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FOR THE EMPIRE.

The flag at the Shire Hall, Beaufort... the people of Beaufort

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NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS. Notice is hereby given that all dogs registered on or before the 14th March, 1917.

SHIRE OF RIFON. TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited for the unencumbered works to be carried out under the provisions of the Country Roads Act, 1915-16.

BEAUFORT STOCK SALE. THURSDAY, 8th MARCH, 1917, At 2 p.m. 4,000 CROSBRED, COMEBACK AND MERINO SHEEP, 15 CATTLE.

FURNITURE AND CLEARING SALE, BEAUFORT. SATURDAY MARCH 10th, 1917, At 2 o'clock.

AMERICAN TEA. Afternoon and Evening, SOCIETIES' HALL, MARCH 10th, 1917, under the auspices of Beaufort Branch, A.W.N.L., in aid of the ESCOPOTAMIA MILK & FRUIT FUND.

DEV. E. H. COLTMAN will conduct the RAGLAN PUBLIC HALL, on SUNDAY, MARCH 4th, PUBLIC MEETING on MONDAY evening, March 12th. A. PANTHER, Secretary.

KELLY & McDONALD, AUCTIONEERS, STOCK & STATION & GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS, BEAUFORT AND MIDDLE CREEK.

W. H. HALPIN, AUCTIONEER, HOUSE, LAND, STOCK, GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT & VALUATOR.

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IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE. TOWNSHIP LAND AND PROPERTY. SATURDAY, 17th MARCH, 1917.

W. H. HALPIN has been favored with instructions from Mrs. M. McCracken to sell, on above date, as under: Crown Allotments 3 and 4 of Section 5, Town and Parish of Beaufort, County of Ripon, each containing one acre, on which is erected the Beaufort Arms Hotel, containing about 12 rooms; also Stable and Shed 60 feet x 15 feet; iron roof in good repair; detached Kitchen, 15 x 12, iron roof; W.B. Room, 15 x 12, iron roof; W.B. Room, 12 x 12, iron roof; W.B. Room, 12 x 9, iron roof.

Also on same date, at 3.30 p.m., account Mr. R. WATKINS, on the Premises, near Court House, Beaufort, six-roomed House, which is erected on quarter-acre Land. Title, freehold. This property is situated in good position, and offers a splendid opportunity to persons desirous of purchasing township property.

Religious Services. SUNDAY, MARCH 11th, 1917. CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Traralga, 3; Rev. W. H. Halpin, 11.

The following district notices appear in the 27th casualty list—Killed in action: Private G. Gordon, 1st Coy. G. Naylor, 1st Coy. W. Skipton, 1st Coy. Private B. P. Hanrahan, Snake Valley.

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ICE COURT.

W. Harris, P.M., and C. Loft, J.A.P. Case against Geo. ... to have his child ...

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Mr Ramsay—If it is someone else's you won't. (Laughter). To Mr Ramsay—Meany did not say in ...

four teeth, but he could not say how many when three years old. The calf was ...

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LEXTON STOCK SALE.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1917. 3000 CROSSBRED, COMEBACK, AND MERINO SHEEP.

KELLY & McDONALD will sell by auction as above.

1000 Crossbred Weaners, mixed sexes. 500 Merino Ewes, 4, 6, and 8-tooth, in lamb to Lincoln rams.

200 Merino Ewes, 4, 6, and 8-tooth, in lamb to Lincoln rams.

100 Crossbred Wether Lambs. 50 Crossbred Wethers, 2 and 4-tooth. 380 Crossbred Wether Lambs.

40 Crossbred Ewes, 4-tooth, in lamb to Lincoln rams.

20 Crossbred Wethers, fat. 200 Crossbred Weaners, mixed sexes.

100 Crossbred Ewes, 4 and 5 years, in lamb to Lincoln rams.

100 Crossbred Wethers, 2 and 4-tooth. 100 Crossbred Wether Weaners.

40 Merino Ewes, 8-tooth, in lamb to Lincoln rams.

50 Merino Ewes, 6-tooth, in lamb to Lincoln rams.

100 Crossbred Ewes, 4 and 5 years, in lamb to Lincoln rams.

10 head Mixed Cattle.

FURTHER ENTRIES INVITED. Motor cars will run from Beaufort day of sale free of charge.

KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneers, Beaufort.

EXTENSIVE CLEARING SALE.

BEAUFORT.

SATURDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1917.

At 1.30 p.m., on the Property "Woodside," 8 miles from Beaufort.

SHEEP, DRAUGHT HORSES, MACHINERY & FARMING PLANT.

KELLY & McDONALD, under instruction from T. HICKS McLEAN, Esq., who has leased his property and is leaving for Queensland, will sell by Auction as above.

13 Draught Horses, all splendid work, 8 yrs. (pedigreed), with foal at foot; 2 Draught Geldings, 4 yrs.; 1 Draught Filly, 4 yrs.; 3 Draught Geldings, 3 yrs.; 1 Draught Filly, 3 yrs.

1000 SHEEP.

120 Merino Ewes, 5 yrs., in lamb to Merino rams; 200 Wethers, 6 to 8 tooth, splendid condition; 230 Merino Weaner Wethers; 600 Merino Ewes, 4, 6, and 8-tooth, in lamb to Merino rams.

8 Cows, in milk; 1 Dry Cow, 3 Fat Calves, 1 Yearling.

MACHINERY, ETC.

Wagon (Kellie & Preston); 1 Lension Harvesting, 1 Nicholson & Morrow Harvester, 1 Massey-Harris Binder, 3 Massey Disc Ploughs, 4-furrow; 1 Lension Combined Plow, 2-furrow; 1 Single-furrow Plough, 1 Massey-Harris Drill, 12-hoe; 1 Thomas Drill, 12-hoe; 1 Farmers' Favourite, 12-hoe; 1 Seed Sower (Planting Machine); 1 Cabriator (Plow); 1 Law's Roller, 9 feet; 1 Gardner Roller, 1 1/2 Tons; 2 60-gal. Galvanised Iron Tanks; 1 New Chain; 1 Lension Combined Plow; 1 Lension 200 combined to auction.

Motor Car will run from Beaufort on day of sale free of charge.

For full particulars, apply KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneers, Beaufort.

BEAUFORT STOCK SALE.

Kelly and McDonald report having held their sixth stock sale at Beaufort on Thursday, when they yarded 2369 sheep, the yarding accommodation again being taxed to the utmost.

Buyers were in attendance from Melbourne, Sea Lake, Glenorchy, Great Western, Arosa, Skipton, and the whole of the surrounding district. For all good lines of sheep bidding was very brisk and the yards were practically cleared at highly satisfactory prices.

They effected sales for the following:—J. H. Dunn, Chas. Hanbrook, Jas. Bell, Executors J. Holdsworth, Chas. Westbrook, G. Lancy, Wm. Hutton, Mrs. C. Northam, C. A. T. E. Collins, Bros., Mrs. Cleland and Sons, G. Collins, W. Dickman, Matthew Kelly, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Liston, and D. R. Hannah.

Crossbred ewes and 411, Crossbred ewes from 2/2 to 2/5, merino ewes from 2/2 to 2/5, merino wethers from 2/7 to 2/8, and weaners from 1/6 to 1/8. Several merino ewes were sold on account of H. Tucker, J. Pitcher, and Mrs. Stevenson. Cows brought from 2/10 to 2/12, and heifers from 2/10 to 2/12.

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VIVID AND REALISTIC PICTURES OF THE PAST.

THE SKIPPER OF THE ALBATROSS.

As night fell the Albatross was at the mouth of the Derwent, and to prevent the ship being driven up the river to certain capture the anchor was dropped. Peel paced the deck, cursing his ill luck, for they were not much safer in that position than they had been in Port Arthur. It meant ceaseless vigil, for they were less than twenty miles from Hobart Town, and without doubt Governor Arthur would send word there of the trouble at the Peninsula prison. Worn out with want of sleep the skipper wrapped himself in a blanket soon after midnight, and stretching himself on the deck, soon slept the sleep of exhaustion. It was daylight when he awoke, and he found the men at the capstan raising the anchor, while Franklin and a couple of others were busy at the bow cannon. A slight mist lay on the water, through which fitful beams of the rising sun were breaking. "They're coming," shouted Carr, "half past seven, but the wind has just changed, and we may slip them yet."

tern sky, lighting up the rolling grey cloud masses to the north-east, when the man in the crow's nest called to the skipper, who quickly ascended to him. "Looks like a sail out yonder," the former said pointing to where the dim outline of Cape Pillar rose. Peel took the telescope and peered long and earnestly in the direction, slight breeze difficult owing to the slanting sun rays dancing on the waters. "It is a ship, and I don't like her appearance," said Peel, as he clambered down. When he reached the deck he called the men, and curtly told them to make ready for the first breath of wind. "There's a craft coming round yonder, and it may be the frigate we saw up north."

They realized she was a cannon came to them. "The Lord! It's her on the White Reef! Look! They are signals of distress," shouted Peel, as he stood with extended arm in the face of the storm pointing astern. "Take in every rag of canvas," he concluded, as, with Carr, he raced forward. In a minute or two everyone on the Albatross knew that the pursuit of the warship had ended. By an unlucky accident the frigate was cleared by the Albatross, and as it was dangerous to remain cooped up in such a place, he decided to "run out and continue the voyage."

Car quickly obeyed the order, while the skipper turned down the peak to the range that ran along the coast line, from which he could see better views of the water and the land in that part of the ocean. The long twilight enabled the watch to discern the ships for fully an hour longer, and with a sigh of relief, he saw the last one pass the entrance to the port, and continue on her course. Going back to the Albatross, he found ample work for his hands, and as it was dangerous to remain cooped up in such a place, he decided to "run out and continue the voyage."

He went to the helmsman and saw he was steering a nor'-west by west course. Then he went to his cabin and slept as calmly as if trouble and danger had no part in his life. When morning dawned he was on deck. Far to the eastward a lone blue blotch on the horizon was all that showed of Van Diemen's Land, and a feeling of relief came over him as he saw the penal settlement disappearing. It was as if the shackles of bondage had suddenly dropped from him. The only danger they had to fear was encountering a stray British warship, and in fact that was not an event to worry about. If the frigate or sloop came from the west they would be quite safe, as they would easily pass as whalers, it being impossible that any news of their doings would be known in that direction.

After breakfast Peel went to the forecastle to see how the three men rescued at Macquarie Harbour were getting on, and a glance showed him they were almost recovered from their privations. With keen eyes the skipper scrutinised each man. As to the prisoners, he felt sure they were strangers to him, but the soldier puzzled him. The fellow was much more like a criminal than the bondmen. He was squat and heavily built, with black hair, a low, receding forehead and small weazie-like eyes, which gave a peculiar sinister expression to his evil-looking face. Altogether Peel concluded he was not a man to trust. There was something in the way Peel could not identify him. The few questions he put to him were answered readily enough and indicated that the man could not have known him, as he said he had only arrived at Macquarie Station a couple of months previously. Yet the deserter vaguely troubled him, and that day he brought the matter up in conversation with Carr. He expressed his opinion to the mate that the private who gave him the name as Michael Carey had treachery stamped on his face, and he ordered Carr to impress on all the men that the deserter should be kept entirely ignorant of who and what they were. "He looks a fellow who would sell his own mother for a shilling, and if he knew anything he might try and put us away the first chance he had," explained the skipper.

NEGRO ARMIES. The suggestion of Mr. Winston Churchill that we should raise a great army of black troops in Nigeria, and the statement that the French are already employing nearly 100,000 negroes from Africa in the lines in France, call attention to the use which has been made in the past of the fighting qualities of the negro. The French have always recognised the splendid fighting qualities of the blacks. The number of Senegalese in the French army had risen to 220,000 as far back as 1911. It was in that year that the raising of 300,000 blacks was strongly advocated by French military authorities, who suggested that they should be used in the coming European struggle, to redress the balance which the greater population of Germany gave to the Kaiser's army. Of course, says the "Star," the Zouaves, Turcos, and Spahis have all been employed in the French wars from the time of the Crimea; but these are native blacks, and Algeria are not open to the reproach of colour to which the negro is subject. During the American Civil War many negro regiments were raised, and when the war ended in 1865 there were still 123,000 negro soldiers in the Federal armies, though after the war they were greatly reduced. There are still several negro cavalry regiments in the United States army. Lord Wolsley had a great opinion of the military value of the negroes as soldiers. The black regiments in the Egyptian army, he once said, were the best portion of it, and the West Indian regiments of the British Army, when they were recruited from the newly-liberated slaves, men fresh from the West African forests, were splendid fighting material.

NEGRO ARMIES. (Continued) The punishment of the cage, as its name indicates, consisted in enclosing a prisoner in a circle formed of six posts united together by barbed wire. The cage was left out in the open guarded by a sentry, and there the prisoner remained from three to six days without being able to move, because the cage was very small and the points of the barbed wire were carefully turned inside. The prisoner was fed there, but had no protection from the sun, rain, or snow. He was unable to sleep because if he was overcome by fatigue and fell to one side or the other he was aroused by the points of the wire penetrating his flesh. The most frequent punishment was what may be called that of the post. In this case a post was planted firmly in the ground, and the prisoner was tied to it by cords round his neck, breast, abdomen, and feet. His arms were tied to his body. The cords were drawn so tightly that they cut into the flesh, and thus the man remained motionless for twelve and even twenty-four hours. NO PASSES FOR PARSONS. The recent death of Mrs. Hetty Green, America's greatest woman financier, has elicited the human side of what was apparently a feminine machine for money making. Mrs. Green wore the same black bonnet for ten years on end, and died happy in the belief that it would have lasted for another ten. But it now seems that she designed and built the best houses for workers that Chicago can boast; and no city in the world had more need of them. She owned a railroad, and would give no money for an easy free pass upon it. To all applications for passes she replied by sending a calendar of Scriptural quotations for the week. In this manner was it arranged: Monday—"Thou shalt not pass." Numbers ix. 15. Tuesday—"Sistur not a man to pass." Judges iii. 28. Wednesday—"Thi' wicked shall no more pass." Nahum i. 15. Thursday—"This generation shall pass." Mark xiii. 30. Friday—"By a perpetual decree it cannot pass." Jeremiah v. 22. Saturday—"None shall pass." Isaiah lvii. 16. Sunday—"He paid the fare thereof and went." Jonah i. 3. RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE. Notice to Advertisers. Owing to the inconvenience of advertisements being received at the appointed time, we beg to make ALTERATIONS TO STANDARD ADVERTISEMENTS reach us on WEDNESDAY Morning, such alterations being made till the following issue. In future this rule will be observed, in fairness to our employes. Correspondents are also requested to report by Thursday. AS CASUAL Advertisements (unless otherwise stated) are charged on a PAID IN ADVANCE. No exceptions. Advertisements by Post must be accompanied by a Free Press Note.

The sun was well down in the west.

Franklin was a really fine seaman, and he soon shortened sail to meet the ever increasing storm.

Peel looked again, and then turned away, satisfied. When they got back to the ship, Carr of his doubts. "A vessel going in or out of Macquarie Harbour, I suppose. I'll go up with you later and we'll make sure," Carr replied.

It was nearly twilight when the skipper and his mate got to the top of the peak, and a thin mist was rising from the sea. "Can't see a dozen miles now," remarked Carr, with the two glanced seawards; "but look yonder! Across there!" he suddenly exclaimed, pointing.

As Peel turned and looked into the mist he started, for it seemed as if a phantom fleet was slowly passing to the south. As they gazed the ghostly outlines of a treacherous vessel were out on the mist, silently gliding along.

"I believe I know what it means," exclaimed Peel. "They are abandoning the settlement yonder," and he pointed towards Macquarie Harbour. "I heard some rumours of it before I got away."

"I tell you," said Pat, "the old friends are the best after all, and what's more, I can prove it."

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ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A.

"Noone," writes an Australian who recently visited Y.M.C.A. centres with the troops in France. "Can form any idea of the activities of a Y.M.C.A. military secretary. Apart from countless other duties, to run a hut is a bit of slick work. The counter, with its numbers of refreshments and articles of all kinds useful to men away from home and necessary to their different needs, on the one hand; and on the other the change counter, post-office, stationery and picture postcard departments, all in one and forming a whole-time occupation for a man, which leaves him physically dog-tired at night and makes him sleep like a top afterwards. Imagine yourself at the busy counter, with men running up wanting change for Australian bank notes, English notes, half-crowns, shillings, and sixpences, eager claimants for free stationery and envelopes, writing pads, and stamps, from 2 books to a half-penny; pencils, penholders, and inks; inquiries about trains; telegram and cablegram forms wanted—with a piano playing in one part, a gramophone in another, a small number singing, draughts going on in another direction, and quite a large number busy writing home: the constant coming and going of Australians, N.S.C. men, and others; and you have an idea of what night time is in the hut. Near at hand you have the Australian Y.M.C.A. secretary, with young fellows signing the War Roll, entering the newly-formed Christian Fellowship; men anxious to know about missing friends and how to get in touch with them; the cabling home for money; wills to be made and advice to be given—never to be anything else but bright, smiling, and willing; supposed to know everything and to help everybody. You should meet the men express their affection for the good old Y.M.C.A. As indicating the versatility that is expected of the Y.M.C.A. by soldiers and their relatives, Mr Alex. Moodie, one of the military secretaries of the association who is on service with the Australian troops, writes with a request which recalls the mystery of the steamer "Waratah" some years ago. "An English soldier, who has appealed to Mr Moodie for assistance, had a brother who was expected to leave Australia in the year that the "Waratah" disappeared, and he has not been heard of since. His letters home indicated that he may have been a passenger on the ill-fated ship, but no conclusive evidence on that point has been gained. The National Council of the Y.M.C.A. in Australia is now asked to take the investigation in hand and endeavour to trace the missing man's name (Frank Wingate) on the passenger list or elsewhere. The inquiry bureaux of the Y.M.C.A. at the front are very active institutions, and have gained much popularity with the soldiers.

By mail just received, a stirring account of recent military operations in which the Australian troops acquitted themselves with such distinction, has been received from Mr W. Oweles, supervising secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Egypt. "It is now possible to disclose," he says, "developments which have taken place and which I hinted at in past communications. Gradually but surely the authorities have moved towards el Arish, building a splendid railway as they proceeded. In August the Turks tried to stop this forward move at the Battle of Romani, 21 miles from the canal, but were unsuccessful; the result being a great victory for our men. Since then the troops, with their railway, have pushed forward with great rapidity and dash, and a few days ago, without much opposition, occupied el Arish, about 97 miles from the canal. This has been a great military feat, and one of which it is impossible to speak too highly. Almost all the Australian troops in Egypt have been employed in this great offensive movement, and have acquitted themselves well. You will be pleased to know that throughout the whole of this move the Y.M.C.A. has been ever present with the troops. Commencing at Kantara in March, as the troops moved forward we went with them, with the result that all along the railway line and all out in the desert from Kantara to el Arish, there is now one long line of Y.M.C.A. centres. In the battle of Romani we were established on the front line, and had five centres, our secretaries being right on the job during the whole show. When the Turks retreated

STRAIGHT AT IT. There is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well cut with it as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason why we can say why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cure has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. Sold by all chemists and stores.

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and the troops moved forward, we were with them again. When we established 75 miles out some weeks ago, one of our marquees (Melbourne-made) was blown to pieces by a bomb from an enemy aeroplane at 7 o'clock in the morning. Furniture and equipment was scattered in all directions. When the smoke and dust had cleared away, although the tent was almost in ribbons, the Y.M.C.A. ensign was still flying at the centre pole, flaunting itself in the face of the enemy's plane. At the time of writing we are established 23 miles this side of el Arish, about 95 miles from our starting point, and within a few days expect to erect a sectional hut in the town itself. I question whether there is any other sphere of Y.M.C.A. work where the Y.M. kept so close to the front line during the whole period of an offensive movement. When you consider that the whole advance has taken place throughout a scorching summer over a barren waste of 97 miles of desert, you will understand that our secretaries have put in a splendid piece of work, which cannot be too highly commended. I would like you to realise that this has been a great piece of Australian work carried out by most of the Australian troops in Egypt, under most trying conditions. All the Y.M.C.A. movement has been initiated and controlled by Australian secretaries, because it was the field in which Australian troops were operating. It means that we are now established on the borders of Palestine at present. Perhaps the day is not far distant when we shall be with the Australians in the historic land itself.

CARNHAM-BALLARAT ROAD.

A conference of representatives of the Shires of Ballarat, Ripon, and Grenville, was held at the George Hotel, Ballarat, on Friday morning, 16th inst. (says the "Star"), for the purpose of discussing the question of the maintenance of the Ballarat to Carnham road. Cr. Lewis (president of Ripon Shire), presided, and in addition to Mayor Hill (who attended by invitation), there were also present—Crs. Douglas and Nunn (Grenville Shire), Crs. Roddis, D. Stewart, and Carstairs (Ripon Shire), Mr. N. B. Acton (secretary Ripon Shire), Messrs E. J. Muntz (engineer, Ripon Shire), Irving (engineer, Ballarat Shire), and M. Martin (engineer, Grenville Shire), together with the City Council engineer and acting clerk. After discussion, it was agreed that a deputation from the council represented should wait upon the Country Roads Board, to ask for a grant to place the Ballarat to Carnham road in a passable state of repair. The Ripon Automobile Club of Victoria is to be asked to be represented on the deputation. Some discussion also took place regarding the narrow tyre traffic on country roads. It was contended by some of the delegates that breaches of the Width of Tyres Act were responsible for the bad state of many roads, and the hope was expressed that the various municipalities in the district would enforce the Act, and that the City authorities would see that the vehicles coming into Ballarat were properly tyred. At the close of the conference Mayor Hill proposed the toast of the president of Ripon Shire, and expressed pleasure that the visitors had come to an amicable arrangement regarding the Carnham road. The toast was honored, and Cr. Lewis replied.

The Width of Tyres Act (says the "Courier") has been one of the measures that shire councils have been somewhat indifferent at administering. Some shires observe it, others do not. At a conference of representatives of Grenville, Ballarat, and Ripon Shires on Friday, 16th inst., at Ballarat, it was decided that in future, as far as these shires are concerned, the Act shall be strictly administered. The Mayor of the City (Cr. Hill) assured the representatives that the City Council would give shires moral support in the matter.

The condition of the Ballarat to Carnham road running through the Shire of Grenville (writes the "Courier") was discussed at a conference at the George Hotel, Ballarat, on Friday, 16th inst., by representatives of Grenville, Ballarat, and Ripon Shires. The Mayor of the City (Cr. W. D. Hill) presided. It was decided to approach the Government, and ask for a grant towards putting the road in decent order. It is estimated that about £8000 will be required to effect thorough repairs, and it is hoped that later on the Country Roads Board will declare the road a main road.

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BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday. Cattle—148 head came to hand for today's sales, a fair proportion of which consisted of quality ranging from good to prime, remainder principally useful descriptions, with a few odd pens midling. There was a large attendance of the trade, and throughout the sales competition ruled fairly active, best-quality average weights selling at prices fully equal to those of the previous week, closing firm, whilst for lighter descriptions a slightly easier tendency, if any was noticeable. Quotations—Prime pens bullocks, £20 to £22; good, £18 to £20; useful, £15 to £16; prime cows, £16 to £19/14; good, £14 to £15; useful, £12 to £13.—Calves 31 penned. All suitable trade lots were in brisk demand at late high prices. Sheep—3084 was the number penned for today's sales, consisting principally of useful descriptions, a fair proportion of good, with a few small lots of extra heavyweights. There was a very large attendance, both of the trade and graziers. For quality sales were brisk at prices showing an improvement on last week's highest values, closing very firm. For other descriptions and ewes of all sorts, late high rates were fully maintained. Quotations—Prime wethers, 33/ to 35/; heavyweights, 35/ to 39/6; a few, to 41/6; good, 31/ to 32/; useful, 28/ to 29/; prime ewes, 32/ to 35/; good, 28/ to 30/; useful, 25/ to 27/; merino wethers, 29/ to 30/1; good, 26/ to 28/; useful, 23/ to 24/; Lambs—2087 to hand, a fair proportion of which consisted of quality ranging from good to prime, remainder principally useful, with a few pens only midling. The demand for quality was very keen, prices in many instances showing a material improvement on last week's; whilst other sorts were quoted at slightly lower rates. Quotations—Prime 28/ to 29/; good, 25/ to 27/; useful, 23/ to 24/; others, from 13/.

THE WAR.

Although the German retreat slowed down owing to bad weather, early in the week, Sir Douglas Haig continues to press forward in the wake of the enemy. Australian soldiers, after a brilliant charge, which swept the defence, were the first to enter Bapaume. The British Minister who made the announcement at a London gathering recalled the splendid deeds of the Anzacs in Egypt and Gallipoli. This happened to be the first official intimation in Great Britain of the services of the Australians on the Somme front since Poelzig. Order is being restored rapidly in the Russian capital. While all danger arising from the revolution has not passed, it is certain that the new Government in Russia is intent on a more vigorous prosecution of the war. Concerning the sinking of three American steamers, 15 of the crew of one of which were drowned, there are indications that preparations for hostilities being made. In fact, President Wilson is believed to have made up his mind for war. The French have made another solid advance north and north-east of Soissons, and have released 10 more villages. It is suggested that a German town be destroyed every one burnt in Belgium and France. Experts summing up the recent moves on the West Front, point out the amazing rapidity of the advance, as far as 22 miles being cleared in a day. We have liberated 1000 square miles of territory, and our losses have been very slight. President Wilson is reported to be preparing a plan to propose a separate peace to Austria. An American newspaper correspondent in Holland states that revolutions are imminent both in Austria and Germany, while Russia is likely to offer a separate peace to Austria. He predicts peace in two months. The U.S.A. cabinet has unanimously agreed in describing the latest submarine attack as constituting a state of war between America and Germany. A message from Oldenzaal, on the Dutch-German frontier tells of persistent rumors of great rising in Germany, whither some of the troops from the East front have been sent to restore order. In Washington the story is discredited. Squally weather is not hindering the development of the campaign on the West front, the south roads being passable for guns. In the south the enemy has been falling back fast and offering little or no resistance between Ham and Peronne. In the north they are more stubborn and using machine-guns. The pivot of the great swing has now reached Arras. South of Peronne our patrols entered many smoking villages. The Eighth Australian Brigade was the first to enter Bapaume, the Second and Fifth Divisions following.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

APPLICATIONS are invited till 11 a.m. on Monday, 2nd April, 1917, from persons duly qualified to drive steam rollers. Wages, 11/6 per day. E. J. MUNTZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer. Shire Offices, Beaufort, 23/3/1917.

A.W.N. LEAGUE.

THE Monthly Meeting of the above will be held in Mechanics Institute on THURSDAY, 29th March, at 3.30. Business meeting. Mrs. F. BEGGS, President.

WIN THE WAR POLICY.

A.W.N.L. A MEETING OF SUPPORTERS of Mr J. C. MANIFOLD, M.H.R., will be held in the Mechanics Institute, BEAUFORT, on THURSDAY, MARCH 29th, at 8 o'clock. Mr. MANIFOLD will ADDRESS THE MEETING. Mrs. F. BEGGS, President.

RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.

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

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

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THE THREE BEARS are coming to town on April 4th. Come and see them in the Societies' Hall. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTICE. THE INDUCTION OF THE REV. A. HAMILTON ROSS will take place in ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 27th, at 3 o'clock, followed by a WELCOME SOCIAL in the SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome. NOTICE TO BOTTLE DEALERS AND OTHERS. ALL BOTTLES with the trademark and brand M.B. over C.V. in a spade moulded thereon are the SOLE PROPERTY OF THE MANUFACTURERS BOTTLE COMPANY OF VICTORIA PROPRIETARY LTD., from which Company they have been hired, and such bottles have been delivered by such Company solely for the purpose of enabling the contents to be used only once for retailing, consuming, or using ale or stout or other fermented or unfermented liquors contained in such bottles. The bottles so branded are not sold, and when the contents are once used the bottles must forthwith on demand be returned to such Company or its duly Authorized Agents. The bottles may not be destroyed or damaged, or parted with, or in any way disposed of, and may not be used for any one but the foregoing purpose. Dated the first day of March, one thousand and nine hundred and seventeen. G. BECKLEY, Manager. PAVEY, WILSON & COBEY, Solicitors, 360 Collins Street, Melbourne.

UNRESERVED SALE OF LAND.

THURSDAY, 29th MARCH, 1917. At 3 p.m., at the Office of THEO. W. SCHLICHT, BEAUFORT.

THEO. W. SCHLICHT, Auctioneer.

of Beaufort, having been favored with instructions from MRS. SARAH TROUGHLAN, sole Executrix of the Estate of the late PATRICK O'LOUGHLAN, deceased, Farmer, of Eurambeen, will sell the following:— All that piece of LAND, being Allotment 151, of Section A, in the Parish of Raglan, County of Ripon, containing 89 acres 1 rood 12 perches (or thereabouts). The title is freehold, and may be inspected at the Office of Samuel Young, Esq., Solicitor, of Beaufort.

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"Run down." Nobody ever mentions it since there have come into money, but there were scoffing spirits in the neighbourhood who had been known to aver that at one time old Wellerby had driven a bus. It had had been so, young Wellerby had managed very successfully to banish the memory of those days from his mind.

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BALLARAT PRESBYTERY.

Owing to the induction of the Rev. A. Hamilton Ross, the monthly meeting of the Ballarat Presbytery was held in the vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Ballarat, on Tuesday, 27th March, 1917. Present—Rev. E. Welsh, Ballarat (acting-moderator, in the chair); R. Thompson, Smeaton; F. E. Yeaman, Windermere; A. H. Ross, Ballarat; J. H. R. Ford, Ballarat; W. Rowlands, Ballarat; A. H. Moore, Ballarat; and Messrs Watson, Ballarat; W. Rain, Learmonth; D. McKenzie, Ballarat; C. Stewart, Ballyrogan; Buchanan, Coghill's Creek; and A. W. Wotherspoon, Beaufort. Rev. A. H. Moore (clerk of the Presbytery) reported attending a farewell social given by the Chinese congregation to Rev. C. Robinson. The Presbytery decided to recommend Mr Darby to the Home Mission committee for employment. Rev. A. H. Moore moved that Mr C. Stewart, of Ballyrogan, a member of the Bunango Church, be associated with the Presbytery. Mr Stewart had been appointed as an elder some time ago, and had been associated with the Western Plains Presbytery, and he hoped he would be associated with the Ballarat Presbytery permanently now. The motion was seconded and carried. The acting-moderator then extended a hearty welcome to Mr Stewart, who suitably responded. Rev. A. H. Moore read a letter from the clerk of the Western Plains Presbytery, stating that at a conference held at Maroonia, delegates representing the people of Bunango had signified their willingness to be associated with Beaufort, on condition that fortnightly services were held.—Received. Rev. A. H. Moore remarking that the Beaufort people had done their best to get a good man, and fall in with the arrangement as quickly as possible. Rev. R. Thompson, interim moderator for Chinese charge, stated that the Chinese people had decided to extend a call to Rev. R. A. Green, of Lansfield. A good deal more than the statutory number of the congregation (three-fifths) had signed the call. He moved that the call be sustained. Mr Buchanan also reported regarding this call. When the matter of extending the call was put to the vote of the congregation, it was carried almost unanimously, only one man voting against. The salary was £275 per year, with a fortnight's holiday. Rev. F. E. Yeaman seconded the motion, which was carried. Rev. R. Thompson proposed that Rev. Lithgo Tait be appointed to prosecute this call at next meeting of the Macedon Presbytery, as representative of both the Presbytery and congregation. This was agreed to. An apology was received for the absence of Mr Troup. Owing to want of time the report of the quarterly committee was held over till the April meeting, copies being read passed round and questions invited from members. Rev. A. H. Moore reminded members that applications for the home mission grant must be by the end of this week. The acting-moderator thanked Mr and Mrs A. L. Wotherspoon for entertaining the members of the presbytery at lunch and tea. Rev. F. E. Yeaman reported verbally regarding the annual retreat of the ministers' retreat at South Melbourne, and recommended the claims of their own retreat to the members present. Received. The induction of Rev. A. Hamilton Ross which is reported elsewhere was then proceeded with. Rev. A. H. Moore having entered the church and formerly ascertained the members of the congregation that were not objections to Mr Ross being inducted, he conveyed that information to the Presbytery. The meeting then closed.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Seven members were present at a general meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society at the Shire Hall on Friday night, 23rd inst. Mr J. George (president) occupied the chair. CORRESPONDENCE. Numerous letters were received from persons asking for schedules and members forwarding subscriptions, and also from judges accepting or declining the society's invitation to adjudicate.—Mr W. H. Halpin (secretary) reported that arrangements had been made to get substitutes where judges had been unable to accept the invitation to officiate. He mentioned that he had received applications for prize schedules from all over the State. From H. Schwiager, secretary Chamber of Agriculture, forwarding receipt for annual subscription to 31st May, 1917, which had been paid by Mr D. Stewart.—Received; Secretary Halpin stating that he was rather surprised at the secretary of the chamber taking it on writing to the society and saying the chamber was prepared to accept £1 1/2. The society was not indebted to them to the extent of £2 2/2. The society was financial to the 31st May, 1916, and since then they were not connected with the chamber. It was very generous of Mr Stewart to pay their funds. He did not think the secretary of the chamber should have taken it. He (Mr Halpin) had replied to him as follows:—"The society does not owe the chamber any subscription, being financial to the 31st May, 1916. We are under no obligation to the chamber, and the society was of the opinion that your reply was vague. You did not give any reason whatever why we should continue to be affiliated with the chamber. What benefit do we derive?" Correspondence had passed between Mr Stewart and he (Mr Halpin), but he would not read that until Mr Stewart was present at a meeting. He did not think Mr Stewart would have paid the £2 2/2 if he had known they were financial to 31st May, 1916. He had also written to the secretary of the chamber and told him it would have been better for him to have handed the £2 2/2 over to a patriotic fund. From C. Lewis, Stoneleigh, forwarding donation of £3/3 from executors late Wm. Lewis and £1/1 from himself.—Received. From Beaufort Ladies' Red Cross Society, stating that they would co-operate with other societies on show day, and run the luncheon booth.—Received. From Beaufort Girls' Patriotic Club, stating they would assist at show by running the sweet and fruit stall. They would be willing to have the profits pooled and divided equally between the organisations assisting.—Received; the secretary remarking that everything had been arranged very satisfactorily. From J. C. Manifold, M.H.R., forwarding donation of £2 2/2.—Received. Shire of Ripon, forwarding authority from president to hold show for patriotic purposes.—Received. From H. Bambriek, Ballarat, offering to bring concert party to Beaufort on show night for £7/7 and expenses.—Offer accepted; the secretary stating that the party would only get £7/7, their tea, and return railway fares from Ballarat. Circular from Victorian wheat commission.—Received. From D. Stewart, Monmot, stating he would be unable to be present at the meeting. He knew three or four people who would have sent stuff if the show had been on any other day but Saturday. He hoped they would have a fine day and a good attendance.—Received. From Railway Department, stating that a second-class car would be attached to the 7.10 a.m. goods train on show day.—Received. From Mt. Lyell Co. and Cuming Smith & Co., each promising donations of 4cwt. of artificial manure.—Received. From Wallace Creamery, stating that their manager, Mr Foster, would attend the society's show to test dairy cows.—Received. The secretary said he was speaking to Mr Foster in Ballarat yesterday, and he said two milkings would be preferable, one on the night before and the other on the morning of the show. When he got the entries he would inform exhibitors to that effect. The manner in which the test would be carried out was discussed at some length by the secretary and Messrs J. W. Miller and G. Topper. CAUSES OF STOMACH TROUBLE. Secondary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, over-eating, partaking of food and drink not suited to your age and constitution. Current year habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets for the stomach and liver and you will soon be well again. Sold by all chemists and stores.

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POLITICAL.

Mr J. C. Manifold, M.H.R., who is again contesting the Corangamite seat in the House of Representatives, has visited to Beaufort on Thursday and was accorded a hearty welcome. He was able to follow the views of the local electors till Wednesday, 2nd May, in the annual meeting of Mr Manifold's supporters, presided over by the late Mr. J. W. Wotherspoon, held at the Mechanics Institute. Despite the hot weather, there was a representative attendance of 50 residents of the town, and many of the residents of the district, many of whom travelled the distance to be present. Mr. J. W. Wotherspoon, the local president, presided, and briefly outlined the object of the meeting, and Mr. Manifold delivered an interesting address, in the course of which he pointed out the necessity for both men and women to be members of the Liberal and Labor Parties and the House of Representatives for the most important question today was to secure the Liberal and Labor Parties Government, represented and supported by the Imperial Conference, early represented at the coming on, but he pointed to the fact that the "A" protection, the speaker pointed out how could after the present tariff wall in cases of the "A" protection, the speaker pointed out the statement that the verdict of the Prime Minister's convention would be respected, and that in the event of necessary demands for a referendum the question would be again submitted to the electors. On the motion, Messrs J. W. Wotherspoon and E. W. Hughes, the local electors present, Messrs H. L. C. Messrs Man, E. W. Hughes, Messrs H. L. C. Messrs McNaughton, and H. Lane, D. Cochran, T. Wives into a committee, with power to do their utmost, to work for the return of Mr Manifold for Corangamite. The Hon. The Hon. Messrs Wotherspoon and the National Party's Senate cordially supported the motion. The members of the Women's League under the leadership of Mrs. W. Wotherspoon endorsed the splendid work which Mr Manifold had done in the past, and urged all to do their utmost to help him in the campaign, and to urge their members to do their utmost to help him. Mr Manifold moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chair, which was carried by acclamation and subsequently met and appointed sub-committees for the various parts of the district. Messrs H. B. Sauger and J. George were appointed. The secretary assured Mr Manifold that the next of his constituents would be organized as it had never been organized before. A. M. Parker, Neil Street, Beaufort, J.

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VICTORIAN RAILWAYS. EASTER EXTRA TRAINS.

On 4th and 6th April a special express will leave Serviceton at 11 p.m., stop at same stations as the ordinary express as far as Ballarat, thence at Ballarat East, Ballan, and Bacchus Marsh only. On 6th April a special train will leave Dimboola at 12.1 a.m., Horsham at 12.40 a.m., Murtos at 1.12 a.m., Stawell at 2.25 a.m., and Ballarat at 5.10 a.m. (ahead of Adelaide express), stopping at usual stations for express, and reaching Melbourne at 7.50 a.m. On 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th April an extra express will leave Horsham at 2.5 and Murtos at 2.37 a.m., and from 4th to 15th April (5.30 a.m. excepted) from Stawell at 3.50 a.m., Ararat at 4.30 a.m., and Beaufort at 5.30 a.m. for Melbourne. The train will call at 10th April, and on 14th the train usually leaving Ararat for Ballarat at 4.23 p.m. will run two divisions, the first leaving Ararat at 3.45 p.m. GEO. H. SUTTON, Secretary.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

APPLICATIONS are invited till 11 a.m. on Monday, 2nd April, 1917, from persons duly qualified to drive steam roller. Wages, 11/8 per day. E. J. MURPHY, B.C.E., Shire Engineer. Shire Offices, Beaufort, 23/3/1917.

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