proposed railway from Gheringhap to Maroona. The deputation consisted of Sir Alexander Peacock, M.L.A., Mr. T. B. G. Ryan, president of the Riponshire & Maroona Railway Co., Mr. J. H. G. Ryan, secretary of the Riponshire & Maroona Railway Co., Mr. J. H. G. Ryan, secretary of the Riponshire & Maroona Railway Co., Mr. J. H. G. Ryan, secretary of the Riponshire & Maroona Railway Co.

TENNIS. BALLARAT NORTH V. BEAUFORT. The above match took place on the grounds of the Ballarat North Recreation Club on Friday, 2nd inst., and in spite of tempestuous weather a most enjoyable time was spent by the visitors. The match was played on the lawn, and the weather was very much improved during the afternoon. The visitors were entertained at dinner and tea by the Ballarat North Club, and were welcomed by the president (Mr. Dennison) and the secretary (Mr. Nightingale). Mr. Sinclair responded on behalf of the visitors. A return game was fixed to take place at Beaufort on Anniversary Day (31st January).

If your baby is teething during the summer months, you must guard against dysentery and bowels complaints. Keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house, and at the first unusual looseness of the bowels give it a dose. Sold by J. R. Witherspoon & Co., Merchants, Beaufort.

A good afternoon was enjoyed at the Beaufort Gun Club's fortnightly match on Wednesday. The club's trophy (an oak tray) for an eight-bird match, was won by T. Bending, who had obtained a previous leg-in. Bending and "Owen" tied on the eighth round, but "Owen" dropped out at the conclusion of round nine. "Ray Street" was awarded with seven kills. Nine three-bird sweeps were then shot off. "Beaufort" and "Bonax" divided the first, "Beaufort" and T. Bending the second, "Samuels" and Owen the third, T. Bending and "Bonax" the fourth, and "Samuels" and "Owen" the fifth. No. 6 (a double rise) was won by "Beaufort." The seventh was shared by "Beaufort" and "Samuels," and the eighth by "Beaufort" and "Bonax." In the ninth (a single barrel competition) "Owen" was the winner. The club intend holding a £10 sparrow match on Christmas Day.

MINING LEASE DECLARED VOID.

A RARAT District, Ripon Division.—No. 1380; J. Provis; 2a. Or. 10p., parish of Beaufort.

D. J. TROTT, Secretary for Mines. Melbourne, 8/12/09.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS. CHRISTMAS, &c., EXCURSIONS.

Holiday Excursion tickets will be issued to and from all stations (suburban excepted) as the Victorian Government Tourist Bureau, corner Collyer and Swanston streets, from 10th December till 1st January (both dates inclusive), available for return on and after 25th December till 1st February (inclusive). The journey must be commenced on the date of the ticket, and may be broken (see poster). On tickets bearing dates from 10th till 24th December inclusive the return journey cannot be commenced till 25th December.

L. MCLELLAND, Secretary.

15 BARINAH Selected Marino RAMS for Sale. Apply FRANCES ODDE.

WANTED, an Active LAD, for light delivery cart; age between 16 and 18. Applications close Wednesday, 12th inst. TROY BROS.

WE must kindly thank Dr. EADIE for the kind attention paid to our boy, Leslie, in his recent illness.

J. AND A. McCRACKEN, Main Lead.

ALL Persons indebted to the undersigned are respectfully requested to settle their accounts on or before the 21st December.

W. C. PEDDER, Beaufort.

HORSES FOR SALE.

FIVE Draught COLTS and FILLIES broken and unbroken; also two Delivery sorts.

Reasonable Terms.

Apply THOS. R. RANDALL, Middle Creek.

Beaufort Presbyterian Choir.

SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT.

FRIDAY NEXT, DECR. 17th, 1909.

Cantata, "A Day with our Lord," by BEAUFORT PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR.

AN EXCELLENT CONCERT AFTERWARDS. Ballarat and Local Talent.

Admission, 5s.

SALE OF ATHLETIC CLUB'S SPORTS BOOTHS.

The Right to the following Booths at the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day Sports will be sold by DICK REED & TALPIN, Auctioneers, at their Office, on SATURDAY (to-day), 11th inst. at 5 p.m.—

PUBLICAN'S (including Soft Drinks for Day), LUNCHEON, FRUIT (Day and Night separate), and SOFT DRINKS (Night only).

A splendid sports ground has been received, and five bands are competing, there should be a record attendance. The Booths are well worth buying this year.

A. PARKER, Secretary.

BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AND FREE LIBRARY.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the above will be held on TUESDAY Evening, 21st inst., at 8 o'clock.

BUSINESS—To consider what a number of Subscribers believe to be the irregular and illegal actions of the Committee as regards the introduction and printing of recent By-laws. Also to consider in general the position at present existing between Committee and Subscribers; and other business thereby connected.

By order,

DAVID F. TROY, Hon. Secretary.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

GENERAL RATES.

RATEPAYERS are reminded that, in accordance with Notices recently issued, Rates should be paid before 21st December next.

ALAN R. FORDYCE, Shire Secretary. Beaufort, 10th Decr., 1909.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR EXAMINING AND SETTLING ACCOUNTS.

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of the above Shire for the financial year 1908-9, 1909, have been duly audited, and that a statement of such, together with the Auditor's report, is now available for inspection at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, during office hours.

A notice is further given that the meeting of the Council for examining and settling the said accounts will be held at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday, 10th Jan., 1910, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

ALAN R. FORDYCE, Shire Secretary. Shire Offices, Beaufort, 10/12/09.

J. H. GAZZARD.

(Late of GAZZARD BROS., BALLARAT.)

Has pleasure in notifying you that he has purchased the Business so long carried on by Mr. W. C. PEDDER.

And trusts by personal attention to your requirements to secure a continuance of the favours you have bestowed upon Mr. Pedder.

EVERY DEPARTMENT OF BLACKSMITHING, WHEELWRIGHTING, AND COACHBUILDING.

CARRIAGES.

HORSES CAREFULLY SHOD.

On latest approved scientific principles. Guaranteed to cure Unsound Corns and Hooves.

In connection with the above announcement, W. C. Pedder thanks you for your favours in the past, and trusts that you will continue to support the old establishment, being confident that you will be well served by Mr. Gazzard, whose long connection with a city firm, combined with his varied experience, is a sufficient guarantee as to his ability.

IF you want a NEW BIKE, or your Machine wants Repairing, don't go to the City. Call at the Local Shop, and save your railway fare. We can build you a "LLOYD" with B.S.A. parts for 21s 10s, or a Pattern Machine at 21s 10s. Drop in and see us building one, and you will see that we put the best Material and Workmanship into them. Agents for "Herules" and "Loce" Cycles, Michelin Motor Car Tyres, and A.N.A. Sewing Machines.

LLOYD BROS., Cycle Builders, Agents, and Repairers, NILL STREET, BEAUFORT.

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HAWKES BROS., BEAUFORT.

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Call on us and have a better understanding—we'll clothe your feet for you right up to the nines—and our sizes too. All the leading Manufacturers supply us—and we get in on the ground floor as to price. So do you if you buy from us—and here are a few footprints to guide you—

The Store of Good Values, G. H. COUGLE, BEAUFORT.

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

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

RICHARDS & CO'S BRIDAL PORTRAITS. The excellence of Richards & Co's Bridal Portraits is such that they stand in a class by themselves—unequaled and unapproached.

J. W. HARRIS, CHEMIST AND DENTIST. TELEPHONE 12.

INFLUENZA! It will be with us soon! Remedial Agent will be wanted—wanted promptly! The Most Efficient Influenza Remedy is Harris' Cough and Influenza Mixture!

J. W. HARRIS, CHEMIST & DENTIST. Havelock & Neill Sts., Beaufort.

United Ancient Order of Druids. THE ORDINARY MEETING will be held in the LODGE ROOM, SOCIETY'S HALL, on TUESDAY evening next, at 8.15 o'clock sharp.

Religious Services. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1909. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Lecture, 11 a.m. Waterbury, 11.30 a.m. Beaufort. 7 p.m. Mr. W. Walker.

LOANS to FARMERS On Easy Terms. In sums from £50 to £2000 at 4 1/2 per cent. Interest, and from 12 per cent. in reduction of principal, which pays off the loan in 3 1/2 years.

The Riponshire Advocate. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1909. The secretary of the Beaufort Athletic Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a donation of £1 1/2 from Mr. J. W. Harris, Chemist, towards the Boxing Day sports.

BEAUFORT TOWN BRASS BAND.

The half-yearly meeting of the above was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Friday evening, 10th inst.; Mr. L. Jaensch (president) in the chair, and 13 bandmen and one subscriber present.

BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1909. (Before Rear-Admiral W. D. Bridges and Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair and E. W. Hughes, J.S.P.) James Brock was summoned to show cause why he should not be committed to prison for the non-payment of a fine of 10/-.

BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1909. (Before Rear-Admiral W. D. Bridges and Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair and E. W. Hughes, J.S.P.) Constable Gilbert Lovitt, proceeded against James Robinson for behaving in a threatening manner on the main road at Waterloo on 7th Novr.

BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The referendum of subscribers taken by the committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute as to whether they were in favour of repealing the by-laws regulating proceedings in the hall, resulted as follows:—Yes, 24; no, 23; informal, 5.

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Of what does a bad taste in the mouth remind you? It indicates that your stomach is in a bad condition, and will cause you to eat and drink with a good deal of discomfort.

Time, The Avenger

THE UNRAVELLING OF A STRANGE WILL MYSTERY. By HEDLEY RICHARDS. Author of "The Haighs of Hillcrest," "From Mill to Manston," "Diana's Inheritance," Etc., Etc.

It was a silent cry, Madam was blaming herself for not having looked better after Louise; yet she knew well enough that the new well gone her own would have done for her. Still, it was bitter to her to think that the man who was the wife of the son of a man who had so greatly wronged her, had been so good to her.

While Madame was thinking of Hugh Hudson she was reading a paper which the butler stated she had sent to her. It was a notice of a fine from the superior court to him. It was accompanied by a few lines from the superior court saying that the letter which had been enclosed in a statement which had been forwarded to the superior court, was not to be taken into consideration.

The letter was in an envelope addressed, "To my son, Hugh Hudson." The letter began: "When I read this letter I shall be dead. My death will have been hastened by the knowledge of your folly. I warned you to have anything to do with my money. I warned you to have anything to do with my money. I warned you to have anything to do with my money."

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A COMMERCIAL SPECULATION.

Miss Janet Fitch was an old maid when she legally adopted the little ten-year-old Bessie Havens, her niece, and she was older by nine years when one afternoon she said to the young lady—

about bullfrogs. She was doomed to be agreeably disappointed, however, without much encouragement from her, and even before he had seen the marsh wherein the frogs were to dwell.

ACROSS THE ALPS.

M. Franz Reichel, who was one of the passengers on board the balloon of the present trip, has just accomplished a feat which has justly attracted the attention of the world.

AN AUDIENCE OF THE POPE.

A sound of footsteps. Monsignor Bielesti is waiting on the threshold of a little door.

THE SAILING SHIP.

A thing of Life and Character. Of all the beautiful and noble things that have come from man's brain and hand, none is more beautiful or more noble than a full-rigged ship.

A PLEA FOR DEATH.

We move fast in these days. A little time ago we were told that old age was a disease, and, as such, preventable, and now they would have us believe that death is but an obsession, a fixed idea to be eradicated.

LIGHTNING RODS.

Every farmer is interested in the subject of protection from lightning, and most have a nodding acquaintance with the subject of lightning rods.

MAXIMS OF A QUEEN.

Reading is part of the duty of a honest man. We should read for instruction, for correction, and for consolation.

THE AGE OF MARRIAGE.

When Jane Austen was writing her novels, a girl who was unmarried at twenty was considered to be on the shelf, and a woman of twenty-five was a hopeless old maid.

ARE MEN SHYER THAN WOMEN?

In spite of the supposed superiority of man, it must be acknowledged that he is socially a shyer creature than woman.

MOVING A MOUNTAIN.

The Culebra Cut in the Panama Canal is simply the transformation of a mountain into a valley.

WHERE ROMANCE LINGERS.

The halo of romance still encircles everything connected with courtship in Spain, writes Miss Mitford in the "Queen."

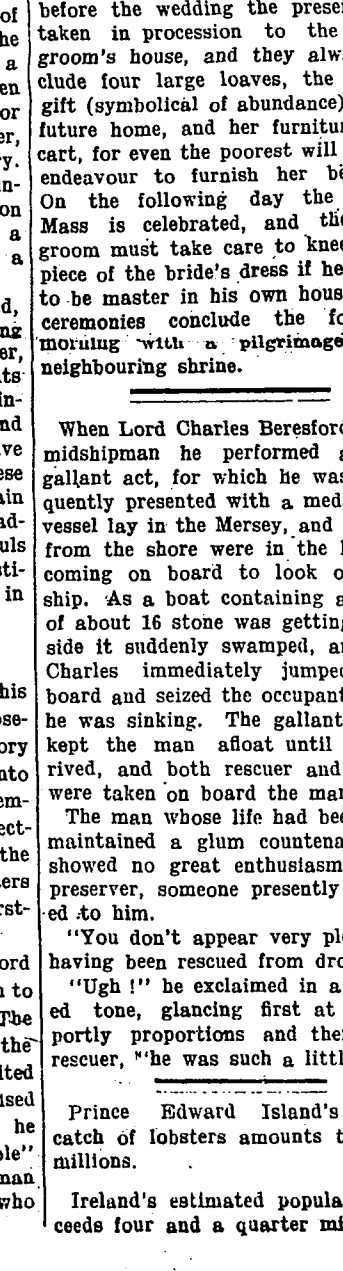
OLD PIONEERS' NIGHT.

On Tuesday night, in accordance with their usual custom, the members of Beaufort branch, A.N.A., entertained the old pioneers of the district.

RELIABLE METHODS.

A copper rod of one inch in diameter, or an equal quantity of copper under any form, will resist the effect of any discharge of lightning.

THE STORE.



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ESTD 1856. THE STORE. A large advertisement for a store, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and a large sign.











Call on us and have a better understanding—we'll clothe your feet for you right up to the nines—and out sizes too.

- Children's White Buckskin and Hair Shoes, all sizes, 2/9. Children's Tan Duchess Bar Shoes, M.S., special value, 7 to 9, 8/4; 10 to 13, 8/9.

The Store of Good Values. 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.

W. 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.

To one and all I wish a very Merry Xmas, and a Bright and Prosperous New Year. Yours faithfully, GEO. PRINGLE.

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

Only Best Brands of Wines, Spirits and Ales Kept. FIRST CLASS BEDS, 1/- a Week a Specialty, at any hour, 11-12.

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

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INFLUENZA! It will be with us soon! Remedial Agent will be wanted—wanted promptly! The Most Efficient Influenza Remedy is Harris' Cough and Influenza Mixture!

I can help you in time of sickness by dispensing your prescription just as your physician expects it.

Years of experience have taught me to be just as careful as it is possible, and the drugs I use act as the physician intends them to do.

All Medicines are Dispensed at Ballarat Prices.

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Australian Natives' Association.

THE FORTNIGHTLY MEETING of the Beaufort Branch of the Australian Natives' Association was held on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock sharp.

Religious Services.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1909. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.—Christmas Day: Beaufort, 11 a.m.—Mass.

ROAD-MAKING CONTRACT.

At the Snake Valley Police Court on Wednesday, James Miller Roddis, municipal contractor, was charged with having unlawfully attempted to obtain from the Riponshire Council the sum of about £24 4s 6d.

LOANS TO FARMERS On Easy Terms.

In sums from £50 to £2000 at 4 1/2 per cent. Interest, and from 12 per cent. in reduction of principal, which pays off in ten or 31/2 years.

THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.

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The contract between Roddis and the shire council, dated 5th April, with the specifications attached. Witness said the contract was entered into to supply road-making material, and additional supplies were ordered to those specified.

The back of the day was showing, and there was not a heavy load in it. It was unusual for him to see the day. He did not see Burdett, but saw him early in the afternoon. Burdett said he was exposed to the day, but did not see him.

Dr. Jackson—While I sat on the committee they did not even acknowledge the receipt of the resolutions of the meeting. There was an assurance given for a minute when it was read, and Mr. Young proposed his resignation.

Mr. Parker—Excuse me, am I right in taking the chair? Mr. Young said he quite agreed with Mr. Sinclair that until the resignations were accepted they were not in force.

Mr. Young—We are not particular as to who is in the chair. Mr. Kinlin moved that the vice-president take the chair. Seconded by Mr. Eastwood.

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AN UNFORTUNATE, THOUGH NOT UNSUCCESSFUL, EXPEDITION.

On August 20, 1860, the unfortunate Australian Exploring Expedition, under Burke and Wills, started from Melbourne in great state, with a caravan of twenty-seven camels, horses, and pack animals.

DEATH OF FREDERICK THE GREAT.

On August 17, 1766, died at Potsdam, in his eighty-fifth year, Frederick II. of Prussia (surnamed "The Great"), the founder of the present greatness of Germany.

DEATH OF A GREAT BASUTO CHIEF.

The death was reported on Saturday, August 19, 1905, from Alival North, of Lerothodi, Basuto chief, the last of the great rulers. Desperate fighter, he made his mark in the history of South Africa from the time he became chief.

JOAN OF ARC.

Her Wonderful Life.

Up to the age of seventeen Joan of Arc was a simple peasant girl, tending her sheep in the hills about Domremy, loving the fairy tales and legends of her time just as children of all times love stories.

And meanwhile, what had happened in the two intervening years? What had she done—this mere child, this ignorant peasant girl—to have become the saviour of one great nation and the dreaded scourge of another?

For first this peasant girl, by her quiet persistency, after infinite trouble, got speech with the young French King, Charles VII.

A TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE.

One of the most awful earthquakes ever recorded happened on Aug. 14, 1692, in Jamaica. In two minutes it destroyed the whole town of Port Royal, the houses sinking in a Gulf forty fathoms deep.

DEEP SEA TREASURE HUNTING.

A Century-old Wreck.

The search after hidden wealth is a most engrossing subject for the man in the street. Partly because wealth is always fascinating to hear about and partly for the romance that always goes with the hiding of treasure.

CANAL CRUISING.

On the Continent.

In England, owing to the stifling tactics of the railway companies a generation ago, canals for the most part have been allowed to fall into disuse, and very few rivers are made use of commercially.

PROVIDE A FARM OFFICE.

What manufacturer would attempt to run his business without an office? We, as farmers, being business men, should have an office in which to transact the many items of business connected with the farm.

JOCULAR MUSICIANS.

Vivier and Rossini.

The late Mr. Sutherland Edwards, who knew Vivier, relates in his "Personal Recollections" how at St. Petersburg the celebrated horn-player brought to perfection the art of blowing soap-bubbles by adding a little gum to the soap.

THE SANGUINARY BATTLE OF METZ.

On Thursday, August 18, 1870, the battle of Metz was fought in the Franco-German War that is named sometimes from the fortified city, Metz, whither the French survivors afterwards retired.

JACK ASHORE.

One of our bluejackets was walking down the Old Kent Road, London, when he observed an old lady standing on the edge of the pavement signalling to a passing tramcar.

THE BICYCLE AND THE PEN.

Mr. Thomas Secombe has a capital essay on "Wheel Magic" in a recent issue of the "Blackwood" in the form of a humorous appreciation of his friend Mr. J. W. Allen's recently-published book, so entitled, on the intellectual delights of bicycling.

TOO TASTELESS.

"Half an ounce of castor-oil in something to take away the taste, please!" Thus spoke Arabella of the ostrich feathers to the pharmacist's apparition behind the bottles.

WHEN THE BRIDE BRIDLED.

The rev. gen. was filling in the marriage certificate. "Let me see," he murmured to the bride, as he came to the date, "this is the seventh, isn't it?"

"SCOTCH."

A Canine Hero.

It is a touching story of canine fidelity which Mr. Enos A. Mills tells of his dog "Scotch" in "Wild Life on the Rockies." Master and dog had been out on a four days' excursion on the bleak mountain tops, when a lightning bolt above timber-line Mr. Mills stopped to take some photographs.

FROM THE FARM-HANDS' STANDPOINT.

The best class of both farmers and farm labourers are ready to strike hands in an effort to bring about improved conditions on the farm. This improvement is many times sought from the farmers' standpoint alone, leaving out of consideration the farm hand, without whom our farms would soon come to grief.

PIGEON WHISTLES.

The smallest musical instruments in the world are the pigeon whistles of Pekin. They are made of thinnest bamboo and tiny gourds, scraped paper-like delicacy and fastened beneath the tail feathers of the carrier pigeons.

A QUICK WORKER.

Scotch house-painter, in a railway carriage, discovers that the only other occupant is an artist. "Pint other occupant is an artist," says the painter. "I see you're a brither painter," says the artist (sarcastically). "Yes, I suppose I am. Do you go in chiefly for figure or landscape work?"

FOR THE SAKE OF THE LITTLE ONES.

The light in the conservatory was soft. And so was Archibald—on Eryntrude. "One," he murmured—"just one! Why not?" She cast her eyes down coyly to the ground.

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