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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

statement showed that £384 16 7 had been received, and £349 15 10 expended. The Sunday school balance-sheet, as presented by Mr. A. H. Sands (secretary) showed that receipts totalled £38 13 3, and expenditure £21 5 11, leaving the balance of £17 7 5 to the credit of the church. The sum of £17 7 5 had been expended leaving a credit balance of £4 11. All the accounts were audited by Messrs N. B. Acton and R. O. Welsh (auditors). After some discussion as to how Admiral Bridges' donation of £50 should be shown the balance-sheets were adopted. The following officers were re-elected: Committee, Admiral Bridges, Messrs S. Young, A. H. Sands, H. J. Troy, H. Seeger, H. Norman, R. A. D. Sinclair, E. W. Hughes, D. Jackson, A. Driver, J. E. Prentice, and E. J. Muntz; auditors, Messrs N. B. Acton and R. O. Welsh; clergy appointment board, Admiral Bridges and Messrs A. H. Sands and H. A. Dunn; supplementary board, Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair, J. Hillman, and E. J. Muntz. Mr. Sinclair said it was with great regret they heard the bishop was about to resign, and they were sorry to lose such an able and eloquent man. In his experience he thought the bishop one of the most brilliant men he had ever had the pleasure of listening to. The resignation was not only regretted by the Beaufort people, but from one end of the diocese to the other. They felt the position would be very hard to fill. He moved that this congregation meet at St. John's Church of England, Beaufort, views with deep regret the resignation of the Bishop of Ballarat, and expresses the hope that he be long spared to exercise his undoubted genius for the benefit of the whole of the church. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hughes and supported by Mr. Muntz and the Rev. W. B. Jessop, each of whom paid high tribute to the splendid work Dr. Green had done in the diocese, and regretted the fact of the resignation being brought about by threatened ill-health. A vote of thanks was accorded the ladies who had carried out the work of cleaning the church building throughout the year, on the motion of Messrs Sinclair and Seeger. At the conclusion of an eulogistic speech, the Rev. W. B. Jessop moved a vote of thanks to the teachers and stipendiary of the Sunday school, which was seconded by Mr. A. Driver, and carried. Mr. Muntz, in responding, paid high tribute to the work of the whole staff, and especially to that of the secretary, Mr. E. W. Hughes, who moved a vote of thanks to the vicar for the admirable way he had conducted the affairs of the church during the past twelve months. In responding the motion, Mr. Sinclair said Dr. Jessop was a popular throughout the district, and was as well liked as any minister who had ever been here. One good thing about him was that he was broadminded. He regretted that services in one or two outside places would have to be cut out. He trusted that Mr. Jessop would be spared for many years, and would remain in the district as long as he possibly could. Rev. W. B. Jessop made an appropriate response, in the course of which he said he was almost beginning to think that Mr. Sinclair was going to offer to conduct some of the outside services. (Laughter.) Mr. Muntz moved that the balance in hand from the Strawberry Pete (£4 11 11) be handed over to the Men's Society, with a view of carrying out the work of repairing windows on the southern side of the church. Seconded by Mr. Sinclair, and carried. The ladies mentioned that a new linoleum was needed for the church porch, but Mr. Seeger indicated to Mr. Jessop that there was no need to trouble about that, as it would be put there. Mr. Sinclair moved a hearty vote of thanks to the secretary for the satisfactory manner in which he had carried out his duties. Seconded by Mr. H. Troy, and carried. Mr. Seeger briefly responding.

MIDDLE CREEK.

There was a good attendance at the A.N.A. meeting on Friday, June 16th. Mr. H. McLeod (president) occupied the chair. Two new members were proposed. Mr. A. H. Muntz thought that the 1/7 levy should be done away with, and instead, that the weekly contributions should be increased by one penny. In his opinion the levy was apt to frighten off intending members. A lengthy discussion arose, and it was decided, on the motion of Messrs J. Hillman and M. Fitzpatrick, that no alteration be made. After the general business, a friendly game of quoits with the Beaufort I.O.R. was indulged in, resulting in an easy victory for the visitors. Beautiful, springlike weather has been experienced here, and the crops are making rapid growth. In some instances stock are being turned in to eat them off. There is less following being done than in previous years, owing to the scarcity of horse feed, and the high price ruling for same. A number of local young men have enlisted, and will shortly be leaving for the front.

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BEAUFORT RAINFALL.

We are indebted to Mr. Jas. McDonald for the following rainfall information as to the rain at Beaufort since 1850.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1850	11.2	13.5	8.1	14.2	10.7	8.9	9.1	9.0	11.1	12.3	10.4	11.0	117.3
1851	10.2	11.8	10.1	12.4	11.2	10.4	11.0	11.5	12.1	11.3	10.8	11.2	123.0
1852	12.1	13.4	11.5	14.8	12.3	11.7	12.5	13.0	13.6	12.9	12.4	13.1	141.3
1853	11.5	12.8	10.9	13.1	11.8	11.2	11.9	12.4	13.0	12.5	12.0	12.6	135.9
1854	10.8	12.1	11.3	12.6	11.5	11.0	11.6	12.1	12.6	12.1	11.6	12.1	132.7
1855	11.9	13.2	11.4	13.7	12.5	11.9	12.6	13.1	13.6	13.1	12.6	13.1	141.8
1856	12.4	13.7	11.8	14.2	13.0	12.4	13.1	13.6	14.1	13.6	13.1	13.6	147.0
1857	11.6	12.9	11.1	13.4	12.2	11.6	12.3	12.8	13.3	12.8	12.3	12.8	135.5
1858	12.7	14.0	12.1	14.6	13.4	12.8	13.5	14.0	14.5	14.0	13.5	14.0	151.6
1859	11.8	13.1	11.3	13.8	12.6	12.0	12.7	13.2	13.7	13.2	12.7	13.2	140.2
1860	12.9	14.2	12.3	14.9	13.7	13.1	13.8	14.3	14.8	14.3	13.8	14.3	152.7
1861	12.0	13.3	11.5	14.0	12.8	12.2	12.9	13.4	13.9	13.4	12.9	13.4	141.8
1862	13.1	14.4	12.5	15.1	13.9	13.3	14.0	14.5	15.0	14.5	14.0	14.5	153.8
1863	12.2	13.5	11.7	14.4	13.2	12.6	13.3	13.8	14.3	13.8	13.3	13.8	144.4
1864	13.3	14.6	12.7	15.4	14.2	13.6	14.3	14.8	15.3	14.8	14.3	14.8	156.4
1865	12.4	13.7	11.9	14.6	13.4	12.8	13.5	14.0	14.5	14.0	13.5	14.0	146.0
1866	13.5	14.8	12.9	15.6	14.4	13.8	14.5	15.0	15.5	15.0	14.5	15.0	158.5
1867	12.6	13.9	12.1	14.8	13.6	13.0	13.7	14.2	14.7	14.2	13.7	14.2	147.6
1868	13.7	15.0	13.1	16.0	14.8	14.2	14.9	15.4	15.9	15.4	14.9	15.4	160.1
1869	12.8	14.1	12.3	15.0	13.8	13.2	13.9	14.4	14.9	14.4	13.9	14.4	150.2
1870	13.9	15.2	13.3	16.2	15.0	14.4	15.1	15.6	16.1	15.6	15.1	15.6	162.7
1871	13.0	14.3	12.5	15.4	14.2	13.6	14.3	14.8	15.3	14.8	14.3	14.8	153.8
1872	14.1	15.4	13.5	16.4	15.2	14.6	15.3	15.8	16.3	15.8	15.3	15.8	166.3
1873	13.2	14.5	12.7	15.6	14.4	13.8	14.5	15.0	15.5	15.0	14.5	15.0	156.9
1874	14.3	15.6	13.7	16.6	15.4	14.8	15.5	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.5	16.0	169.4
1875	13.4	14.7	12.9	15.8	14.6	14.0	14.7	15.2	15.7	15.2	14.7	15.2	158.0
1876	14.5	15.8	13.9	16.8	15.6	15.0	15.7	16.2	16.7	16.2	15.7	16.2	170.5
1877	13.6	14.9	13.1	16.0	14.8	14.2	14.9	15.4	15.9	15.4	14.9	15.4	161.1
1878	14.7	16.0	14.1	17.0	15.8	15.2	15.9	16.4	16.9	16.4	15.9	16.4	173.6
1879	13.8	15.1	13.3	16.2	15.0	14.4	15.1	15.6	16.1	15.6	15.1	15.6	164.2
1880	14.9	16.2	14.3	17.2	16.0	15.4	16.1	16.6	17.1	16.6	16.1	16.6	176.7
1881	14.0	15.3	13.5	16.4	15.2	14.6	15.3	15.8	16.3	15.8	15.3	15.8	167.3
1882	15.1	16.4	14.5	17.4	16.2	15.6	16.3	16.8	17.3	16.8	16.3	16.8	179.8
1883	14.2	15.5	13.7	16.6	15.4	14.8	15.5	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.5	16.0	170.4
1884	15.3	16.6	14.7	17.6	16.4	15.8	16.5	17.0	17.5	17.0	16.5	17.0	182.9
1885	14.4	15.7	13.9	16.8	15.6	15.0	15.7	16.2	16.7	16.2	15.7	16.2	173.5
1886	15.5	16.8	14.9	17.8	16.6	16.0	16.7	17.2	17.7	17.2	16.7	17.2	186.0
1887	14.6	15.9	14.1	17.0	15.8	15.2	15.9	16.4	16.9	16.4	15.9	16.4	177.6
1888	15.7	17.0	15.1	18.0	16.8	16.2	16.9	17.4	17.9	17.4	16.9	17.4	190.1
1889	14.8	16.1	14.3	17.2	16.0	15.4	16.1	16.6	17.1	16.6	16.1	16.6	180.7
1890	15.9	17.2	15.3	18.2	17.0	16.4	17.1	17.6	18.1	17.6	17.1	17.6	193.2
1891	15.0	16.3	14.5	17.4	16.2	15.6	16.3	16.8	17.3	16.8	16.3	16.8	183.8
1892	16.1	17.4	15.5	18.4	17.2	16.6	17.3	17.8	18.3	17.8	17.3	17.8	196.3
1893	15.2	16.5	14.7	17.6	16.4	15.8	16.5	17.0	17.5	17.0	16.5	17.0	186.9
1894	16.3	17.6	15.7	18.6	17.4	16.8	17.5	18.0	18.5	18.0	17.5	18.0	199.4
1895	15.4	16.7	14.9	17.8	16.6	16.0	16.7	17.2	17.7	17.2	16.7	17.2	190.0
1896	16.5	17.8	15.9	18.8	17.6	17.0	17.7	18.2	18.7	18.2	17.7	18.2	202.5
1897	15.6	16.9	15.1	18.0	16.8	16.2	16.9	17.4	17.9	17.4	16.9	17.4	193.1
1898	16.7	18.0	16.1	19.0	17.8	17.2	17.9	18.4	18.9	18.4	17.9	18.4	205.6
1899	15.8	17.1	15.3	18.2	17.0	16.4	17.1	17.6	18.1	17.6	17.1	17.6	196.2
1900	16.9	18.2	16.3	19.2	18.0	17.4	18.1	18.6	19.1	18.6	18.1	18.6	208.7
1901	16.0	17.3	15.5	18.4	17.2	16.6	17.3	17.8	18.3	17.8	17.3	17.8	199.3
1902	17.1	18.4	16.5	19.4	18.2	17.6	18.3	18.8	19.3	18.8	18.3	18.8	211.8
1903	16.2	17.5	15.7	18.6	17.4	16.8	17.5	18.0	18.5	18.0	17.5	18.0	202.4
1904	17.3	18.6	16.7	19.6	18.4	17.8	18.5	19.0	19.5	19.0	18.5	19.0	214.9
1905	16.4	17.7	15.9	18.8	17.6	17.0	17.7	18.2	18.7	18.2	17.7	18.2	205.5
1906	17.5	18.8	16.9	19.8	18.6	18.0	18.7	19.2	19.7	19.2	18.7	19.2	218.0
1907	16.6	17.9	16.1	19.0	17.8	17.2	17.9	18.4	18.9	18.4	17.9	18.4	208.6
1908	17.7	19.0	17.1	20.0	18.8	18.2	18.9	19.4	19.9	19.4	18.9	19.4	221.1
1909	16.8	18.1	16.3	19.2	18.0	17.4	18.1	18.6	19.1	18.6	18.1	18.6	211.7
1910	17.9	19.2	17.3	20.2	19.0	18.4	19.1	19.6	20.1	19.6	19.1	19.6	224.2
1911	17.0	18.3	16.5	19.4	18.2	17.6	18.3	18.8	19.3	18.8	18.3	18.8	214.8
1912	18.1	19.4	17.5	20.4	19.2	18.6	19.3	19.8	20.3	19.8	19.3	19.8	227.3
1913	17.2	18.5	16.7	19.6	18.4	17.8	18.5	19.0	19.5	19.0	18.5	19.0	217.9
1914	18.3	19.6	17.7	20.6	19.4	18.8	19.5	20.0	20.5	20.0	19.5	20.0	230.4
1915	17.4	18.7	16.9	19.8	18.6	18.0	18.7	19.2	19.7	19.2	18.7	19.2	221.0

BUANGOR.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Ararat District Junior Football Association (Mr. delugard in the chair), at which all clubs were represented, the following resolution was carried:—That the association wind up for the season, and that the trophy money, which includes one guinea from each club and two guineas from Mr. delugard, be devoted to the following objects:—That we provide a bed in the ward set aside for the reception of Australian wounded soldiers at the Ararat Hospital, and the balance to the general Australian wounded soldiers' fund. At a meeting held in Buangor the previous night, the Buangor footballers unanimously decided in favor of winding up the season. Over 70 people attended the euchre party and dance in the Buangor Hall on Saturday, July 24th, in aid of the Football Club. The ladies prize, a cheque for £1 1/2 (donated by Mr. J. Jones), was won by Mrs. Flynn, and the gentlemen's

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Eight members were present at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., on Tuesday night, Mr. G. Wilson (president), presiding. Correspondence of a rough nature was dealt with. It was decided to accept an invitation from the local Oddfellows to play a return euchre tournament. One new member was proposed. Mr. A. M. Parker was elected to fill a vacancy on the committee.

The Beaufort branch of the Red Cross Society acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following gifts:—Mrs E. D. Lindsay, 1 pair socks and 3 shippers; Mrs W. M. Newby, 1 pair shippers; Mrs W. M. Newby, 1 pair shippers; Mrs W. M. Newby, 1 pair shippers; Mrs W. M. Newby, 1 pair shippers.

The death of Mrs. Celia Ann Morris, widow of Mr. George Morris, formerly of Main Lead, occurred at Ararat on Wednesday, from senile decay, at the ripe age of 82 years. Four sons and a daughter survive. The funeral will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Beaufort Cemetery on Thursday.

Cr. Sinclair, of Beaufort, (introduced by Cr. Pickford), waited on the Ararat Shire Council on Tuesday (says the Chronicle) in connection with the contract for the new sewerage. His working knowledge of the valves, and that there was a good pressure at the recent fire at the railway station. The firemen agreed to have a working-bee and dig a trench if the council laid water on to the fire station for a fortnight.

Two districts which were listed for the sale at the Ballarat County Court on Monday were the King and the Empire. The action brought by George Richard Houlder, farmer, of Carras, for the recovery of damages to his sheep, was dismissed. The defendant was not represented.

Private H. Smith was entertained at the Chute Hall on Friday evening. The engineer had plugged the hole, and Cr. Stewart had kindly promised to send a man over once a week. The engineer had informed the inspector as to what had been done, and he had replied that he thought this was a good idea.

At a meeting of the War Relief Fund Committee, Cr. A. W. Roddis presiding, the secretary reported that the fund had collected £100 in the month, and several articles had been decided to forward to the Australian Sick and Wounded Fund, and £5 was voted to the Ladies' Committee for Red Cross work.

Among old Beaufort district boys who have recently enlisted are Messrs R. Roddis, E. Dakin, and W. Thompson. On Friday, 31st ult. (Australia Day) the Beaufort school children were given a half-holiday, and the streets in Beaufort were decorated for relief of Australian wounded.

FOR THE EMPIRE. AUSTRALIA DAY.

The promoters of the Beaufort effort on behalf of the returning Australian wounded set out to raise £100, but the excitement of the most sanguine were surpassed, as about double the amount mentioned will result. The function, which took the form of a jumble fair and auction sale of gifts, was held at the Societies' Hall on Saturday night.

From the Victorian Railways, intimating that matter of sheep-trucking yards at Beaufort has been referred for report, the result of which will be duly communicated. Received: Cr. H. Stewart, who stated that an officer was going to inspect at the first opportunity. The president expressed his disgust at the present trucking arrangements, and said that he would be more than at any other station he had been at, and promised to let him know a day or two before the commission was held.

From the Department of Public Works, intimating that the Postal Department was to connect the caretaker's residence at the reservoir with the Beaufort fire station by telephone, on condition mentioned as regards only one pole being required, but it was more than one pole that some inquiries would be made locally before the work is commenced.

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RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL. MONDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1915.

Present—Crs. Hannah (president), Slater, Stewart, Halpin, Trengrove, Carstairs, Lewis, Roddis, and Sinclair. The minutes of the previous meeting, as type-written and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

From the Victorian Railways, intimating that matter of sheep-trucking yards at Beaufort has been referred for report, the result of which will be duly communicated. Received: Cr. H. Stewart, who stated that an officer was going to inspect at the first opportunity.

From the Department of Public Works, intimating that the Postal Department was to connect the caretaker's residence at the reservoir with the Beaufort fire station by telephone, on condition mentioned as regards only one pole being required, but it was more than one pole that some inquiries would be made locally before the work is commenced.

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PRICE THREEPENCE.

YOUNG FARMER'S INSOLVENCY.

A VICTIM OF THE DROUGHT.
Before His Honor Judge Wincke, the insolvent court, Ballarat, on Thursday 12th, an examination was held into the affairs of a young farmer named Donald McDonald, who had been farming near Skipton.

Mr. McDonald appeared for the first time before the court, and Mr. D. J. Mackay, M.P., for the district, was present. The examination was held in the presence of Mr. McDonald's father, Mr. J. McDonald, and Mr. D. J. Mackay, M.P., for the district, who was present.

Mr. McDonald, who is now 21 years of age, was born at Skipton, Victoria, and has been farming there since he was 16 years of age. He has a wife and two children.

Mr. McDonald's father, Mr. J. McDonald, was a successful farmer, and Donald inherited a large property at Skipton. He had a large stock of sheep and cattle, and was doing well.

But in 1914, a severe drought set in, and the crops failed. Donald's stock was reduced, and he was unable to pay his debts. He was forced to sell his property, and was declared insolvent.

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WHEN COVEY WAS CRASBED.

"The fact is, myte," says Low Covey, in a burst of confidence, "I was born tired, and I don't seem to be getting any better."

"I bin doin' very well since I see you round the Northern circuit with a show. Might ha' bin doin' well still, but the gaff was blown by a yere wild man, yer know, jest caught on the coast of Afriky. Walk up, walk up!"

"That was the patter-d'ye feller me? Low? I know it by art. He don't speak no lan-guage, gentlemen, knows in these parts. His food is carrion. His garments is put on for decency, but he goes naked in the savj state."

"He is allowed to take in clothes off, you'd see he was tattooed from head to foot with bear 'uts and the signs of the Zodiac. He was a Prince in his own country; and we 'ad almost to exterminate his devoted followers with the Maxim gun afore we could get him aboard the man-o-war. He has had to be kept in a cage ever since. Don't be frightened when you see him rattlin' his chains. To prevent accidents, the attendant will stand by with a drawn sword. He is particu-larly ferocious at feedin' time, and he is jest goin' to 'ave a meal."

"It was good bizness, and when the show was shut, I was gaffed off the burnt cork, and sits down to my toke and pipe. But one day, an' a Monday too, when the coin was rollin' in, up comes half a dozen long-faced coves in black, with a sort of 'I-forbid-the-banns' look all over 'em, an' holds up their 'aads."

"What's up now?" says my te, as was standin' guard over me with the cutlash. We represent the Mus-selberry branch of the Slavy' Bar-selty," says a sort of Amer-curler, as was at the 'ead on 'em; "an' we demand the immediat release of this unhappy bein' under the laws of Brittain."

"Where does the unhappy bein' come from?" asks one on 'em.
"Coast of Afriky," says William.
"Which coast?"
"Ow should I know? Arst 'im yerself."
"Can he speak Arrybee?" says one on 'em, jabberin' something to me; but I only shrugs my tead.
"Try 'im in Suceely," says another. More gibberish. Then they changed the lowkin' again, an' slings a lot more on 'it, for all the world like small shot.
"It was gerrin' okkard, for the gong was beatin' outside for another turn. Look here," I says, makin' off my chains and squar' up to the inter-preter, "what d're mean by tryin' to puvvat a man from car'ain, a honest livin'?" Cheese it an' slide.
"But they blowed the gaff as soon's they went outside. The management had to put up a stuffed mermaid next mornin', an' I got the shove."

To-morrow or to-night, maybe, you will lose something that you prize highly. Nearly everybody loses something at one time or other, but in Beaufort few things are lost that can not be recovered through a small ad. in the "Riponshire Advocate." It's easy to mail an ad. to the "Advocate," or just call at the office and tell us your trouble.

BEAUFORT RAINFALL.

We are indebted to Mr. J. McClellan for the following information as to the rain at Beaufort since 1889.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1889	11.2	10.5	10.8	11.2	11.5	11.8	12.1	12.4	12.7	13.0	13.3	13.6	139.6
1890	11.5	11.8	12.1	12.4	12.7	13.0	13.3	13.6	13.9	14.2	14.5	14.8	144.0
1891	11.8	12.1	12.4	12.7	13.0	13.3	13.6	13.9	14.2	14.5	14.8	15.1	148.4
1892	12.1	12.4	12.7	13.0	13.3	13.6	13.9	14.2	14.5	14.8	15.1	15.4	152.8
1893	12.4	12.7	13.0	13.3	13.6	13.9	14.2	14.5	14.8	15.1	15.4	15.7	157.2
1894	12.7	13.0	13.3	13.6	13.9	14.2	14.5	14.8	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	161.6
1895	13.0	13.3	13.6	13.9	14.2	14.5	14.8	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	166.0
1896	13.3	13.6	13.9	14.2	14.5	14.8	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.6	170.4
1897	13.6	13.9	14.2	14.5	14.8	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.9	174.8
1898	13.9	14.2	14.5	14.8	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2	179.2
1899	14.2	14.5	14.8	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2	17.5	183.6
1900	14.5	14.8	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.8	188.0
1901	14.8	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.8	18.1	192.4
1902	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.8	18.1	18.4	196.8
1903	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.8	18.1	18.4	18.7	201.2
1904	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.8	18.1	18.4	18.7	19.0	205.6
1905	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.8	18.1	18.4	18.7	19.0	19.3	210.0
1906	16.3	16.6	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.8	18.1	18.4	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.6	214.4
1907	16.6	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.8	18.1	18.4	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	218.8
1908	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.8	18.1	18.4	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2	223.2
1909	17.2	17.5	17.8	18.1	18.4	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2	20.5	227.6
1910	17.5	17.8	18.1	18.4	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2	20.5	20.8	232.0
1911	17.8	18.1	18.4	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2	20.5	20.8	21.1	236.4
1912	18.1	18.4	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2	20.5	20.8	21.1	21.4	240.8
1913	18.4	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2	20.5	20.8	21.1	21.4	21.7	245.2
1914	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2	20.5	20.8	21.1	21.4	21.7	22.0	249.6
1915	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2	20.5	20.8	21.1	21.4	21.7	22.0	22.3	254.0

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FOR THE EMPIRE.

The 63rd list of Australian casualties at the Dardanelles contains the name of Private C. W. Guyatt, of Waterloo, who is reported as being ill.

Private Jack Kennibrough, who returned from the Dardanelles with the last batch of wounded, and was given a welcome home at Maryborough on Wednesday, is well known in Beaufort.

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BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Cattle: 49 head came to hand for today's sale, consisting principally of midding to useful descriptions.

Quotations: Useful bullocks, £17 10 to £18 2 6; midding, £13 10 to £15 0 0; 2 6; useful, £13 to £15 0 0.

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Religious Services. SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th, 1915. METHODIST CHURCH - Beaufort, 11 and 7; Raglan, 3 - Rev. G. B. Campbell, L. T. Chute, 3; Raglan, 7 - Rev. W. H. Chapman, Chute, 3; Mr. J. Stringer, Main Road, 3 - Mr. G. Boyd.

COAGULINE "KLINK" "TRINASTINE." Cement for breakages, manufacturing purposes.

MINING NEWS.

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A FASCINATING, CLEVER, SOCIETY LOVE STORY.

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PART 16. CHAPTER XXVIII.—(Continued.)

It was almost done, and she wanted to finish it before evening. The face was all completed, and there were only a few details about the dress and surroundings to be worked up, and then it would be ready for Allan's verdict.

It was a perfect likeness—a most beautiful picture. It was so perfect that had Allan never had a suspicion as to her identity before, he would surely have recognised her now, for she had betrayed herself in a hundred ways, although she did not appear to be aware of the fact herself.

Hour after hour Gertrude worked, touching and re-touching certain points, finishing a bit of lace upon sleeve, and giving a little richer hue to some draperies on one side. She became so absorbed that time passed unheeded, while the tender smile was upon her lips, the fond, bright light in her eyes, that told her occupation was truly a labour of love.

There came a knock upon her door after a time. "Come in," Gertrude said; and it was an habitual form of expression, for so many pupils were in the habit of coming at all hours.

She glanced up as the door opened. The post-boy stood upon the threshold, with some letters and papers in his hand. "Oh, you have some letters for me," she continued, with a smile.

"Will you please step in and lay them on the table? I am very busy, and do not want to get up." She had turned back to her work almost before she had ceased speaking, too interested even to look at her letters.

The boy obeyed her request and retired; but Gertrude paid no heed, nor had she noticed that another figure had followed him into the room, and remained after the door closed upon him.

But suddenly she was startled by the sound of a voice close beside her. "There is only one person in the world who could have painted that picture," it said, in a low, intense tone.

Instantly she sprang to her feet, palette and brushes falling unheeded upon the floor, and turned her white face and frightened eyes upon the speaker.

"Allan!" she gasped, the name she had been dwelling upon all day escaping her unawares. "Yes, it is Allan; and you are Gertrude," he said, a gentle reproach, yet a world of tenderness in his tone, while his face had grown radiant at the sound of his name from her lips.

A lovely confusion covered her; her bright head drooped, her lips trembled, and she stood before him confessed at last. "My darling, why did you run away from me? You would not, if you could have known how I have longed for you all the weary time," he said, drawing nearer to her, yet without offering to take her hand or to touch her.

Gertrude trembled. He had never spoken to her in that lover-like way before, and those words, "My darling," how sweetly they sounded in her hungry ears!

"Gertrude," Allan continued, "if I have not wounded you by my words beyond forgiveness; if you can pardon the wrong done you so long ago; if you believe me when I tell you that I love you with all the strength of my manhood; if you will come to me as my cherished wife, put your hand in mine, and say 'Allan' again, as you did just a moment ago."

He reached up his hands to her in an appealing way—his heart in his eyes, his lips quivering with the agitation he could not control.

But some perverse influence sent Gertrude's mind wandering back to her wedding day—to that tortured hour when, sitting in the hammock outside the library window, she had heard Allan tell his father that he had "ruined his life," that he had forced him to marry "an ignorant, unformed girl—a veritable dowdy"—and something of the old bitterness and rebellion came back into her heart for a moment over the remembrance.

Her face grew white and pained, and a sob burst from her trembling lips. Instantly Allan seemed to understand what was passing in her mind.

"Gertrude, darling, forgive—come, come!" he pleaded. "She could resist him no longer. She knew he loved her with all the fervour of his manly heart.

A rough flush ran over her neck, cheeks, and brow. She lifted her clear steadfast eyes, and looked for one brief instant into his, then laid her clasped hands upon his outstretched palms.

"My love! my love! at last you are mine indeed! Oh, Gertrude, it has been a wretched, weary time since I came home and found you gone," he said, in a broken voice.

She was sobbing now upon his breast. It was indeed all over at last. The waiting, the toil, the mystery, the doubt and pain, the burden of the past five years, were all rolled from her heart; a future of joy and blessing awaited her, and her overwrought heart could only find vent in tears.

He soothed her as he would have soothed a child, with fond words and caressing touch, and then he began to talk to her of the past. "All that first night, dear," he said, "after we had returned from our fruitless search for you, I spent

praying that you might be restored to me, and that our lives might not be ruined just when the future promised so much for us; for, Gertrude, I had begun to love you long before I came home, and I hoped, yet some- what fearfully, that I might be able to win back the true heart that I had so wounded and estranged by my deception and unkindness. Tell me, dear, can you love me again as in the old happy days before I destroyed your trust in me?"

She wiped her tears and lifted her face, more beautiful than ever, with the light of love and new happiness illumining it, and the gleam of peace and infinite content in her eyes. "Allan, I have always loved you with a true and steadfast love. It has never wavered—it has grown with my growth, and strengthened with my strength," she said.

His arms tightened about her. He knew that he had not deserved such devotion and constancy as this. "But," she began, again a little cloud dimming the brightness of her countenance.

He checked her. "Do not say it, darling," he whispered. "Do not let even the shadow of a doubt come into your mind. Let all the sad past go—forget it, and believe that a new and better love has risen from the old; believe that I love you with all the love of which a human heart is capable. Will you?"

"Yes, I do believe it," she answered, softly. Allan bent and kissed her lips. It was the first lover's kiss that he had given her, and she had borne his name for more than five years.

CHAPTER XXIX. A PERFECT RECONCILIATION. "I do not deserve such happiness as this," Allan said, after he had talked over the past a little. "I feel that I have wronged you in many ways, but most of all in keeping you in ignorance of the change that gradually came over my feelings towards you. But there was never a word in all your letters, dear, to tell me of one spark of your old affection for me remained. They were very proper and entertaining, but very icy, Gertrude."

"I could not thrust myself upon you—I did not even wish to remind you that we were bound to each other," the girl replied, flushing, as she remembered how she used to laugh over those epistles. They had been more perplexing to her than the most difficult essay or composition that she had ever written at school.

"I understand, and I know that it belonged to me to make the first advance towards a change in the tenor of our letters. I wrote much more freely to my mother than to you, and she would repeat what I said."

"She was far too wise to do that; she knew I was too sensitive hearing through another what belonged to you alone to say to me," she said, proudly.

Allan laughed. He admired her all the more for this little show of spirit. "And it would have been but just for you to resent it," he said. "But, Gertrude, believe I really began to be a trifle afraid of you after a while, when I saw how you were going ahead, and realising something of your mental calibre."

"Perhaps I owe it to you, after all, the impetus which drove me to study," Gertrude said, musingly. "I always hated books, you know, but after you said—after my illness, nothing seemed so difficult for me to accomplish in the way of lessons."

"I am afraid you owe me nothing, dear," Allan replied, sadly. "When I think of the cruel things you overheard on the day which should have been the brightest you had ever known, and realise how nearly they cost you your life, I feel very guilty. But if you could have known that what I wrote in my last letter to my mother, I mean those words that wounded you so—was but the fear of a loving yet doubting heart, you would never have hidden yourself from me during all these long weary months."

Gertrude looked up at him questioningly, a sudden flush upon her cheeks. "I do not quite understand," she said. "You certainly wrote that you dreaded to meet me—dreaded to claim me."

"Oh, Gertrude, if you had only read the whole letter!" "I could not, Allan. I would not have taken such a liberty for the world. I would not even have read one word, but I could not help seeing that one line as I took the letter from your dear mother's hands, after she was gone, to lay it away in her desk with the others."

"Would you like to read it now?" Allan asked, as he drew a letter from his pocket. "I have brought it to you. I have carried it with me everywhere while searching for you, to prove, if I should find you, that my love is not a new or sudden growth."

"I do not need any proof, Allan; I believe you," Gertrude said. "Bless you, my darling!" he cried in a glad voice. "But you shall read the letter, nevertheless; read the whole of it, for it is full of love and truth. He unfolded it and laid it in her hands, and she read it through. It was indeed full of his hopes and plans and love for her, and a smile broke over her lips as she read, but there were tears in her eyes when she gave it back to him.

"Am glad to know that you began to love me before," she began, then suddenly stopped, and she flushed a vivid crimson. "Before what?"

She had almost said "before you knew of the great change in me," but now she said: "Before you discovered that Helen Richards was Gertrude Wynn."

"No, not Gertrude Wynn," Allan interrupted. "But Gertrude Livingstone—my wife. My darling, why would you never send me a picture of yourself?"

"You had one, I believe, when you went away," Gertrude said, detouring her eyes from his. "Allan, I have never seen a picture of you."

"I have never seen a picture of you," she answered, with a grave look. "It has not been a pleasant theme for you to dwell upon, I am sure," he said, gently. "Am afraid you have not quite forgiven me for saying these unkind words, even yet."

"Indeed I have, she replied, laying her hand upon his shoulder. "Allan, I have never seen a picture of you."

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ly, but with a roguish twinkle in her eyes." "Yes," he added, in a tone of playful reproach. "But just think what an uncomfortable position you had placed me in. Not having anything to show me how you had changed, I was not able to recognise my wife when I met her!"

"Perhaps I have done wrong in that respect," Gertrude said, with a sigh; "but I could not bear that you should think I wished to invite you to look upon the fact that I had improved in my personal appearance."

"You are exceedingly proud, dear; but really, you have grown very beautiful!" "Yes, I know it," she responded, frankly, and without a particle of vanity, "and I am grateful that people find my face a pleasant one to look upon. No one can ever know how I suffered in those old days when I realised how very unlovely I was. I am glad, too, on your account, Allan."

He drew her to him, looking fondly into her eyes. "These eyes are unchanged, at all events, and the same lovely soul looks out at me through them," he said, tenderly. "If it were not so, I am afraid my heart would play truant, and now, it is not your face and form, after all, that you are a delight to my eyes—but your own dear self, Gertrude, that I love."

The hours slipped by, and still they talked on, the unfinished portrait forgotten, the waning sunlight that told of the day's speedy close ignored and unheeded.

All the past was told and discussed, heart spoke to heart, and perfect harmony and confidence was at last established between the long-parted lovers.

Gertrude related the history of her mother, and gave an account of their recent reunion; and then Allan told her something of what his father had revealed to him, regarding Mr. Wynn's misunderstanding and desertion of his young wife.

Allan had resolved that there should be no secrets between them; no cloud of doubt or mistrust should cast a shadow upon Gertrude's path again, if it was in his power to prevent it.

The little clock on a bracket above them struck five, and Gertrude started, as she realised the lateness of the hour. She knew that her mother would be anxious about her, and wonder why she did not come home.

"Come and look at your mother's picture," she said, "and then we must go home." She drew him towards the easel, and then stooped to gather up her brushes and palette.

"It is perfect," Allan said. "But, dear, you have succeeded in blinding me as to your identity until this moment, you would have stood revealed now. Have you not realised that?"

"No, I have not. I have been so absorbed in my work that I simply thought of trying to make her like her own dear self as I possibly could."

"But look here—and here! This little grey curl on her right temple, the only spot of grey that showed on her face, does not show in the picture that I gave you to copy from. Then this lace on her dress. I am sure the pattern is not at all distinct in the photograph."

"I see," Gertrude returned, looking confused. "But I never thought of it, and it was a great oversight on my part—or would have been," she added, with a glance at him. "If I had not been quite sure that you suspected me, and so made up my mind to confess when you came back."

"Yes, I had begun to suspect you, even before Brown Bose detected your identity," he said, smiling. "Ah, Allan, you took an unfair advantage of me there," Gertrude retorted.

"No, indeed; 'all is fair in love and war,' you know. I was determined to find you. I loved you, and I believed you once loved me, and I believed you would be true to that love, and I was right. Nothing should deter me from finding my darling wife. When we took one first ride together there were some things that you did and said that made me think you were Gertrude, and then there came to me the bright idea—you must acknowledge it was a good stroke—of bringing Brown Bose."

"I was how fond of each other you used to be, and I felt sure she would be the best detective I could employ. But, tell me, did you recognise me the day we met in London?" "Yes, Allan; and I had all I could do to keep myself from fainting and falling at your feet, the shock of meeting you was so unexpected and so great."

"Something attracted me to you, even then," Allan said. "I wondered how you grew so pale as your eyes met mine, and I asked you to step out of my room, and I asked you to come and speak to you, and you looked him from the room. What a will you must have, Gertrude, to have enabled you to retain your self-possession during all this trying ordeal! I thought I should surely lose mine that day at the exhibition, when I was so suddenly confronted with you. No one else could have painted it."

"I never dreamed that you would see it—least of all, that you would buy it. That money has been a burden on my soul ever since," declared Gertrude.

Allan laughed. "Well, spend it, then, and get rid of it. Don't let it part with my picture, for doubtless the amount that you sold it for was more than I have ever been able to forget that day," she answered, with a grave look.

"It has not been a pleasant theme for you to dwell upon, I am sure," he said, gently. "Am afraid you have not quite forgiven me for saying these unkind words, even yet."

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the past is nothing to me, now that I know you truly love me. But, Allan, it is growing dark; I must go. Will you come home with me to my mother?"

"Of course I will. My dear one, do you think I can ever be separated from you again?" "But—," Gertrude began, and then stopped, covered with confusion.

Again Allan laughed. "You are thinking what the world will say?" he said. "Yes, how can we ever explain? It is such a strange story."

"It is, indeed." "Can we bear to have everybody know the past?" "It would be awkward, certainly. I had not thought of the nine days' wonder," Allan said, gravely. Then he added: "Suppose we talk the matter over with Mrs. Wynn, and be governed by her advice in the matter."

Gertrude readily assented, and remarked: "I expect there will be—if there has not already been—a great deal of gossip regarding the fact that Mrs. Archibald and Miss Richards have been sailing under false colours; that we have a 'history,' and are mother and daughter. If we could avoid any further conspicuousness it should be glad."

"Yes, I will avoid all that is possible in the direction," Allan replied, thoughtfully. "It was a subject that had not entered my mind before."

"I am glad you are pleased with the portrait," Gertrude said, as she carefully covered the canvas, preparatory to leaving the studio.

"It is perfect," Allan replied, "it will be doubly dear to me because you have painted it."

Gertrude assented, and the western sky was not brighter than her lover's face as she went out from her studio leaning on her husband's arm, and feeling that henceforth her life would be tenderly guarded by his love and care.

CHAPTER XL. IN WHICH ALL THREADS ARE GATHERED UP. Mrs. Wynn was somewhat startled at the appearance of Gertrude and Allan, but she rejoiced that the reconciliation was complete and her daughter's future was happily assured.

The evening was passed in talking over the events which so deeply concerned the speakers, and discussing the future, and it is doubtful if in that great city there were three happier people than were gathered in Mrs. Wynn's parlour, before an open fire, that sparkled and crackled merrily, as if in hearty sympathy with the occasion.

"Gertrude, where do you wish to live?" Allan asked; but she little dreamed how he had dreaded to ask that question, or how he waited for her answer. "Would you be content to remain in Chicago?"

"Yes, if you think best." "Have you no preference? Is there no one spot on the earth that you would choose before another?" or would you like a trip somewhere?"

Gertrude looked up musingly into his face, hesitated a moment, and then said: "We were so happy at Livingston Elms."

Her husband's arms were around her in an instant. "My darling, you could not have pleased me so well," he cried, eagerly. "I long to go home, now that I have found you. It is almost a necessity that I should go, for Livingston Elms is a master sadly. But I feared it would not be pleasant to you; my mother once wrote to me that the place was very distasteful to you."

"Oh, but that was when I was feeling so unreconciled to everything. It will be very different now. I yearn for the old place. I long to ride with you on the river again—to ride over there, and through the woods. There was never any woods quite like those," Gertrude concluded, with a longing sigh.

"Then home to the Elms we will go," Allan said, joyously. "Only I shall have to go and get ready for you, first. It must be a very cheerful home-coming for you."

"Will not Dr. Foodick regret to lose you?" "I am sure he will, but he must find some young physician to take my place. And now about the time for going home. Truly, Gertrude, now that I have found my wife I am at a loss to know how to claim her. Allan marked, laughing, yet looking a trifle disturbed as well.

"This did seem to be quite a puzzling question, and it was some time before they could settle it. Gertrude was extremely sensitive, and recoiled from the thought of having to leave the history of her previous relations with Allan. They could not be explained in any way without causing a great deal of gossip, and making them both unpleasantly conspicuous before the public. Allan, too, thought it would be unwise to have the story noised abroad, and yet could not readily suggest a way of avoiding it.

"Out of the dilemma I conceived a way," he said. "You have proposed, Dr. Livingston, to go to make some changes in your home before taking Gertrude there," he said. "Why not announce immediately that she is soon to be come your wife?—call it an engagement, if you will. You have told me that only Dr. Foodick and the Overseers know that you are already married; and, as I understand, it was a matter of confidence with them. Of course, they will not violate it. I really do not feel that the ceremony which made Gertrude, at sixteen, your wife, was much more than a mockery, and so I propose, for the sake of avoiding gossip, that you pray I may ever be worthy of you, Allan said, when, after the breakfast was over, he had drawn her for a moment aside into a little room and there were tears in his eyes as he spoke.

The young couple went to go on to other—Gertrude's friends, who know something of her life—ask then you can go to Livingston Elms 'you-like.' "Gertrude, what do you say to the plan?" Allan asked. She looked grave. "I do not approve of anything that seems like a farce or sham connected with sacred things," she answered. "It need not be a farce, and it will not be a sham. It will be very real to me, I assure you," Allan said, seriously. "What do you say?" he added, eagerly, "to my going to the old rector at home, and confiding every ceremony what he chooses? He will know what would be right and proper."

"That is well thought of," said Mrs. Wynn, "and it will save asking a stranger to be present at what would be almost a family affair, and it will not, therefore, need to be conducted with quite so much formality. I think that would be best."

"I like all but the separation," Allan observed, dejectedly. "It will take some time to get ready to leave. I wish, Gertrude, that I could take you home to-morrow." "And I would like to go home to-morrow with you, Allan," Gertrude replied; "but perhaps the plan my mother has proposed will be the better one to follow."

And thus it was decided. It was at once announced that Gertrude would be in the course of a few weeks become Mrs. Livingston, and immediately congratulations poured in upon her from every quarter. Allan settled his affairs with Dr. Foodick, and then repaired to Livingston Elms.

He consulted the old rector, who was very much rejoiced to learn how happily matters were settling themselves, while he heartily approved the plan that was proposed, and he consented to go to Chicago and pronounce his benediction upon the new relations the young couple were to assume.

Allan, however, could not be content long away from Gertrude, and, giving instructions regarding the repairs and refurbishing of his home Chicago after an absence of a little more than a week, he returned to Livingston Elms.

Meanwhile, Gertrude's pupils had been dismissed and her studio closed, and in some mysterious way it had become known that she had recently come into possession of a large fortune through the death of some relative, though just whom no one seemed able to tell.

No surprise was expressed that the marriage ceremony was to be a private one. Everybody knew that Dr. Livingston had recently buried his father, and it would be rather out of place for him to have a brilliant wedding.

At all events, the fashionable set seemed to be very well pleased with the whole affair. Dr. Livingston was a wealthy and distinguished gentleman. Mrs. Wynn was a charming woman—unmistakably connected with her history—and appeared to possess unlimited means, while her daughter had been a general favourite, and now possessed the additional charm of a large fortune in her own right; and so Mrs. Grundy could not find it in her heart to be unpleasantly critical towards people who could afford to be independent of her good or ill will.

The 20th of December had been set for the ceremony, and then the happy couple went to go to Rose Taylor's home to be present at her wedding, which was to take place five days later.

So Gertrude would not miss seeing her friend married, after all, and Rose was wild with delight over the fact of her coming. Gertrude had written to her immediately after her reconciliation with her husband, giving particulars of all the wonderful things that had so recently happened to her, and she had been publicly declared what day Allan would publicly claim her, she had written again of that event.

"Can't you come to me, Rose, for the 20th?" she wrote. "It seems as if you ought to be here to share my happiness, for indeed I am supremely happy. It will be a very quiet affair, and there will be no one here who will criticise your coming, notwithstanding you are to be a bride so soon upon your wedding."

And Rose declared that she "would go, etiquette or no etiquette," that she would go so quietly that no one need know of her absence. She could not deny herself the pleasure of being with Gertrude on that most important occasion, and hearing from her own lips more of the romantic occurrences of the last year.

The day of the ceremony arrived. The good old rector from Livingston Elms went through a simple service in an impressive manner, and as Allan stood beside Gertrude, with her hand clasped in his, and listened to the earnest tones of the aged man, he could not help feeling that this was the real marriage that made them one. That other ceremony seemed like a dream to him; his heart had been so filled with bitterness and agony that he had been miserably on account of the cruel deception which they were both practising upon an innocent girl, and he could not half comprehend its meaning.

Now, however, his whole soul was filled with love and joy. A sense of exultation at having won this lovely girl, and the knowledge that he had secured a gifted woman for his wife thrilled him.

Gertrude was wondrously beautiful in pure white satin, with lilacs of the valley in her hair, and on her breast she would have no veil or orange blossoms.

"My wife, now and for ever! I pray I may ever be worthy of you," Allan said, when, after the breakfast was over, he had drawn her for a moment aside into a little room and there were tears in his eyes as he spoke.

The young couple went to go on to New York that afternoon to pay a little visit to Aunt Marcia—Miss Frothingham. That lady had not been able to come to Chicago to be present upon this joyful occasion, but had sent her love, and had expressed a desire to see them just as soon as they could make it convenient to come to her.

From New York they were to go to Rose Taylor's home, which was only a short distance from the city, to be present at her wedding.

A short time before Allan and his wife were to leave, a box was left at Mrs. Wynn's door for Dr. Livingston. Upon examination it was found to contain a beautiful piece of foreign statuary, representing Cupid in pursuit of Venus.

Accompanying it was a letter expressing Mr. and Mrs. Webster's best wishes and heartiest congratulations on his success in at last having found his wife—they having surmised that such was the case upon hearing the name of the lady whom, report said, he was about to marry. The letter also stated that just after Allan left them in London to return to America, a telegram, dated three months previous, and which had been following them from place to place, had come, informing them of young Mrs. Webster's husband, who had been drowned while sailing upon Lake Michigan. They had returned only a few weeks previous, but they hoped that the acquaintance so pleasantly begun with Dr. Livingston abroad might be renewed at home.

Allan was much pleased with this token of remembrance, and had a good laugh over Mr. Webster's joke. He replied at once to the kind letter, verifying their suspicions regarding Gertrude, and giving them all a hearty invitation to visit himself and wife when they should be settled in their home at Livingston Elms; but he was destined to meet one of them before that.

Rose Taylor's wedding was a large and brilliant affair. Everything that love could suggest and abundant means would do to promote the happiness of the lovely girl, and the future promise to be a very joyous and bright one.

Gertrude met many of her old schoolmates upon this occasion, and while they were surprised to learn that the report of her sad fate had been a false one, no one appeared to think it strange that she was the wife of Dr. Livingston. The opinion prevailed that she had been adopted, and had married the son of a friend of her father's.

Taylor a little while after the ceremony, when she saw a gentleman, accompanied by a lady, all in black, approaching her.

A second glance showed the former to be Mr. Frank Winthrop. The lady was a stranger to her, but she was surprised to see her husband start forward with extended hand, and greet her most cordially, while the beautiful woman blushed as she returned his salutation.

"Mrs. Livingston, I am most happy to meet you under such happy circumstances," said Mr. Winthrop, smiling; and he added, significantly, "I trust that you will acknowledge now that I am a true prophet!" "Yes, indeed I will," Gertrude answered, with a charming smile. "But why did you not call on me in Chicago?"

"Because I was called out of the city on business the day after meeting you at Mrs. Preston's, and have not been there since. But I have brought a friend to introduce to you," he added, turning to attract his companion's attention. "Mrs. Webster—Mrs. Livingston."

Gertrude started at the name, then the two ladies clasped hands and gazed earnestly at each other's face. Gertrude knew instantly that whom Allan had followed, believing her to be his wife, and she had felt a great curiosity to meet her ever since hearing the story.

They were attracted to each other immediately, and had a pleasant chat together, during which they could not resist a little laugh at Allan's expense.

Gertrude learned from Rose, later, that her cousin had met Mrs. Webster in Paris shortly after her own departure; that he had been attracted towards her, first, because she reminded him somewhat of Gertrude, and afterwards because of her own loveliness of character. Immediately upon learning of her husband's death, he had sought her again, and he had recently confided to Rose the fact that, when a proper time should elapse, he intended assuming a near relationship with her. It was at his request that she had been invited to be present at the wedding, and he desired to present her to his friends.

Gertrude renewed the invitation to Mrs. Webster and her friends to visit her when she should be settled in her home, and promised herself very much pleasure in knowing her better.

The return to Livingston Elms was delightful. Mrs. Wynn had gone on before to see that everything was in order, and to be there to welcome the young couple.

Everything had been made as inviting as possible. The house was fresh and homelike; and, though the trees were bare and the snow lay deep upon the ground, Gertrude said it was the most delightful place on earth, and felt that life promised to be very bright in the future.

As soon as they were somewhat refreshed from their journey, Allan led her from room to room, to show her his improvements and see if they met with her approbation. When they came to the library, the first thing that greeted her eyes were his mother's portrait and her exhibition picture—"That Dowdy."

Allan saw her look of surprise as her glance rested upon them. "Next to my wife, these are the two things that I prize most in my home," he said. "I can imagine that you would prize your mother's portrait; you would but the other—will it be pleasant for you to have it here, where you will have to see so much of it?"

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WAR CENSUS.

Attorney-General's Department, Melbourne, 21st August, 1915.

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COURSING.

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The farewell meeting for this season of the Stockyard Hill District Coursing Club commenced on Thursday evening, when 14 members were received for an all-England stake with £25...

got the early work, winning a fairly long trial by 12 to 8. Drum beat Pearl Ray, leading by about three lengths getting the opening long course by 17 to 9.

DECIDING COURSE. C. Williams' King Girl, by The Drama, beat Pearl Ray, leading by about three lengths getting the opening long course by 17 to 9.

WEDDING.

The wedding of Mr Alfred John Saph and Miss Elizabeth Agnes Glover, took place at St. Andrew's Church, Beaufort, on Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. J. Stewart.

HALF-HOLIDAY QUESTION.

On Wednesday Mr T. J. Gosip, secretary of the Ararat Traders' Association, received a telegram from Mr R. F. Toucher, notifying him that the Hon. the Premier, Sir Alexander Peacock, had granted the petition...

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday. Fat cattle: 4 penned, consisting wholly of the inferior quality. Values again were very high, last week's extreme rates being fully maintained.

LOCAL LAND BOARD.

SCHEDULE of Applications to be dealt with at this office on Thursday, 26th August, 1915, at 10 o'clock.

THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The Federal Attorney-General (Mr Hughes) stated on Wednesday that the war census arrangements were practically completed.

THE ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS.

The English newspapers give prominence to the references to the Australians and New Zealanders made in his despatch by Rear-Admiral de Robeck.

THE DARDANELLES.

The details give just a glimpse, and only a glimpse, of the character of the Dardanelles operations, where every man who has fought either on sea or land deserves the name of hero.

THE RATESPAYERS OF THE NORTH RIDING OF THE SHIRE OF RIPON.

ADIES and Gentlemen, I desire to extend to you my sincere thanks for selecting me unopposed, and agreeing as one of your Representatives, I will do my best to further the interests of the Shire, especially the North Riding.

EUROPEAN WAR.

In an outspoken statement on his return from service in the front, a former British Minister says that the great danger threatening is a cessation, to be followed by a cessation, rendered necessary by the exhaustion and collapse of the belligerents.

A statement reaching Switzerland that the Russian artillery is growing longer would seem to be borne out by the report that, during the fighting on the Gunglupold of Bavaria suffered ten thousand casualties in two hours.

The first transport disaster in recorded after more than a year of war. A British steamer has been sunk in the Aegean Sea, the loss of life being very heavy.

The Germans continue to add to their gains in Poland. A fierce attack on Kovno, which the Russians tried to hold for the protection of their retreat flank, culminated in the fall of the town on Tuesday.

The American press is indignant at the disclosure of attempts by the Germans to embroil the United States in the war. One leading journal has upon President Woodrow Wilson to take action.

Alarmed at the prospect of a landing by the Allies on the coast of Asia Minor, the Turks are feverishly strengthening their defences near Smyrna. There are now 2,084 Australian wounded in England.

MINING NEWS.

Mr D. H. Brown, manager of the Beaufort Deep Leads, reports that the West of West of north to 200 ft. rise. The West of south to 120 ft. payable prospects at 100 ft. level.

D. H. Brown, superintendent of the Northern Hope, reports that the No. 2 rise-Bottom deck-Two parties trucked. Top deck-East of south to 100 ft. level.

The Government does not intend to renew the appointment of the Clever Settlement Board, which expires on the 31st inst.

W. H. HALPIN has been favored with instructions from the Executor in the Estate of the late GEORGE GEOGHEGAN to sell, on above date, as follows:

CATTLE.—Six head, including Steers and Heifers. SHEEP.—140 Merino Ewes, 4-year-old lambing; 50 Wenslers, mixed sexes.

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DURING OUR ANNUAL STOCKTAKING PERIOD WE MAKE SPECIAL REDUCTIONS TO CLEAR STOCKS.

In these times of high-cost-of-living it is a vital matter to get the utmost purchasing power out of one's money, but opportunities for exceptional savings do not come often.

BARGAINS ARE NOW THE RULE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT. LOADS OF BARGAINS FOR LITTLE MONEY.

STUNNING SUITS MADE TO ORDER. STYLISH OVERCOATS.

BLANKETS, FLANNELS. BOOTS AND SHOES.

FOR THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO THERE ARE BARGAINS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

INSPECTION INVITED.



STOCK AND CLEARING SALE! AT TRAWALLA.

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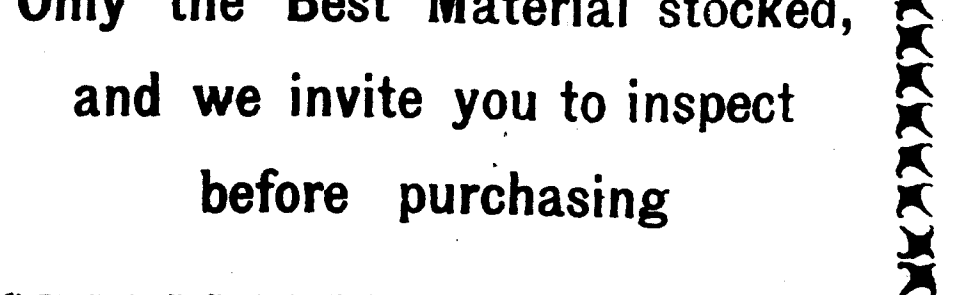
TIMBER MERCHANTS, BEAUFORT.

Large Stocks always on hand of FENCING WIRE, Black & Galv. BARBED WIRE, WIRE NETTING, DROPPERS.

PLOUGH SHARES, TRACE & PLOUGH CHAINS. Furniture, Crockery & Glassware Specialties.

Only the Best Material stocked, and we invite you to inspect before purchasing

EMPIRE COCOA GOES TWICE AS FAR. The absolute purity and exceptional strength of Empire Cocoa make it the most economical that you can use.



COAGULABLE—KILN—TENSATINE. Suitable for breakfast, manufacturing purposes.

Kidnappers.

By C. N. and A. M. Williamson, Authors of "The Barn Stormers," etc.

It was my first voyage as captain of the Umbria, one of the best and fastest boats of the famous Blue Star Line. I looked down at the passengers who were settling themselves in their deck-chairs, and wrapping themselves in furs and rugs as we glided out from New York Harbour. Everybody seemed to be fashionably dressed, and had that air of smartness which is so more readily observed than defined. As I gazed, a young man of rather remarkable appearance came stepping briskly along, and proceeded to establish himself comfortably with a book. He looked about twenty-eight or thirty; there was something un-English in his air, his well-set shoulders had a certain unobscured haughtiness in his bearing, which I caused me to classify him as a German officer, probably of noble birth. Close behind him followed another man (also a foreigner, older, swarthy of skin, with peculiarly black hair and eyes) and a strapping young fellow, who might have been a poor relation or a valet, carrying rugs and a deck-chair. The second corner gave directions that his belongings should be set down, and he was soon seated as closely as possible to the first, who looked up, nodded, and began reading again. Later I was accosted by the elder of the pair on my way to my cabin. "May I speak with you one moment, Captain Pemberton?" he inquired, with a distinctly German accent. "Certainly," I said, pausing. "Would it be asking too much that I might step into your cabin? It is a private and rather peculiar matter, captain, on which I would speak."

me enter into conversation for the first time with the count. He had been walking (with Otto and Krokosius in the background) when I met him, and gave him a friendly nod. Suddenly a bunch of three men stepped forward, and the book which he had tucked under his arm fell open on the deck. The things that had been treasured inside, I was nearer it than he, and with a stride or two I caught it, promptly handing it back. Meantime, I could not help seeing that it was the photograph of a very pretty girl. "I thank you, captain," said the young man in a perfect English. "I should have been greatly distressed to lose this picture, as I—" Before he could finish his sentence the ubiquitous Krokosius was upon us, peering over Count von Wildenstein's shoulder. Just before our meeting I had seen him turn his head and frown at sight of Krokosius following behind, and now he broke out irritably, snatching the photograph from under the other's hand and retreating. "Himmel! Man, can't you let me alone for a moment?" then, turning to me, he went on, "I beg your pardon, captain, but this espionage is becoming absolutely unbearable." I looked at Krokosius, who shrugged his shoulders. "You see, captain," he said, "I told you how my dear Rudolph, you and rest, it would be best to come along with me. Von Wildenstein turned upon him sharply. "How dare you call me by my name?" he demanded. "How do you even know it? Have the kindness, sir, not to annoy me any longer. Captain, I believe this man is insane. His behaviour has certainly become most peculiar, ever since he came on board."

"I think he wants to be your friend," I said, soothingly. "I would go with him, if I were you." A sudden flash of enlightenment gleamed in his grey eyes. "Has this man spoken with you of me, Captain Pemberton?" he asked. "Has he told you that he knew me before, sir?" "I quite answered in the affirmative." "Then he has lied!" the young man ejaculated, his foreign accent coming more marked in his excited manner. "It is a vile plot—a conspiracy against me, with an end to gain, far deeper than you can guess. I fancy I can see it all! I insist, captain, as man to man, that you inform me of what the fellow has said."

"I control myself, I beg," I commanded, rather than restrained. "The excitement can do no possible good." "Great Heaven! Can he have said that I was mad?" he asked. "I know what that means. No doubt he has laid his plans cleverly, for I would swear he is the agent of a society with clever leaders—a society which stops at nothing to gain its ends. Surely, you do not believe it? Why, I can prove it—and his hand travelled to the inner breast-pocket of his coat, then was withdrawn empty, while his flushed face paled and flushed again. "I have been robbed as well as maligned," he said. "I was bitterly sorry for him; but I was aware of the vagaries of the man, and I knew how common was the delusion of belief in a conspiracy planned by those who had charge of them." "Come here, Otto," directed Krokosius, in a firm tone. Otto came, and both laid hands upon Count von Wildenstein. He was well built and athletic, and could easily have mastered Mr. Krokosius in a struggle, if not the big Otto; but together they were more than a match for him. "Captain, do you permit this?" the poor fellow stammered, fighting with all his might against the straining hands, and utterly oblivious of the growing excitement among the passengers. "Do you countenance this villainy? I tell you only he is guilty of my death, or worse. This is a ghastly trap, not only against my life and liberty, but against a country's interests. And against the mission I represent!" They dragged him away, resisting desperately, and the last words I heard him as the two men buried him down the companion were his native tongue, as though, in his passionate anger, he had forgotten the stranger language with which till now he had so easily familiar. His face and hands were pale as he was hurried without ceasing. I was very glad when later that afternoon, Krokosius himself came to me, looking pale and harassed, but calm as though in the consciousness of rectitude. He and Otto had succeeded in inducing the count to take a draught, he said, which had always been a most satisfactory quieting effect. "The unfortunate young man was now asleep in his berth, watched by the faithful Otto, and Krokosius had hastened to me, not only to apologize for the sad mishap which had occurred, but to show to me certain papers with which the count's family had at his own request provided him. One was a certificate of lunacy, signed by the name of a German doctor, and dated from Berlin; the other was a statement of Count von Wildenstein's case, as Krokosius had told me, attested by three witnesses, one of whom appeared to be a clergyman. I felt better satisfied after having seen them, but during the remainder of the voyage could not throw off an irksome weight of gloom. Many questions were asked by curious passengers regarding the young count, and his sad story, but non-committal answers were given, and he was not again allowed to leave his stateroom. Krokosius bade me farewell just before reaching Southampton, and I saw the three companions go off together (the first of all the passengers to land). Von Wildenstein being under the influence of the narcotic, like a man intoxicated.

"We carried nearly a thousand passengers on the Umbria, occupying all day, and considerable time occupied in disembarking. I had still some matters to keep me on board, and I was obliged to leave the steward that a young lady wished to speak with me. The huge saloon was now deserted, and it was here that the steward and I had taken my visitor to await my pleasure. I hurried to her, and as my eyes fell upon the slender figure in mourning, and the lovely, mobile pale face, I instantly recognized the original of the photograph I had returned to the madman at the very moment of his first outbreak. "Captain," the girl said, abruptly, "I came to your ship to meet the man I am to marry—Count von Wildenstein. He was delayed by a slight accident to my cab, and was five minutes late, at most, but I stood watching the passengers go off, sure that I would see the count. If he had already landed, I was certain that he would not go away without finding me, as he had wired that he was sailing from America on the Umbria, and would have been expecting me."

"But every one disappeared, and he was not there, so I came on board to look, and I saw the man I felt I must seek explanation and advice from. You said that Count von Wildenstein had not been well, and had been taken away by two German friends 'who had charge of him,' as soon as the vessel arrived. Rudolph, I? What did the steward mean?" With this beautiful young English woman's violet eyes upon me, I felt perhaps more uncomfortable than ever before in my career. "I suppose, as you stand in so close a relationship to the count," I stammered, "you must have been informed of the sad state of his mind for the last few months?" "A bright colour dyed her pale face. "Sad state of mind?" she echoed. "Why, I have only known him for a few months—since the time of my mother's death, when he was in London, stopping with the German Ambassador. He was perfectly well—I have heard from him regularly since. He has never been ill, in mind or body. He has never been in any danger, thank Heaven, despite his dangerous mission. But I must not in confidence, even in such a moment as this."

"I am sorry, a hand seemed to grasp me by the throat. What had I done? If she were not mistaken, if she spoke the truth, what monstrous wrong had I allowed to be committed? "Was the count alone when he came to London, or was there a friend with him, named Krokosius?" She gazed at me blankly. "I never knew that name. There was no friend with him—and he went alone to America."

"You are absolutely certain of that?" "Absolutely certain. You hardly look as though you believed me. But let me tell you who I am, and you will know that my father's daughter could not utter a lie."

ALLIGATORS.

Writing in the "Countryside Magazine," Mr. O. Frisbie describes an alligator farm carried on in Florida, by Mr. H. I. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell, who is an Englishman, at one time acted as guide to alligator-hunting parties in Florida. The rapid extermination of the alligator caused the sport to die off, and finding his business practically out for a new way to make money, he hit upon a brilliant idea, and the United States to talk about him.

THE FARM AND DAIRY.

SOILING. (Ohio Experiment Station: Circular 123.)

By the term soiling we mean the cutting and feeding of green crops. When cattle are kept in the barn or in lots the entire summer and supplied green feed, it is called complete soiling; when kept on pasture and supplied green feed during the short-ages, it is called partial soiling. Little complete soiling is practised at the present time, but the use of soiling crops is increasing and will continue to increase as the price of land advances.

MAKE AFFECTIONATE PETS.

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THE UNIFORM.

THE UNIFORM. (Continued from page 10.)

The first thing that strikes the liberty-loving Briton when he enters down in Berlin, or even in some boarding-house for a short stay, is the "Anmeldungspflicht," or the reporting oneself to the police. Before he has been in the place many hours he is presented with a printed form on which he is compelled to fill in all kinds of particulars about himself, under penalty of a heavy fine, and eventually imprisonment if he does not do so. He writes down details with regard to afterwards ascertain to be his name, date of his birth, the name of the place in which he was born, the nature of his occupation. This must state what his religious belief is, if he believes in none at all, he must enter himself as an unbeliever, and whether he has possession of a passport to prove his nationality.

USEFUL READY RECKONER.

Every farmer should possess a table of weights in his pocket book.

Table with 2 columns: Weight and Equivalent. Includes entries like 'One quarter equal 25 lbs.', 'Two quarters equal 50 lbs.', etc.

POULTRY.

HINTS ON WORKING AN INCUBATOR.

In order to achieve successful results the incubator requires constant and detailed attention. It is not enough to start the machine, and leave the rest to chance. If the plan is followed failure is bound to ensue. Great improvements have been effected in incubators during the last few years, both so far as construction and manipulation are concerned. At the same time, however, they require incessant care and constant attention. It is very easy indeed to maintain an incubator, but there are great variations of heat in large proportions of these species of chickens, while those that are successfully will probably be delicate and be extremely troublesome to rear.

BEAUFORT RAINFALL.

We are indebted to Mr. Jas. M. ... for the following information:

Table showing rainfall data for Beaufort. Columns include date and rainfall amount.

ANOTHER MILKY WAY.

A woman was complaining to her dairymen about the quality of her milk.

"Short" of grass feed, mums said the milkman. "Bless you, mums, says I am. I often stands and watches 'em cryin'." You don't believe it, says the customer, drily, "but I wish I don't drop their tears into the milk."

The Riponshire Advocate.

BEAUFORT, SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1915.

PRICE THREEPENCE.

THE UNIFORM.

The British uniform is the same enough, though the color of the tunic is a matter of opinion. The British uniform is the same enough, though the color of the tunic is a matter of opinion. The British uniform is the same enough, though the color of the tunic is a matter of opinion.

FLIGHT.

AND CHILD

strikes the man he settles puts up at a police station, is in the house with a police officer, is in the house with a police officer, is in the house with a police officer.

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Every farmer should paste this table of weights in his pocket book. The quarter equals 25 lbs. The half equals 50 lbs. The three quarters equal 75 lbs. The stone equals 14 lbs. The cwt equals 112 lbs. The ton equals 2240 lbs.

BEAUFORT RAINFALL.

At Beaufort for the week ending August 21st 1915. The total rainfall for the week was 1.2 inches. The highest daily rainfall was 0.4 inches on August 18th.

whole of Australia. Meanwhile, in the trenches at Gallipoli, Australians will be fighting for freedom under an alien sky. The contrast may not seem as strange to the Australian leaders as to us, but is it worth while?

Professional Nurses throughout Australasia

TESTIFY TO AND RECOMMEND

CLEMENTS TONIC

NURSE ENDRES, of Surber Street, Bundaberg (Q.), writes:

"I was so ill I longed for the hour when I would be at peace." Read her letter:

CLEMENTS TONIC LTD.

Until two years ago I followed my profession of LADIES NURSE, residing then at Mt. Perry. Overwork brought on a TOTAL COLLAPSE OF MY NERVOUS SYSTEM. I was treated by several doctors, but grew worse, and became so low and suffered so much that I despaired of ever being well again. In fact, ONE DOCTOR SAID THE END WAS VERY NEAR; and, indeed, I ONLY LONGED FOR THE HOUR WHEN I WOULD BE AT PEACE. A friend, who was most persistent in her efforts, finally made me try Clements Tonic, AND IT PROVED MY SALVATION. Four bottles saw me up and about, and now, although well advanced in years, I am strong and active, and well able to look after the business I have. I ATTRIBUTE THAT ENTIRELY TO CLEMENTS TONIC, AND WOULD BE PLEASED IF YOU WOULD MAKE USE OF THIS LETTER.

(Signed) Nurse W. J. Endres

NURSE LINDBERGER, of 9 Dudley Street, Perth, W.A., says Clements Tonic gives a desire for food, helps it to digest, and also gives sweet, refreshing sleep. She has prescribed it often.

Many persons recommend this medicine because they see the direct result of it in renewed strength in convalescent patients. Many others also rely upon it, and recommend it to sufferers because it is a good ready remedy. Nurse Lindberger's testimony is of special value to women.

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(Signed) Nurse Lindberger

ALL CHEMISTS AND STORES SELL THIS REMARKABLE MEDICINE.

GET IT & GET WELL TO-DAY

BRIDAL PORTRAITS OF RARE BEAUTY.

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Australian Natives' Association. (The) Port Phillip Branch. Meeting on Tuesday Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp. D. LINDSAY, Secretary.

BEREAVEMENT CARD. MR. and MRS. G. MARTIN and Family desire to return sincere heartfelt thanks to their many kind friends for telegrams, letters, and cards of condolence in their recent sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM. LOWE.—In loving memory of my dear daughter Jessie, who departed this life on 27th August, 1908.

WARD.—In loving memory of Robert Ward, who died at Lake Goldsmith, August 28, 1906.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS. There was a clean charge-sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Tuesday.

The Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1915.

THE cabled news that the British Government has given orders for £40,000,000 worth of munitions to Canada is a sad reflection on the capacity of the authorities in Australia to realise not only the needs of the Empire, but the opportunity of assisting Australian industries.

Mr. W. H. Halpin, auctioneer, Beaufort, reports having held a very successful clearing sale of stock and furniture at the late Mr. George's estate.

For Cast Shares, all makes, Plow Drills, and up-to-date machinery, should try HAWKES BROS., The Ironmongers, Beaufort.

The Beaufort Fire Brigade's annual plain and fancy dress ball, held at the Societies' hall, was a great success.

At a meeting of the State Cabinet on Monday consideration was given to recommendations by the Federal Parliamentary War Committee.

The Senate, by 21 votes to 5, resolved that it was desirable that a small farm factory, with necessary provision for housing workers, be erected "forthwith" at the Federal Capital, Canberra.

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KIPTON.

...who was recently... Kipton Football Club... day evening when...

LE NECK.

...the most brilliant... of the terrible... to prevent...

LE JAY.

...to buy the... the white and gold... of all...

WATTLE DAY.

...to perform bunch... eyes smiling... of Belgium...

RUTH ODDIE.

...of the wattle was... country on the... Day.

STITCHES SHOW.

...we are doing... in the... of the...

BUCK MARKET.

...including one... and values... Best... to 24/10...

EUROPEAN WAR.

...been inflicted on... of the German... the force that...

...the most brilliant... of the terrible... to prevent...

...to buy the... the white and gold... of all...

...to perform bunch... eyes smiling... of Belgium...

RUTH ODDIE.

...of the wattle was... country on the... Day.

STITCHES SHOW.

...we are doing... in the... of the...

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TO THE POINT.

Phonetic spelling of Russian names would be a boon to newspaper readers.

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...we are doing... in the... of the...

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IF THEY HAVE THE SNOFFLES.

...the most brilliant... of the terrible... to prevent...

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FOR THE EMPIRE.

The names of Sergeant C. W. Frost and Private A. A. Ramsay appeared on the 67th list of Australian casualties at the Dardanelles.

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WANTED 50 Cords of 7 1/2 Dry Wood cut between Mahwallok and Muramben East.

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DURING OUR ANNUAL STOCKTAKING PERIOD WE MAKE SPECIAL REDUCTIONS TO CLEAR STOCKS.

In these times of high-cost-of-living it is a vital matter to get the utmost purchasing power out of one's money, but opportunities for exceptional savings do not come often.

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Department of Public Works, Melbourne, 18th August, 1915.

TENDERS will be received until 12 o'clock on Thursday, the 9th September, for Extension of Room, State School, No. 66, Beaufort. Re-advertised. Deposit, £5. Security, £5.

Particulars and conditions may be learnt at this Office, and at the Public Works Office, Ballarat, and with Inspector of Works, Ararat. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. F. HAGELTHORN, Commissioner of Public Works.

SHIRE OF RIPON. ANNUAL ELECTION-NORTH RIDING. DECLARATION OF ELECTION.

I hereby give notice that the following Candidate has been nominated for the Office of Councillor, viz.—

WILLIAM PAUL TRENGOVE. And as the number of Candidates nominated does not exceed the number to be elected, I therefore declare the said William Paul Trengove duly ELECTED as a COUNCILLOR for the North Riding of the Shire of Ripon.

Dated this 26th day of August, 1915. A. C. RODDIS, Returning Officer for the North Riding of the Shire of Ripon.

SHIRE OF RIPON. ANNUAL ELECTION-EAST RIDING. DECLARATION OF ELECTION.

I hereby give notice that the following Candidate has been nominated for the Office of Councillor, viz.—

JAMES LESLIE CARSTAIRS. And as the number of Candidates nominated does not exceed the number to be elected, I therefore declare the said James Leslie Carstairs duly ELECTED as a COUNCILLOR for the East Riding of the Shire of Ripon.

Dated this 26th day of August, 1915. A. C. RODDIS, Returning Officer for the East Riding of the Shire of Ripon.

SHIRE OF RIPON. ANNUAL ELECTION-WEST RIDING. DECLARATION OF ELECTION.

I hereby give notice that the following Candidate has been nominated for the Office of Councillor, viz.—

ADAM ROBERT SLATER. And as the number of Candidates nominated does not exceed the number to be elected, I therefore declare the said Adam Robert Slater duly ELECTED as a COUNCILLOR for the West Riding of the Shire of Ripon.

Dated this 26th day of August, 1915. DONALD STEWART, Returning Officer for the West Riding of the Shire of Ripon.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF WEST RIDING, SHIRE OF RIPON. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—Kindly accept my most sincere thanks for returning me again as one of your representatives for the above riding, and you can rely on my working for the best interests of the Shire.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, Yours faithfully, A. R. SLATER. Spring Bank, Skipton, 27/8/15.

BEAUFORT DEEP LEADS GOLD MINING COMPANY. No Liability. Beaufort.—All SHARES forfeited for non-payment of the 23rd Call of Two-pence (2s) per Share will be SOLD by public auction at the Mining Exchange, Ballarat, on Tuesday, 7th September, 1915, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., unless previously redeemed.

A. J. PEACOCK, Manager. A.M.P. Chambers, Ballarat.

HOPE GOLD MINING COMPANY. No Liability, Traralgon.—All SHARES forfeited for non-payment of the 3rd Call of Two-pence (2s) per Share will be SOLD by public auction at the Mining Exchange, Ballarat, on Tuesday, 7th September, 1915, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., unless previously redeemed.

A. J. PEACOCK, Manager. A.M.P. Chambers, Ballarat.

ON and after the 1st September the undermentioned PRICES for HORSE-SHOENING will be charged:—Toes and Heels, 8s; Steel Toes, 6s; Hoof, 7s; Draughts, removed or slipped, 3s; G. SHENE.

WANTED 50 Cords of 7 1/2 Dry Wood cut between Mahwallok and Muramben East. Apply to T. A. ODDIE, Pretty Tower, Skipton.

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LAND AND CLEARING SALE! at RAGLAN, ON WEDNESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1915. At 1.30 p.m.

In the Residence of Mr C. E. RICHARDS. W. H. HALPIN has been favored with instructions from the Executors in the Estate of the late WILLIAM RICHARDS to Sell, as above, all the pieces of LAND, comprising about 375 acres, situate at Raglan.

PARTICULARS.—LOT 1.—All those pieces of Land, being Allotments 1 and 2, Parish of Raglan West, County of Ripon, containing about 107 acres 3 roods 8 perches, on which is erected 7-roomed Dwelling, on about 6 acres Orchard, Buggy Shed, Stables, Sheep Dip, Sheep Yards, Cow Sheds, and all necessary improvements; also about 6 acres Crop. Fencing in good order and well subdivided.

LOT 2.—All that piece of Land, being Allotment 12B, Section A, Parish of Raglan West, County of Ripon, containing about 241 acres 0 roods 14 perches, adjoining the property of Mr W. Hutton; all well and securely fenced.

LOT 3.—All that piece of Land, being Allotment 40, Parish of Raglan West, County of Ripon, containing about 5 acres, adjoining property of the late Mr B. Panther.

LOT 4.—All that piece of Land, being Allotment 40A, Parish of Raglan West, County of Ripon, containing about 19 acres, perches, adjoining the property of Messrs Drew Bros.

Titles are Freehold, and may be inspected at the Office of S. Young, Esq., Solicitor, Beaufort.

The above is an opportunity seldom offered to persons desirous of adding to their present holdings. The property is good, and consists of some of the famous Raglan flats.

IMPLEMENTS, etc.—2 Single-Furrow Ploughs, Set Drag Harrows, Chaff-cutter and Horseworks, Drey Double-cater and Wool Press, Set Delivery Harrows, 2 Gal. Iron Tanks, quantity Gal. Iron Piping, Set Wooden Harrows, 2 Spray Pumps, Forest Grubbing Machine, Treadle Jack, Stock and Dies, Blacksmith's Bellows, Anvil, Plough Chains, Garden Hose, Covered Wagonette, Double-action Force Pump and Bed (complete), Carpenter's Tools, and other Sundries too numerous to mention.

Terms at Sale. Also on account of Mr C. E. RICHARDS, 6-roomed House, almost new, well and substantially built; and 2 800-gallon Gal. Iron Tanks, small Dairy, and other Out-houses; all for removal.

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By Seward W. Hopkins, Author of "A Banned Impostor," "On Four Brass Plates," etc., etc.

CHAPTER I. GIDEON WELLS.

If Gideon Wells had been born poor he would have been a detective. This was admitted by every one of his intimate friends and acquaintances. As things were, he was a great bore. This, unfortunately, was the unanimous opinion of the same friends.

CHAPTER II. GEORGE ELLINGTON.

Now it so happened that the purpose of proposing for the hand of Amy Wattleston before Mr. Wells had associated such an act with the young man.

CHAPTER III. JAMES WATTLESON.

In a large, luxuriously-furnished room, used for a general sitting-room, Mr. Wattleston sat, reading some scientific and financial papers, with the members of his household grouped about him.

After a time they looked up and called out, "George, George, George, the curling smoke from his pipe is in your eyes."

"You are more than usually peevish to-night, my boy," said Mr. Ellington. "What's the matter?"

"I'm not peevish," said George. "I'm just a little tired. I've been thinking about that fellow, the fellow who was in love with your daughter."

"That's all right," said Mr. Ellington. "I'll be sure to be the man. Then Ellington may console himself with the typewriter girl. My, but she's a beauty! Well, I must console Hildreth on old Wattleston's money, and I must cultivate Helen a little—let her see more of me. Then to the point, eh?"

She was well liked by her friends, and was estimated enough to know the sterling worth of her nature.

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