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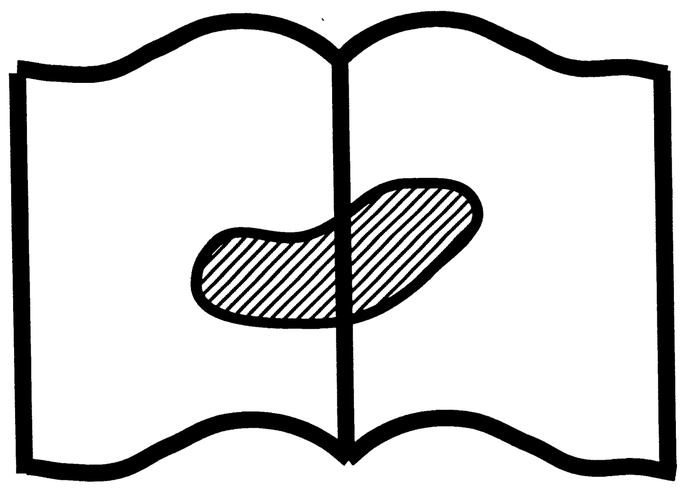

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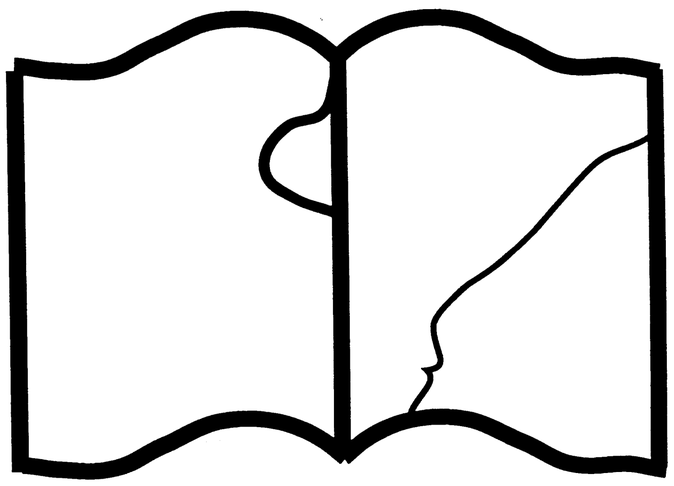

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Printed in the most Modern Style.

Your local Printer spends his money with you, as also does his staff; so indirectly money spent with him, or portion of it, must assuredly, through different channels of circulation, find its way back to your own coffers. Bear this in mind, and when you require anything with printers' ink on it, don't forget to support local industry. Bear in mind that money sent to Melbourne printers is absolutely lost to the town and district, and has no possible chance of ever returning, even by the most roundabout channels of circulation. The local man has undoubtedly the best claim on your orders, and by encouraging him you are helping to build up your own town.

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Our reputation has been built up on a firmness in the policy of selling good Furniture. We do not handle the other kind because it does not create mutual satisfaction.

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Special experiments in connection with electricity applied to mining are to be carried out in the Carngham district by Messrs Victor Nightingale and J. A. Dawson, under arrangement with the Minister of Mines, who will shortly attend a demonstration of the system at Carngham. The Mines Department has already set aside a sum of money to assist in this work. Mr Nightingale, who has joined Mr Dawson in connection with his system, is a well known scientist and expert in wireless and high frequency electricity, and is the founder of the Nightingale scientific laboratories of Melbourne. Mr Dawson, it will be remembered was for some time professor of electrical engineering in the Ballarat School of Mines. Some very interesting and important developments of a far-reaching character in connection with the revival of mining are promised shortly.

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Try this home-made remedy for Asthma, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Influenza, and Colds: Get a bottle of Hearne's, and add it to sweetened water as per directions on the label. You will then have a family supply of cough mixture at a cost of a couple of shillings.

The Corio branch of the Victorian Farmers' Union has decided to appoint a paid organiser to canvass the electorate in preparation for the next Federal election.

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

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1914.—January, 86; February, 11; March, 91; April, 200; May, 153; June, 74; July, 210; August, 48; September, 83; October, 55; November, 112; December, 361.

1915.—January, 145; February, 31; March, 60; April, 188; May, 215; June, 278; July, 166; August, 277; September, 481; October, 205; November, 122; December, 24.

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1918.—January, 126; February, 90; March, 259; April, 257; May, 379; June, 289; July, 298; August, 400; September, 235; October, [illegible]; November, nil.; December, 125.

1919.—January, 18; February, 26½.

Totals.—1909, 29.69; 1910, 29.54; 1911, [illegible]; 1912, 25.13; 1913, 25.39; 1914, 15.14; 1915, 21.05; 1916, 35.77; 1917, 28.22; 1918, 26.91.

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Write only on one side of the paper.

Give information: but let criticism alone.

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

USEFUL READY RECKONER.

Every farmer should paste this table of weights in his pocket book.

One quarter equals 28lb
Two quarters equal 56lb.
Three quarters equal 1bus. 24lb
One cwt. equals 1 bus. 52lb
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Nine tons equal 336bus.
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Twelve tons equal 448bus.
Thirteen tons equal 485bus. 20lb.
Fourteen tons equal 523bus. 40lb.
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Sixteen tons equal 597bus. 20lb.
Seventeen tons equal 634bus. 40lb.
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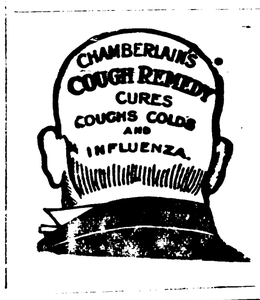

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IF YOU have that constant itching and inflammation of Piles.

IF YOU are suffering the aches and Pains of Bad Legs, Abscesses, Ulcers, Scrofulous and Ulcerated Sores, Glandular Swellings or Blood Poison.

IF YOU are in the grip of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Gout, etc.

All these are sure signs of clogging blood impurity, calling for immediate treatment through the blood, so don't waste your time and money on useless lotions and messy ointments, which cannot get below the surface of the skin. What you want and what you must have is a medicine that will get right to the root of your trouble, a medicine that will thoroughly free the blood of the poisonous matter, which alone is the true cause of all your suffering. Clarke's Blood Mixture is just such a medicine. It is composed of ingredients which quickly attack, overcome, and expel from the blood all impurities (from whatever cause arising), and by rendering it clean and pure, can be relied on to effect a lasting cure.

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A Professional Dressmaker writes of Clements Tonic

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A Wholesale and Retail Saddle and Harness Maker writes

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Sold in boxes, labelled price 10½d (36 pills), 1/1½ (56 pills) & 2/9 (168 pills

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Four comfortable dressing rooms to avoid delay.

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Size of Photo.	Size of Mount.	Frame.	Price.
12 x 10	20 x 16	Solid	25/-
15 x 12	23 x 17	3 inch oak	30/-
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Religious Services.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH, 1919.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Middle Creek, 3—Rev. W. C. Wood.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Main Lead, 2; Raglan, 3—Rev. E. H. Coltman. Raglan, 7.30—Mr V. J. Parson. Chute, 3—Mr L. Waldron.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Lexton, 11; Trawalla, 3; Beaufort, 7—Rev. A. H. Ross.

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At a meeting of the State Executive Council on Thursday, Mr F. A. Angus, of Skipton, was appointed a J.P. for the Southern Bailiwick.

Under the new railway time-table, which will come into operation next week, the 6.45 a.m. train from Ballarat to Melbourne will run on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays in each week. On Monday the 5.6 p.m. train from Melbourne will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The 4.30 p.m. Adelaide express will run through to Adelaide on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays it will proceed as far as Dimboola only. There will be no express train on Sunday mornings.

BEREAVEMENT CARD.

MRS. INGRAM and family desire to thank their many friends for cards, letters, telegrams, and personal expressions of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement. Will all kind friends accept this intimation, as we find it impossible to answer all personally.

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TOMKINS.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Thomas Tomkins, who passed away on 1st April, 1918.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1919.

Police Court.

Mr E. W. Hughes, J.P., was in attendance at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday. The only case listed—a claim for debt—was withdrawn, having been settled out of court.

State Governor's Visit.

The State Governor (Sir Arthur Stanley) attended by Captain N. Conant, A.D.C., arrived in Beaufort on Saturday night, on a week-end visit to Mr and Mrs Philip Russell, of Mawallok Estate. The vice-regal visitor returned to Melbourne on Thursday morning.

The Month's Rainfall.

The rainfall at Beaufort for March amounted to 149 points, compared with 269 points for the same month last year. For the three months 4.31 inches have been recorded, against 4.94 inches for the same period of 1918.

Personal.

Miss Doris Johnston, of Beaufort is ill in Melbourne, and is suffering from influenza.—Mr Rudolph Wangner, of Waterloo South, is laid aside in Melbourne with illness.—Mrs E. H. Coltman, of Beaufort, was seized with illness whilst on a visit to Melbourne, but is now convalescent.

Red Cross Sale.

Mr W. H. Halpin acted in an honorary capacity as auctioneer on Saturday, when he sold the assets of the Beaufort Men's Red Cross Society, which consisted of assorted lots of timber, galvanised iron, &c. There was a good attendance of buyers, and satisfactory prices were realised; the total proceeds of the sale being £24/10/6.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

Rev. A. Hamilton Ross conducted harvest thanksgiving services at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, on Sunday. The interior of the building was tastefully decorated, and there was an attractive display of fruit, vegetables, &c. Suitable hymns were sung. At the afternoon service the annual distribution of Sunday school prizes took place.

Obituary.

The death occurred at the Exhibition Hospital, Melbourne, on Sunday, of Mr Alfred Johnston, son of Mr and Mrs J. Johnston, senr., of Beaufort. Deceased, who was about 35 years of age, had been suffering from influenza. His untimely end is regretted, and much sympathy has been expressed for the bereaved relatives.

The death occurred from bronchopneumonia on Friday, 28th ult., at Malvern, of Miss Ethel Kearns, youngest daughter of the Rev. J. T. and Mrs Kearns, of Malvern (formerly of Beaufort). The remains were interred on Saturday.

Mechanics' Institute.

A special general meeting of subscribers of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held on Monday evening, "To consider proposed amendment of rules and to form a Mechanics' Club." The president (Mr M. Dames) presided, and 10 subscribers were present. The scheme proposed by Mr J. G. Macdonald at last committee meeting, to make the Institute a meeting place for the men of the town and to provide games at a reduced subscription of 10/ per year (exclusive of library benefits or a voice in the management), was further explained by Mr Macdonald, and was supported by Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon, Halpin, Seager, Hannah, and J. A. Harris. It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Messrs Wotherspoon and Seager, to empower the committee to accept the suggestion proposed by Mr Macdonald and to carry it into effect. A code of rules for the conduct of the recreation room was also adopted, on motion of Messrs Parker and Halpin.

Presentation at Trawalla.

Mr Meikle, stationmaster at Trawalla for about two years, has been transferred to Chillingollah, and is to be succeeded at Trawalla by Mr Jamieson, of Buckrabanyule. On Wednesday evening, 26th ult., Mr and Mrs Meikle were entertained at a farewell social by the residents of Trawalla and presented with a token of esteem in the form of a silver hot water kettle. Mr S. Baldwin acted as chairman. Mr H. Smith, who made the presentation, referred in eulogistic terms to the fine personal qualities of Mr and Mrs Meikle, and the obliging and tactful manner in which Mr Meikle had discharged his official duties. On behalf of the assemblage, he wished the guests future prosperity and happiness. Messrs Anderson, T. Rodgers, and McCallum cordially supported the previous speaker's remarks. Mr Meikle, in the course of a suitable response, thanked the speakers for their kind remarks and the residents for their gift. Dancing was indulged in till a late hour. Supper was provided by the ladies.

Soldiers Welcomed.

Pte. L. R. Scott, who returned to Beaufort on Thursday evening after spending two years abroad on active service, was met at the railway station and cordially welcomed home by a large number of residents. Cr. W. H. Halpin (president of Ripon Shire and the Welcome Home Committee) made a few, appropriate remarks, in the course of which he warmly welcomed the returned soldier back to Beaufort, and congratulated him on the services he had rendered for King and Empire. Pte. Scott briefly responded. Those present sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and gave hearty cheers for Pte. Scott and his parents. Subsequently a supper in honour of the returned soldier was held at his parents' residence. The table and supper room were decorated with flags and the colours of the 5th Battalion, in the ranks of which Pte. Scott fought in France and Belgium.

Three district soldiers—Pte. A. Waldron and Drivers W. Dunn and Gellert recently returned from the front, and arrived in Beaufort by the 12.30 p.m. train on Friday. A number of residents assembled at the station and gave the soldiers a hearty welcome. Cr. W. H. Halpin (president of Ripon Shire and the Welcome Home Committee) addressed a few, well chosen words of welcome and congratulation to the returned men, and urged relatives of soldiers to make a point of notifying either the secretary, president, or vice-president of the Welcome Home Committee when soldiers were expected to reach Beaufort. "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" was sung, and cheers enthusiastically given for Pte. Waldron and Drivers Dunn and Gellert. Driver Dunn, in the course of a neat speech, responded on behalf of his comrades.

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Beaufort District sub-branch R.S.S.I.L. meets at Shire Hall to-night (Saturday).

Messrs. Kelly & McDonald hold their Lexton stock sale on Wednesday next.

Ladies are invited to attend a meeting at the Shire Hall this (Saturday) afternoon to organise an effort to raise funds for local branch, R.S.S.I.L.

Tenders are invited by the Shire of Ripon for a C.R.B. contract of 8,600ft. forming, metalling, etc., Skipton road.

A high-class concert by talented Ballarat artists is announced for Wednesday, 16th April, in Societies' Hall, Beaufort.

Mr W. H. Halpin announces that he will hold a clearing sale at his yards, Beaufort, on Saturday, 12th April, at 2 p.m., of horses, farm implements, etc., on a/c. of Mr Martin Meehan, junr.

Messrs Kelly & McDonald hold a land and clearing sale, a/c. Mr A. J. Cleland, at Waterloo, on Thursday, 17th inst., at 2 p.m.

The world-famous Scottish comedy entertainers, the Caleys, will give an entertainment in the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, next Tuesday night. The Melbourne "Herald" pays the following glowing tribute to the Caleys:—"They are without a doubt the finest Scottish comedy duo Australians have ever heard. Glorious voices, beautifully dressed, clean and brilliant comedy, a style and personality that carries one completely away. The audience never seems to get enough of them."

WELCOME HOME COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Soldiers' Welcome Home Committee, which was well attended, took place at the Shire Hall on Tuesday night. Mr W. H. Halpin (president) occupied the chair. The balance-sheet for the past year, which was adopted on the motion of Messrs Halpin and J. R. Wotherspoon, showed receipts amounting to £60/12/, and expenditure to £36/16/11, leaving a credit balance of £23/15/1. On the motion of Mr M. Dames and Mrs L. Watkin, it was decided that gold medals be presented to Lieut. J. M. Prentice and Ptes. N. McLeod and R. Maddern, who recently returned from the front. The matter of fixing a date for the next welcome home gathering was left in the hands of the president, vice-president, and secretary, on the motion of Messrs Wotherspoon and J. George. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr W. H. Halpin; vice-president, Mr J. R. Wotherspoon; hon secretary, Miss Pearl Chibnall; treasurer, Mrs J. R. Hughes; committee, Messrs J. W. Miller, M. Dames, A. H. Sands, H. J. Buchanan, J. George, J. G. Macdonald, W. J. Stevenson, R. A. D. Sinclair, D. R. Hannah, W. Bowen, H. B. Seager, P. Kelly, G. McCaughey, Mesdames J. G. Macdonald, S. T. Roberts, N. B. Acton, L. Watkin, Hughes, Martinez, J. W. Harris, W. Newey, J. W. Miller, and Misses L. Stuart, W. Ingram, M. Sinclair, and A. Cochrane. On the suggestion of Mr Wotherspoon, circulars are to be printed and forwarded to soldiers' relatives, asking them to notify either the secretary or president of the dates on which their boys are expected to arrive in Beaufort, so as to enable a fitting welcome to be accorded them at the railway station. It was resolved to run the next welcome home function on similar lines to the last, and hold a tea at the hall for the boys who have arrived since the last gathering was held. Mr Halpin drew attention to a proposal for building a hall in Beaufort as a memorial to those who had fallen during the war, and announced that the scheme would be placed before a public meeting later on. Mr Wotherspoon moved that the Soldiers' Welcome Home Committee pledge themselves to do all in their power to support the movement for a soldiers' memorial. Seconded by Mrs J. W. Harris, and carried. It was decided, on the motion of Messrs Halpin and Sands, to forward letters of sympathy to Mr J. George and Mrs Roberts, who recently suffered bereavements by the deaths of their soldier sons.

PRESBYTERIAN CHARGE.

About 50 members and adherents of the Beaufort Presbyterian Charge attended the annual congregational meeting held at the Sunday School Hall on Monday evening. Rev. A. Hamilton Ross presided. The schoolroom had been tastefully decorated for the occasion by the ladies. An enjoyable programme of songs was contributed by Mrs J. G. Macdonald, Miss Olive Watkin, and Messrs A. R. Boyd and A. L. Wotherspoon. Miss A. Stevenson played the accompaniments.

Rev. A. H. Ross, as moderator gave a verbal report, on behalf of the kirk session, of the year's spiritual work in the charge. They met last year, he added, under dark clouds in regard to world wide events, but were glad that these clouds had gone. They welcomed their soldier members back, and hoped they would renew their work in the church. He referred with regret to the death of the late Rev. A. H. Moore (clerk of the Ballarat Presbytery), and expressed the sympathy felt locally for Mrs Moore and family.

The balance-sheet for the past year, which was adopted, showed receipts amounting to £564/5/11 and expenditure to £653/13/2, leaving a Dr. balance of £89/7/3. The year was commenced with a Dr. balance of £147/16/7, so that there was a considerable improvement. The building fund had a Cr. balance of £4/6/9 at the commencement of the year, and at its end there was a debit of £25/13/3.

Mr A. L. Wotherspoon (hon. secretary) reported verbally on behalf of the board of management. There had, he said, been a debt of £400 on the building, on which they paid £20 per year interest. They had had to borrow money from the bank to pay the interest. The building account owed the ordinary working account £26. In regard to the special peace thankoffering to wipe off the church debt, Mr Wotherspoon reported that Mrs Philip Russell, of Mawallok, had come forward with an offer of £100 towards it, if they could raise the rest. They practically owed £400 on the building account, and that account owed £100 to the general account for interest. They aimed at raising £600. They had cash in the trust account in the Savings Bank amounting to £131/14/, and there were further promises of £150/0/6, which included Mrs Russell's promise, and made a total of £281/14/6. The difference between that and £600 was £318/5/6, and if they did not get that, they would not get Mrs Russell's £100. They had applied to the trustees of the Jubilee Debt Extinction Fund for a grant of £200. Some members of the Presbytery thought the committee stood a good chance of getting the £200, but he had his doubts about it. A large number had not yet responded to the appeal, and he pointed out that small amounts would be acceptable, if only 5/. The committee suggested extending payments over 12 or six months, if required. As the time for the proclamation of peace was coming on, it would be a fitting time to contribute. In the amount received was a cheque for £50 from Miss Adam, her sister, and Dr. B. J. Adam. As soon as Miss Adam heard of the effort she sent along the £50, which was very acceptable.

The Sunday school balance-sheet, which was also adopted, showed receipts amounting to £29/15/ and expenditure to £23/18/8, leaving £5/16/4 cash in hand.

The moderator mentioned that a donation of four suitable books had been made to the Sunday school library by the Thistle Club.

Mr A. L. Wotherspoon read the Sunday school annual report, which mentioned that the number of children on the roll had decreased, and that three prizes and several certificates had been gained by scholars in competition with other schools throughout the State. The removal from the district of Misses Jean McFarlane (secretary), N. Tulloch (who established the kindergarten class), N. White, N. and R. Stevenson, and D. Johnston was referred to with regret.

A financial statement in connection with the Ladies' Guild showed that the society had a balance of £1/2/9 in hand. They also had £5 in the bank should they require money.

The statement of funds in connection with the P.W.M.U. showed that receipts and expenditure amounted to £3/18/6. The retiring members of committee, Messrs J. McKay, J. Fullerton, F. Ellis, J. G. Macdonald, and J. W. Miller, were re-elected.

Mr A. L. Wotherspoon said Mrs Macdonald had suggested a self-denial effort. If small amounts were put aside each month by individuals and members of families, she would go round and collect them.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—They would have to consider some special effort in regard to wiping off the church debt.

Mr A. L. Wotherspoon moved that in the event of its being necessary before the end of June to hold a bazaar, the matter of organising it be left in the hands of the Ladies' Guild. Seconded by Mr A. L. Stuart, and carried.

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Rev. A. H. Ross said, in regard to his scheme for working up wool, he had not had time to finish the spinning machines, and had the fleeces stored away. There were 30 fleeces, worth about £12. He hoped to get the ladies to work them up. If they had a bazaar, it would be one of the side lines. He suggested that a prize be offered for the best suggestion as to how to raise money to wipe off the church debt.

Mr A. L. Wotherspoon—He would give the prize. He would forfeit his salary and position to the successful competitor. (Laughter).

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon suggested that they try and realise on the promises, and approach those who had not responded. He moved that the committee be instructed to wind up the special appeal as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr F. Ellis, and carried.

Supper, provided by the ladies, was partaken of.

FOOTBALL CLUB.

A meeting, convened by Messrs E. J. Muntz, junr., and I. H. Hay, for the purpose of re-organising the local Football Club, was held at the Beaufort Mechanics Institute on Tuesday night. Twenty-two residents were present. Apologies were received for the non-attendance of Messrs Hay and J. A. Harris.

Mr R. A. D. Sinclair, who was voted to the chair, expressed pleasure at seeing the large attendance, and so much promising material for a football team in the township. The Ararat R.S.S.I.L. team had got into touch with him on the matter of forming a local returned soldiers' team to take part in a competition, but he had replied that he thought it impossible, as there were not sufficient returned men here.

Mr J. T. Glover moved that a senior football club, to be called the Beaufort Football Club, be formed. Seconded by Mr W. H. Evans, and carried. The seconder said there had been some good junior football here last year, and he considered there were sufficient men in the town to form a senior club. Beaufort could claim the credit of starting cricket last season, and the whole district had quickly followed suit, as no doubt it would with football.

Mr P. Kelly moved that the membership fee be 5/. Seconded by Mr J. T. Glover.

Mr Evans moved, as an amendment, that the subscription be 3/. He pointed out that the Cricket Club had been adversely criticised for making the subscription 5/, some people considering it too much for young fellows. Seconded by Mr R. Thurstain.

After some discussion, the amendment was defeated.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr R. A. D. Sinclair; vice-presidents, Messrs P. Kelly and J. T. Glover; joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs E. J. Muntz, junr., and L. Stevenson; committee, president, vice-presidents, secretaries, and Messrs W. H. Evans, W. R. Glover, I. H. Hay, and J. McDonald; match committee, captain, vice-captain, and president.

It was resolved that the colours of the club be blue and white.

Mr C. Barker moved that the secretaries get in touch with district clubs, and ascertain if an association could be formed. Seconded by Mr W. R. Glover, and carried.

It was announced that Mr G. H. Cougle intended to present the club with a match football; the donation being much appreciated.

The secretaries were instructed to get 100 members' tickets printed, and it was understood that everyone present would become members and also assist the secretaries to dispose of the tickets.

It was mentioned that there would be no matches until after Easter. Mr J. T. Glover moved that members' tickets admit players and non-players to matches in the Beaufort Park. Seconded by Mr S. Holdsworth, and carried.

A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the meeting, the chairman expressing the hope that they would have a prosperous season.

CRICKET.

At the Beaufort Park on Saturday an enjoyable cricket match was played between teams representing the township and district, the latter winning by 14 runs. Each team consisted of nine players. District batted first for a total of 88 runs. J. McDonald (32), Hay (24), and Green (14), were the only batsmen to reach double figures. Haywood took six wickets, and Muntz two. Beaufort compiled a score of 74 runs, of which "Douglas" made 22, Haywood 17, Muntz 11, and Lilley 10 (not out). Hay was responsible for the fall of five wickets, and McDonald took three. The latter also took three particularly smart catches. Lexton team visits Beaufort to-day (Saturday).

On Saturday Buangor met the Ararat Asylum team on the Asylum ground, where an enjoyable afternoon was spent. The Asylum team had rather an easy victory by 66 runs. They batted first for a total of 88 runs; J. Philpott making 26, and Dr. Woods 25. Bowling honors were shared by McLean (4 wickets), Gardiner (3), and Dunn, Wilson, and Broster (one each). The visitors were disposed of for a total of 28 runs; Wilson (5) making the highest score. H. Philpott took eight wickets, and McCracken two.

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GOLF CLUB.

Ten members of the Beaufort Golf Club attended the annual meeting at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday night; Mr W. H. Evans (president) occupying the chair.

The balance-sheet for the past year, which was adopted on motion of Miss Cochrane and Mr W. H. Hames, showed that receipts amounted to £17/17/6, and expenditure to £20/4/9, leaving a debit balance of £2/7/3. The bank overdraft stands at £2/14/9, less 7/6 cash in hand.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months:—President, Lieut. S. Young; vice-presidents, Dr. G. A. Eadie and Mr W. H. Evans; joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs N. B. Acton and P. Moroney; auditor, Mr W. H. Hames; committee, Mrs Acton, Miss Cochrane, and Messrs D. F. Troy, A. L. Wotherspoon, Jas. Liddle, and E. J. Emery; handicappers, Dr. Eadie, Messrs Acton, Moroney, and Miss Cochrane.

Mr Troy—There was a big liability on the club, and it was to the members' interests to get it wiped off. There was also the question of keeping the links in decent order. To his mind, the subscription of 7/6 for men and 5/ for ladies was ridiculously small. He moved that the subscription be £1 for men and 15/ for ladies. Seconded by Mrs Acton.

The chairman—What security of tenure had they regarding the links?

Mr Acton—He interviewed Mr A. L. Wotherspoon to-day. Mr Wotherspoon had seen Mr Ross, who informed him that he intended to adhere to his original idea of extending his fence to the road, and leaving them the fifth hole for this year. They would have to alter their tees for the sixth hole. He (Mr Acton) considered the proposed increase in subscriptions too big a jump. He moved, as an amendment, that the subscription be 15/ for men and 10/ for ladies. Seconded by Mrs DeBaere.

The amendment was carried on the casting vote of the chairman.

It was resolved that new members pay an entrance fee of 5/, and that the fixing of opening day be left in the hands of the vice-presidents and secretaries.

The matter of selecting new tees for the sixth hole, preparing the greens, and having the golf house cleaned out, was left in the hands of the greens committee.

The secretary was instructed to post a type-written list of financial members in the club-house.

Mr Troy moved that letters be sent to the owners of the properties on which the club played, thanking them for use of same. Seconded by Mrs DeBaere, and carried.

Mr Evans—He was pleased that the difficulty over using the Manse portion of the links had been overcome.

Mrs Acton moved that afternoon tea be provided on the first Saturday of every month. Seconded by Miss Cochrane, and carried.

On the suggestion of Dr. Eadie, it was decided to hold a working-bee on the Saturday prior to the opening day, to clear rubbish off the fairways.

The matter of putting in gates at the bunkers was also discussed, and left in the hands of the greens' committee.

A man is to be engaged to do necessary work on the links, and look after same during the season.

BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above Club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening; Mr W. R. Glover (president) in the chair, and eight members present.

The secretary (Mr Halpin) read several letters from the V.R.C., re restrictions on racing and the granting of a date for the club's meeting, it being stated that the license expired in March, but owing to the influenza restrictions, there would be no objection to the races being held in April.—Received.

The secretary submitted a balance-sheet for the past year, which was certified to as correct by Mr A. Parker, and showed receipts amounting to £73/11/1, and expenditure to £9/2/, leaving a Cr. balance of £64/9/1.—Received and adopted; the secretary stating that the rent now due on the racecourse, when paid, would increase the Cr. balance to £75.

Mr O'Sullivan moved that races be held on Saturday, 3rd May; the secretary stating there would be no difficulty in getting the license extended. Seconded by Mr H. Smith, and carried.

The election of officers resulted as follows (the president and secretary returning thanks):—President, Mr H. Smith; vice-presidents, Messrs P. Grant and J. T. Glover; secretary, Mr W. H. Halpin (the salary being fixed at £6/6/ as before); committee, Messrs W. R. Glover, T. and J. Rodgers, O'Sullivan, McCaughey, Parker, J. G. Macdonald, G. Vowles, Flynn, Lidgerwood, Meaney, Liddle, Prentice, P. Kelly, and T. W. Schlicht; stewards, president, Messrs O'Sullivan, W. R. Glover, Sinclair, Parker, and Lidgerwood; judge, Mr J. T. Glover; clerk of scales, Mr O'Sullivan; handicapper, Mr J. Lyons; starter, Mr H. Smith; clerk of course, Mr P. Grant; pony measurers, Messrs Vowles and Lidgerwood, treasurer, Mr J. R. Wotherspoon; timekeeper, Mr Sinclair.

It was decided, on motion of Messrs W. R. Glover and Grant, that life certificates issued by certain official measurers be accepted.

All profits are to be given to the local Repatriation committee.

Mr W. R. Glover moved that a picnic meeting be held. Seconded by Mr Parker, and carried.

It was decided, on motion of Messrs Grant and Rodgers, that £33 be given in prize money—5 races of £5 each and a handicap of £8.

The following programme was adopted:—Trial Stakes, 5 furlongs, for horses that have never won a prize of £10; Bracelet Stakes, 6 furlongs; Pony Race (14.2 and), 4 furlongs; Beaufort Repatriation Handicap, one mile; Open Handicap Trot, 1½ miles; Flying Handicap, five furlongs.

A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring president on the proposition of the president, and Mr W. R. Glover acknowledged the compliment.

The Ripon Shire Council meets on Monday.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Trooper Chas. Broadbent, of Main Lead, has written to his relatives stating that he is returning to Australia shortly. He has been on active service abroad for over three years.

Lance-Cpl. Frederick Harold Martinez, who is officially reported to be ill, and whose name appears in the 402nd casualty list, is a son of Mrs Martinez, of Beaufort. He has been on active service abroad for over three years.

Mrs James Hannah, of "Lamonde," Stockyard Hill, has received word that her son, Driver Thomas W. Hannah, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty in action.

Gunner C. McCook, son of Mr and Mrs A. McCook, of "Emu Vale," Chepstowe, who has had lengthy service abroad, returned to Australia, and arrived at his home at Chepstowe during last week. One of his brothers, Pte. Eric McCook, was killed in action in Palestine, and another brother, Pte. Bert McCook, is still on service abroad.

Major Philip Russell, of Carngham Estate, Carngham, has returned to Australia, and arrived at his home at Carngham last week. Major Russell was severely wounded in the head on one occasion. He lost two of his brothers, viz., Capt. John Russell, who was killed in action, and Lieut. Robert Russell, who died of meningitis. During the period of war Major Russell has donated several thousands of pounds to patriotic funds.

The following names of district soldiers appear in a list of those returning by the troopship "Nevasa," which left England on March 5th:—Pts. A. J. Dixon, 14th Battn., and F. Halfihan, 21st Battn.

Corpl. W. J. Brown, of Chepstowe Road, Snake Valley, has returned to Australia, and was motored to his home on Monday last.

Pte. A. T. Coates, son of Mrs A. Coates, storekeeper, of Snake Valley, is returning to Australia, having left England on 5th March by H.T. "Nevasa."

DENTISTRY—PAINLESS AND INSTANTANEOUS.

Mr W. E. Thomas, dentist, of South Australia, may be consulted at Beaufort on Wednesday afternoon next, 9th April. New method of extracting teeth, no matter how difficult: it is painless, no bruising, no swelling, or subsequent pain, and instantaneous, at a cost of 1/. Hardest mouths to fit with artificial teeth simplified to a minimum by latest suction system and adjustment acquired. The strongest and most beautiful and natural looking teeth in existence. No breaking, and plates are reinforced.

WHEAT GROWERS AND MANURE.

HOW TO CARRY MORE SHEEP

A fortnight ago attention was directed to the need of farmers to apply heavier quantities of superphosphate when sowing this year's wheat crop. Outside the Mallee no grower should use less than 1 cwt. to the acre. Such an allowance will give not only a better crop of wheat, but will provide better feed for sheep in the stubbles and in the year the land is resting. It is like using a double-barrelled gun. If the first shot does not get the bird, there is a chance with the second. In South Australia, where the average soils contain more lime, scores of farmers apply as much as 2 cwt. an acre of super on land so poor, and with no better rainfall, than in most of our wheat belt. South Australian farmers probably keep more sheep on a given area than do Victorians, and the heavier dressings of super enable them to do it. The effect is particularly noticeable on the Roseworthy College farm in the sister State. Heavy applications (2 cwt. an acre) have been used for 30 years, and during that period the stock carrying capacity of the area has more than doubled. Super is a great money-maker.

No better illustration should be desired, but a convincing one is available at the Central Research Station at Werribee. On certain experimental plots there, in a shallow light red to grey loam, different quantities of manure have been applied systematically for five years. On an area not manured, in Sept., 1917, there was calculated to be only 0.5 cwt. of self-sown crop to the acre. On an area given half a cwt. of super the quantity was 12.9 cwt., and on an area given 2 cwt. of super the quantity was 34.8 cwt. That is a marvellous difference, and at the same time the feeding value per pound of the larger quantity was much superior. Expressed in monetary value in mutton and wool the ½ cwt. gave a return of 7.8 an acre over the unmanured area, and the 2 cwt. gave an increased return of £1 1/2. Actually what is termed the residual effect on the self-sown crop was in one year sufficient to pay for the superphosphate applied to two crops of wheat.

At both Roseworthy and Werribee every care was taken to secure accuracy in the figures, and every farmer in Victoria, more or less, can reproduce an approximation to these returns. But he must have the courage to spend more money on manures. In the Western district large landholders have for years been breaking up land to sow to wheat because of the better show of grass that follows cropping. Why does better grass come? Chiefly because of the super applied. Mr D. F. Rowe, of Naringal Station, Lismore district, has found that with 5,000 acres out of 14,000 acres under crop, and heavily manured, he can carry as many sheep as when the whole area was under grass. He gets the same amount of grass, plus 5,000 acres of wheat. At Goroke, Mr C. D. Block states that he has rendered black grass land that produced sour, indigestible, and scant herbage high-class sheep country by using a heavy dressing of super on one wheat crop. Science has also proved that better animals are obtained where the land has been liberally manured. These facts should be carefully thought out and acted upon.

CHANGEABLE WEATHER BRINGS COLDS.

However changeable the weather may be, and however bad a cold you get from it, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will give you immediate relief. There is no question about the curative properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is the best, safest and most reliable cough medicine sold. Young and old can take it and feel certain of good results. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is easily taken and relieves the most obstinate cases. Sold by J. R. Wotherspoon & Co.

METHODIST SALE OF GIFTS.

A sale of gifts, in aid of the funds of the Beaufort Methodist Church, was held at the Societies' Hall on Thursday, and passed off successfully. The secretarial duties were shared by Miss M. Jackson and Mr L. Stevenson. A number of well-stocked and artistically decorated stalls were arranged around the interior of the building, and refreshments were served at occasional tables. The following acted as stallholders: Fancy stall—Mesdames E. H. Coltman and W. Bowen, Misses W. Lardner, and M. and S. Jackson; lolly stall—Misses Ella Lane, Ivy Jaensch, Pearl Lardner, and Linda Holdsworth; produce stall—Mesdames F. Day, A. Holdsworth, and J. Cromwell; jumble stall—Mrs Morvell; cake stall—Mesdames Davis, J. George, D. Stevenson, and Miss L. Humphreys; refreshment stall—Mesdames Gillies, T. McDonald, Evans, R. Davis, and Misses L. Brown, N. Whitfield, Olga Lane, and Madeline Davis; flower stall—Mrs H. Cuthbertson, Misses W. Humphreys, Millie Davis, Verna Cuthbertson, Linda Wilson, Sylvia Willis, and Nellie Williams; Dutch garden—Mr Cliff Barker; penny dip—Misses Alma and Gertie Holdsworth and Doris George. There was a good attendance of ladies in the afternoon, and a fair amount of business was transacted. Selections were played by Jackson's orchestra, and songs contributed by Mrs J. G. Macdonald and Miss Mary Welsh.

Rev. E. H. Coltman, in opening the function, said he knew they were all eager to begin buying, as they had been looking round the stalls and seen the beautiful and useful articles there. Those who came in the afternoon were those who were prepared to buy and secure all the bargains possible. They had expected to have the Hon. D. S. Oman, M.L.A. (Minister of Agriculture), with them to open the fair. He had promised to come when they fixed their date before, but owing to the influenza business, they had to postpone their fair till to-day, and, unfortunately, Mr Oman had another engagement and could not come. The State Governor had passed through Beaufort this morning, but he supposed he could not stay to take part in this fair. No doubt he would have been glad to come if a deputation of ladies had waited upon him, but they were so busy preparing for this afternoon that they had missed their chance. (Laughter.) He read in a book some time ago of a character who invariably addressed his intimate friends as "o' man." They were unfortunate in not having Mr Oman here to talk to them, and another "o' man" had to do it. He commended the ladies for all they had done in preparing for this sale of gifts. They thought sometimes that they would like to raise money for churches by straight-out giving, but at times it did not seem possible, and they had to hold a sale of this kind. In doing so, they tried to give people the best value possible for their money. Practically everything here was a gift, and was being offered at a fair price. They had no raffles or anything of that kind, as they did not believe in them. They might not get as much money in the ordinary way of sale as if they had these things, but they trusted to the generosity of their friends, and knew they would not be disappointed. The efforts of the ladies in working so well, arranging the hall so prettily, and gathering together so many useful and interesting articles for sale, would encourage the folk to buy. He declared the fair open, and now they were at liberty to buy anything before them.

There was a good attendance of the public in the evening, when brisk business was done by the stallholders. Several lively selections were played by Jackson's Orchestra, and Mrs Parson contributed a recitation. The proceeds amounted to £35, but there is more to come in. A substantial profit is anticipated.

NO WARNING

Bowel complaints such as diarrhoea and dysentery seldom give any warning, and you should always be prepared with a remedy that will give prompt relief. There is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for all bowel complaints. The prompt relief it gives is simply wonderful. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy can be given with perfect safety to young children. Sold everywhere.

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Cattle.—A small yarding, numbering 127 head, was penned for to-day's sales, about one-third of which consisted of quality ranging from good to prime, a fair proportion useful, remainder middling, and young steers. There was a full attendance of the trade, and for all suitable trade sorts competition ruled fairly brisk, prices for such showing a slight improvement on those of the previous week. For lighter descriptions, though bidding was fairly keen, if anything an easier tendency was noticeable. Quotations:—Prime pens bullocks, £22/10/ to £24/10/; extra, to £25/12/6; good, £20 to £21/10/; useful, £17 to £18/10/; prime cows, £17 to £18/5/; good, £15 to £16; useful, £13 to £14. Calves—60 penned, only a small percentage ranging from good to prime. For such late rates were fully maintained, for others lower rates had to be accepted. Sheep—5044 were penned for to-day's sales, a larger proportion than of late comprising useful to good descriptions, slightly fewer pens prime heavy weights, balance principally middling sorts. There was a very large percentage of both the trade and graziers, whilst the freezers were not so well represented as usual, still for best descriptions competition ruled active all through; for such prices were quite equal to last week, closing firm; for good woolled merino lots, suitable for holding over, the graziers competed freely at higher values, whilst very aged descriptions were slightly on the down grade. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 29/ to 31/; extra, 32/ to 35/; heavyweights, 37/ to 39/10; good, 26/ to 28/; useful, 23/ to 25/; prime ewes, 27/ to 30/; extra, 31/ to 34/; a few, 36/ to 37/; good ewes, 24/ to 26/; useful, 21/ to 23/; prime merino wethers, 28/ to 29/10; good, 25/ to 27/; useful, 19/ to 23/. Lambs—1595 to hand, being much under the previous week, and a smaller proportion than usual ranging from good to prime, the bulk comprising very middling to useful descriptions. The demand for quality was hardly as keen as the previous week; still, very little, if any, alteration in prices took place. For good-woolled lots graziers bid freely at improved prices. Prime, 25/ to 27/; extra, 28/ to 29/4; good, 22/ to 23/; useful, 19/ to 21/; middling, 15/ to 18/.

District sales:—22 comeback ewes, Mr R. Flynn, Haddon, to 24/1, 14 lambs to 24/; 54 lambs, Messrs Cushing Bros., Lake Goldsmith, to 26/, averaging 23/8.

Returned soldiers residing within the Shire of Ripon, and desirous of obtaining employment on road clearing, etc., are requested to immediately forward name and address to shire secretary, Beaufort.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.

Sleepless nights can be avoided both for yourself and your children if you give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Children take it willingly and it gives them relief. Many a worn out mother says that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only been that has brought her a good night's rest. Sold by J. R. Wotherspoon & Co.

Messrs W. H. Halpin and Kelly & McDonald (in conjunction) hold an unreserved clearing sale of land, sheep, cattle, etc., in estate late John Keating, at Enoch Park, near Skipton, on Wednesday, 16th April.

Now, here is comfort! A physician has discovered that bald-headed men rarely have tuberculosis. They're not immune, but almost so! Now, let the hairs come out.

Our teeth are the most imperishable parts of our bodies. They last for centuries. Next is our hair. After we pass away the body turns to dust; even the bones crumble to powder, but the hair remains untouched by decay. So long as any vegetable life remains in the body, the hair keeps on growing. Hair kept for centuries has not lost its color.

Special attention of electors is directed to changes in the Federal electoral law which vitally affect them and which came into force on the 21st March, 1919. Neglect of being unacquainted with the law will be costly. The law is that electors coming to reside in a new sub-division are entitled to enrol after one month's residence. If they fail to enrol within 21 days after a month's residence they will be prosecuted unless they elect to be dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, who may impose a fine not exceeding 10/. If a summons is issued, the fine for a first offence is 10/, and for a second offence £2. If electors change from one street to another, or from one part of the sub-division to another, they must within 21 days of the change of address notify the electoral registrar of the sub-division, or become liable to exactly the above conditions and fines as if they were unenrolled. There are some electors in Beaufort and other large sub-divisions who are enrolled under the wrong address. If these electors will call on the respective registrars promptly, they may avoid fines until the requirements of the law are better known. Returned soldiers under 21 may enrol, but must use a claim differing in form from that used by ordinary electors.

FOUND, on Friday, 28th March, one Silver Watch, on road near Cross Roads; name R. J. Forsythe on inside of lid, and "made especially for W. J. Hames, Port Fairy," engraved on back near keyhole. Apply W. BEASLEY, at St. Marnocks, Beaufort.

A MEETING of LADIES will be held in Shire Hall, Beaufort, on SATURDAY afternoon, at 4 o'clock, to organise effort to raise funds this month for the local branch, R.S.S.I.L. All ladies are requested to attend.

J. HUGHES, P. CHIBNALL, } Conveners.

COMING:—WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL.

HIGH-CLASS CONCERT! BY TALENTED BALLARAT ARTISTS, IN SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT.

Watch Window Cards, Beaufort, and next issue of "Advocate." Get a Program. Full Moon.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

RETURNED SOLDIERS residing within the Shire of Ripon, and desirous of obtaining employment on road clearing, etc., are requested to immediately forward name and address to the Shire Secretary, Beaufort.

N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited for the undermentioned works, to be carried out under the provisions of the Country Roads Act, 1915:—

Contract IP/18.19.—8,600 ft. forming, metalling, etc., Skipton road.

Tenders must be lodged at the Shire Offices, Beaufort, on or before 11 o'clock a.m. on Monday, 7th April, 1919.

Specifications may be seen at the Shire Hall, Beaufort; Warren's Hotel, Skipton; and at the Office of the Country Roads Board, Titles Office, Melbourne.

Preliminary deposit, 2½ per cent.

No Tender will necessarily be accepted.

NORMAN B. ACTON, Shire Secretary.

29/3/19.

MEETING BEAUFORT DISTRICT SUB-BRANCH R.S.S.I.L., SATURDAY, 8.30 p.m., Shire Hall. All Returned Soldiers specially requested to attend. N. McLEOD, Hon. Secy.

Australian Natives' Association

THE Fortnightly MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on TUESDAY Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp.

J. FULLERTON, Secretary.

SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT.

Tuesday, 8th April.

Reserved Seats, 2/6, at Mr Stuart's Fancy Goods Shop; other Seats, 2/. Children, half-price.

GRAND FAREWELL TOUR. Good-bye, dear Australia.

THE COMEDY ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR. Two and a Half Hours of Whirlwind Pleasure.

Grand ENTERTAINMENT By the World-famous Comedy Entertainers. The CALEYS,

In Musical Comedy Sketches, Burlesques, Character Songs, Duets, Operatic Selections, Essence of Scottish Wit and Humour, etc.

One of the World's Greatest Comedians, GEORGE WALKER.

A Brilliant and Charming Soprano, JESSIE BUNTING.

Melbourne's Great Solo Violiniste, Miss VIOLET McGREGOR.

The Wizard at the Piano, M. R. ATKINS.

Doors open 7.30; Concert at 8 p.m.

Special Invitation

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Will be held on **Monday, March 31, 1919,**

and Following Days.

We extend an invitation to be present, confident that you will derive pleasure and profit from your visit. . . . . .

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THE UNIVERSAL PROVIDERS,

BEAUFORT AND BUANGOR.

PERSON seen taking Whip from my waggon, Tuesday afternoon, in Beaufort, please return and save further trouble. A. B. PANTHER, Raglan.

CLEARING SALE BY AUCTION, AT HALPIN'S YARDS, BEAUFORT, ON SATURDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1919, AT 2 P.M.

HORSES, FARM IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

W. H. HALPIN has been favored with instructions from Mr. MARTIN MEEHAN, JUNR., to Sell, on above date, as follows:—

HORSES.—3 Draught Geldings, 1 2-year-old by "Huon Wilks," 1 2-year-old by "Dandy Again."

Farm Waggon and Frame, built by J. George, Beaufort, 4-inch tyres, 2¾ axle, in first-class order; 15-hoe Massey Drill, 3-furrow Mitchell Plough, 3-furrow McKay Plough (new), set Massey-Harris Harrows (18ft.), Bag-filler, 4 pairs Leading Chains, 4 pairs Plough Chains, 8 Collars, 5 Backbands, 8 pairs Hames, 3 Bellybands, 8 pairs Winkers, Gent's. Riding Saddle and Bridle, pair Waggon Reins, 2 Hay Ropes, 8-feet McKay Harvester (almost new), Bale Binder Twine, Feed Boxes, quantity Bags, pair Truck Wheels, Double-seated Waggonette, 2 sets Dray Harness, about 40 Bags Seed Oats, quantity Tools and Sundries.

As Mr. Meehan is leaving the district, everything is for positive sale. Horses can be strongly recommended as first-class workers, and all the Implements are practically new.

FURTHER ENTRIES INVITED.

W. H. HALPIN, Auctioneer.

LAND AND CLEARING SALE.

WATERLOO.

THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1919, At 2 p.m.

65 ACRES OF FREEHOLD LAND, 157 ACRES OF LEASEHOLD LAND, FURNITURE AND SUNDRIES.

KELLY & McDONALD, acting under instructions from A. J. CLELAND, Esq., will offer by public Auction as above:—

LAND.—65 acres of Freehold Land, subdivided into 4 paddocks, well watered and securely fenced, with 15 acres of fallow given in, on which is erected a six-roomed W.B. House, Stables, Barn, Dairy, and other Outbuildings.

157 acres of Leasehold Land, adjoining the above; will sell the unexpired lease and improvements.

FURNITURE AND SUNDRIES.

Horseworks and 3-knife Chaffcutter, double-furrow Plow, single-furrow Plow (garden), single-seated Buggy, Separator (Alfa Laval), Dray, Avery Scales, Water Cart, 3 Tanks (800 gals.), 1 Tank (400 gals.), 1 Tank (600 gals.), 3 Wheelbarrows, 2 Grindstones, 20 Fowls, 3 Tables, 2¾-Bedsteads and Wire Mattress, Sofa, Dining-room Suite, Safe, Dresser, Clothes-horse, 3 Tubs, Washstand and Ware, Chest Drawers, Looking-glass, Cheffonier, Chairs, Stove, Gipsy Table, Lamps, etc.

The above property is nicely situated, being two miles from Waterloo, is conveniently subdivided, has all necessary improvements, and is an ideal property. Terms at Sale. Full particulars, KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneers, Beaufort.

KELLY & McDONALD, AUCTIONEERS, **STOCK AND STATION AGENTS,** BEAUFORT, LEXTON, CARRANBALLAC AND BUANGOR.

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MT. LYELL MANURES.
BUICK MOTOR CARS.

LEXTON STOCK SALE.

WEDNESDAY, 9th APRIL, 1919, At 2 p.m.

2000 CROSSBRED, COMEBACK & MERINO SHEEP.

KELLY & McDONALD will offer by Auction as above

Motor cars will run from Beaufort on day of Sale.

Full particulars, KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneers, Beaufort.

UNRESERVED CLEARING SALE.

LAND, SHEEP, CATTLE, etc., AT ENOCH PARK, NEAR SKIPTON.

WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL, 1919, At 2 p.m.,

W. H. HALPIN AND KELLY & McDONALD (Auctioneers in conjunction) have been favored with instructions from the Executrix in the Estate of the late JOHN KEATING, "Enoch Park," to Sell, without reserve, on above date, as follows:—

SHEEP.

150 Merino Weaners, as dropped, one mark.
600 Crossbred Weaners, as dropped, one mark.
280 2, 4, and 6-tooth 1st Cross and Comeback Ewes, in lamb to Lincoln rams.
130 4-year-old 1st Cross and Comeback Ewes, in lamb to Lincoln rams.
230 Merino Ewes, 4-year-old, in lamb to Merino rams.
150 Merino Ewes, 4 and 6-tooth, in lamb to Merino rams.
60 Aged Merino Ewes, in lamb to Merino rams.

CATTLE.

4 Shorthorn Heifers.
1 Springer.
3 Yearlings.
3 Cows in full milk.

SUNDRIES.—Donald Wool Press, Spring Dray, Gig.

LAND.

Lot 1. 20 acres, situated on the Stockyard Hill road, near Beaufort, being Allotment 70b, Parish of Trawalla, County of Ripon.

Lot 2. About 14 acres, being Allotment 5, Section 2, Parish of Carranballac North, County of Ripon.

Also on account of Owners, 40 acres, adjoining Lot 1.

The Auctioneers having inspected the Sheep can strongly recommend Buyers to attend this Sale, as each line is true to description and age, and for absolute sale. Motor Cars will run from Beaufort on arrival of midday train. Full particulars can be obtained from W. H. HALPIN, Auctioneer, Beaufort; KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneers, Beaufort.

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We desire to bring under your notice a few lines we have that are specially suitable for this season of the year.

E.P. WARE, CARVERS,
CLOCKS, etc.,
GLASSWARE & CROCKERY,
BRUSHWARE (LADIES' & GENT'S),
TOBACCO POUCHES,
LETTER WALLETS,
SCENTS & SOAPS, WATCHES
ENAMEL BROOCHES, and
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Orders taken for Gold or Silver Watches and all classes of Jewellery.

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HARRISON KEITH'S QUEER CLUE;

— OR —

AMONG THE "REDS."

BY NICHOLAS CARTER,

Author of "The Finger of Suspicion," "With Bullet and Steel," "The Woman of Evil," Etc., Etc.

PART 8.

"Keep on," whispered Keith. "Take that second street to the left and the third to the right. Then, as you get to the corner of Roosevelt Street, draw up to the curb and wait for us."

"All right."

O'Dowd did as he was told, and, as the big machine grated up to the curb, in the shadow of a tall, tumbledown house, with a saloon in the basement, Keith jumped down and stood close to the dirty windows of the dark bar-room.

Dick, Mike, and Hans were by his side in a moment, waiting for his next move, while Gone sat apathetically in his place, ready to steer anywhere that the detective should direct.

"Come to the corner of this street, but keep close to the house," whispered Keith.

His three assistants obeyed.

"Look down that street over there, across the road.

Do you know what that is just going around the corner?"

"Sure," replied Wike speaking for all three. "It's dat 'bubble we's been follerin'. It ain't got no one in it 'cept de guy at de steerin-wheel. It doesn't look like Petroff, neither, so far as a feller kin judge him wit' de shuffler's togs on."

"You are right, Mike. The auto is empty except for the chauffeur, and that is not Petroff Storky driving. Follow me in single file, close to the houses, and watch for black-jacks in the hallways as we pass," said Keith, striding forward in the manner of a man who knew exactly where he was going.

CHAPTER XIX.

AMONG THE BEARDED MEN.

Keith did know where he was going, for this neighbourhood was as familiar to him as Fifth Avenue and upper Broadway.

After crossing the street—a feat performed without much danger of their being noticed by the party they were pursuing, for it was a dark night, and the street lamps in that locality were not particularly bright—Keith and his companions stole along the narrow thoroughfare until the detective suddenly dived below the surface of the street, as if he had gone down a trap.

"Hully smoke!" muttered Mike.

"Don't worry, Mike. He's all right," whispered Dick, who had seen that Keith had descended a flight of steps into a cellar, and was already inside a black hole which could not be dignified by the name of a room, although its occupant probably spoke of it as such.

"Come down, all of you," cried Keith's voice from below.

His three companions, having tumbled down the broken stone steps as well as they could, found themselves in a dingy apartment, barely illuminated by a smoky coal-oil lamp in the rear, and amid festoons of old smoke-blued clothing, which smelled decidedly musty.

An old woman, whose matted grey hair partly concealed the parchment skin of her shrivelled face, drew a ragged shawl over her shoulders and bowed humbly.

"I'm sure I'm honoured by you coming to see me, Mr. Keith," she said, in better-chosen terms than might have been expected from her appearance. "What can I do for you to-night?"

"Will you close the door, Mrs. Price?"

"Certainly I will, Mr. Keith. Anything that you desire here is always yours, as you know."

She was interrupted by a fit of coughing.

"Cough still troubles you, eh, Mrs. Price?" asked the detective sympathetically.

She closed the door and bolted it top and bottom ere she answered, with an attempt at jocularity:—

"Yes. It takes up so much of my time that I feel as if I were losing money every time it comes on. But what is it you want, Mr. Keith?"

The detective whispered for a few moments in her ear, and she nodded understandingly, as she vanished into the back of her domain, among the piles of clothing.

"Mike," said Harrison Keith, in a low voice. "Do you know that Mrs. Price—which is not her real name, by the way—was once a leader of fashion in Fifth Avenue."

"Gee! Wuz she a sassiety dame?"

"Not exactly. She was the proprietress of a millinery and dress-making establishment patronised by many of the wealthiest women in New York, and in that sense she may well be called a leader of fashion. But she came down in the world, from causes that are not worth going into, and here she is, conducting this place, living alone, and content to stay here till she dies, from all appearances."

"S'help me! A guy doesn't know wot he's up agin' when he gits out wit' youse, Mr. Keith," declared Mike. "You have de family hist'ry o' de hull push down in yer little mem'ry-book, an' dat's no lie."

Mike's philosophical remarks were cut short by the reappearance of the old woman, with a large bundle of clothing, and several false beards and wigs.

"Hello! Is we goin' ter do de Ol' Sleuth act?" exclaimed Mike. "Dis t'ing o' disguise allers hits me in de secon' wind. It makes me feel as ef I belonged ter one o' dem amatoor dramatic frame-ups dey hez in Brooklyn an' de Bronx, where ev'ry one in de push wants ter be de leadin' lady or de hero, by gosh!"

"Never mind about that," put in Keith sharply. "Dress yourselves in these long coats and put on the beards and wigs."

In a minute or two the four—who when they went down the cellar steps, were all attired in more or less well-fitting clothes, with Harrison Keith himself wearing a loose light overcoat over his evening dress—showed themselves as strange figures, in long flapping overcoats and slouch-hats, from beneath which their ragged hair stuck out in all directions, while their faces were literally smothered in their bushy brown beards.

They were the typical Russian peasant as he appears on the lower East Side for the first few weeks after landing in New York.

"The Circle is meeting to-night, eh, Mrs. Price?" asked Keith, when all were ready.

"Yes. I saw three men and a woman pass a little while ago. I watched, and they went in. I have an idea that we shall hear of them before long."

"How?"

"In the usual way," replied the old woman.

"Bombs?"

She nodded, but glanced fearfully about, as if there were danger of eavesdroppers even there in her cellar, with the one door bolted and tight shut.

"Gee!" muttered Mike.

"You don't know any of the people that belong, I suppose?" queried Keith, after a pause.

"Nobody knows," was her reply. "I don't think they even know each other. Their faces are always covered when they are in session. I have been told that much."

"I need not tell you to be careful in case any questions should come to you about my friends or me."

"You certainly need not tell me anything of the kind. Are you ready to go, Mr. Keith?"

"Yes. Open the door."

She obeyed, and the detective, secure in his disguise, with his aids close at his heels, climbed out of the cellar and walked carelessly along the dark street till he came to a dingy restaurant near the corner.

He pushed the door open and entered, as if an habitue of the place. Dick, Mike, and Hans followed, and the four seated themselves at a vacant table, the bare top of which was sticky with numerous rings of coffee-stains, showing where mugs had stood.

The room was poorely lighted, coal-oil lamps hanging from th low, smoke-blackened ceiling being the only means of illumination. Around the dozen tables were groups of men, most of them proclaimed themselves, by their frowsy hair and beards, to be Russian peasants or students, or both combined. Many were playing at dominoes or checkers, while at one table there was a solemn game of chess in progress.

A slouchy, low-browed waiter sidled up to Keith and asked him, in Russian, what he would have.

"Coffee!" replied Keith, in the same tongue, and waved his hand to his three companions to intimate that their order was identical with his own.

For ten minutes Keith and his companions sipped their coffee, smoking cigarettes the while, and talking earnestly with each other.

This manner of spending the time was the least suspicious that they could have hit on, as the detective well knew. He also was aware that a dozen pairs of eyes were fixed upon him, and that the same number of ears were trying to catch what he said, notwithstanding that the chess, checker, and domino-players were outwardly absorbed in their respective games, and were giving not the slightest heed to the strangers.

Harrison Keith spoke Russian fairly well. Although, when he whispered low to his friends, his language was English and his observations were mainly in the nature of warnings to them to be careful not to betray themselves by speaking aloud, he raised his voice slightly from time to time in the Russian vernacular, for the benefit of those who were trying to make out who and what he was.

When he spoke in Russian he took care that his remarks should turn on "liberty," "death to the tyrant," "deliverance," "brotherhood of man" and similar expressions which are accepted as the anarchistic shibboleth everywhere.

At last Keith arose, stretched himself, and, with slow and dignified strides, moved towards the back of the restaurant, between the rows of tables, and occasionally saluting, by raising his right hand to his forehead, those whom he passed.

At the rear of the long room there was a door by the side of the desk where the proprietor of the restaurant sat to receive the money. To this door Keith marched, knocked at it three times. A similar response came from within, and then the restaurant-proprietor, a man of about fifty, although his long, shaggy iron-gray beard made him appear older, asked, in Russian, from the depths of the beard, with an almost ventriloquial effect:

"Where would my brother go?"

"To listen to the truth," replied Keith.

"With what?"

"A soft voice and iron hand."

"Does my brother answer for those who are with him?"

"With his life."

That was all. The restaurant-keeper—a busy man in the secret work of the revolutionaries of his race in New York, but so cautious that he had never been positively identified with the "readjustment" movement which kept St. Petersburg anxious—opened the door, and allowed them to pass in, closing it after them.

The room in which Keith and his companions found themselves was a large shed, with a cook-stove in one corner, a table spread for dinner—with white tablecloth, plates, knives, and forks and other usual equipment—and several persons sitting around a tall, oldfashioned heating-stove in another corner.

Everything seemed to be casual and unpremeditated, and the occupants, all of whom were in long coats similar to those worn by Keith were laughing and talking, as if they had no motive save to enjoy their scanty leisure. They took no notice of the newcomers.

"What kind o' game is dis, Mr. Keith?" whispered Mike.

"We shall see. Do not talk," was the detective's short reply, as he stood looking about him.

The four friends, as they stood in the middle of the floor, in their long coats, slouch-hats, and big beards, would never have been recognised ordinarily as Keith and his bright young lads, but Keith knew that he had to deal with men of keen intellect, and he did not trust too much to their disguise.

He was convinced that Prince Malagoff, Beau Bridgeman, Petroff Stroky, and the unknown woman he had seen in the automobile were among the shrouded figures sitting by the heating-stove, but nothing in their appearance gave him an inkling of their identity.

Just then he saw an object, under the table set for dinner, which confirmed his belief that he was in the presence of the Russian, who, whether he were a prince or not, was beyond doubt concerned in the conspiracy to steal the Van Vonder diamond. The tablecloth hung nearly to the floor, but under it he saw—a 'cello. What was more, he made out a certain smear of glue which he remembered to have made on one side of it when replacing the top, after opening it to take out the cardboard box containing the diamond!

"So far, good!" he muttered. "It is the same 'cello."

He sat himself on a chair which stood, untidily, in the middle of the floor, and motioned to his followers to take others which were scattered about.

Hardly had they obeyed his signal to seat themselves, when, without warning, out went all the lights. The big room was in absolutely black darkness!

CHAPTER XX.

THE PLOT REVEALED.

For a few minutes after the extinguishing of the lights, which had been accomplished, at a sign from some one, by four men who had been standing carelessly by the four lamps there was not a sound save the suppressed breathing of the dozen persons now in the room, including Keith and his associates.

Suddenly some one spoke in the darkness—some one with a deep, foreign voice, who, in spite of a suggestion of a foreign accent, was a master of vigorous, fluent, expressive English. It was in English that he addressed the company he could not see.

"Brothers," he began, "we are here to bid Godspeed to one of our brethren who will carry to the faithful on the Neva the aid we cannot give in any other way. He will take wealth, or that which will be turned into wealth, so that the hands of the avengers, who are determined that Russia shall be free, shall not fail for lack of aid. This brother has taken many chances. He is one of those who do not fear when he is working for freedom. He has come to us to-night with the great jewel which was presented to him who calls himself the czar, and which was entrusted to him to be fashioned into an ornament for the Russian crown."

There was a low combined groan, as if it came from several throats, at this.

Mike tugged at Keith's coat, and would have whispered something but that the detective, divining his intention, pinched his arm warningly.

The secret of the Van Vonder diamond was revealed now, and, although Keith had suspected the intention of Malagoff to steal it, and had secretly made personal investigations on the previous afternoon which had led him to this very hall, he had not possessed actual confirmation until now.

This restaurant was known to the police and others as a gathering-place of Russian malcontents, but it was conducted very quietly by the proprietor, Maxim Pogroff, and, so long as there were no disturbances, it was not likely to be troubled by the authorities. Plotting against the czar is not the kind of amusement that calls for police interference in America, unless something actually violent, in the way of bombs or shooting, takes place there, and there never had been anything of that kind at Pogroff's place.

The attitude of the authorities was that these men, who had suffered many grievances, no doubt, at the hands of the bureaucracy in their native land, might be permitted to hold meetings and talk about what they would do, "until the cows came home," if they did not offend against the peace and dignity of the sovereign State in which they now found themselves.

"I have said the Van Vonder diamond is in this room," went on the voice. "It is on the person of—this brother!"

A powerful spot of white light in one of the walls, which Keith saw came from a lens adjusted to an electric light, was directed straight towards a certain part of the big room. It fell ful upon a bearded face, which tried to escape from the insistent ray.

"Hully Christmas! I know dat guy!" whispered Mike excitedly.

"Hush!"

The detective was afraid the enthusiasm of his follower might yet betray them.

"Yes, but——" insisted Mike.

Harrison Keith's fingers tightened on Mike Donovan's shoulder so fiercely that the young fellow stopped, and was content to stop and listen in wondering silence.

The detective had also recognised the face in the spot-light, in spite of its being largely concealed by the brown beard, which was part of the regulation uniform worn at all the gatherings of this mysterious 'Circle.' It was the face of Beau Bridgeman, the swindler, who sought to be known as Lord Vascelles.

"The light is on the brother who has the great jewel. Let him hold it up so that all may see," went on the only voice that had been heard.

"Is not the brotherhood mistaken, in that?" faltered Beau Bridgeman, whose cast-iron impudence had almost deserted him.

"The Circle, speaking through its president, is never mistaken," came the rebuking reply. "The diamond is in your pocket. Produce it instantly."

Beau Bridgeman—who had not expected to be brought up so short when he agreed to come with Prince Malagoff to this place—reluctantly drew from his pocket the imitation stone he had treasured so carefully, and held it in the shaft of powerful white light.

"It looks well!" thought Harrison Keith. "That electric light, with the magnifying-lens, gives it a glitter that is pretty nearly the real thing. But—we shall see."

He was enjoying in anticipation the discomfiture of the Circle when it should learn how badly it has been fooled, but, following his habit, he made no sound to indicate that he was pleased.

"The diamond is there, my brethren," continued the unseen president. "Do you all see it well?"

There was a low rumble of murmuring voices in assent, which had a weird effect.

"What shall I do with it now?" ventured Beau.

"Silence!" thundered the president. There was a pause for at least a minute, during which Beau Bridgeman held the stone in the light, wondering how long it was to last. Then the president spoke again, in tones from which all traces of the anger that had filled them when he had commanded silence had departed.

"I want the brethren thoroughly to understand why this diamond has been brought here, and what is to be done with it," he said.

Harrison Keith listened a little more attentively, if that were possible, although he had already mastered the secrets of the Circle so far as the Van Vonder diamond was concerned. He had not been idle between the time that Jahn Dykeman had told him of the robbery and that at which he had presented himself at the Palmer-Robinson mansion as an invited guest at the dinner-dance.

"This jewel, which is, with one exception, the largest diamond the world has ever known, was found in the diamond-fields of South Africa in the same week that the larger stone, presented to Edward, so-called King of England, was rescued from the earth. In the interest in the larger stone no one except the finder thought it might be possible to discover another of perhaps equal value."

"Gee! Dis is a long sermon!" grumbled Mike under his breath. "I wisht he'd git down ter peanuts."

"Hush!" whispered Keith.

"Van Vonder, who, though his name suggests his Dutch origin, is a native of Russia, and is one of those who believe in the ridiculous theory of the Romanoff divine right to rule over the people of that country, sent the stone in the rough, to Nicholas. It was nearly, although not quite, as large as the diamond given to Edward. Nicholas entrusted it to one of his household—who chanced to be one of our friends—to bring it to New York, to be cut and polished."

"Must I still hold this up?" interrupted Beau, whose arm was very tired.

"Yes. I have something more to say."

"May I hold it in my other hand?" persisted Beau, who felt as if his arm were breaking in two.

"There is no objection to that. Bring your other hand up to the light, so that the transfer may be seen by all," was the reply of the president.

The change was made in this manner, and Bridgeman, with a sigh of relief, allowed his right arm to drop at his side, as the president continued, in his deep, but musical, tones:

"For twelve months the stone has been under the eye of this brother of ours, who came from St. Petersburg with it. Two days ago it was pronounced finished. It has been polished until it was a perfect gem, and its value was estimated at millions of dollars by one of the men who had done the actual work. In our hands it will not be of so much value. We cannot expect to dispose of it in its present form, unless we are lucky enough to find some one who is in sympathy with us, and who has money enough to purchase it outright."

"Neat scheme!" thought Keith.

"If it should be necessary to cut it into two or more sections, it will still be worth much money—enough to give our movement against the tyrant a splendid impetus. I have little more to say. The brother who will take the diamond with him to a certain person in Europe is in this room. I may add that he will leave New York on a fast steamer to-morrow—that is, to-day, for it is past midnight—and that all is in readiness for his departure as our representative."

There was a pause, and then, as Keith asked, in a disguised voice, in Russian, "Will the president tell the brotherhood this man's name? I think we should hear it now in the Circle," out went the light, and the darkness of the room seemed even blacker than before.

"Vas iss?" muttered Hans.

"Hush!" warned Keith.

The voice of the president sounded through the blackness.

"The name of the brother who will do this great service need not be spoken. Those who know it are well aware of the strict injunction of the brotherhood that it must not be uttered outside of the Circle, and if there are any here who do not know it, they will be informed after the ship has departed."

There was a sudden sound of men struggling, with a muffled cry from Beau Bridgeman, and then a bump, as if some one had been thrown to the floor.

Mike Donovan could hardly keep still, for it hurt his feelings to think there was a fight in progress near him, with himself left out.

After the bump there was silence for perhaps two minutes. Then the lights came on suddenly, as four matches were struck in different parts of the room, and the four coal-oil lamps were lighted.

Keith glanced swiftly about him. he saw that the 'cello, which had been under the table, was no longer there, and that the person whom he had recognised as Beau Bridgeman was not in the room.

That Bridgeman had not escaped by the door at which keith and his companions had entered was obvious, because the restaurant-keeper opened it a little at that very moment, enabling the detective to see that the same groups of men were still at the tables, and, moreover, that a uniformed policeman, known to him as the officer on that beat, was standing in the middle of the floor with a cup of coffee in his hand.

"They could not have opened this door without the light showing," said Keith to kimself. "They would not have dared to turn the lights out, either, especially with my friend the bluecoat, present. There is another door, of course."

It was remarkable that the persons remaining in the big room were all sitting about as unconcernedly as if they had been occupants of a Fifth Avenue club smoking-room at four o'clock in the afternoon. Not a suggestion of hurry or excitement could be discerned anywhere. Except for the fact that all were in long, old-world coats, and wore beards, there was nothing to connect them with the uncanny proceedings which had just taken place in the darkness.

But Keith was experienced in the tricks of men who tread devious ways, and he knew that, in inverse proportion to the apparent calmness of the company, there probably existed a turbulent determination to carry through a serious purpose that would brook no interference—if it could be helped.

Hastily counting the persons in the room, as the restaurant-keeper closed his door, Keith saw that five persons, who had been present before the lights were extinguished, had disappeared.

Without hesitation he strode across the room and opened what looked like a cupboard door, for through its upper glass portion could be seen cups and saucers, plates, glasses, and other paraphernalia for the table.

Mike Donovan, Dick, and Hans all kept close to their leader, as he pulled at the knob of the door. As he had expected, the shelves, with their crockery and glassware, all came forward with the door, in one piece, disclosing a dark opening, with steps leading to a cellar.

"Look out behind, Dick!" whispered the detective.

"I am."

"So am I," put in Mike. "But dey ain't movin'. Dey seems ter t'ink dis is all right so long'e we is wise ter it."

It was even so. The shrouded figures near the stove glanced sharply at the four companions as they went through the opening behind the dummy cupboard and shelves, but evidently were satisfied that the fact of their knowing the secret of the cupboard proved them to be bona-fide members of the Circle.

"We must be careful," whispered Keith, as he closed the door. "I am going to take Beau Bridgeman now. If the others interfere we must get them too."

"Malagoff, Strorky, and—Mrs. Palmer-Robinson?"

"Yes, Dick. If it is she. But be careful not to hurt her."

"I don't suppose she will care if she is caught, for she will never be able to hold up her head again."

"Why not?" demanded Keith, with some sharpness.

"What? After eloping with that Russian? What do you suppose her husband would do? Do you think he would let her even live? A jealous man like that?"

"We have no proof that she has eloped, Dick," returned Keith quietly. "It was supposed to be Vascelles at first. Now it looks like Prince Malagoff. But come on. We must have that diamond now."

"Bridgeman's?"

"First of all—yes. And Bridgeman, too."

Without meeting any one Keith walked through a large cellar, which he calculated extended under the big room at the back that he had just quitted. Then he got to a crumbling stonewall. After fumbling about for a few moments he came to a door in this wall, locked.

"I'll have to use my jack-knife on this, I suppose," he said to himself, as he pulled that handy, complicated implement from his pocket, and with his sensitive fingers placed a pick-lock in position.

It was only a piece of bent steel wire, but it did the trick of turning the wards of the rusty lock rapidly.

Then, as the detective walked forward into the adjoining cellar, still in pitch darkness, he stumbled over the body of a human being on the floor, drawing forth a muffled groan, indicating that the individual was either gagged or too badly hurt to cry out coherently.

CHAPTER XXI.

A "DOUBLE-CROSS."

Keith was not the man to hesitate when confronted by an unexpected situation. He was on his knees by the side of the unknown in an instant, feeling over him with fingers which had often supplied the place of eyes effectively.

"Beau Bridgeman!" he exclaimed, in a low voice.

"What?"

"That's all right, Dick. He has on a pair of handcuffs, and there is a lot of hair stuffed in his mouth. By Jove! If they haven't gagged him with his own beard!"

He pulled the beard from the helpless man's mouth, and asked him, in a matter-of-fact tone, what was the trouble.

"Trouble?" growled Beau Bridgeman. "That Russian has given me the double-cross. That is what is the matter. He took that diamond away from me, and then, when I wanted to know where I was to get my share, he snapped on these bracelets—he or some one else, for I could not see in the dark who did it—shoved this second-hand hair from the storeroom upstairs into my mouth, tied a rope around my ankles and left me."

"Where are they now?" asked Keith.

"Gone!"

"Where?"

"How should I know?"

"But you do know," insisted Harrison Keith. "Is there no means of making a light down here?"

The detective struck a wax match, which he took from his small pocket silver match-box, and looked about him.

He found himself, with his companions, in a large cellar, lumbered up with barrels, boxes, and other stores, and communicating with the street by a door and flight of steps which he could just make out at the other end. Close by him was a piece of candle in the neck of a wine-bottle on an upturned flour-barrel.

"Now, Beau, it is all up with you. I have you dead to rights, as you know. Your best chance is to let me know who those persons were down here, and where they have gone," he said, as he held the light over the prostrate swindler.

For a few moments Bridgeman seemed to be considering, with conflicting emotions surging in his breast.

"I am not a squealer," he said, at last.

"Very well, then," replied Keith carelessly. "I'll take you over to the Oak Street police-station for the present, and see about transferring you to Headquarters later. Where is that diamond you were holding up in the room above a little while ago?"

A smothered oath was Bridgeman's response.

"They took it, eh?" suggested Keith.

"Yes. And I hope——"

"Never mind about calling down curses on their heads," interrupted the detective coolly. "If they have got the diamond we must try to find out where they have put it. What were they doing with that 'cello? That was a queer thing to bring to an anarchist meeting."

Bridgeman did not speak, but the detective could tell, from the expression on his face, that he was thinking deeply.

"Did they mean to carry away the diamond in it?"

"That's what they have done, I believe," blurted out Bridgeman. "There is that scoundrel, Malagoff——"

"The prince?"

"Prince!" repeated Beau scornfully. "He is no more prince than I am Lord Vascelles."

"I suspected as much."

"So did I, b'chee!" put in Mike. "Go on, Beau," said Keith.

"Malagoff is going to sail in the "Deutschland" to-morrow," growled Beau grudgingly.

"Ah!"

"And he is going to take that diamond with him."

"Of course."

"But it will not go to the fellow the Circle is sending it to. You can bet your pile on that."

"Again, of course."

"Surely. He means to keep it for himself. He has fooled them all—me included. Poor old Franz Straus has got it in the neck, the same as I have. Franz Straus is up to most of the tricks. He did his bit in the pen at Joliet about twelve years ago, for some second-storey work, and I don't reckon he's ever been straight since he came out. But he got his from Malagoff this time. If you want a squealer, I'd advise you to tap Franz."

(To be Continued.)

"Did you ever get a proposal, auntie?"

"Once, my dear. A gentleman proposed over the telephone, but he had the wrong number."

DAD'S "CONSOLATION."

A widower, while away from home on a business trip, met and married a lady who, though famed for her goodness of heart, was spoken of, even by her friends as "plain."

The man believed she would be a kind mother to his two children, however, and, as she was also possessed of a fair amount of this world's goods, he was not inclined to expect the beauty of the peach in a tomato. After his marriage he telegraphed to the eldest of his children, a girl of fifteen:—

"Have won a prize. Am married. Will be home to-morrow."

When the bride and bridegroom arrived the children were watching at the door, and the sight of their future mother made them gasp a little. The second child, a boy, nudged his sister, and whispered:—

"I say, Nell, that must be the consolation prize that pa's got."

IMPROVING THE BAND.

A certain colonel, a strict disciplinarian, has novel views on music. One day he sent for the chief of his regimental band and delivered this scathing criticism:—

"I notice a lack of uniformity about the band which must be regulated. Yesterday morning they were out on parade, and the largest man in the band was playing a little bit of an instrument—flute or something of the kind—and you had the big drum played by a small man. That sort of thing doesn't look well, and must be attended to. I want the small men to play small instruments and the big men big instruments. And another thing, I want the trombone-players to slide their instruments in and out in unison. It annoys me to see them all out of step with their hands."

"So you sent five shillings for that advertised appliance to keep your gas bills down. What did they send you?"

"A paper weight."

NOTHING SERIOUS.

A QUESTION OF ACCENT.

A certain conceited subaltern, a too-obvious Londoner, found his way into a Scottish regiment, where his blatant Cockneyisms created irritation.

One morning he walked into the mess, and wanted (rather too loudly) to know why the papers had not arrived.

The adjutant looked at him reproachfully.

"When you have been in the regiment a little longer, sir," he said, "you will learn that the pipers do not play till the evening."

A barrister, not so discreet as he might have been in the expression of his ideas, was engaged on a case concerning some pigs.

"Gentlemen of the jury," he began, "there were twenty-four pigs in the drove, just twenty-four; exactly twice as many as there are in that jury-box."

"It is odd how one's clothes reacts on one's mentality," he observed one evening. "Now, when I'm wearing a business suit I'm all business; when I'm in evening dress, social matters occupy my attention; and when I'm in golf togs, I don't think of anything but the game."

"Yes?" queried his listener. "And I suppose when you take a bath, your mind is an utter blank."

Brown had taken a house near a Hampshire farm, and had heard of his neighbour's talent for raising large potatoes. His skill, indeed, was only equalled by his pride in the product of it. One day Brown sent his man over to buy ten pounds.

"You go back home," answered the talented farmer to the messenger, "and tell your governor that I won't cut a potato for anyone."

Manager: "In the next play I shall give you a substantial rise."

Actor: "Oh, thank you, sir."

Manager: "Yes, in the third act a bomb sends you up through the ceiling."

"What do you think of the army as far as you have gone?" inquired a sergeant of a newly-arrived recruit.

"I may like it after a while, but just now I think there is too much drilling and fussing around between meals."

New Yorker: "And where do I go when this shelling business starts?"

Sandy (late of the "Wee kirk"): "Laddie, that a' depends on your releegious opeenions."

It seemed that when Rustus and Sam died they took different routes; so when the latter got to heaven he called Rustus on the 'phone.

"Rustus," he said, "how yo' like it down there?"

"Oh, boy! Dis here am some place," replied Rustus. "All we has ter do is to wear a red suit wid horns, an' every now an' den shovel some coal on de fire. We don't work no more dan two hours out of de twenty-four down here. But tell me, Sam, how is it with you up yonder?"

"Mah goodness! We has to git up at fo' o'clock in de mawnin' an' gathah in de stahs; den we has to haul in de moon and hang out de sun. Den we has ter roll de clouds aroun' all day long."

"But Sam, how comes it yo' has ter work so hard?"

"Well, to tell de truf, Rustus, we's kin' o' short of help up here."

A prosperous grocer had occasion to engage a new errand-boy. Trade was very brisk, and the lad had a great deal of work to do in delivering parcels in different parts of the town.

"Well, Johnnie, how you get on on Saturday?" asked the grocer on Monday morning.

"Oh, fine," replied Johnnie, "but I'll be leaving at the end of the week."

"Why, Johnnie, what's up now?" queried his master. "Are the wages not high enough?"

"I'm not findin' any fault with the pay," replied the boy, "but the fact is, I'm doin' a good 'orse out of a job 'ere."

A wife whose husband was on active service, recently presented him with a bouncing baby boy. She wrote to ask him when he should get leave, and also when the war would be over. His reply was as follows:—

"Dear Lucy,—I don't know when I shall get leave or when the war will be over, but if the baby should be called up before I get leave, give him a parcel to bring out to me.—Your loving husband, Bill."

Two men, who are quite well off, but very miserly in their expenditure met recently in the gallery of a theatre.

Each was annoyed to be seen by the other in the cheapest place of the house.

"What brings you up here?" each asked of the other.

"To tell the truth," said the first. "I've got a fearful cold in my head, and as the heat ascends I came up here where it is warm. Besides, I'm a terrible sufferer from rheumatism. But what brings you up here?"

"My opera glasses!"

"Your opera glasses?"

"Yes; they enlarge too much. I can't see from the boxes what is going on on the stage. I have to come up here in the gallery to be able to see with them at all!"

With an air of great importance the small boy of the Sunday-school imparted this happy fact to his teacher: "The devil is dead," he said solemnly.

"What makes you think that asked the startled teacher.

"Dad said so," exclaimed the boy. "I was standing in the street with him yesterday when a funeral passed, and when dad saw it he said 'Poor devil! He's dead!'"

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BEAUFORT COURSING

Nine members of the Beau ing Club attended the ann at the Mechanics' Institute night. Mr R. Martin was chair.

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The secretary read a necessary printing.

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BEAUFORT COURSING CLUB.

Nine members of the Beaufort Coursing Club attended the annual meeting at the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday night. Mr R. Martin was voted to the chair.

A letter was read from the secretary of the No. 1 district, Horsham, allotting the club the following dates:—May 7th, June 4th and 5th, July 2nd and 3rd, August 6th and 7th, and September 10th and 11th.—Mr J. T. Parker (secretary) said he had taken it on himself to apply for dates, and also nominated Mr W. H. Halpin as the N.C.C. delegate. He had interviewed the Hon. Theo. Beggs, M.L.C., the other day, and he said his paddocks would be available after 7th June. He would not let them course in May. He (Mr Parker) thought Mr Beggs would strain a point and let them course on 4th and 5th June. The secretary's action was endorsed, on the motion of Messrs Nicholson and Taylor.

The balance-sheet for the past year, which was adopted on motion of Messrs G. Taylor and R. Broadbent, showed receipts amounting to £65 13/6 and expenditure to £58 1/10, leaving a Cr. balance of £8/6 8.

Mr John Liddle moved that the opening meeting be held on 4th and 5th June. Seconded by Mr Nicholson, and carried.

Mr J. T. Parker moved that the club run, as the opening meeting, a stake for an unlimited number of all ages at £1 1/- each, on Eurambeen Estate. Seconded by Mr Taylor, and carried.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Hon. Theo. Beggs, M.L.C.; vice-presidents, Messrs W. H. Halpin and D. R. Hannah; hon. secretary, Mr J. T. Parker; treasurer, Mr G. Taylor; judge, Mr C. Wilding; slippers, Messrs J. G. Anderson and R. Martin. The same members of committee and patrons as last year were re-elected. Slip stewards and other officials are to be appointed prior to the opening meeting.

The secretary said he was informed that there were plenty of hares on Eurambeen Estate this year.

The member's subscription was fixed at 5/, on motion of Messrs J. T. Parker and J. A. Harris.

The secretary was instructed to get necessary printing done.

The matter of seeking permission to course on some of the estates nearest Beaufort was discussed, and the matter is to be considered when arranging the other meetings.

Beaufort R.S.S.I.L.

Seventeen members of the Beaufort sub-branch, R.S.S.I.L., attended a meeting at the Shire Hall on Saturday night, to make arrangements in connection with the Anzac Day appeal. Capt. R. A. D. Sinclair (president) occupied the chair. It was decided to procure 300 R.S.S.I.L. appeal buttons at 1/, 50 at 2/6, 12 at 10/, and five at £1. The meeting expressed its approval of the arrangements made by a meeting of ladies for an appeal on behalf of the league's funds in the street on Anzac Day. The president explained that the object of this effort was to raise some funds for their own league, and had nothing at all to do with the appeal for the memorial hall, which would be considered at a public meeting later on. A sub-committee was formed to make the arrangements for Anzac Day, and Sergt. Hamphreys was requested to ascertain from the authorities whether the returned soldiers could march in uniform on Anzac Day, and also if the following Sunday was to be observed as a day of thanksgiving. If so, it was hoped to hold a church parade in the Beaufort Park, the collection to be given to the local charities. The advisability of getting a club room was discussed, this matter being held over for consideration at a later meeting.

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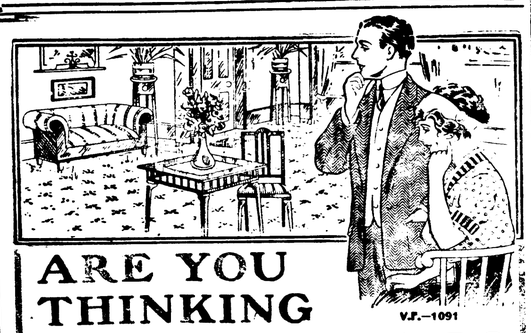

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Several local items are crowded out of this issue.

Owing to the Easter holidays interfering with our publishing arrangements, the next issue of "The Riponshire Advocate" will appear on Thursday.

At the monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, President Halpin, immediately prior to the luncheon adjournment, called for three cheers for returned soldiers Major P. Russell, Sergt. Jas. D. Humphreys, D.C.M., Dvr. W. Hall, and Pte. Chas. Hughes and extended a very hearty welcome to them, and said he was delighted to see them back safe and sound. The soldiers named lunched with the councillors, and their health were afterwards heartily proposed by the president and enthusiastically drunk; Cr. Sinclair also presenting Sergt. Humphreys with the council's certificate. Major Russell, Sergt. Humphreys, and Dvr. Hall responded, and spoke in appreciation of the president's kindness.

A meeting of the Beaufort school

THE A.N.A. DISPUTE.

COMPLAINT AGAINST SECRETARY DISMISSED.

PRESIDENT APOLOGISES TO SECRETARY.

The unpleasant incident at the last meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., in which the president and secretary figured, had its sequel at Tuesday night's meeting, which was attended by 15 members and presided over by Mr N. Daniels (vice-president). The proceedings lasted about three hours.

The resignation of the president (Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson) was read.

Mr Johnson said a president was supposed to be conversant with the rules and by-laws, and have the confidence of the members of the branch. At last meeting certain charges were brought forward by him, and he pointed out the constitutional method of dealing with them, but the members took the business out of the hands of the president, and the position was one he would not occupy. Their president evidently did not have the confidence of members. In that case he thought the best thing he could do was to resign and give the members an opportunity of expressing their dissatisfaction. He was very sorry he had not completed his term.

Mr Daniels said that on his reading of [illegible] proceedings: [illegible] the busine[illegible] ng to the [illegible] such the n[illegible] and sec[illegible] ng" one [illegible] lder men[illegible] t the tim[illegible] ey let th[illegible] tion to st[illegible] were rig[illegible] and pract[illegible] n in the [illegible] at had sa[illegible] n turned [illegible] rest of a[illegible] nship. [illegible] hnson r[illegible] ould con[illegible] publicit[illegible] r opened [illegible] he could. [illegible] aniels—I [illegible] Johnson [illegible] he was [illegible] medy. [illegible] 's rema[illegible] into a s[illegible] adesmar[illegible] to think[illegible] n would [illegible] y of the [illegible] been att[illegible] for eigl[illegible] asion ha[illegible] ted in [illegible] er, as M[illegible] ranch. [illegible] meetic[illegible] ed the [illegible] ndal-de[illegible] y to su[illegible] empted[illegible] ros, he[illegible] ry prot[illegible] ed, all [illegible] e as o[illegible] and he[illegible] ail as [illegible] n, an[illegible] whic[illegible]

Mr Daniels—It should have been censored, anyway. He ruled that the cause of the resignation be discussed.

Mr Sinclair—The question was, did Mr Johnson wish them to receive his resignation?

Mr Johnson—He had no wish to vacate the chair, but was giving members the opportunity of saying if he should vacate it. The chairman's ruling would lead to exactly the same procedure as at last meeting, which he so strongly censured. The rule stated that a charge could not be heard until the secretary had seven days' notice in writing. If they wanted to deal with it on its merits, they should hold the resignation over till the charges were dealt with. If the charges proved false, they could accept the resignation; and if they proved correct, they could accept it if they liked—but it would be hardly fair to do so. The matter was discussed at last meeting, and he ruled that it should not have been.

Mr Halpin—You were in charge. Why did you allow it to be discussed?

Mr Fullerton—You were the worst man in the room.

Mr Johnson—He was answering questions, and was not going to sit quiet.

Mr Fullerton—Who brought it up?

Mr Johnson—I brought the matter up and laid it before the branch.

Mr Fullerton—Illegally altogether.

Mr Johnson—It should have been dealt with in a constitutional manner or not at all. The members insisted on [illegible] question should not have been dealt with at all.

Mr Daniels called the speaker to order, and thought he was getting away from the business.

Mr Halpin—They were both out of order at last meeting, because there was nothing before the chair in writing. If there were a repetition of what took place at last meeting, it was no inducement to men to join this important organisation.

Mr Daniels asked the speaker to sit down.

Mr Halpin—You do not want to do all the talking, Mr Vice-president, or we might rule you out of order. I am here in the interests of the A.N.A.

After further discussion, Mr Johnson said they could not deal with his resignation till the other matter was investigated. As Mr Halpin had said, the business was out of order, and he resigned on that account.

Mr Daniels—You were responsible for its being out of order.

Mr Johnson—He did not want it dealt with at last meeting.

Mr Halpin said it could not be much worse than at last meeting, and they did not want to deal with the resignation without hearing some evidence. It would not be fair to Mr Johnson or the secretary. It should have been settled in an amicable way.

Mr Halpin—You must not forget you are in the members' hands. You might be ruled out of order.

Mr Daniels—I will be pleased to get right out of it.

Mr Sands—The only thing he feared was that if they went into it, they would not get through it to-night.

Mr Fullerton—They would get through very quickly as far as he was concerned, if they allowed the business to go on.

Mr Daniels—The position was they had decided to go on, constitutional or not. If any members in the room considered it unconstitutional they had their remedy in appealing to the board. As far as he could see, it was the only way out of the difficulty.

Mr Sands—If we have no time limit, we are here till morning.

Mr Johnson then stated his case at length, and called witnesses.

Mr Fullerton replied to the charges, and added that the only way to clear it up was for Mr Johnson to admit that he (Mr Fullerton) did not make deliberately false statements with malice. If the lodge did not protect him, the court would.

Mr Daniels pointed out that the word "malignant" was used in the charges before the meeting.

Mr Fullerton said the press reporter treated him pretty roughly. He did not report an essential part, but stated poor old Fullerton. He did not report the conference delegates, Messrs Lyons and Smith. In the report the secretary was [illegible] investigated to the very bottom.

Mr Fullerton—He wanted them investigated here and now, and asked for an opportunity to reply.

Mr Johnson quoted the rule providing for seven days' notice to the accused.

Mr Halpin—He is here. He is served.

Mr Fullerton—I had a fortnight's clear notice.

Mr Daniels—It had to be in writing.

Mr Fullerton—He thought it unfair to him, and claimed the protection of the committee.

After some discussion as to procedure, a motion by Messrs Halpin and Lyons, that the meeting form itself into a committee to deal with the charges (previously ruled out of order by the chairman, but permitted by him upon Mr Fullerton consenting to the investigation of the charges), was carried.

Mr Johnson, who opposed the motion, said there were important witnesses he wanted to-night, and how could he prove the charges when they were not here?

Mr Halpin—That is your look out. You ought to be prepared to go on.

Mr Johnson—He thought if it were necessary to get the consent of one party, it was necessary to get that of the other.

Mr Halpin—If Mr Johnson were not prepared to go on, he ought to withdraw the charge.

After further discussion, Mr Daniels said he allowed the motion to be put on part of a rule that was read out by a member. If he had first read the rule himself, he was quite satisfied he would not have allowed the motion to be put.

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1919.

Present—Crs. Halpin (president), Bell, Stewart, Beggs, Sinclair, Carstairs, McDonald, Roddis, and Hannah.

The minutes of the previous meeting as typewritten and circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Victorian Railways, re damage caused by bush fires within the shire, pointing out that the apparatus fixed on the locomotives of this Department to prevent the emission of sparks, consisting of double spark arresters in the smoke boxes, ash arresters in the ash pans, grates, etc., are the best known devices for the purpose, and enginemen are under very strict instructions as to the necessity for making sure that the spark arresters are in perfect working order. In addition to this the grass inside the railway reserves is regularly burnt off when the conditions are favourable, and the commissioners feel sure it will be recognised that every possible precaution is being taken by the Department to prevent the outbreak of fires along the railway lines. The reports show that the spark-arresting appliances affixed to the engine of the Adelaide express train on 24th January last, to which the council specifically refer, were in perfect order and condition.—The secretary was instructed, on motion of Crs. Bell and Stewart, to [illegible]

From same, again poi[illegible] council the importance of [illegible] ceptacles being used for the [illegible] household garbage, and a[illegible] furnished with information [illegible] date as to what is propose[illegible] in this matter. To be agai[illegible] health inspector, and as[illegible] action, on motion of Crs [illegible] Roddis.

From Shire of Grenville [illegible] joint expenditure of £10 f[illegible] boundary road near S. Bur[illegible] of Smythesdale.—Referre[illegible] ing members, on motion o[illegible] and Stewart.

From Secretary Bala[illegible] Joint Shire's Health comm[illegible] mending that influenza [illegible] isolated the regulation num[illegible] as a precaution against t[illegible] the disease. Referred to n[illegible] on motion of Crs. Sinclair [illegible]

From Dr. S. E. Humpl[illegible] ing two cases of typhoid fe[illegible] Charles and Lilian Wal[illegible] H. Cunningham also re[illegible] another case of typhoid [illegible] same family (Sydney [illegible] been admitted to the Am[illegible]

Received; Cr. Sinclair sta[illegible] stood that the case of Sp[illegible] reported at last meeting [illegible] to be typhoid fever.

Dr. George A. Eadie, [illegible] reported, re typhoid c[illegible] visited Mr Chas. Walor[illegible] Shirley on 15th Feby., ar[illegible] thing in a sanitary condit[illegible] cautions adopted to prev[illegible] the disease. He failed t[illegible] to account for the outbre[illegible] like to mention the preva[illegible] ber of country people no[illegible] galvanised pans for their [illegible] sene tins being very co[illegible] These tins very soon bec[illegible] leak, and he strongly co[illegible] use for this purpose, as t[illegible] ace to the health of hous[illegible] the public.—To lie on tab[illegible] and secretary to look up [illegible] motion of Crs. Sinclair a[illegible] the president stating tha[illegible] by-law did not apply t[illegible] districts.

From Borough of Won[illegible] co-operation in bringing [illegible] fore the Premier with a [illegible] expenditure incurred by [illegible] through the influenza ou[illegible] the State, and that a [illegible] created for alleviation [illegible] by enactment of regulat[illegible] sion of outbreak. Cr. S[illegible] and Cr. Roddis seconded [illegible] be given. Cr. Beggs di[illegible] it, as it would only mea[illegible] Government had quite e[illegible] ture without adding the [illegible] as well. It was decide[illegible] of Crs. Hannah and Beg[illegible] to four, that letter be re[illegible]

From Phillips Leslie [illegible] Valley, notifying his de[illegible] premises as a chaffcut[illegible] Granted under usual [illegible] motion of Crs. Roddis a[illegible]

From Florence Ber[illegible] Main Lead, asking if [illegible] special circumstances [illegible] account for water suppl[illegible] her occupation of 20 a[illegible] Main Lead, and pointing [illegible] ber of her neighbors h[illegible] the same conditions alo[illegible] race.—The engineer me[illegible] applications of this kind [illegible] fore the council had bee[illegible] others which were not [illegible] council were granted [illegible] way all would have be[illegible] as others had obtained [illegible] see why this applicant s[illegible] ed. Cr. Hannah move[illegible] ld offer no objection. [illegible] Roddis, and carried; th[illegible] instructed to stop any [illegible] ments near the town.

From G. A. Chees[illegible] sports committee, appl[illegible] Carngham Recreation [illegible] Monday, with right t[illegible] Granted, on motio[illegible] and Roddis.

From W. J. Bruce J[illegible] Beaufort United Fr[illegible] Council, thanking co[illegible] Park for Hospital Sa[illegible] ceived.

From J. R. Wothe[illegible] Avenue of Honor, Bea[illegible] tention to steamer Bu[illegible] man guns to Australia [illegible] that council apply to [illegible] two be placed at head[illegible] ation to be made to [illegible] ment for four guns. [illegible] M.H.R., to be asked [illegible] on motion of Crs. Sin[illegible]

From G. J. C. Dyet[illegible] secretary Anzac R[illegible] appeal, asking co-op[illegible] sub-branch of R.S[illegible] effort to raise sufficie[illegible] vide a memorial build[illegible] club rooms, &c., by r[illegible] soldiers.—Received a[illegible] on motion of Crs. Be[illegible]

Dr. J. Neville, Sm[illegible] that Elizabeth Quili[illegible] was suffering from [illegible] losis.—Received.

Dr. J. B. Donald[illegible] two cases of enteric [illegible] Grist and George He[illegible] ton, the patients ha[illegible] the Ballarat Hospita[illegible]

From J. Fraser [illegible] Bo-Peep, asking per[illegible] temporary fence on [illegible] P. Russell's estate [illegible] which is a harbour fo[illegible] on motion of Crs. St[illegible]

REP[illegible]

The engineer Mr [illegible] reported as follows [illegible]

1. Crusher has b[illegible] month, completing [illegible] Riding. About 135[illegible] put through. Shi[illegible] A start will be ma[illegible] to-morrow, and all [illegible] pleted this month [illegible] contracts on the [illegible] crusher should be t[illegible] —Left in engineer [illegible]

2. In reference [illegible] Commonwealth [illegible] employment of [illegible] not very easy to p[illegible] works which will [illegible] ditions. I have [illegible] with the officers [illegible] Department, and [illegible] gained have prep[illegible] which, I think, [illegible] This might be co[illegible] cil. Alterations [illegible] then be made.—[illegible]

3. I have not y[illegible] the road machine [illegible] get a team tow[illegible] month. It is rat[illegible] is not easy to ge[illegible]

4. Work at V[illegible] completed: also [illegible] Men are at pre[illegible] past the Beaufo[illegible] East Riding cro[illegible] been completed [illegible] McCook's, and w[illegible] going on.—Rece[illegible]

5. There are [illegible] progress; positi[illegible] separate list.—[illegible]

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An extraordinary election of a councillor for the East Riding of the Shire of Ripon, caused by the resignation of Cr. J. L. Carstairs, will be held on Thursday, 1st May. Nominations must be lodged with the D.R.O., at the Shire Offices, Beaufort, before 4 p.m. on Thursday, 17th inst.

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tion any more about it, and would not discuss it with the public. He would simply burn all statements he had.

Mr Dames expressed pleasure at the termination of hostilities, and also congratulated the president on his manly action in apologising. He hoped the resignation of the president would not be accepted, and that when his two months were up he would be re-elected.

Messrs Fullerton and Johnson then shook hands across the table.

Mr Fullerton hoped Mr Johnson's resignation would not be accepted.

Mr Johnson—He had nothing personally against the secretary, and only brought the matter up in the interests of the lodge.

It was decided to return Mr Johnson's deposit of 10/.

Mr Daniels was also very pleased that the matter had been settled.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, moved by Mr Sinclair, concluded the meeting.

[In reference to Mr Fullerton's remarks regarding the reporter, whom he accuses of ignoring an "essential part" and "slating" him, we might point out that if Mr Fullerton had had his way, the report would have been heavily censored. He asked us merely to record that the president had resigned owing to a dispute with the secretary. In regard to his comment about not reporting the conference delegates, what scribe with a soul to call his own would give a lengthy account of stale conference matter (already published in the daily press) when people who are indiscreet enough to squabble at public meetings furnish him with copy of greater interest to the public?—Ed. R.A.]

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[illegible] ed, that it be referred to [illegible] bers, that the council donate £30, and that it be allocated on the basis of school attendances, as in Empire Day celebrations. It was, however, almost unanimously decided, on an amendment proposed by Cr. Hannah and seconded by Cr. Stewart, that the matter be referred to riding members to arrange their own celebrations and spend what they think fit.

From Under-Treasurer, forwarding a/c. for £223 (endowment) for completion.—Received.

From Country Roads Board, approving of fresh tenders being called for abandoned contract on Skipton road. Received and dealt with.

From Public Health Department, re complaint as to passengers using urinals on trains when approaching or going through stations, the Secretary for Railways has intimated to the board that a notice is exhibited in the lavatories on each car, enjoining passengers to refrain from using the conveniences when approaching or at stations, and it is regretted that nothing further can be done. The suggestion of Ripon Shire to have pans carried under the carriages and emptied at certain stations along the line is impracticable.—Received.

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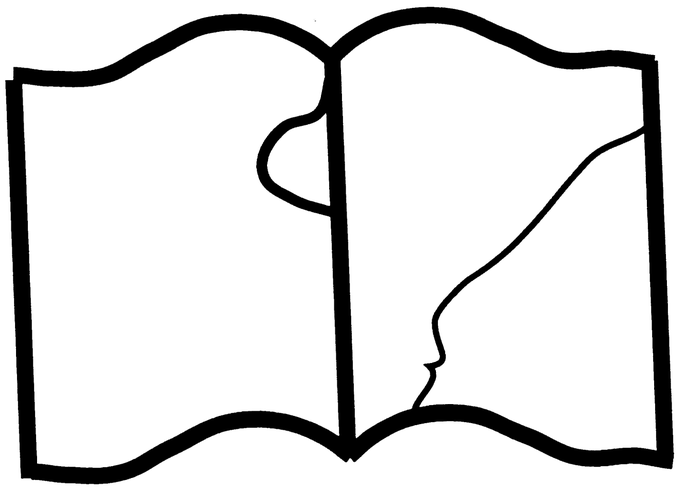

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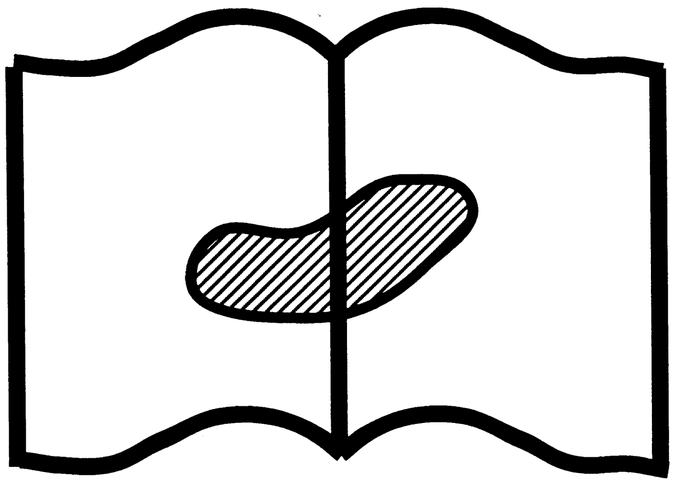

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HOW TO INCREASE YIELDS.

An all-round increase in the quantity of superphosphate supplied to the Victorian wheat crop would always instantaneously lead to an appreciable rise in the general State average yield. There is not a man who can contradict that statement. It is borne out by the cold logic of fact elucidated on Government and private farms. The point is so clearly established with the wealth of the community in general and the individual grower in particular that each man should take it as a personal matter, and in the present sowing season act in accordance. Only a very small minority of farmers is using as much phosphate as the soil will stand, and therefore everybody not in the minority is annually losing considerable money.

But every wise man likes to have proof of such radical statements. Here it is. The Department of Agriculture now carries out experiments on plots scattered four square in the State, that is at Werribee, Rutherglen, Wyuna, Longerenong, and Warracknabeal. Each plot has corroborated evidence gathered at all the others, in so far as it shows that in each section of Victoria heavier dressings of super than those used should be applied. In them super starts labour in value as regards cost and crop average. At Werribee and Rutherglen it has been demonstrated that 1 cwt. of super yields a net profit (after paying for the manure) of about 3/6 an acre more than ½ cwt., which is the dressing favored in each district. The 1 cwt. also leaves important residual effects on the subsequent pasture. On the fertile black soils of the Wimmera, as represented at Longerenong College, not only is 1 cwt. more profitable than ½ cwt., but even 2 cwt. has proved more remunerative than 1 cwt. Therefore 2 cwt. is not, probably, the limit of profitable use of this important phosphatic manure.

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Capt. C. Day welcomed the visitors, called on ex-Capt. Sinclair to unveil the honor roll, and asked the shire president (Cr. W. H. Halpin) to say a few words.

In drawing aside the Union Jack, which covered the portraits, ex-Capt. Sinclair said that to be asked to unveil the photographs of 13 of the bravest fellows who had ever left here was the greatest honor conferred upon him in any public position he had ever held. He did not know if any fire brigade in Victoria had done as well or better than theirs. On looking at a photograph of 16 Beaufort firemen presented to him in 1914, he found that 11 had gone to the war, two were rejected, and the other three were married men with families, who could not very well have offered their services. Two of their members had made the supreme sacrifice, and he extended their deepest sympathy to Mrs Phillips, who had lost her boy, and Mrs Chibnall, who had lost her husband. They could not have died a nobler death. He had not met Pte. Phillips abroad, but met Corpl. Chibnall in London, with his pal, a few days before he was killed. Chief-officer Marshall was to visit them on Wednesday night, and he was sorry that gentleman was not here to unveil these photographs. He trusted that the brigade would revive now the war was over, and congratulated the captain and other officers for the way they had stuck to it under discouraging circumstances. Later on they might have a special effort to get a motor fire-engine. He then congratulated the brigade on procuring this group of photographs to commemorate those members who had fought in the greatest war ever known. Everyone could look on it with pride and feel that no institution in the State had done better in the war than their fire brigade at Beaufort.

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Owing to the Easter holidays interfering with our publishing arrangements, the next issue of "The Riponshire Advocate" will appear on Thursday.

At the monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, President Halpin, immediately prior to the luncheon adjournment, called for three cheers for returned soldiers Major P. Russell, Sergt. Jas. D. Humphreys, D.C.M., Dvr. W. Hall, and Pte. Chas. Hughes and extended a very hearty welcome to them, and said he was delighted to see them back safe and sound. The soldiers named lunched with the councillors, and their healths were afterwards heartily proposed by the president and enthusiastically drunk; Cr. Sinclair also presenting Sergt. Humphreys with the council's certificate. Major Russell, Sergt. Humphreys, and Dvr. Hall responded, and spoke in appreciation of the president's kindness.

A meeting of the Beaufort school committee was held at the Shire Hall on Friday evening, 4th inst. Present Messrs H. B. Seager (in the chair), Muntz (correspondent), Acton, Miller, George and Parker; Mr Evans (head teacher) being also in attendance. The balance-sheet in connection with Empire Day celebrations, showing receipts amounting to £9/1/6 and expenditure to £6/15/, leaving a Cr. balance of £2/6/6, was adopted. Correspondent's action in having repairs at school effected was endorsed, and instructions given to refer matter of bad spouting to Public Works Department. His action in renewing lease of grazing school playground to Rev. W. C. Wood at £2 per annum was endorsed. The correspondent reported that there was a credit balance of £10/10/5; also that nine merit certificates had been obtained at the local school at last examination; Mr Evans being congratulated on the good result achieved. Mr Evans agreed to obtain the usual prizes given by the committee to those obtaining merit certificates, and £2/5/ was passed for payment for this purpose. The correspondent stated that in connection with the death of the chairman (Mr Jas. McKeich) he had consulted members and obtained a wreath, but as it did not arrive in time for the funeral, he had a case made and placed it on the grave. He had also sent a letter of sympathy to Mrs McKeich and the family. Action of correspondent endorsed and account for wreath and case (£1/17/6) passed for payment. As the committee's term of office expires on 30th April, Mr Evans stated he would arrange for a meeting of parents to receive nominations early in May. It was decided to support Mr Evans' application to the Department to pay half, if not all, of sanitary and water rates (£5/18/) on school building.

Monthly committee meeting of Beaufort Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening was attended by 10 members; Mr Dames (president) presiding. Secretary's financial statement showed that receipts for month amounted to £14/1/6, and that the balance was £187/7/1. Accounts amounting to £3/2/ were passed for payment. It was stated that lighting was costing Institute £1 a week, and a complaint was made that Coursing Club members had allowed the gas to waste from Saturday night till 10 a.m. on Monday, through neglecting to turn it off on leaving the hall. A lengthy discussion arose over an opinion expressed by some old players and voiced by Mr Parker, that if the billiard table were shifted from its present position to the other end of the room, its upkeep would be more expensive, and that it should be left as it was and the card tables placed near the entrance. Mr Macdonald, however, strongly disapproved of the idea, questioned the presumption that the table would suffer, and said he would abandon his scheme for a recreation room if any alteration were made, as he would not ask young fellows to sit in the coldest part of the room, especially as the billiard table would get the benefit of the fire-place in the centre of the room. The matter was allowed to drop. Mr Macdonald called attention to a sale in Melbourne of billiard-room requisites, and it was decided to purchase a second-hand set of snooker balls at a limit of £12. The Bank of Victoria is to be asked to allow an overdraft up to £60. Mr Macdonald was added to the book-committee, who were authorised to spend £5 in new books. The high cost of lighting the Institute was discussed, and the advisability of installing a cheaper light than acetylene is to be considered at next meeting. The committee unanimously decided to make all district returned soldiers honorary members of the recreation room for 12 months.

Mr W. W. Harris, P.M., presided over the Beaufort police court on Monday. James Harris was charged with neglecting to have his child vaccinated within six months of birth. The case had been adjourned several times. Defendant said he had a medical certificate as to the child's unfitness. The P.M.—You had better leave it here, and Senior-constable Lovitt will send it down to the Health Department and ask that the case be withdrawn. Senior-constable Lovitt—The case had been going on for 12 months. Defendant—He saw the doctor this morning, and the doctor said the child was totally unfit. The P.M.—He did not think there would be any trouble about it. The case would be adjourned to May 5th, and very likely in the meantime the charge against defendant would be withdrawn. John Dess, who was similarly charged, produced a doctor's certificate as to his child's unfitness for vaccination, and the case was adjourned to July 7th. In a similar case against Henry Roy Scott, there was no appearance of defendant, and Constable Evans stated that he had interviewed defendant, who stated that he was not prepared to have the child done, and signed a statement to that effect. A fine of 40/ was inflicted. Francis O'Loughlan, who was similarly charged, did not appear. Constable Evans stated that defendant had refused to have the child done, and signed a written plea of guilty. A penalty of 40/ was imposed. Albert Edward Gerovich, who was also the defendant in a vaccination case, did not put in an appearance. Senior-constable Lovitt asked for an adjournment, as the child had been taken to a doctor to be vaccinated last Wednesday. The P.M. granted an adjournment to May 5th. As summoning officer of the Shire of Ripon, Senior-constable Lovitt proceeded against Jeanie Hughes on a charge of being the owner of two cows and three calves found wandering in Lawrence street, Beaufort, on 31st March, without any person being in charge. Defendant said she was guilty, but unintentionally, because she put the cows in the paddock. The gate might have been left open, and they got out. Thos. Dickman, herdsman and ranger, employed by the Ripon shire Council, gave formal evidence as to the offence. To the P.M.—He had not seen them about before. They were registered for the common. To Senior-constable Lovitt—He noticed defendant's calves out once since, but not the cows. Defendant—She understood cows could have calves out up to the age of six months. To the P.M.—She was not aware her cattle were getting into anyone's garden, but was very sorry if they did. She had put cows out of her garden, but had not made any complaint. She had had valuable plants destroyed, but had not made a fuss. The P.M.—You must have been very good-natured over it. Some people would make a great fuss. Defendant—The senior-constable had said he put her calves in her yard one Sunday night. She thought he had made a mistake. Senior-constable Lovitt—I think you made a mistake; I said I saw them coming down the street. The P.M. informed defendant that she was liable to a penalty of £1 per head. In answer to the P.M., the senior-constable said since the last batch of convictions, things had been much better than before. People seemed to have the idea that they could turn a cow out, and if it got to the paddock good luck to it, but they would not take the trouble to drive it back. Thos. Dickman—They did not charge commonage for calves up to the age of six months. The P.M. said the council had made up their minds that cows must be under the care of someone when being removed. Defendant would be fined 1/6 for each head of cattle, with 3/6 costs.

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An extraordinary election of a councillor for the East Riding of the Shire of Ripon, caused by the resignation of Cr. J. L. Carstairs, will be held on Thursday, 1st May. Nominations must be lodged with the D.R.O., at the Shire Offices, Beaufort, before 4 p.m. on Thursday, 17th inst.

THE A.N.A. DISPUTE.

COMPLAINT AGAINST SECRETARY DISMISSED.

PRESIDENT APOLOGISES TO SECRETARY.

The unpleasant incident at the last meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., in which the president and secretary figured, had its sequel at Tuesday night's meeting, which was attended by 15 members and presided over by Mr N. Daniels (vice-president). The proceedings lasted about three hours.

The resignation of the president (Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson) was read.

Mr Johnson said a president was supposed to be conversant with the rules and by-laws, and have the confidence of the members of the branch. At last meeting certain charges were brought forward by him, and he pointed out the constitutional method of dealing with them, but the members took the business out of the hands of the president, and the position was one he would not occupy. Their president evidently did not have the confidence of members. In that case he thought the best thing he could do was to resign and give the members an opportunity of expressing their dissatisfaction. He was very sorry he had not completed his term.

Mr Daniels said that on his reading of the proceedings at last meeting in the press, the business was not conducted according to the rules. He regretted very much the manner in which the president and secretary were "slanging-whanging" one another, and that some of the older members who were in the room at the time, and who suggested that they let the matter drop, did not take action to stop it, because these two officers were right out of order—(hear, hear)—and practically dragging the association in the mud. He noticed the president had said that this lodge room had been turned into a scandal-shop in the interest of a particular tradesman in the township.

Mr Johnson rose to a point of order. They should conduct the business with as little publicity as possible, but if any member opened up the subject, he would say all he could.

Mr Daniels—He was speaking his mind. If Mr Johnson or any other member thought he was out of order, they had their remedy. In connection with Mr Johnson's remark about the room being turned into a scandal-shop, that particular tradesman must feel very pleased indeed to think that members of this association would get down to the depth of scurrility of the remark by Mr Johnson. He had been attending meetings of this branch for eight years, and never on any occasion had he seen the business transacted in the manner referred to. Moreover, as Mr Johnson was president of the branch, he was supposed to conduct the meetings in a proper way. If he allowed the lodge-room to degenerate into a scandal-den, seeing that he had the authority to suppress it and did not, and then attempted to make capital out of it afterwards, he did not think it anything to be very proud of. As far as he was concerned, all members of the association were as one to him. They were all friends, and he had no foes. He regretted them all as fellow-workers in a great institution, and hoped that none of that business which went on at last meeting would be repeated to-night. (Hear, hear).

Mr Fullerton—He was very sorry to refer to it to-night. In the first place Mr Johnston had made the greatest mistake in the world when he said that he (Mr Fullerton) deliberately made false statements and made them with malice. If Mr Johnston had a charge to lay against him like that, it should not get into the press. His name had been scandalised all over the town and Ballarat, and he was an old member of the Ballarat City branch and felt very sore about it. He went to a solicitor, against whose advice he was having anything to say. The solicitor said, "Simply let me go on with the case. If every other word you uttered in the room were untrue, I am still satisfied you have a good case." He did not make false statements with malice and deliberately. He did not want to bring it up at all, but it was forced on him. His name was bandied about in the daily press.

Mr Johnson rose to a point of order.

Mr Sinclair—Sit down.

Mr Johnson—It was not bearing on his resignation. He appealed to members. He did not want to talk publicly on this thing.

Mr Daniels ruled that any member could make an explanation by appealing to the chairman. If Mr Fullerton asked leave to make a statement, he would give it to him.

Mr Sinclair asked Mr Johnston to state his point of order.

Mr Johnson—We are getting away from the business, which is my resignation.

Mr Sands—If the president resigned, they were entitled to know what led up to it. He rose to a point or order at last meeting, because he did not care about the thing coming before the branch in the way it did.

Mr Daniels—Several members made suggestions, but he thought it was not a time for suggestions, but to take action to stop it.

Mr Halpin—It was not advisable to have a repetition of what went on at last meeting. The president was entirely out of order at last meeting, and the question should not have been dealt with at all.

Mr Daniels called the speaker to order, and thought he was getting away from the business.

Mr Halpin—They were both out of order at last meeting, because there was nothing before the chair in writing. If there were a repetition of what took place at last meeting, it was no inducement to men to join this important organisation.

Mr Daniels asked the speaker to sit down.

Mr Halpin—You do not want to do all the talking, Mr Vice-president, or we might rule you out of order. I am here in the interests of the A.N.A.

After further discussion, Mr Johnson said they could not deal with his resignation till the other matter was investigated. As Mr Halpin had said, the business was out of order, and he resigned on that account.

Mr Daniels—You were responsible for its being out of order.

Mr Johnson—He did not want it dealt with at last meeting.

Mr Halpin said it could not be much worse than at last meeting, and they did not want to deal with the resignation without hearing some evidence. It would not be fair to Mr Johnson or the secretary. It should have been settled in an amicable way.

Mr Daniels—It should have been censored, anyway. He ruled that the cause of the resignation be discussed.

Mr Sinclair—The question was, did Mr Johnson wish them to receive his resignation?

Mr Johnson—He had no wish to vacate the chair, but was giving members the opportunity of saying if he should vacate it. The chairman's ruling would lead to exactly the same procedure as at last meeting, which he so strongly censured. The rule stated that a charge could not be heard until the secretary had seven days' notice in writing. If they wanted to deal with it on its merits, they should hold the resignation over till the charges were dealt with. If the charges proved false, they could accept the resignation; and if they proved correct, they could accept it if they liked—but it would be hardly fair to do so. The matter was discussed at last meeting, and he ruled that it should not have been.

Mr Halpin—You were in charge. Why did you allow it to be discussed?

Mr Fullerton—You were the worst man in the room.

Mr Johnson—He was answering questions, and was not going to sit quiet.

Mr Fullerton—Who brought it up?

Mr Johnson—I brought the matter up and laid it before the branch.

Mr Fullerton—Illegally altogether.

Mr Johnson—It should have been dealt with in a constitutional manner or not at all. The members insisted on discussing it, and to close the discussion he tendered his resignation.

Mr Sinclair—You want to make the meeting act as judge and jury and say whether you or the secretary are guilty?

Mr Johnson—No; deal with the charges by a constitutional method first, and deal with the resignation afterwards. The chairman here to-night strongly censured his action at last meeting, and defended the secretary, when the same thing was done to-night.

Mr Halpin—You were the most irregular member of the lot.

After further passages between Messrs Halpin and Johnson, during which the latter claimed the chairman's protection,

Mr Daniels said the position as he saw it was that the president brought charges against the secretary in an unconstitutional way. If he had been conversant with the rule book, as he should have been occupying the position he did, he would have known differently. He must put these complaints in writing, and had a week to do so. As far as he was concerned, these complaints were not before him yet, but he could see before him the president's resignation.

Mr Sands moved that the president be asked to send it in in writing, and that the committee of the branch deal with it.

Mr Fullerton rose to a point of order. The president had already made the charges verbally, and his (Mr Fullerton's) name had been dragged in the mud.

Mr Daniels ruled that they must deal with the resignation irrespective of the causes leading up to it.

Mr Johnson suggested that the resignation be held over till the other matter was dealt with. He intended to lay the charges in writing, with a deposit of 10/.

Mr Fullerton claimed that it was too late to lay the charges in writing.

Mr Johnston read the rule bearing on it.

Mr Halpin—It is a great pity you did not lay it before last meeting.

Mr Fullerton—I think so, too.

Mr Halpin—You have already made them verbally, and should have done so in writing in the first place.

Mr Fullerton—He had the opportunity already. My name is scandalised.

Mr Sinclair—If Mr Fullerton's name had been scandalised, he should ask for an enquiry. In his interest the charges should be investigated by the committee.

Mr Halpin—The meeting was entirely out of order in discussing the matter to-night. The secretary said he already had legal advice on the matter, and they should not discuss it if he intended to go on with it.

Mr Sinclair—That is a private matter with him. If he were chairman, he would hold over the resignation and have the charges laid. Mr Fullerton should welcome them and have the matter settled one way or the other, as he had to clear his name.

Mr Halpin—He has a legal way of doing it.

Mr Daniels—The business before the meeting is the resignation.

Mr Halpin moved that the resignation be held over for a fortnight, and in the meantime they could see what could be done. Seconded by Mr Sinclair.

Mr Fullerton moved, as an amendment, that the resignation be dealt with to-night, but withdrew it on the advice of Messrs Sinclair and Halpin.

Mr Sands said he was in accord with the motion, which was carried.

The matter was again brought forward under the heading of general business, and after some discussion as to whether the charges should be taken as read or dealt with in committee, Mr Daniels read them in the open meeting.

The charges were to the effect that the secretary was guilty of conduct calculated to bring disgrace on the branch, and which was detrimental to the interests of the association, in having wilfully made false statements in a branch meeting of a malignant nature, calculated to injure the reputation of a doctor and chemist.

Mr Fullerton—Was this to be recorded again in the press without his having a show of defending himself? It was manifestly unfair to him.

Mr Sinclair—What harm can it do you if you are innocent? If these charges were laid against me, I would ask to have them investigated to the very bottom.

Mr Fullerton—He wanted them investigated here and now, and asked for an opportunity to reply.

Mr Johnson quoted the rule providing for seven days' notice to the accused.

Mr Halpin—That is here. He is served.

Mr Fullerton—I had a fortnight's clear notice.

Mr Daniels—It had to be in writing.

Mr Fullerton—He thought it unfair to him, and claimed the protection of the committee.

After some discussion as to procedure, a motion by Messrs Halpin and Lyons, that the meeting form itself into a committee to deal with the charges (previously ruled out of order by the chairman, but permitted by him upon Mr Fullerton consenting to the investigation of the charges), was carried.

Mr Johnson, who opposed the motion, said there were important witnesses he wanted to-night, and how could he prove the charges when they were not here?

Mr Halpin—That is your look out. You ought to be prepared to go on.

Mr Johnson—He thought if it were necessary to get the consent of one party, it was necessary to get that of the other.

Mr Halpin—If Mr Johnson were not prepared to go on, he ought to withdraw the charge.

After further discussion, Mr Daniels said he allowed the motion to be put on part of a rule that was read out by a member. If he had first read the rule himself, he was quite satisfied he would not have allowed the motion to be put.

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RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1919.

Present—Crs. Halpin (president), Bell, Stewart, Beggs, Sinclair, Carstairs, McDonald, Roddis, and Hannah.

The minutes of the previous meeting as typewritten and circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Victorian Railways, re damage caused by bush fires within the shire, pointing out that the apparatus fixed on the locomotives of this Department to prevent the emission of sparks, consisting of double spark arresters in the smoke boxes, ash arresters in the ash pans, grates, etc., are the best known devices for the purpose, and enginemen are under very strict instructions as to the necessity for making sure that the spark arresters are in perfect working order. In addition to this the grass inside the railway reserves is regularly burnt off when the conditions are favourable, and the commissioners feel sure it will be recognised that every possible precaution is being taken by the Department to prevent the outbreak of fires along the railway lines. The reports show that the spark-arresting appliances affixed to the engine of the Adelaide express train on 24th January last, to which the council specifically refer, were in perfect order and condition.—The secretary was instructed, on motion of Crs. Bell and Stewart, to inform the Department that in the opinion of the council the grass was burnt off too soon, and suggested that more men be put on, and that it be burnt off later; and also recommending that Newcastle coal, if obtainable, be used in the summer months.

From Commonwealth Surveyor-General, forwarding for completion account for £35, being cost of clearing tracks, etc., on north-western boundary of ridge range at Beaufort.—Received; the president stating the work was being done by returned soldiers.

From Department of Lands and Survey (per Hon. D. S. Oman, M.L.A.), notifying grant of £10 towards improvements to Beaufort Park, on condition that a similar amount be expended by council before 30th June next.—Referred to North and West Riding members, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Carstairs.

From Department of Public Works, forwarding particulars and conditions of gift of £500,000 by Commonwealth Government for employment of returned soldiers, the amount allotted to each municipality in Victoria being £749; and asking council to give this matter their immediate consideration, with a view to co-operating with the Repatriation Department in finding immediate employment for any returned soldiers there may be in the district.

From same, intimating that the whole of the sum provided must be spent solely in wages, the cost of supplying material not being allowed as a charge against the grant, and the wages paid must be those ruling in the district for such works.—The engineer (who submitted a list of works, consisting of clearing, levelling and filling in holes) said they could not hope to spend the money—they would want 14 men employed constantly, and could not get them. Cr. Sinclair said the time would be extended. Cr. Beggs considered it would be an absolute waste of money to put returned soldiers on pick and shovel work when they had improved methods of road-making, and suggested that metal be got out instead. The engineer said the Department would not allow them to do that. Cr. Beggs was not satisfied with the way they were going to spend the money, and would like time to consider it. The president said other councils were in the same position, and would like to see a deputation wait on the Public Works Department and point that out. Cr. Sinclair thought if they spent £ for £ on roads that would have to be eventually made by providing material it would be doing good business. Cr. Bell said they would not get capable returned men to earn 9/ a day. Cr. Sinclair—A lot of them will. Cr. Bell—I have not seen them. Cr. Carstairs suggested the employment of a foreman. The engineer pointed out that plans and specifications had to be submitted to the Department and the work done within six months from 31st March. Cr. Hannah agreed with Cr. Beggs that it would be practically a waste of money as far as Ripon Shire was concerned. They could not get returned soldiers to do the work they wanted at the present time. They were employing 5 or 6 men, but would not say it was going to last. He suggested extensive tree-growing, from which there would be a return. The work of filling in the holes around the Park should be done straight away. It was not heavy work. It would take in a beautiful hill alongside the Park—almost as good as a grandstand. They were proud of their Park at the present time, but if this waste land were included, it would give them one of the best parks in the State. The president and Cr. Carstairs agreed with Cr. Hannah's suggestion re tree planting. It was decided, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Beggs, that the money be allotted equally between the three ridings and referred to riding members and officers.

From Central Committee, Peace Celebrations, Melbourne, forwarding circular re arrangements for celebrating peace, and asking that a representative committee be appointed to organise and carry out local arrangements.—Cr. Roddis moved, and Cr. Sinclair seconded, that it be referred to riding members, that the council donate £30, and that it be allocated on the basis of school attendances, as in Empire Day celebrations. It was, however, almost unanimously decided, on an amendment proposed by Cr. Hannah and seconded by Cr. Stewart, that the matter be referred to riding members to arrange their own celebrations and spend what they think fit.

From Under-Treasurer, forwarding a/c. for £223 (endowment) for completion.—Received.

From Country Roads Board, approving of fresh tenders being called for abandoned contract on Skipton road. Received and dealt with.

From Public Health Department, re complaint as to passengers using urinals on trains when approaching or going through stations, the Secretary for Railways has intimated to the board that a notice is exhibited in the lavatories on each car, enjoining passengers to refrain from using the conveniences when approaching or at stations, and it is regretted that nothing further can be done. The suggestion of Ripon Shire to have pans carried under the carriages and emptied at certain stations along the line is impracticable.—Received.

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From same, again poin[t] council the importance of [re]ceptacles being used for the [h]ousehold garbage, and a[lso] furnished with information [up-to-]date as to what is proposed [to do] in this matter. To be agai[n] health inspector, and as[k for] action, on motion of Crs [Hannah and] Roddis.

From Shire of Grenville, [re] joint expenditure of £10 fo[r] boundary road near S. Bur[ke] of Smythesdale.—Referred [to Crs Hann]ing members, on motion o[f Crs Roddis] and Stewart.

From Secretary Ball[arat] Joint Shire's Health comm[ittee re]mending that influenza [be] isolated the regulation num[ber] as a precaution against t[he spread of] the disease. Referred to m[embers] on motion of Crs. Sinclair [and Beggs].

From Dr. S. E. Humpht[on re]ing two cases of typhoid fe[ver at] Charles and Lilian Walk[er's.] Cunningham also re[ported] another case of typhoid [in the] same family (Sydney [where he has] been admitted to the Ami[ngton].

Received; Cr. Sinclair sta[ted it was] stood that the case of Spa[nish fever] reported at last meeting h[ad proved] to be typhoid fever.

Dr. George A. Eadie, [Beaufort,] reported, re typhoid ca[se he] visited Mr Chas. Waldr[on, of] Shirley on 15th Feby., an[d noting] thing in a sanitary conditi[on, and] cautions adopted to prev[ent] the disease. He failed to [find Mr Waldron] to account for the outbre[ak, but] like to mention the preva[lence of a num]ber of country people not [using] galvanised pans for their [ordinary] sene tins being very co[mmon. These] These tins very soon bec[ome] leak, and he strongly co[ndemned the] use for this purpose, as t[hreat to] ace to the health of hous[eholds in] the public.—To lie on tab[le.] and secretary to look up [the] motion of Crs. Sinclair a[nd Beggs re] the president stating tha[t the] by-law did not apply t[o outside] districts.

From Borough of Won[thaggi re] co-operation in bringin[g before] fore the Premier with a [view to] expenditure incurred by [council] through the influenza out[break in] the State, and that a [grant be] created for alleviation o[f distress] by enactment of regulati[ons for] sion of outbreak.—Cr. S[tewart] and Cr. Roddis seconded [that it] be given. Cr. Beggs di[d not see] it, as it would only mean [that the] Government had quite e[nough fut]ure without adding the [burden] as well. It was decide[d, on motion] of Crs. Hannah and Beg[gs, to] to four, that letter be re[ferred.]

From Phillips Leslie, [Ripon] Valley, notifying his de[sire to] premises as a chaffcut[ting mill.] Granted under usual [conditions,] motion of Crs. Roddis a[nd Beggs.]

From Florence Ber[ry, Ripon] Main Lead, asking if special circumstances [in her] account for water suppl[y to] her occupation of 20 a[cres, Ripon] Main Lead, and pointing [out that] ber of her neighbors h[ad] the same conditions alo[ng the] race.—The engineer me[ntioned] applications of this kind [be]fore the council had bee[n made by] others which were not [by the] council were granted [in the] way all would have be[en granted] as others had obtained [leases.] see why this applicant s[hould be] ed. Cr. Hannah move[d, and Cr.] Roddis, and carried; th[e engineer be] instructed to stop any [improvements] ments near the town.

From G. A. Chees[man, secretary] sports committee, app[lying for] Carngham Recreation [Reserve on] Monday, with right to [charge.] —Granted, on motio[n of Crs.] and Roddis.

From W. J. Bruce J[ones, M.L.A.,] Beaufort United Fr[iendly Societies'] Council, thanking co[uncil re] Park for Hospital Sa[turday fund,] ceived.

From J. R. Wothe[rspoon, re] Avenue of Honor, Bea[ufort; in] tention to steamer Bu[ninyong and] man guns to Australia[n Memorial;] that council apply f[or] two be placed at head [of] cation to be made t[o Department] ment for four guns.—[Referred to] M.H.R., to be asked [to support] on motion of Crs. Sin[clair and] From G. J. C. Dyer[, Ripon] secretary Anzac Day [Committee,] appeal, asking co-ope[ration of] sub-branch of R.S.[L. in] effort to raise sufficie[nt funds to] vide a memorial buil[ding, such as] club rooms, &c., by r[eturned] soldiers.—Received a[nd referred] on motion of Crs. Be[ll and Stewart.]

Dr. J. Neville, Sm[ythesdale,] that Elizabeth Quili[p, who] was suffering from [epilepsy,] epilosis.—Received.

Dr. J. B. Donalds[on, Ripon,] two cases of enteric[at] Grist and George He[nty,] ton, the patients ha[ving been] the Ballarat Hospita[l.]

From J. Fraser [and] Bo-Peep, asking pe[rmission for a] temporary fence on [portion of] P. Russell's estate [through] which is a harbour t[o vermin,] on motion of Crs. St[ewart and] REP[ORTS.]

The engineer Mr [Chas. Crusher] reported as follows [re Ripon Shire:] 1. Crusher has be[en idle for a] month, completing [Ripon Shire] Riding. About 135 [cubic yards] put through. Shi[ft work.] A start will be ma[de Monday] to-morrow, and all [work will be com]pleted this month. [Regarding] contracts on the [Ripon Shire,] crusher should be th[ere about] —Left in engineer [charge.]

2. In reference [to a letter from the] Commonwealth [Government re] employment of [returned soldiers,] not very easy to p[rovide suitable] works which will [be in good con]ditions. I have [conferred] with the officers [of the Public] Department, and [have] gained have prep[ared a scheme,] which, I think, [will be suitable.] This might be co[nsidered by the coun]cil. Alterations [can be made.]—L[ocal Press.]

3. I have not y[et secured] the road machine [for Ripon Shire;] get a team tow[ing the road] month. It is rat[her difficult as it] is not easy to ge[t teams.]

4. Work at V[ale Street] completed; also [Ripon Shire] Men are at pre[sent working] past the Beaufo[rt and Ripon] East Riding cro[ssing has] been completed [by Mr] McCook's, and w[ork is now] going on.—Rece[ived.]

5. There are [no new] progress; positi[ons to report;] separate list.—[Received.]

The treasurer [re]ported that £72[2 ...]

SHIRE COUNCIL.

7TH APRIL, 1919.

Halpin (president), Beggs, Sinclair, Carstairs, Roddis, and Hannah.

[illegible] of the previous meeting were read, circulated were [illegible] and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[illegible] Railways, re damage [illegible] fires within the shire, [illegible] spark-apparatus fixed on [illegible] this Department to [illegible] sparks, cons[illegible] spark arresters in the [illegible] arrestors in the ash [illegible] are the best known [illegible] and engineemen [illegible] instructions as to [illegible] making sure that the [illegible] perfect working [illegible] to this the grass in[illegible] reserves is regularly [illegible] the conditions are [illegible] the commissioners feel [illegible] recognised that every [illegible] taken by [illegible] prevent the outbreak [illegible] railway lines. The [illegible] spark-arresting [illegible] of the [illegible] January [illegible] specifically [illegible] and con[illegible] instructed, [illegible] Stewart, to [illegible] that in the [illegible] grass was [illegible] suggested that [illegible] it be burnt [illegible] recommending that [illegible] be used in [illegible]

[illegible] Surveyor-General re completion account [illegible] clearing track, [illegible] boundary of rifle [illegible] Received; the pre[illegible] work was being done [illegible]

[illegible] of Lands and Sur[illegible] Oman, M.L.A., [illegible] towards improve[illegible] Park on condition [illegible] be expended by [illegible] time next. Referr[illegible] West Riding members, [illegible] Roddis and Carstairs. [illegible] of Public Works, [illegible] and conditions of [illegible] Commonwealth [illegible] of returned [illegible] allotted to each [illegible] being £749; and [illegible] this matter their [illegible] with a view to [illegible] the Repatriation De[illegible] immediate employ[illegible] returned soldiers there [illegible]

[illegible] that the whole [illegible] be spent solely [illegible] supplying material [illegible] charge against [illegible] wages paid must be [illegible] for such work. [illegible] submitted a list of [illegible] levelling [illegible] they could not [illegible] —they would [illegible] instantly, and [illegible] Sinclair said [illegible] Cr. Beggs [illegible] be an absolute waste [illegible] returned soldiers on [illegible] when they had [illegible] road-making, and [illegible] to be got out instead. [illegible] Department would [illegible] that Cr. Beggs [illegible] the way they were [illegible] and would [illegible] The president [illegible] in the same [illegible] to see a deputa[illegible] Works Depart[illegible] Cr. Sinclair [illegible] £ for 2 or roads [illegible] eventually made [illegible] it would be doing [illegible] Cr. Bell said they would [illegible] returned men to earn [illegible] Cr. Sinclair. A lot of them [illegible] Bell. I have not seen them. [illegible] suggested the employment [illegible] The engineer pointed out [illegible] specifications had to be [illegible] the Department and the [illegible] within six months from 31st [illegible] Hannah agreed with Cr. [illegible] it would be practically a [illegible] money as far as Ripon Shire [illegible] They could not get re[illegible] soldiers to do the work they [illegible] the present time. They were [illegible] 5 or 6 men but would not say [illegible] ng to last. He suggested ex[illegible] tree-growing, from which there [illegible] return. The work of filling [illegible] around the Park should be [illegible] ght away. It was not heavy [illegible] would take in a beautiful hill [illegible] the Park almost as good as a [illegible] They were proud of their [illegible] be present time, but if this [illegible] were included it would give [illegible] of the best parks in the State. [illegible] dent and Cr Carstairs agreed [illegible] Hannah's suggestion re tree[illegible] It was decided, on motion of [illegible] and Beggs, that the money [illegible] equally between the three [illegible] referred to riding members [illegible]

[illegible] Central Committee, Peace Cele[illegible] Melbourne, forwarding circu[illegible] arrangements for celebrating [illegible] asking that a representative [illegible] be appointed to organise and [illegible] local arrangements.—Cr. [illegible] moved, and Cr Sinclair second[illegible] be referred to riding mem[illegible] the council donate £30, and [illegible] allocated on the basis of [illegible] attendances, as in Empire Day [illegible] It was, however, almost [illegible] decided, on an amendment [illegible] by Cr Hannah and seconded [illegible] Stewart, that the matter be re[illegible] to riding members to arrange [illegible] celebrations and spend what [illegible] fit.

[illegible] Under-Treasurer, forwarding [illegible] (endowment) for comple[illegible] received.

[illegible] Country Roads Board, approv[illegible] fresh tenders being called for [illegible] contract on Skipton road.—[illegible] and dealt with.

[illegible] Public Health Department, re [illegible] as to passengers using urinals [illegible] when approaching or going [illegible] stations, the Secretary for [illegible] has intimated to the board [illegible] notice is exhibited in the lavator[illegible] which cautioning passengers to [illegible] from using the conveniences [illegible] approaching or at stations, and it [illegible] that nothing further can be [illegible] The suggestion of Ripon Shire [illegible] trains carried under the carriages [illegible] at certain stations along [illegible] impracticable.—Received.

NO WARNING.

[illegible] complaints such as diarrhœa and [illegible] seldom give any warning, and [illegible] should always be prepared with a re[illegible] that will give prompt relief. There [illegible] equal to Chamberlain's Colic [illegible]-hœa Remedy for all bowel com[illegible] The prompt relief it gives is [illegible] wonderful. Chamberlain's Colic [illegible]hœa Remedy can be given with [illegible] safety to young children. For sale [illegible]

From same, again pointing out to council the importance of covered receptacles being used for the collection of household garbage, and asking to be furnished with information at an early date as to what is proposed to be done in this matter.—To be again referred to health inspector, and asked to take action, on motion of Crs. Hannah and Roddis.

From Shire of Grenville, agreeing to joint expenditure of £10 for repairs to boundary road near S. Burdett's, parish of Smythesdale.—Referred to East Riding members, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Stewart.

From Secretary Ballarat District Joint Shire's Health committee, recommending that influenza contacts be isolated the regulation number of days as a precaution against the spread of the disease. Referred to health officers, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and Roddis.

From Dr. S. E. Humphreys, notifying two cases of typhoid fever at Shirley Charles and Lilian Waldron: Dr. P. H. Cunningham also reporting that another case of typhoid fever in the same family (Sydney Waldron) had been admitted to the Amherst Hospital. Received; Cr. Sinclair stating he understood that the case of Spanish influenza reported at last meeting had turned out to be typhoid fever.

Dr. George A. Eadie, health officer, reported, re typhoid cases, that he visited Mr Chas. Waldron's farm at Shirley on 15th Feby., and found everything in a sanitary condition and all precautions adopted to prevent spread of the disease. He failed to find anything to account for the outbreak. He would like to mention the prevalence of a number of country people not having proper galvanised pans for their closets, kerosene tins being very commonly used. These tins very soon become rusty and leak, and he strongly condemned their use for this purpose, as they are a menace to the health of householders and to the public.—To lie on table for a month and secretary to look up Health Act, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and McDonald; the president stating that the sanitary by-law did not apply to the country districts.

From Borough of Wonthaggi, asking co-operation in bringing a request before the Premier with a view to having expenditure incurred by municipalities through the influenza outbreak borne by the State, and that a moratorium be created for alleviation of distress caused by enactment of regulations for suppression of outbreak.—Cr Sinclair moved, and Cr. Roddis seconded, that support be given. Cr. Beggs did not believe in it, as it would only mean taxation. The Government had quite enough expenditure without adding the cost of influenza as well. It was decided, on amendment of Crs. Hannah and Beggs, by five votes to four, that letter be received.

From Phillips Leslie Wright, Snake Valley, notifying his desire to occupy premises as a chaffcutting factory.—Granted under usual conditions, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Hannah.

From Florence Bertha Kneebone, Main Lead, asking if there are any special circumstances which would account for water supply objections to her occupation of 20 acres of land at Main Lead, and pointing out that a number of her neighbors have land under the same conditions along the Beaufort race.—The engineer mentioned that all applications of this kind that came before the council had been opposed, whilst others which were not referred to the council were granted. Had he had his way all would have been blocked, but as others had obtained land, he did not see why this applicant should be penalised. Cr. Hannah moved that the council offer no objection. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried; the engineer being instructed to stop any further encroachments near the town.

From G. A. Cheeseman, secretary sports committee, applying for use of Carngham Recreation Reserve on Easter Monday, with right to charge admission.—Granted, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and Roddis.

From W. J. Bruce Johnson, secretary Beaufort United Friendly Societies' Council, thanking council for use of Park for Hospital Sunday appeal.—Received.

From J. R. Wotherspoon, secretary Avenue of Honor, Beaufort, drawing attention to steamer Bulla bringing German guns to Australia, and suggesting that council apply for four, and that two be placed at head of avenue.—Application to be made to Defence Department for four guns, and Mr Gibson, M.H.R., to be asked to support same, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and Stewart.

From G. J. C. Dyett, hon. organising secretary Anzac Remembrance Day appeal, asking co-operation with local sub-branch of R.S. and S.I.L.A., in effort to raise sufficient money to provide a memorial building to be used as club rooms, &c., by returned sailors and soldiers.—Received and no action taken, on motion of Crs. Bell and Stewart.

Dr. J. Neville, Smythesdale, reported that Elizabeth Quilliam, Snake Valley, was suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.—Received.

Dr. J. B. Donaldson, Linton, reported two cases of enteric fever—Mrs Frances Grist and George Henry Grist, of Skipton, the patients having been sent to the Ballarat Hospital.—Received.

From J. Fraser and J. Morton, Bo-Peep, asking permission to erect a temporary fence on boundary of Major P. Russell's estate to destroy a hedge which is a harbour for rabbits.—Granted, on motion of Crs. Stewart and Carstairs.

REPORTS.

The engineer (Mr E. J. Muntz, B.C.E.) reported as follows:—

1. Crusher has been working all the month, completing all spalls in West Riding. About 1350 cub. yds. have been put through. Shifts have been long. A start will be made on the Ararat road to-morrow, and all spalls should be completed this month. Before starting on contracts on the Skipton road, the crusher should be thoroughly overhauled.—Left in engineer's hands.

2. In reference to the vote by the Commonwealth Government for the employment of returned soldiers, it is not very easy to prepare a schedule of works which will comply with the conditions. I have discussed the matter with the officers of the Public Works Department, and from the information gained have prepared a list of works, which, I think, could be undertaken. This might be considered by the council. Alterations and additions could then be made.—Dealt with.

3. I have not yet started work with the road machine, but will be able to get a team towards the end of the month. It is rather a late start, but it is not easy to get a team.—Received.

4. Work at V, Middle Creek, has been completed; also creek at O'Brien's. Men are at present engaged on road past the Beaufort rifle range. In the East Riding crossing at Quilliam's has been completed; also gravelling near McCook's, and work on N. and S. road is going on.—Received.

5. There are only a few contracts in progress; position of each is shown on separate list.—Received.

The treasurer (Mr E. J. Muntz) reported that £727/4/5 had been received and banked since last report; that £646 14/3 had been paid by cheques; that the overdraft was £203/10/8, as against £266/10/5 at last report; and that the Cr. to the vermin destruction account was £40/7/1, of which £17/10/5 had been received since last report.—Received.

The secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) reported that the financial position of the ridings was as follows:—North, Dr. £764/4/4; East, Cr. £112/18/7; West, Cr. £78/0/2; Beaufort water supply, Cr. £67/16/8; trust a/c., Cr. £285/19/3; total Cr. balances, £544/14/8; Dr. balances, £764/4/4; net Dr balance, £219 9/8.—Received.

The North Riding members reported that at a meeting held on 3rd ult., President Halpin and Crs. Beggs and Sinclair being present, it was resolved—That the engineer inspect creek through J. Jess's and Mrs O'Brien's land, and if the silt can be removed by labor of two men and horses in a week's work, that he have the work done; that culvert complained of by J. Ball, junr., be inspected by the engineer and president; that the work be done on creek through Mrs Liston's below the V, in terms of her letter; that the question of a wooden main from Jackson's reservoir stand over; that the councillors inspect the creek and road at Ellis's hill.—Adopted.

The East Riding members reported that at a meeting held on 3rd ult., Crs. Roddis, Carstairs, and McDonald being present, it was resolved—That road to Ringin's be fixed up; that M. Martin be written to and informed that council has no responsibility as regards rabbits, except as regards culverts and bridges; that the bridge at Woolard's be reduced in width; that furze at Oddie's and Coster's be cut; that engineer inspect and report on culvert, Recreation Reserve; that two crossings, north and south road, be attended to; that gravelling at McCook's be carried out; that forming, Mt. Emu, be gone on with; that holes in bridge, north and south road, be repaired; that Stockyard Hill and Chepstowe road be kept in repair; that pipe be placed in Cemetery road; that scours along Lewis's fence be attended to; that drain and crossing, Scarsdale road, near reservoir, be attended to; that larger pipe be put in front of Mechanics' Institute, Snake Valley; that Snake Valley and Skipton road be referred to engineer.—Adopted, on motion of Crs. Stewart and Hannah.

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the finance committee:—Cochrane & Tulloch, £3/2/9; A. Parker, £6; salaries, £52/2/6; J. G. Anderson, £26/5/; W. A. Catton, £13/8/9; J. A. Blay, £4/13/3; W. Martin, 12/6; J. T. Kelly, £20; T. Dickman, £9/5/; Mrs E. Kelly, 7/3; G. A. Gellie, £2/5/; L. Baulch, £23/15/; municipal loan—interest £45/16/8, redemption £17/4/9; Dr. Eadie, £5; Dr. Donaldson, £5; Senior-constable Lovitt, £3/15/; Constable O'Brien, £1/5/; Constable Rowley, £1/5/; G. H. Cougle, 10/; Mrs Evans, £2/10/; H. Norman, £12; G. A. Cheeseman, 9/; Alliance Assurance Co., £2/5/1; Country Roads Board, £1495/9/3; secretary's petty cash, £5; G. Carver, 15/; Country Fire Brigades' Board, £2 15/4; T. Cleveland, £2/12/; H. M. Stuart, £4/15/; H. Barrett, £4/1/; W. Riley, £5/10/; J. Tiley, £6; B. Tiley, £5/8/; W. Lucardie, £6/17/6; E. Broadbent, £7 11/9; C. Ball, £7; A. Johnston, £2/5/; H. Kay, £5/17/; G. McCracken, 9/; N. White, £12/15/; J. Whitfield, £12; D. Carmichael, £4/19/; J. Millar, £6/15/; A. McGregor, £8/2/; J. Haggis, £4/14/6; J. A. Bates, £17/5/; J. Nothnagel, £13 10/; W. Hayward, £3/3/; R. A. Brown, £3/3/; T. Nugent, £15; J. Gillespie, £5 10/; S. George, £13/10/; C. Tomkins, £1 7/; W. Ringin, £15/15/; Jas. Carmichael, £15/18/; L. Baker, £10/2/6; R. Broadbent, £8/2/; E. Dawson, £16/10/; W. Hutton, £6/15/; R. Ward, £4/17/7; A. J. Skene, £3/19/; Troy Bros., £12/0/3; A. L. Treagove, £4/2/6; Middleton & Morris, 14/5; S. T. Nunn, £4/9/; W. Murray, £24/15/6; W. H. Jerger, £3; Senior-constable Lovitt, £5; Hawkes Bros., £80/13/6; contract payments—Jas. Madden, £37/10/; J. W. Nunn, £35 5/; deposits refunded—Jas. Madden, £59/15/; J. W. Nunn, £1/10/; Broadbent Bros., £1/14/; treasurer, Shire of Ripon, £45/12/6; total, £2340/17/7. Extras on contracts—J. W. Nunn, £5/17/6; deductions—Jas. Madden, £120.

The following Country Roads Board contracts were also recommended for payment:—Jas. Madden, £379/5/6; W. B. Madden, £67; E. Dawson, £21; voucher, £104/3/6; total, £571/9/.

TENDERS.

The following tenders for C.R.B. contracts were received, and the lowest recommended by the Tender Committee for acceptance, on condition that the work be proceeded with at once:—

Contract 1F/18/19.—8,600 ft. forming, metalling, etc., Skipton road.—W. Bradshaw, £2395/5/6 (recommended); R. Broadbent, £2718/16/11; W. B. Madden, £2788.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

A rough culvert on boundary road between North and East ridings, drawn attention to by Cr. Roddis, was referred to engineer.

Cr. Stewart moved that the engineer report at next meeting re stone put out that was not up to specifications. Seconded by Cr. Bell, and carried.

Cr. Bell said Mr Wills had offered to plough up a road, supply team for grader, and if not high enough to finish it off, near his house through a swamp. He moved that his offer be accepted, and that the work be done. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried.

Cr. Sinclair drew attention to £30 having been collected in the East Riding for the dog tax, £33 in the West, and only £11/10/ in the North, and moved that it be referred to the North Riding members. Seconded by the president (who suggested that the inspector be asked to come before them), and carried.

Postponed letter from Municipal Clerks' Association, re salaries.—The president pointed out that the association had drawn up a scale of salaries which were considered reasonable. The cost of living had gone up 50 per cent. The secretary had been here for seven years on the same salary (£233), and according to this scale was entitled to £339. During the last 12 months the wages of the men had been increased, and he thought the secretary was entitled to an increase, taking into consideration that the work had increased 50 per cent., the Country Roads Board work (involving a separate set of books and accounts), giving him as much work as the whole of the work of the Shire. He was also secretary of the Repatriation Committee, which meant additional work for which he should be compensated, but which the secretary did not want mentioned. The work had increased considerably during the last four years, and as it was not their desire to lose good officers, they thought they were entitled to an increase. Some six years ago, when he was elected to the council, he said he was not in favor of an increase in the secretary's salary, but saw fit to change, as he had done in regard to the machinery, and thought all reasonable ratepayers would be with him and not object. He moved that the secretary's salary be increased to £285 a year. Seconded by Cr. Bell. Cr. Stewart, in support, said that after the men's wages were increased he moved that the officers' salaries be increased, but was defeated. He was very glad to see the secretary was getting a rise, as he was entitled to it. Different shires were advertising for officers, and they could not expect to keep theirs if they did not pay them properly. Cr. Sinclair said it had been threshed out in committee, and this had been decided on. Cr. Hannah was quite in accord. They had a good secretary, and he thought they could justify the increase in the eyes of ratepayers. Cr. Roddis—When he came into the council he was opposed to an increase in salaries, but was going to speak his own opinion, and thought the secretary was really worthy of the increase for the increased work he had to put in. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr Acton thanked the council very much for the consideration given to the circular and for the way they treated him. As the president had stated, additional work had been put on him, caused a good deal by the Country Roads Board. The Repatriation work was outside the council, but he did not mind that.

From Ballarat City Council, re purchase of ambulance.—To stand over for another month, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Sinclair.

Cr. Carstairs (who had filled ex-Cr. P. Russell's seat since his four years' service abroad) tendered his resignation, and said he would leave the table with regret, but hoped his place would be taken by a better man, whose great experience in France would be available for a lifetime.

The president said they accepted the resignation with very much regret indeed, and could safely say that during the time he had been at the table, Cr. Carstairs had been an acquisition and had looked after the ratepayers' interests well. He was a capable business man, and had stood up to anything he had said. He was a man of very few words, but what he said was to the point. He very much regretted that Cr. Carstairs was leaving the table, but sincerely hoped Major Russell would be elected in his stead.

Cr. Roddis felt sorry Cr. Carstairs was leaving, as he was a man of his word, and they could believe what he said. As his colleague he could say that Cr. Carstairs would support what was right and just; but if it were not so, he would oppose it. He would not say that Cr. Carstairs was the best man in Victoria, but he did not wish to sit at the council table with a better colleague.

Cr. McDonald was also sorry that Cr. Carstairs was leaving them, but they were getting a man to succeed him—he would not say he would do better, but believed he would do quite as well. He had always got on well with Cr. Carstairs at the council table and at committee meetings. One thing he admired about him—he spoke very little indeed.

Cr. Hannah said it was with feelings of regret he had learnt that Cr. Carstairs was leaving them, although he had anticipated on Major Russell's return that he would vacate the seat in his favor. He hoped the East Riding people would see fit to return Major Russell, and give him the favor of a walk-over, as there was not a family in Australia who had done more in connection with the war than the Russell family. If the ratepayers saw fit to return him unopposed they would not be paying Major Russell so much a compliment as themselves.

Cr. Carstairs thanked councillors for the kind things they had said about him; and felt sure Major Russell would make a more useful councillor than he, owing to the experience he had gained. He hoped the ratepayers would elect him unopposed.

Cr. Roddis was appointed returning officer for the extraordinary election, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and Beggs.

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A. E. PANTHER, Secretary.

A PUBLIC MEETING
Will be held in the
SHIRE HALL, BEAUFORT,
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W. H. HALPIN, Shire President.

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SHIRE OF RIPON.
EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION—EAST RIDING.

NOTICE is hereby given that an ELECTION of COUNCILLOR for the East Riding of the Shire of Ripon will be held on THURSDAY, the 1st day of MAY, 1919, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor James L. Carstairs for the East Riding.

Every Candidate at such Election must be nominated at the Office of the Council, Shire Offices, Beaufort, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, on or before the Nomination Day, viz., THURSDAY, the 17th day of APRIL, 1919, by the delivery to my deputy, Norman B. Acton, Shire Secretary, of Beaufort, of a nomination paper in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1915."

ALFRED C. RODDIS,
Returning Officer for the East Riding of the Shire of Ripon.

Religious Services.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH, 1919.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Trawalla, 3—Rev. W. C. Wood.
METHODIST CHURCH.—Beaufort, 11; Raglan, 3 and 7.30—Rev. E. H. Coltman. Beaufort, 7—Mr G. Pringle. Chute, 2; Waterloo, 3.30—Mr V. J. Parson.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Middle Creek, 1.30; Buangor, 3—Rev. A. H. Ross.

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EDITH C. E. MINCHIN,
Acting Electoral Registrar at Beaufort.
7th April, 1919.

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— OR —

AMONG THE "REDS."

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PART 9.

"Who are the two people with Malagoff?" asked the detective.

"That fellow countrrman of his, Petroff Storky, who made a stall of being a chaffeur at most times, is one. The other——"

"Well, the other?"

"It's a woman. That's all I know,' declared Beau. "I have never seen her face. She came out of Palmer-Robinson's house, and she has on her ball-dress at this moment."

"Who is she?"

"I don't know."

"But you can guess?"

"Certainly I can guess. But so can you, can't you?" rejoined Bridgeman, with a grin.

"Where do you think they have gone now?" asked Keith, after contemplating Beau for a few moments thoughtfully.

"I don't know where they have gone. I have told you all I could—more than I should, for I feel as if I had squealed," answered Bridgeman. "Now, if you will take these ropes off my ankles and let me get up, I should be more comfortable."

"Cut those ropes, Dick," directed Keith.

Dick obeyed and helped the swindler to his feet, for the bonds had been tight, and he was somewhat cramped in his limbs.

Keith looked straight into Beau Bridgeman's eyes, as he addressed him steadily, in even tones, saying:

"Beau, you offered to give to Mrs. Palmer-Robinson certain letters which you thought would compromise her if she would pay a price for them."

Bridgeman nodded, as he answered:

"I wouldn't deny it, because you were in the billiards-room when I gave them to the old man."

"And when he made you understand that the letters were not so valuable for blackmail as you had supposed," put in Keith.

"That is a fact, although I don't understand such old fools as Palmer-Robinson."

"A man of your stamp wouldn't," was the detective's cynical comment. "However, what I was about to say is this: You tried to get ten thousand dollars for them from Mrs. Palmer-Robinson. You did not get it. [illegible] you didn't."

"The [illegible]? I thought [illegible] exhibition of nerve than [illegible] when you bring up [illegible] to get them."

"[illegible] the money, you demanded [illegible] me off in the [illegible] the diamond. You supposed I had influence with me, I [illegible]."

"Does it look like it, when she was so afraid that letters from you would be seen by her husband? Isn't it clear that there had been a mighty good understanding between you at one time, and wasn't it reasonable to suppose that you would [illegible] for her?"

"[illegible] reasonable or not, that was my view," observed the detective [illegible], the letters are in her possession, and no one would listen to anything you might say about her. If you are [illegible] in your true colors, as an ex-convict, with half a dozen aliases against you."

"What are you driving at?"

"Just this: I can use you in rounding up the rascals who stole this diamond, and if you will do it, I will use what influence I can toward letting you turn State's evidence."

"If I won't do it, what then?" demanded Bridgeman.

"In that case, you will keep on those handcuffs and go to Oak Street station, and after you have spent some time in the Tombs, you will take a trip to Sing Sing for a few years. There is the alternative."

"I'll take your offer."

It did not take Beau Bridgeman long to deliberate when the case had been presented to him in all its naked certainty. Besides, Malagoff had tried to deprive him of his share of the booty, and had wound up by leaving him in this cellar, where doubtless it was intended he should remain until the Russian had left New York on the big steamship, and so would be out of reach.

Keith was too good a judge of men not to recognize sincerity in a voice, and he knew Bridgeman was in earnest. Not only had the fellow the inducement of prospective escape from the entanglement of the diamond-robbery, but, in entering the detective's service, he would have an opportunity of "getting square" with Malagoff, the man who had "double-crossed" him, as he expressed it. Bridgeman might go back to his old ways eventually, but Keith felt that he was to be trusted for the time being.

The manacles were off in a jiffy, Keith using his picklock.

It was not troublesome to open the front door of the cellar, although it required the use of the picklock again. The detective slipped up the stone stens, which were immediately in front of the dirty-curtained front windows of the restaurant, and beckoned to the others.

"Dick, you, Mike, Hans, and Beau go to my house and wait for me. See that Bridgeman does not exhibit any inclination towards treachery."

"Do you think he will go back on his word?"

"No, Dick, I do not. But, when a man has spent about a third of his life in jail, you don't trust him thoroughly," answered Keith.

With these words the detective slipped down the street and across to where Eugene O'Dowd sat, statue-like, in the automobile, awaiting his return.

"Back to Palmer-Robinson's!" he directed, as he took his seat by the side of the chaffeur.

"All right, sorr!"

The machine had just reached the Bowery, under 'Gene's skilful engineering, when Keith suddenly said to him:

"Follow that other auto going up towards Fourth Avenue, under the elevated tracks."

"Begorra! It luks loike th' same car-r-r Oi wuz chasin' down th' Bowery an hour ago, so it does."

"Well, overhaul it, anyhow," was the detective's reply.

CHAPTER XXII.
HOW THEY ELOPED.

Keith's eyes were fixed on the automobile ahead of them, for it contained four figures, including the chauffeur, although the muffled garments they all wore made it impossible for him to tell their sex.

"It is easy enough to decide, however," thought the detective. "There are four altogether, and, unless I am much mistaken, they are Malagoff, the woman—who may be Polly Winters, but I hope is not—Petroff and the president of the Circle. Strange about that president. I seemed to remember hearing the voice somewhere, but could not recall where That foreign accent did not sound honest altogether. If I were asked suddenly whether I considered it assumed, I should probably answer yes. Still, I don't know. I never was brought into contact with these Russian revolutionaries, except in the most casual way, and I have not the president on the list of my acquaintances, so far as I know. Still, you never can tell."

Keeping the other auto at about the same distance as at first—that is, about a block away—O'Dowd turned into Broadway at Astor Place and kept on uptown till the first machine stopped in front of a telegraph-office, and two persons descended.

"Stay here, 'Gene."

"Oi will."

As the machine slowed up, Keith, who had discarded his disguise, all but the soft hat, before he left the cellar, and who now appeared in his light overcoat over his evening clothes walked in the shadow of the high buildings, towards the telegraph office, where he had seen the two persons enter.

He stepped into a doorway until assured that the other two persons in the automobile were not looking in his direction. Then, with his hat pulled well down over his eyes, he sauntered past the brilliantly lighted telegraph office, where business was going on briskly, as it generally is in such places until long after midnight.

A man and woman leaned on the shelf at the window-opening in the glass screen which separated the clerks and operators from the public. The woman was writing a message. The yellow "blank" showed up the whiteness of her jeweled hand, and, as the dark automobile cloak was brushed aside, Keith saw enough of the filmy pink dress underneath, with its hand-painted blossoms adding to the richness of the costume, to tell him who its wearer must be.

He stood for a moment, gazing through the window, his back to the auto, wishing the woman would turn her face toward him.

"That pink gown is unmistakable," he murmured. "And yet, if I had not seen it, I would not have believed it possible. That fellow with her must be Malagoff. It could be no one else. But he is bending down there, with his hand over his face, as if afraid of being recognised. Quite right, too, the blackguard! Well, I thought I knew something about human nature, but women are too much for me. I would not have believed anything less than the testimony of my own eyes."

Keith was really grieved. He had clung to the belief that Polly Winters was too good a woman to be led away by the blandishments of any scoundrel, least of all by such a one as Prince Malagoff.

"Her apparent dislike of him was all put on, then! There is no mistake about it that woman can make the most double-dealing man on earth look like an innocent schoolchild in the infant class when it comes to pretending. It began in the Garden of Eden, and the same old game is still played in Broadway. Well, well!"

He sighed and shook his head, and just then the woman turned, so that, peeping at her from the corner of the window, he had a full view of her face.

It was Mrs. Palmer-Robinson, formerly Polly Winters!

Harrison Keith did not wait to see more. He slipped away from the window and walked a little distance up town and stopped.

He saw that the auto was still outside the telegraph-office, and it occurred to him that the prince must also be sending messages to some one, and that it might be useful to know what they were.

"And yet I don't know," he reflected. "It would be better for me to keep them in sight than to go after the messages. It would take me a quarter of an hour to persuade the clerk there to let me see them, and, perhaps, he never would allow it, even when I had showed all my credentials. No; I'll watch poor Polly, and maybe I can save her yet."

He saw the two come out at that moment, and observed how carefully the man helped her into the auto.

"Of course! She is so precious that you cannot be too careful now," he said to himself. "It may be different later. If this affair had not come into the game, I might have grabbed Malagoff and let it go at that. I have the diamond all right, and when I have laid my hand on all the thieves beyond the possibility of mistake, the job will be done."

The auto containing Mrs. Palmer-Robinson rumbled by him leisurely, still heading for up-town, but he could not distinguish the faces of any of the occupants.

"Where are they going? That is what I can't understand," he muttered. "Hello! Here comes 'Gene. He did not wait for me to come after him."

When seated by the side of his chauffeur once more, the detective asked 'Gene whether he recognised either of the persons who had gone into the telegraph-office.

"Shure Oi did not. They wuz too fur away, an' th' loight on'y fell on wan soide av thim, so it did," answered 'Gene.

"Well, keep the machine in sight," declared Keith, somewhat irritably, for the erratic movements of the party he had been trailing all night began to make him fear he was the possessor of nerves, after all.

The foremost auto did not move fast enough to incur danger of arrest for exceeding the speed limit, but it kept on steadily, so that it covered a great deal of ground in a short space of time, comparatively.

At last, turning to the east, and before 'Gene O'Dowd realised what was going to happen, the machine stopped in front of Keith's own house.

O'Dowd pulled up short.

"Phwat do yez t'ink o' dat?" he whispered, in awestricken tones.

"Curious!" conceded Keith.

"Cur'ous? Phwell, Oi'm bettin' me gran'mother's Sunday boots it's th' limit. Phwat are yez goin' ter do now?"

"Go home," was the detective's smiling answer.

"An' arrist thot shpalpeen av a Rooshian?"

"Probably."

"Thin Oi fergive yez. But, faix! Yez teks things so blamed easy thot Oi'm afther wondherin' somehow whether ter tek yez seriously or some ither way, d'yez moind."

"There is nothing to be excited about, 'Gene," insisted Keith. "For some purpose of their own, these fellows are coming to my house. what they want I do not know, but I will see when I get in."

"Who's goin' ter let thim in now?" asked 'Gene.

"Dick Rogers, I hope."

"Och! Oi see! Yez are th' wise gazabo, afther all, Musther Keith. Oi w'u'dn't wondher, now, if this here wuz all a scheme av yer own ter git thim robbers inter yer house, where yez can put the bracelets on thim widout no inconvaynience, eh?"

"I can't take credit for that, I am afraid, 'Gene. I did not know they were coming here. Indeed, I had no idea that they would. But they are getting in, I see."

The four figures, all with cloaks that covered them to their feet, and all wearing slouch-hats except the chauffeur, who had on a regular leather automobile-cap, had been standing on the upper door-step, when the door opened and three of them disappeared, leaving the chaffeur outside.

"They are not taking Petroff Storky inside, eh?" thought Keith. "Well I didn't want him in particular. It has not been shown that he had anything to do with stealing the Van Vonder diamond, nor even the imitation. If he chooses to conspire against the Czar, that is his own business. As for the others, I shall see what they have to say."

"Shall I keep the auto outside? Or do you want me to go in wid yez?" asked 'Gene.

"You can stay out here, 'Gene," replied Keith. "I think I can take care of those two men, if accasion arises. As for Mrs. Palmer-Robinson, I am not looking for her to become belligereant."

"She's a foine leddy, sorr," agreed 'Gene.

Keith did not know who had opened the front door for the visitors who had just disappeared, but supposed that Dick and the others were inside.

As soon as he was in the hall and had shut the door, he heard the voice of Mrs. Palmer-Robinson wondering loudly when he would be in.

"I made sure Mr. Keith was here," she was saying. "I heard that he had gone home some time before I left, and I supposed, of course, he would be here by this time."

"Yes. We have been a long way around town," replied a man, whom Keith could not see from his position in the hall, but whose tones were familiar to him.

They were not the accents of Prince Malagoff.

"Great Scott!" muttered Keith. "What does all this mean?"

To his astonishment, another voice took part in the conversation, expressing the opinion that Mr. Keith will not be long. We must wait for him as patiently as we can."

This voice was feminine, and yet it was not Mrs. Palmer-Robinson's.

"There is only one thing for me to do, and that is to present myself," decided Harrison Keith.

He strode through the half-open doorway of the spacious comfortable apartment, with its wide fireplace and massive table, and found himself looking at—Mrs. Palmer-Robinson, Mina Dykeman, and Hugh Allen!

For a few moments the detective gazed from one to the other, with an expression half-amused, half-puzzled.

"I did not anticipate this pleasure,' he said, at last.

"Of course you didn't, Mr. Keith," laughed Mrs. Palmer-Robinson. "But here we are, and I hope you understand why."

"I am afraid I do not," he confessed.

"Oh, Mina! Do you hear him say that he does not understand what has brought us all to his house at one o'clock in the morning? What an extraordinarily dull person this famous detective can be sometimes," went on Mrs. Palmer-Robinson banteringly. "I do not see how he ever manages to detect crime or catch criminals at all."

"That sort of work, dealing with crime and criminals, is simplicity itself, compared with following the quick intellect of a bright American young woman," was Keith's gallant answer. "I throw myself on your mercy for an explanation."

"You shall have mercy, although I do not know that you deserve it, because you should have seen through it all at once. Well, then, in a few words, this is Miss Wilhelmina Dykeman."

Keith bowed.

"Of course, I know Miss Dykeman.'

"Then you know a perfectly lovely girl," declared Mrs. Palmer-Robinson enthusiastically, as Mina shook her head reprovingly.

"Yes, you are lovely. You know you are. We all know it. And this, Mr. Keith," she went on, indicating the third member of the party which the detective had been pursuing in the auto, "is Mr. Hugh Allen."

As Keith and Hugh Allen acknowledged the introduction—although it was superfluous, for each knew the other already by sight—Mrs. Palmer-Robinson finished up by saying the most important thing, woman-like, in what may be called a postscript:

"And Mina and Hugh have eloped. You have to see them through, Mr. Keith."

"I?" he said hesitatingly. "Why, how——"

"I don't care how, Harrison Keith" she replied. "But do it, or—never call yourself a friend of—of—of—Polly Winters again."

CHAPTER XXIII.
READY FOR A DUEL.

Harrison Keith saw that his three visitors were comfortably seated, and then he looked judiciously across his table at all three, and demanded particulars.

"You tell him, Polly," requested Mina.

"No. I am always talking. Do it yourself, Mina."

"I can't. Go on, Polly. You have taken so many risks for me, and have gone to so much trouble, that I am sure you will not refuse me this. If I were to do it, I should take up so much time in trying to explain what an angel you have been to Hugh and me, that I know I never should get out the story of the elopement at all."

Mina said this with so much earnestness that Polly Winters could not resist her pleading.

"Very well, then. Here it is, Mr. Keith," she began. "You know that Hugh and Mina have been secretly engaged for nearly a year."

"Interesting, but I did not know it," remarked Keith, with a smile.

"You might have known it. Did you ever hear of a lovely girl like Mina, and a splendid young man like Hugh Allen, to be meeting every day for a year without falling in love? I mean, of course, if both were free at the beginning?"

"Let me hear the rest of it," requested the detective. "Unless you want me to finish it."

"You may as well," pouted Polly Winters. "You know it, I can see, although you did pretend you were surprised."

"I was surprised to find you here," he answered. "I was pleased, too, naturally," he added quickly, before Polly Winters could challenge him, as was her evident intention.

"You see, as Mr. Dykeman is not inclined to accept me for a son-in-law," interjected Hugh, "the only thing left for us was to run away."

"So you did it to-night, and Mrs. Palmer-Robinson, in the goodness of her heart, left her guests before the ball was over, at her house, to help you to do it," said Keith. "I see all that. But, how are you going to be married, and what are you going to do afterward?"

"As for the ceremony, you must find them a minister now, so that they will be irrevocably tied together in case they are discovered by the father of the bride," put in Mrs. Palmer-Robinson decidedly. "After they are married, they are going to Europe. They want to go on the "Deutschland" which will sail from Hoboken at half-past ten o'clock in the morning."

"On the "Deutschland," repeated the detective mechanically.

"Yes. So there is not much time. Who is the minister you intend to get? Will you telephone?"

"I suppose that will be the better plan."

"Excellent!" declared Hugh. "But do you think a minister will care to get up at this time in the morning, even to perform a marriage ceremony?" he went on doubtfully.

"Care? Of course he will care. He will be delighted," insisted Mrs. Palmer-Robinson. "There is nothing more joyous in life than a wedding, and no one knows that better than a minister. Who will you get, Mr. Keith?"

Harrison Keith had reached for the telephone directory without answering, as he tried to think of some one who would not be scandalized at such a request, at such a time.

"There is the Reverend—— No; he wouldn't do. He'll tell all the newspapers. Or Doctor—— No; he is of the old school, and I don't believe he would solemnize a wedding without his full choir and the church decorated with flowers and palms. I suppose I must fall back on the Reverend—"

At that instant the bell close to his ear rattled gently, as if some one had just touched the button outside, and then moved his finger away, so that he would make as little noise as possible.

"Dick Rogers," said Keith to himself, as he rose.

He opened a door behind him leading to the small consultation-room he used when he desired absolute privacy with a client, and motioned his three visitors to go in.

"Keep quiet when you are in there, no matter what you may see or hear in the next half-hour," he warned them.

"Half an hour?" cried Mrs Palmer-Robinson. "Do you suppose it will be half an hour before we go to the minister's?"

"Possibly."

"But these poor children want to be married," she protested. "Half an hour is a long time to them."

"I hope it won't be so long."

"I hope not."

"But, whatever time must elapse, be careful not to make any sound that will draw attention to you."

Harrison Keith closed the door, with his three callers in the consultation-room, when it opened again, and Mrs. Palmer-Robinson came forth to whisper, earnestly in his ear:

"I have telegraphed to my husband a long message, telling him I am with Mina, and may not be home till breakfast, but that I am quite safe. He trusts me so that I can do all kinds of things with him that I should be afraid to venture on with some men I know if I were married to them."

"Where did you telegraph?"

"In Broadway, not far from Union Square."

"Oh! Who was with you in the telegraph-office?"

"Hugh. Mina stayed in the auto."

"I see," replied Harrison Keith. "Well, I am glad you have telegraphed, because I happen to know Mr. Palmer-Robinson was much worried when you went out an hour or two ago."

"I don't see why he should have been. I told Mrs. Reeves to go and tell him what I was doing."

"Hum! I see!"

"Yes. I did not want to go to him myself, because I was afraid either that he would not like me to go, or that he would ask questions which I could not answer, because it was Mina's and Hugh's secret, and not mine."

The bell rang again—a little louder this time—and, with an apologetic look, Mrs. Palmer-Robinson retreated to the consultation room hurriedly, and closed the door.

Harrison Keith went to the front door and admitted Dick, Mike, Hans, and Beau Bridgeman. Without a word he led them to the big living-room.

"They are not far away," was Dick's first remark.

"Where are they going?"

"They are not going. They are coming." was Dick's reply, at which Mike Donovan gave vent to a chuckle causing Hans to glance at him reprovingly.

"Coming here?" asked Keith.

"That seems to be their intention. They are within a few blocks of the house."

"In an auto?"

"Yes. It is the same machine that we followed. It is rather a puzzle, because we thought you were on the trail of it when you went up the Bowery and left us there to follow on the elevated railway."

"Ah! It was not the same auto."

Dick Rogers would have liked to ask his chief what had been the end of his run after the machine he had followed, but there was no encouragement in Keith's face, and he refrained.

Keith strode anxiously up and down the room. It was not for himself that he felt the slightest embarrassment. On the other hand, he believed he saw a battle coming, and it keyed up his nerves with a pleasurable thrill that only the brave can know.

"Let me try to look at it from Malagoff's point of view," he said, half-aloud, so that his arguments could be presented to his senses through the ear, as well as mentally. "I can easily see why that Russian would come to me in these circumstances."

"How?" asked Dick Rogers.

"I was not exactly speaking to you, Dick," observed Keith, with a smile. "But, as you overheard my ruminations, I may as well."

"Dat's good!" agreed Mike, settling himself to listen.

"Malagoff did not recognise us in that meeting of anarchists. That is certain. Neither does he know we were in the cellar. For all he knows, I may be unaware of his taking any hand in the stealing of this diamond. When he discovered, as, of course, he did, that the 'cello did not contain the diamond——"

"Eh?" ejaculated Dick.

"Nothing. Keep quiet!" said Keith. "When he found that he had not got things in his hands as securely as he hoped, he naturally would come to me, in the hope of hitting on some plan which would put him in possession of the Van Vonder stone. Now, it is not time for you to be seen, Beau. Hans, you and Bridgeman go up to my study and wait."

The front door-bell rang sharply, and after Hans and Beau had disappeared Keith motioned to Mike to respond.

A few moments later Prince Malagoff entered the room, ushering in—Mrs. Reeves!

"Good morning, Mr. Keith," was the prince's salutation.

Harrison Keith bowed in silence, as he looked inquiringly from one to the other.

"Here we are, Mr. Keith," broke in the silvery voice of the fair divorcee, as she threw off the ugly dark cloak that covered her ball-dress, and revealed a handsome opera-wrap thrown over her pink gossamer gown with its spangles and rich laces, which had been one of the smartest in the ballroom that night.

"An unexpected pleasure."

"I have called on a business matter," continued the prince. "If Mrs. Reeves will permit me, I shall be glad to talk to you—confidentially."

"Confidentially? You mean that you would like me to send my assistants away?"

Prince Malagoff bowed assentingly.

"All right! Dick, please go into the next room while I talk to Prince Malagoff."

The Russian raised his eyes and stroked his black moustache and imperial, doubtfully.

"I beg your pardon," he said.

Dick Rogers' hand was on the knob of the door, while Mike was ready to follow him.

"Sir?" responded Keith.

"Would you—er—object to your friends going to a part of the house a little more remote?"

"I hardly understand."

"Well, the fact is that the assistance I have to ask of you is somewhat confidential. I may say that it is very confidential. Great interests are at stake."

"Yes?"

"If anything should be overheard accidentally, it would be a violation of a pledge I have made to others, and would possibly lead to State complications, which might—er—you see?"

"Dick, you and Mike go to my study up-stairs, and shut yourselves in. The prince's objections are reasonable, of course."

"Very well," agreed Dick.

"Will that do, prince?" asked Keith.

"Thank you, yes."

"And Mrs. Reeves?"

"She is interested and in my confidence," answered the prince.

"Dey's somet'in' in de wind, an' I'm bettin' me shoes dat de wind is likely ter work up inter a cyclone if dat Rooshian tries any monkey biz wit' de boss," was Mike Donovan's summing up of the situation, as he and Dick went up-stairs, leaving Harrison Keith face to face with Prince Malagoff in the living-room.

CHAPTER XXIV.
KEITH CALLS A BLUFF.

No sooner had the young men vanished, with the closing of the door, than Prince Malagoff stepped over to it and turned the key.

"I hope you will pardon the liberty," he said, with an unpleasant smile lifting his black moustache. "I wanted to make sure that those gentlemen would not come in when not expected, and thus overhear what we may have to say to each other. That other room. Is it——"

Keith threw the door wide open, permitting the Russian to look in, after stepping in himself and standing at the side of the doorway so that only half the room was visible from the other apartment.

The action was performed so naturally that the prince had no suspicion of the presence of anyone else. If he had penetrated farther, he might have seen Hugh Allen, Mina, and Mrs. Palmer-Robinson all crowded behind the door, holding their breath in response to the warning glance shot at them from Keith's eyes when he threw it open.

It was a critical moment, but it passed without the prince making any discovery, and Keith closed the room again without comment.

It is true that the prince looked sharply at the keyhole, but, seeing there was no key there, he did not trouble to ask for one, taking the risk of some one coming in that way.

Mrs. Reeves in her dainty ball-dress with the light opera-cloak lying over her shoulders, its swan's-down edging only accentuating their snowy whiteness, lay back in her chair, with a curious smile curving her lip, as the prince and Keith came back from the door.

"Now, Prince Malagoff?"

There was cold business in Harrison Keith's accents, and the Russian felt that he needed all his skill of fence if he were to win the battle about to begin. Prince Malagoff was aware that he had a foeman worthy of his supreme effort. Hastily reviewing the situation and his chances, the prince answered, after a momentary pause:

"I want the Van Vonder diamond."

"I told you I would produce it by ten o'clock in the morning. It is now not quite two. There are eight hours yet at my disposal."

"You have the diamond, then?"

"I told you I would produce it at ten in the morning—in the presence of the three trustees—John Dykeman Mr. Palmer-Robinson, and yourself. I will keep my promise."

"If you have it now, why not let me see it?"

"I have not said I have it," replied Keith calmly. "You will see it at ten o'clock."

The detective was in his swing-chair behind his table, with the light from the green-shaded lamp partly on his face. In front of the table Mrs. Reeves nestled in her chair, while Prince Malagoff stood by her side.

There was silence for more than a minute, during which the Russian was evidently considering what could be done. At last he spoke, in a much milder tone than before, as he took from his pocket an object wrapped in tissue-paper, which Keith recognised instantly.

(To be Continued.)

The verger of a suburban church has many stories to tell of the comments made by visitors.

On one occasion, when the church was decorated with evergreens and flowers, an old lady walked up the aisle to the chancel, and stood sniffing the air after everyone else had left the church.

"Don't it smell solemn?" she said at last, as she turned away with evident reluctance. "I don't know as I ever realized just what the 'orour of sanctity' meant before to-day. We don't have any such trimmings in the church I attend up in the North."

SHE HAD A REPUTATION.

Everyone knew that Lieutenant Thorleigh and his pretty young wife had failed to agree during their few years of married life, but no one quite liked to ask him where where she was living during his last months of training. So when an innocent new-comer inquired point-blank where she was, there was a rather intense moment before he said, calmly:—

"My wife is in France."

"What is she doing?" was demanded further.

"Fighting!" he answered, calmly.

"Fighting!" everyone exclaimed.

"Well," he replied, "perhaps she isn't actually fighting, but I'm sure she's quarrelling."

It was a hot day, and two sailors had just been released from a long spell of duty on a mine-sweeper. They made a bee-line for the first public-house they saw, and one of them ordered two quarts of ale. The men emptied their mugs in one draught while the barmaid looked on in undisguised admiration.

The man who had paid stood for a second or two wetting his lips meditatively, and then turned to his comrade with a grin.

"'Tain't so bad, Bill, is it?" he remarked. "Shall we 'ave some?"

Bachelor: "Before the wedding you told me that married life would be one grand, sweet song."

Benedict (gloomily): "Yes, and since then I've found it one grand, sweet refrain."

Bachelor: "Refrain?"

Benedict: "Yes. My wife insists that I refrain from cards, refrain from smoking, and refrain from the club."

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

"Why is Adeline so angry with the photographer?"

"She found a label on the back of her picture saying, The original of this photograph is carefully preserved.'"

"And so you are the noble fellow who rescued my wife at the risk of your life?" said Mr. Tightfist. "Take this shilling, my brave fellow, as an expression of my thankfulness."

The Hero: "All right, guv'nor, thank ye," and then he added, softly: "You know better'n I do what your old girl's worth."

Sufferer: "I have a terrible toothache, and want something to cure it.'

Friend: "Now, you don't need any medicine. I had toothache yesterday and I went home, and my loving wife kissed me and so consoled me that the pain soon passed away. Why don't you try the same?"

Sufferer: "I think I will. Is your wife at home now?"

He: "We'll have to give up our intended summer trip. My account at the bank is already overdrawn."

She: "Oh, John, you are such a wretched financier! Why don't you keep your account in a bank that has plenty of money?"

The world-famous editor was dying but when the doctor bent over, placed his ear to his breast, and said: "Poor man! circulation almost gone!" the dying editor sat up, shouted, "You're a liar; we have the largest circulation in the country!" and got out of bed and wrote a leader on the malice of unsuccessful rivals.

An allotment-holder was busy cultivating his plot. He had been digging for about an hour, when his spade turned up a threepenny-bit. Ten minutes later he found a sixpence; then he found a shilling; then he found a florin.

"By Jove, he said, "I've struck a silver mine!"

And, straightening up he felt something slide down his leg. Another shilling lay at his feet. He grasped the truth. There was a hole in his pocket.

A battalion was being instructed on "How to take a convoy through open country."

One company was told off to represent a convoy, the men being told that they were to represent horses, cows, and waggons.

After a short halt the advance was given, and the convoy moved on. One man, however, continued to lie down, and the major, galloping up to him, said:—

"Here—you—why don't you advance?"

"I can't, sir."

"You can't? What do you mean?"

"I'm a waggon," was the reply, "and I've got a wheel off!"

After two years in the mud and trenches of Flanders Private Thomas Atkins obtained leave, and made what he conceived to be the best use of his holiday by getting married.

On the journey back, at Southampton, he showed to the inspector his marriage certificate in mistake for his return railway pass.

The official, who chanced to be a Scot, studied it carefully, and then said:—

"Eh, mon; you've got a ticket for a lang wearisome journey, but no on the South-Western Railway."

The millionaire, whose wife had recently died, walked through the general office to his private room. While so doing something caught his eye, and he called the manager.

"Wilson, I am very glad to see you sympathise with me in my recent loss by decorating the office with a little crape," he said, pointing in the direction of a black piece of cloth hanging on the wall.

The manager looked dumbfounded.

"Crape, sir! Crape! That's not crape; it's the office-boy's towel."

TAKING PRECAUTIONS.

Into the village post-office there went a bright-faced youngster clad in his best clothes. He carefully deposited in front of the postmistress a big slice of iced cake.

"This is with the bride's compliments," he said, "and my sister asks you please to eat as much of it as you can."

The postmistress smiled delightedly.

"That was awfully sweet of your sister," she said. "I suppose she knew of my weakness for wedding cake."

"Sure," said the youngster, "and she thought she'd send over a bite of it this afternoon just to take the edge off your appetite before she posted any boxes to her friends."

THE SECOND BARREL.

An Englishman who stopped over night at a Western American hostelry noticed that instead of ringing a bell, or sounding a gong, at meal-times, the proprietor went to the front door and fired a double-barrelled shot-gun. Later in the evening the traveller commented on this strange procedure.

"That's a novel idea of yours," he smilingly remarked to the proprietor, "calling your guests by firing a gun."

"Yaas," drawled the proprietor, "it ginerally fetches 'em round in time to say grace."

"Yes," admitted the Englishman. "But, pardon the question, why do you discharge only one barrel?"

"Wouldn't do to shoot 'em both," answered the proprietor. "Have to keep t'other barrel to collect pay for the meals and lodgings!"

A farmer's wife, hurrying from milking the cows to the kitchen, from the kitchen to the churn, from the churn to the woodshed, and back to the kitchen stove, was asked if she wanted to see her vote.

"No, I certainly do not. If there's one little thing that the men-folks can do alone, for goodness' sake let 'em do it."

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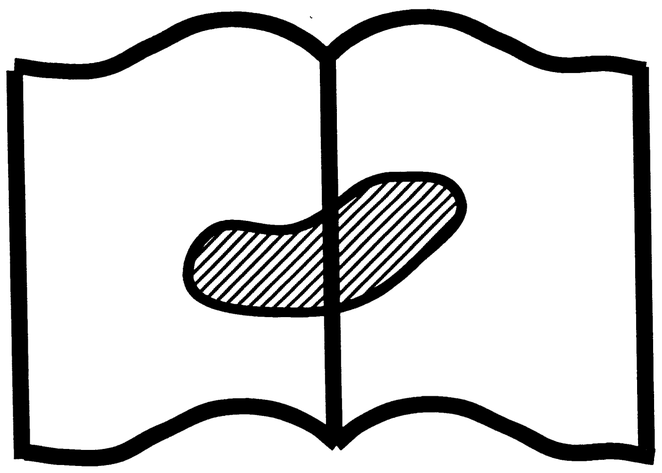

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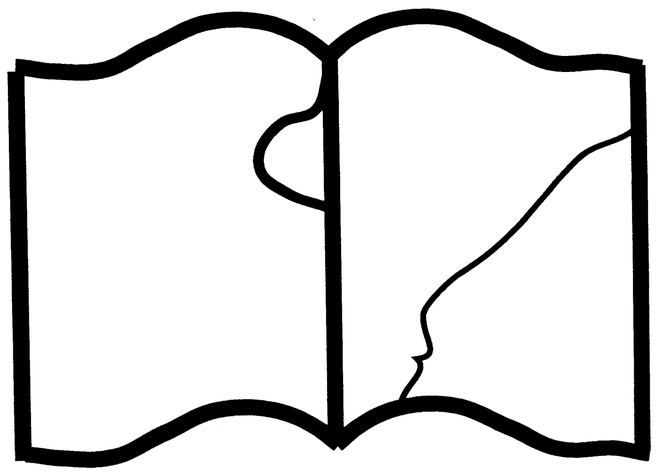

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The French suggestion is this:

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NOT HIS FAULT.

Mrs. Jigsaw had persuaded her hubby to have his photo taken. She thought her soldier boy would like one.

But she was not at all pleased when the proofs came home. She hurried to the photographer.

"These are not nice at all," she said crustily. "My husband looks like an ape."

The photographer had had a busy morning and was badly disgruntled. "Really, madam," he retorted "You should have thought of that before you had his photo taken."

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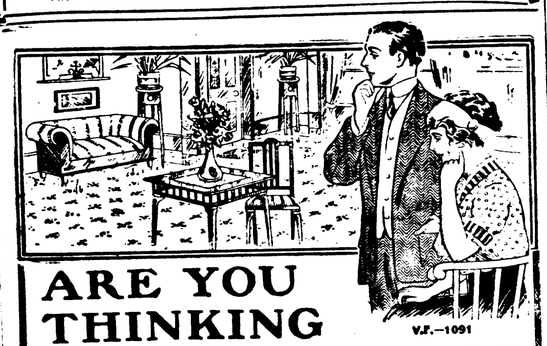

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Police Court.

There was a clean charge-sheet at the Beaufort police court on Monday; Mr J. R. Wotherspoon, J.P., being in attendance.

Gift Evening

An enjoyable euchre tournament and dance in aid of the lucky envelope effort on Anzac Day for the funds of the local sub-branch, R.S.S.I.L., was held at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Saturday night; about 40 couples being present. Admission was by gift. The card tournament was won by Miss L. Stuart in the ladies' division, and Mr J. Carmichael won the men's prize. Dancing was indulged in till midnight to music supplied by Mrs Cleland and Misses Thomas and E. DeBaere. Mr J. Carmichael acted as M.C. Supper was provided by the ladies. The secretarial duties were carried out by Misses Pearl Chibnall and L. Stuart. A varied collection of useful gifts was received. A similar function arranged for next Saturday night has been abandoned.

A Bolt.

Mrs S. Morley and Miss May Morley, of Main Lead, had an exciting experience on Sunday afternoon. The horse they were driving bolted from the Beaufort Presbyterian Church down Livingstone street for several hundred yards, Miss Morley pluckily sticking to the reins meanwhile. The animal made straight for the brick wall of the Golden Age hotel. The vehicle narrowly missed a verandah post, and the horse fell in the gutter. Kicking madly, the animal broke the shafts and cracked the tailboard before several men, who dashed to the rescue of the ladies, managed to free it from the vehicle. A man employed at the Golden Age hotel received a kick on the chest, but was not severely injured. Mrs Morley suffered somewhat from shock. The horse sustained a nasty wound on one of its hind legs.

Billiards.

Mr Fred. Lindrum, junr., champion of Australia, gave an exhibition of billiards at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening, conceding 400 to Mr Geo. McCaughey, a local player, in a game of 750. There was an attendance of 54, and Mr Dames, president of the Institute, welcomed Mr Lindrum, who thanked him. The local player, who was not up to his usual form, was beaten by 100; the champion's best breaks being 95, 80, 62, 60 (twice), 39, 32, and 30; while Mr McCaughey's best scores were 27, 24, 15, 13, and 12 (thrice). The champion played some remarkably good screw shots, but relied chiefly on cannons and potting the red to obtain position. One fair break was obtained principally by nursery cannons. At the conclusion of the game Mr Lindrum gave an exhibition of fancy shots, which delighted the spectators.

Repatriation Committee.

The fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort Repatriation Committee was held on Saturday evening, 5th inst., seven members being present. Applications for sustenance were dealt with, and an application for purchase of a hawker's turn-out approved. The secretary (Mr Acton) reported that five returned soldiers had been placed in employment in the district. Assistance from the private funds of the committee was granted to a returned soldier. It was decided that, in order to expedite the better working of the repatriation scheme, a public meeting be called at Snake Valley to form a committee. The committee acknowledges the receipt of a cheque from the Education Department of £11/9/6 (children's flower day effort), making a total received of £91/9/6 from the schools in the shire, which amount was made up as follows:—Beaufort, £41/9/9; Carngham, 18/; Eurambeen, £2/8/; Mortchup, £7/5/6; Middle Creek, £1; Snake Valley, £16/7/6; Trawalla, £12/12/3; Waterloo, £3/15/; Shirley, 6/; Raglan, £5/7/6.

Fire Brigade.

Eight members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade were present at the monthly meeting on Monday night, 7th inst., Capt. C. Day presiding. Accounts amounting to £7/0/6 were passed for payment. Fireman H. Stodart wrote, forwarding his resignation. Circulars were received from the Country Fire Brigades' Board, re peace celebrations, and notifying the visit of Chief-officer Marshall on Wednesday, 9th inst. Donations of £1/1/ each were voted to appeals from Ballarat on behalf of Fireman T. Powell and the family of the late Fireman Wm. Allen. Foreman L. Sandlant was granted three months' leave of absence. The name of Mr E. J. Muntz, junr., is to be submitted to the board for enrolment as an active member. Capt. Day extended a cordial welcome to a returned soldier member, Mr G. Gordon, who responded. At the conclusion of business, Ex-capt. Sinclair handed to Capt. Day a certificate for 10 years' service, presented by the board to his cousin (ex-Lieut. J. E. Day), who was unable to be present, and said the ex-lieutenant had been a good member and given a lot of time to the brigade. He asked the captain to convey to him the best wishes of the brigade, and trusted that he would enjoy the best of health and prosperity. He hoped to see him re-join the brigade. Capt. Day, in responding on behalf of the recipient, pointed out that there were a number of vacancies in the ranks.

Teacher, Preacher, & Entertainer

Raglan's new schoolmaster, Mr V. J. Parson, was welcomed by the Rev. E. H. Coltman at a public meeting in connection with the Methodist anniversary on Monday night. In calling on Mr Parson for a recitation, the rev. gentleman remarked that he was glad Mr Parson could take the platform as well as take the pulpit and stand behind the teacher's desk. Mr Parson responded to the invitation with a humorous Australian recitation. He is not the only member of the family endowed with a sense of humor, for later on Mrs Parson contributed a couple of very amusing items.

Teachers' Association.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort branch of the Victorian State School Teachers' Association was held in the Beaufort State school on Saturday, 5th inst., when the following officers were elected: President, Mr W. Evans; vice-president, Mr Green; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr T. Williams; committee, Messrs Parson, Stokes and Anderson, and Misses Thurmer, Rogers and Stevens. Mr Williams was appointed delegate to the annual conference at Melbourne. The conference proposals were then considered. Mr Evans consented to give a paper on the teaching of history at the next monthly meeting.

The Shire President's Punch.

Whilst Mr W. H. Halpin, of Beaufort, was conducting an auction sale on Saturday afternoon, he received an urgent call to the Camp hotel, where a man was breaking glassware in the bar and challenging all-comers. As friendly advice to quit was of no avail, Mr Halpin adopted sterner measures and forcibly ejected the offender. When outside the man twice showed fight, but Mr Halpin gave him what he describes as a "beauty" each time he came at him, and thus ended the combat. Mr Halpin, who is president of Ripon Shire and was once a bit of a "pug.," has evidently not yet lost his punch, although age is beginning to exact its penalties from him.

Cricket.

The Beaufort and District teams played a return match at the Park on Saturday, 5th inst., the township players gaining a victory. The District batsmen were disposed of for a total of 107 runs, of which Hay made 70, and Green 32. Beaufort compiled a score of 112 for the loss of three wickets. Haines made 44, Muntz 39, "Douglas" 20, Haywood seven (not out), and Nicholson two (not out).

Beaufort cricketers visited Buangor on Saturday afternoon and played an interesting and enjoyable single-innings match with the local team, which resulted in a draw. The visitors batted first, and closed their innings with five wickets down for 148 runs. Hay made 44, Muntz 35 (not out), Green 20, Harris 15, and Myles 10 (not out). J. Murray took two wickets, and Wilson, McLean, and Gardiner one each. The Buangor team, with an hour and 10 minutes to bat, compiled a score of 140 runs for the loss of five wickets. Wilson was top scorer with 63, and Broster (35) and Gardiner (18) also reached double figures. McLean made nine, W. Murray eight (not out), and Pickford five (not out). Haggis was responsible for the fall of two wickets, and Hay and Muntz took one each. During the match Muntz received a painful injury to his left wrist whilst attempting to stop a ball thrown in by J. McDonald. Beaufort play a return match at Ballarat on Good Friday with Mr. Ramsay's team.

Trawalla Soldiers Welcomed.

An enjoyable social was held on Friday evening, 4th inst., at Trawalla, under the auspices of the Welcome Home Committee. The function was held in honor of Gunner C. J. Hughes, who recently returned from the front, and there was a good attendance. Mr H. Smith, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to Gunner Hughes, and also criticised some of the present repatriation methods of the Government. Mr T. Rodgers endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker, and referred to the fine personal qualities of Gunner Hughes, with whom he had been acquainted from boyhood. Miss K. Rodgers presented a gold medal (suitably inscribed) to Gunner Hughes, on behalf of the Welcome Home Committee. In the course of a happy response, Gunner Hughes said they could not expect much of a speech from him, although his name was Hughes. He was not a relative of "Billy" Hughes, who was only his namesake. He thanked them for the medal, and was very pleased to be back to receive it. Dancing was afterwards indulged in to music supplied by Mr Saddler. Mr P. Grant acted as M.C., and Mr T. Rodgers carried out the secretarial duties.

On Friday evening, 11th inst., the Trawalla Welcome Home Committee tendered a welcome social to Pte. Wm. Hall, who recently returned to Australia after three years' service abroad. Mr H. Smith acted as chairman. There was a large attendance, and an enjoyable time was spent; dancing being indulged in until the small hours of the morning. The music was supplied by Mr Saddler, and Mr P. Grant carried out the duties of M.C. The euchre tournament was won by Mr Stokie in the men's section, and Mrs Wilson was the successful lady player. Supper was provided by the ladies. During an interval, Cr. W. H. Halpin (shire president), in the course of an appropriate speech, heartily welcomed Pte. Hall back to Trawalla, and congratulated him on his good record of military service and his safe return. He then presented the returned soldier with a gold medal (suitably inscribed) as a slight token of appreciation from the Welcome Home Committee and residents. Messrs G. Foreman and H. Smith spoke in support. Pte. Hall made a suitable response, in the course of which he expressed the pleasure he felt at being once more among old friends, and heartily thanked them for their gift. Mr H. F. Anderson moved a hearty vote of thanks to Cr. Halpin, which was seconded by Mr Smith, and carried by acclamation.

Personal.

During last week Mr John Slater was so seriously ill as to cause his relatives the gravest anxiety. He has since taken a turn for the better.

Beaufort A.N.A.

Fifteen members of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., were present at the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night, 8th inst.; Mr N. Daniels (vice-president) occupying the chair. A letter was read from Mrs G. Nothnagel and daughter, thanking branch for letter of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Appeal from Talbot Colony of Epileptics.—No action taken, on account of the funds being low. Appeal from Welcome Home Committee, Port Melbourne.—Held over for a month. The president pointed out that their own welcome home was hanging off owing to the expense. One new member was nominated. Accounts and sick pay amounting to £45/7/6 were passed for payment.

Concert.

The Societies' Hall, Beaufort, was well filled on Wednesday night, when an entertainment was given by a company of young Ballarat artists. A rare musical treat was promised the audience, and judging by the hearty reception accorded the performers—all of whom were encored—the programme was well up to expectations. The old adage that the prophet gets no honour in his own country does not hold good with the members of the Trompf family, who are natives of this township, and contributed the majority of the items. Miss Alma Trompf (contralto) sang with her customary good taste and sincerity, and Miss Olive Trompf (soprano) also made good use of her nice voice. The sisters were also heard to advantage in duets. Mr W. Henry Trompf has a pleasing baritone voice, and his songs were much appreciated. A trio was artistically rendered by the Misses and Mr Trompf, and a duet by Miss Alma Trompf and Mr Trompf was an excellent item. Master Hyman Lenzer, a talented young violinist, delighted the audience with his clever playing. Miss M. R. Halford played the accompaniments, and also contributed a pianoforte solo. At the conclusion of the concert, Mr Trompf heartily thanked the public for their patronage, and the ladies who had so nicely decorated the platform.

Honor Avenue Committee.

The Beaufort Avenue of Honour Committee met at the Shire Hall on Saturday night. Mr W. H. Halpin (president) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. It was decided that the trees which had died be replaced with fresh trees, and that trees be planted for all those soldiers whose names have been added to the honour roll since last tree-planting ceremony. The next tree-planting ceremony is to take place in June. Mr J. R. Wotherspoon (hon. secretary) reported that an examination of the avenue disclosed the fact that 96 trees out of 492 had died. These trees were mostly the scarlet oaks, which were very tall. The experience at Beaufort had been similar to that at Ballarat, where some of the same class of trees did not live. The smaller trees of the scarlet oak species were thriving well. The matter of calling the committee together to make final arrangements for the next tree-planting ceremony was left in the hands of the president and secretary. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr Wallace, of Langi-Kal-Kal Estate, and Mr Gibson, of Trawalla Estate, thanking them for their kindness in watering the trees at the Trawalla end of the avenue during the summer. It was mentioned that possibly the Ballarat Honor Avenue would be turned in the direction of Learmouth, owing to the fact that rock had been struck in the holes being sunk for the trees. It was decided that Mr Price be written to and informed that this committee trusted that it would ultimately be decided to continue the Ballarat avenue through Burrumbeet.—[Mr Wotherspoon has since received a letter from Mr Price, stating that the matter had not yet been definitely decided.]

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Local ladies are making an Anzac Day effort, in aid of Beaufort sub-branch, R.S.S.I.L., on Friday, 25th inst. Lucky envelopes, house badges, and buttons will be sold. Luncheon and afternoon tea may be obtained in the street. A kite-flying competition for boys and girls has been arranged, as also a ball at night.

Major Philip Russell, of Carngham, has been elected unopposed as a councillor for the East Riding of the Shire of Ripon, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Cr. J. L. Carstairs.

Mr Tippett, the departmental auditor, visited Beaufort on Tuesday, and examined the books at the Court House.

The following district sales were effected at the Ballarat stock market on Tuesday:—30 merino wethers, Mr J. H. Anderson, Carngham, 24/. 132 2-tooth wethers 21/4; 74 comeback ewes, Mr R. Simpson, Lake Goldsmith, 24/4 to 20/, 33 lambs 19/4; 71 lambs, Messrs Cushing Bros., Lake Goldsmith, to 28/3, averaging 21/2.

The first open wool sale for two years attracted practically everyone in London who is connected with the trade. High prices continue to rule for wool. French buyers are operating heavily in Queensland wool, and the firm tone of the market is being fully maintained, with no signs of ceasing. Trawalla wool reached 52½d, with an average of 50½d: Mawallok went as high as 51½d, with an average of 50½d.

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PEACE CELEBRATIONS.

A public meeting, convened by Cr. Halpin, president of Ripon Shire, for the purpose of making arrangements for the celebration of peace, was held at the Shire Hall on Monday evening. There was an attendance of about 30, of whom the majority were ladies. Cr. Halpin, who presided, explained the object of the meeting, and suggested a Thanksgiving Day on the Sunday (arrangements to be left in the hands of the clergymen of the different denominations) and a Children's Day on the Monday, in which the schools of the district might join. They wanted to give the children a good day, so as to impress it upon them all their lives. As the Shire Council had decided that each riding should make its own arrangements, his idea was that the expense of the celebrations should come out of the shire funds, and that they should not call on the public to help.

Cr. Sinclair said this was not understood at the council meeting. Cr. Beggs was of opinion that the North Riding should contribute from £15 to £20, and if the outside places did not join in a central celebration, they would share in the grant pro rata according to the school attendance. They should form a committee to carry out the arrangements and ask the outside people to join in. He certainly thought they ought to get private subscriptions.

Cr. Halpin considered that £15 or £20 for the whole of the North Riding would be only a fleabite, and would not be enough for Beaufort alone. If any people voluntarily gave subscriptions, all the better, but he did not approve of soliciting donations. It was an occasion they would never have again, and even if the shire made an extra rate for it, it would not be out of the question. Every school should get something, and £15 or £20 would not be enough for Eurambeen school.

After discussion, during which Mr Wotherspoon considered it would be an absolute waste of money to spend £100 as proposed, it was decided, on motion of Cr. Sinclair and Mr D. F. Troy, that a two days' celebration be held—a Thanksgiving Day on the Sunday (arrangements to be left to the clergymen), and Monday to be set apart for the children (arrangements to be made by this meeting).

Mr Wotherspoon (who pointed out the probability of the people of each place wanting their own celebration and not caring to come to Beaufort), moved that a subscription list be opened to provide funds for the Beaufort entertainment. Seconded by Mr Dames.

An amendment was proposed by Mr D. Stevenson, and seconded by Mr D. F. Troy, that the North Riding pay the whole of the expenses of the celebration.

Cr. Sinclair said he would agree to the North Riding giving up to £25.

The amendment was negatived by two votes—11 for and 13 against—and the motion was then put and carried.

It was understood that the children would be entertained at a picnic.

Mr Acton was appointed secretary, Cr. Halpin chairman, and all in the room, with power to add, formed themselves into a committee to carry out the arrangements; all head teachers and school committees joining in the Beaufort celebration to be added.

The president and secretary were empowered to call a further meeting when necessary, and the secretary was instructed to write to the head teachers and school committees of the district in the North Riding, asking if they are willing to throw in their lot with Beaufort, or wish to act independently.

It was decided that should any funds remain after the celebrations, the committee retain the right to disburse same as they think fit; Mr Troy urging the claims of the local Repatriation Committee.

A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the proceedings.

MIDDLE CREEK.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The monthly meeting of the Middle Creek branch, A.N.A., was held in the local hall on Friday evening, 11th inst., the president (Mr E. A. Fay) occupying the chair. Appeal from the Talbot Home for Epileptics.—Five shillings voted. Book of art union tickets from Port Melbourne Welcome Home Carnival Committee.—Tickets to be purchased. A letter was read from the board, re payment of 75 per cent. of doctors' fees, the member to pay the balance. The following members were nominated for office for the ensuing half year:—President, Mr H. Hamilton; vice president, Mr H. Dunn, junr.; secretary, Mr W. Matheson; assistant secretary, Mr J. McDonald; treasurer, Mr W. Ahern; auditors, Messrs J. Hillman and E. A. Fay; committee, Messrs C. H. Taylor, W. Foster, J. P. Fay, J. McDonald, and W. H. Waldron; press correspondent, Mr E. A. Fay. The ex-president was asked to instal the officers. The delegates to the conference at Horsham, Messrs S. S. Pickford and E. A. Fay, reported to the branch the principal business transacted there, and were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The secretary was instructed to convey to members of the A.W.A. and the A.N.A. at Horsham, the best thanks of the branch for the manner in which they entertained the delegates.

Lambing has commenced in some of the holdings in the district, and the ewes being strong and in good order, lambs are doing well, and a good percentage should be recorded for the district. Farmers, who are engaged ploughing and sowing, would welcome another good fall of rain; the climatic conditions prevailing during the last few weeks having a very drying effect on the soil.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

The anniversary of the Raglan Methodist Sunday School was celebrated at the Public Hall on Sunday, where special services were held. Large congregations were present, both in the morning and evening. The platform was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Suitable hymns were nicely rendered by a choir of about 50 voices, under the leadership of the Rev. E. H. Coltman. The choristers were accompanied by Jackson's Orchestra. Miss C. Ball presided at the organ. Helpful and interesting addresses were delivered at both services by the Rev. E. H. Coltman. In the afternoon a solo and chorus was given by Miss Irene Grant and the choir. At the evening service Miss Mary Welsh contributed a solo, and Miss Irene Grant took the solo part in a hymn rendered by the choir.

On Monday night the anniversary was further celebrated, a well-attended public meeting and children's concert being held. The Rev. E. H. Coltman presided. The programme, which was a varied and entertaining one, was much appreciated, the items being contributed as follow: National Anthem; hymn, choir; recitation, Alma Lucardie; hymn, "If I Were a Beautiful Twinkling Star," choir; recitations, Effie Lilley and Jean Stevenson; hymn, choir; recitations, Winnie Lancey and Alma Lucardie; hymn, "Open the Door for the Children," choir; humorous recitation, Marjorie Lancey; hymn, choir; pianoforte solo, Miss Doris Tucker; song, "The Seaside," 17 children; song, "I wish I were a Dingo," four boys, humorous recitation, Mr V. J. Parson; action song, "By Telephone to Santa Claus," 15 girls (Jean Stevenson taking the solo part); selection, Jackson's Orchestra; song, Mollie Parson; song, Rev. E. H. Coltman; action song, "The Washerwoman," eight girls (in costume); humorous recitation, Mr Parson (encored and responded); Red, White and Blue march and song, 12 girls; song, Miss Mary Welsh; action song "The Busy Little Cooks," three girls; action song, "The Red, White and Blue," 12 girls. The children were trained by Miss Ball and Mrs Parson, the former also playing their accompaniments. Miss M. Jackson accompanied several of the adult singers.

Prior to the last item being given, the chairman delivered a short address. He was glad, he said, to see so many at Sunday's services, and no doubt they were all pleased with the children gathered on the platform. He was sure they enjoyed their singing. They owed a debt of gratitude to Miss Ball for all she had done to make the anniversary a success. She was practically responsible for the work the children had done. They had all enjoyed to-night's programme very much. He regretted that more of the boys had not come forward with recitations, as this kind of thing helped a boy in later years to stand on the platform and express his views. From the ranks of the boys of to-day must come the future preachers and leaders in public life. The parents were glad to send the children to the Sunday school, because it brought them in contact with the things that mattered and were important. Of course he knew that everyday things were important, but they were truly important when there was a spirit in them that linked them up to God Himself. He appealed to parents and other grown-up folk to realise the importance of the work thrust upon the Sunday school teacher. Sometimes the teachers felt their weakness, but they tied themselves to the work for love of the children and the Master. He asked for the co-operation of parents and older folk in every possible way, and appealed to them to help by their example in the spiritual life of the district, and to realise their responsibility to the children. He did not want to get them to church to lecture them, but wished them to bind themselves together, so that they could live for the higher things and make their lives sweeter, saner, and finer. He thanked all those who had helped in the anniversary, and Mrs Parson for assisting to train the children.

On Thursday afternoon an enjoyable picnic was held at the recreation reserve, which was followed by a social in the hall at night.

Mr A. Panther carried out the secretarial duties.

DENTISTRY PAINLESS AND INSTANTANEOUS.
Mr W. E. Thomas, dentist, of South Australia, may be consulted at Beaufort on Wednesday, 30th April (all day). New method of extracting teeth, no matter how difficult: it is painless, no bruising, no swelling, or subsequent pain, and instantaneous, at a cost of 1/. Hardest mouths to fit with artificial teeth simplified to a minimum by latest suction system and adjustment acquired. The strongest and most beautiful and natural looking teeth in existence. No breaking, and plates are reinforced.

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At the wool appraisements in Melbourne on Tuesday, 8th inst., St. Mary necks made up to 31¼d for extra super (the top price), super 30d, broken fleece 27d, bellies 23¼d, super lambs 25½d.

James McKeich, late of Cumming and Gregory streets, Beaufort, retired draper, who died on 29th January last, by his will of 24th August, 1918, left £6708 real estate and £882 personalty to his widow and children.

A large audience greeted The Caleys at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Tuesday evening, 8th inst. The programme, which was a varied one, was greatly appreciated. The humorous songs, duets, &c., by Mr George Walker and Miss Jessie Bunting caused much merriment, and the instrumental items rendered by Miss Violet McGregor (violinist) and Mr M. E. Atkins (pianist) were of a high order of merit.

Australian Estates and Mortgage Co. Ltd. held their 52nd appraisement on 11th inst., and report following prices:—X, 21d; MF, 24½d; 1st cbk be, 23d; F, 22½d; cbk, 22½d; M, 21d; F cbk, 24½d; AH, 26d; A com, 25½d; LE, 20½d; MW, 21d; MH, 23d; AW, 25½d, 1st f, 24½d.

Mr Neil Ferguson's freehold farm property at Mortchup was sold by Messrs Charles Walker & Co. on Saturday to Mr D. McDonald. The homestead portion, containing 104 acres, realised £10 an acre, and the block paddock of 120 acres brought £4/10/ an acre.

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RAGLAN.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Pte. George Gordon, a returned soldier, was welcomed home and with a gold medal (suitably inscribed) by the people of Raglan evening of the 4th inst. There large attendance, including of visitors. The function under the auspices of the Welcome Home and Patriotic Mr J. Stevens (president of the P.L.) acted as chairman. gramme was rendered as National Anthem; piano, Misses I. Grant and D. Tucker; Mrs P. Kelly; song, Miss song, Mr A. Panther; recitation, V. J. Parson; song, Miss Harris; song, Mrs J. G. Macdonald; Mrs Kelly and Miss Hartion, Mrs Parson, Mesdames Donald and Kelly, and Miss and Harris each gave a song by request; Mrs Parson also second recitation. Miss Eis played the accompaniments. Parson (vice-president of the and P.L.), on behalf of the Patriotic League and the generally, extended a hearty home to Pte. Geo. Gordon, gratulated him upon his enlisting, and also upon his Pte. Gordon had realised the bility to his country and to fulfil it, and the vice had maintained. The recalled many noted events —the charge of Pte. Gordon, the help extended to George Gordon (Lord Byron), work of the present Charles George (cordially) connected with traditions was only to be expected Gordon would be where he He had done his duty, turned with his outlook widened. He had seen tries, strange peoples, events, some of which able to look back upon and tell of family associations. Others would be of a and would be regarded only to be thought of. All would, however, one who had been throughout ter citizen. Pte. Gordon who had enlisted and out had we who remained ours! Some of the evidently thought it be hoped that the satisfaction would come that all—returned and —would unite to all could to improve the under the sun. He Pte. Gordon with a gold slight token of the local residents felt for expressed the wish that would long be spared After the presentation warmly thanked the who had so kindly assistance, and expressed they might have the company on a future moved a vote of thanks took part in the function carried by acclamation, in a next speech, thanked for the welcome tended to him, the presented him with for his kind remarks. Anthem (including the soldiers) was then ments were partaken was kept up till the morning, to the music H. Panther, Miss Miss Irene Grant, Stevens (violin). Mr out the duties of M.C.

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Pte. George Gordon, a returned soldier, was welcomed home and presented with a gold medal (suitably inscribed) by the people of Raglan on the evening of the 4th inst. There was a large attendance, including a number of visitors. The function was held under the auspices of the Raglan Welcome Home and Patriotic League. Mr J. Stevens (president of W.H. and P.L.) acted as chairman. A programme was rendered as follows:—National Anthem; pianoforte duet, Misses I. Grant and D. Tucker; song, Mrs P. Kelly; song, Miss O. Watkin; song, Mr A. Panther; recitation, Mr V. J. Parson; song, Miss Alma Harris; song, Mrs J. G. Macdonald; duet, Mrs Kelly and Miss Harris; recitation, Mrs Parson. Mesdames Macdonald and Kelly, and Misses Watkin and Harris each gave a second item by request; Mrs Parson also giving a second recitation. Miss Elsie DeBaere played the accompaniments. Mr Parson (vice-president of the W.H. and P.L.), on behalf of the Raglan Patriotic League and the residents generally, extended a hearty welcome home to Pte. Geo. Gordon. He congratulated him upon his action in enlisting, and also upon his safe return. Pte. Gordon had realised his responsibility to his country and had hastened to fulfil it, and after three years' service had returned. The name Gordon recalled many noted events of history—the charge of the Gordons at Dargai, the help extended to Greece by George Gordon (Lord Byron), and also the work of the never-to-be-forgotten Charles George Gordon. With a name connected with traditions like these, it was only to be expected that George Gordon would be where he was wanted. He had done his duty, and had returned with his outlook upon life much widened. He had seen strange countries, strange peoples, and strange events, some of which he would be able to look back upon with pleasure and tell of for the benefit of his friends. Others would be of a sadder nature and would be regarded as sacred, and only to be thought of, not repeated. All would, however, unite in making one who had been through them a better citizen. Pte. Gordon and others who had enlisted had done their duty, but had we who remained behind done ours? Some of the returned men evidently thought not, but it was to be hoped that the causes of dissatisfaction would soon be removed, and that all—returned men and otherwise—would unite to do all they possibly could to improve the finest country under the sun. He then presented Pte. Gordon with a gold medal as a slight token of the appreciation the local residents felt for his action, and expressed the wish that Pte. Gordon would long be spared to wear it. After the presentation, the chairman warmly thanked the visiting ladies, who had so kindly come to their assistance, and expressed the hope that they might have the pleasure of their company on a future occasion. He moved a vote of thanks to all who took part in the function, which was carried by acclamation. Pte. Gordon, in a neat speech, thanked the residents for the welcome they had extended to him, the medal they had presented him with, and Mr Parson for his kind remarks. The National Anthem (including the verse for the soldiers) was then sung. Refreshments were partaken of. Dancing was kept up till the early hours of the morning, to the music supplied by Mr H. Panther, Miss E. Cuthbertson, Miss Irene Grant (piano), and Mr J. Stevens (violin). Mr G. Tiley carried out the duties of M.C.

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Chief-officer Marshall paid a visit of inspection to the Beaufort Fire Brigade on Wednesday night, 9th inst., there being a fair muster of members under Capt. C. Day.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE LIGHTING.

Ten members of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute committee attended a special meeting on Saturday night for the purpose of considering the installation of a cheaper light than acetylene. Mr M. Dames (president) presided.

Mr J. G. Macdonald submitted a scheme for installing the Gloria light. It was costing the Institute £1 per week for acetylene. He had worked it out on the basis of benzine at 1/ a tin, and found that, on a liberal estimate, they could have a plant lighting five points at 12/ a week. The cost of installation would be £25, and they could get it for £5 deposit and the balance in quarterly payments of £5. If the meeting thought it advisable to get the light, it would be well to instal it before shifting the billiard table. About 60 mechanics' institutes and public halls had installed the Gloria light. He had seen this light on a billiard table, and could safely say it was very much better and more economical than acetylene gas. Mr McCaughey had had experience of the Gloria light on a billiard table, and said money had been saved by using it. The light was simple, effective, safe, and cheap.

In answer to Dr. Eadie, Mr Macdonald said Mr Bowen, who had this light installed in the local Savings Bank, had told him that the cost of mantles was very little. Mr McCaughey said the same thing. With ordinary intelligence and care, mantles would last a long time.

Mr D. Stevenson said the Gloria light had been in use at the Methodist Church for four months, and he had not heard of any trouble with mantles.

Mr Macdonald understood that the last quotation for acetylene was £60 a ton, but even at that price it was an expensive light. They could expect the price to decrease further, but benzine would also come down from 3/9 per gallon.

Mr D. R. Hannah—They had saved the cost of installation of the Gloria light in 12 months at Skipton.

Mr Acton said the £60 overdraft had been obtained from the Bank of Victoria.

Mr Hannah moved that the offer of Kelly & McDonald be accepted for installing the Gloria light in this institution. There was no doubt about the suitability of the light. At Skipton they were quite satisfied with it, and had had it in use for nearly two years. It was certainly burning money when it was costing them £1 per week for lighting the building, and the lights were not nearly so good as they used to be.

Mr A. Parker, in seconding the motion, said that from what he had heard about the Skipton Mechanics' Institute and the Beaufort Methodist Church, he was confident that it was a money-saving proposition.

The president and Dr. Eadie also thought it a good proposition.

Mr Halpin would like to see it stand over till next meeting of the shire council, when they might have something definite to say as to whether they would have the electric light in Beaufort or not. The electric light was much superior to the Gloria light. Beaufort was badly in need of a better lighting scheme than the present one, and strangers often commented on the lack of illumination in the streets at night.

Mr Hannah—If the council decided at next meeting to instal the electric light, it would be at least two years before they got it going. They could save in the meantime the cost of installing the Gloria plant, and then sell it.

Mr Halpin—If the council passed it at next meeting, they would see the whole thing completed in six months.

Mr Hannah—The public are right up against it, and until you get their consent you can do nothing.

Mr Halpin—I do not know the feeling of the public, nor does Mr Hannah, because they have not been tried.

Mr Evans—In a house where he formerly lived he had electric light at eight points, and it cost on an average 13/ per month, but he used it very economically. It cost £1 a point to instal.

Mr Halpin—If an institution like this put in the Gloria light, it might give a set-back to installing electric light in Beaufort.

Mr Hannah did not feel inclined to stay his motion. He would be prepared to give half-price for the Gloria plant if they sold it.

Mr J. W. Harris There was a good deal in what Mr Halpin said. It only meant waiting three weeks or a fortnight.

Mr Stevenson suggested that they arrange to hire the plant for a certain time, which could be done.

Mr Hannah did not think there was anything in Mr Halpin's argument.

Mr Dames—It might strengthen Mr Halpin's hands if he had all the institutions at his back.

Mr Macdonald—They could not say they would put in electric light here unless they had an estimate of the cost. Everyone would favor it if it were cheaper. That was the point the whole thing hung on. A gentleman he knew in Ballarat was going to put out coal gas and put in electric light, but they told him it would cost £60—and it was not a very extensive house either. Would Mr Halpin at next meeting of the council be prepared to give an estimate of the cost?

Mr Halpin—Certainly.

Mr Macdonald—They had to bear in mind that they had to shift the present acetylene light. He was prepared to hang the thing up if Mr Halpin gave an idea that it would be cheaper, and would be obtainable in a reasonable time.

Mr Halpin—If there was nothing definite at next council meeting, they could go on with the Gloria light, and he would be quite with them.

Mr Evans—If they could not supply electric light at 6d per unit, it did not pay to instal it. Melbourne charged 3d per unit.

Mr Hannah—He was against postponing the thing, as it was going to hold up their recreation room scheme for a month. The sooner they had the recreation room going the better for the returned soldiers and other young fellows of the town. He was sure it would not affect the electric lighting scheme, which must be hanging by a very frail thread if the Mechanics' Institute installing the Gloria light was going to affect it. He wished he were as sure of £10,000 as of the electric light not being here within five years.

Mr Parker—If they put it back a month, he maintained that it would mean fully 12 months at least before they had a chance of getting the electric light installed. There was nothing to prevent them putting in the electric light when it came.

Mr Hannah—He was going on with the motion. If the majority thought they should stay their hand, they could vote against the motion.

Mr Halpin—How did Mr Parker know it was going to take 12 months?

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Mr Parker—He was going on the report of the engineer, who had said that certain parts could not be obtained at the present time and would have to be got overseas.

Mr Halpin moved, as an amendment, that the committee stay their hand for a month till after the council meeting. Mr Parker said the engineer said so and so. The engineer now had private correspondence from electrical engineers that had never been read, which showed that 12 or 15 little villages had installed electric light. Mr Muntz was not an electrical engineer, and they did not expect him to be an electrical expert.

Mr Hannah—So had Mr Muntz obtained his information from electrical engineers.

Mr Harris seconded the amendment.

Mr Macdonald said Mr Halpin was very insistent. If they were going to hang their scheme up and then find they had to instal the Gloria light, they were only wasting time, but it meant only the cost of an extra pound to shift the acetylene.

Mr Parker There is the extra cost of carbide also.

Mr Macdonald—If they did throw the Gloria plant out after six months for electric light, and only lost one fourth of the cost, it would pay them to do so.

Mr Hannah—Mr Halpin should have said six years instead of six months.

The amendment was put to the meeting and lost, three members voting for it and five against. The president and secretary did not vote.

The secretary read a letter in reference to a billiard entertainment by Mr Fred Lindrum, junr., who would visit Beaufort for a fee of £5/5/ and give a local player 400 handicap in 750. The matter was left in the hands of the president and secretary to arrange.—[Exhibition given on Monday night.]

Mr Halpin was thanked for his offer to donate a cue, valued at £1/1/, as a trophy for a billiard tournament, and the arrangements were left in the committee's hands.

Mr Macdonald reported, re proposal to purchase a second-hand set of snooker balls for £12, that the person appointed had been unable to attend the sale of billiard requisites in Melbourne and the substitute was not there when the snooker set was offered. It was mentioned that the price of a new set was £18. After some discussion, it was resolved to allow the matter to stand over till next meeting.

In reference to the bank overdraft of £60, it was resolved not to sign a joint and several.

POINTS FOR WHEAT-GROWERS.

Prof. Perkins, of South Australia, a well-known authority on wheat-growing, a few years ago said that "Crop raising, if accompanied by heavy dressings of phosphates, leads eventually to stronger and richer pastures; hence to improved stock-carrying capacity. An improved stock-carrying capacity results in a greater accumulation of organic matter in the soil, which in its turn, if judiciously handled, means as a rule heavier crop yields." The thing works in a circle, and "judiciously handled" gives greater profits to the farmer from his crop and his sheep, and greater natural fertility in his land. It needs courage, however, to adopt the rule followed for many years by Prof. Perkins at Roseworthy College, and that is to apply 2 cwt. an acre of superphosphate when sowing the wheat crop. Departmental tests in Victoria, nevertheless, prove that heavier dressings than those now used pay handsomely.

The point was developed recently in this journal. It was shown from Warracknabeal tests that by using 1½ cwt. of super, instead of 56 lb., the local farmer, with 100 acres under crop, would in seven years make an extra profit of rather more than £200. That extra amount in the bank would be very welcome, and it can be put there by a little courage in spending more on the manure bill. Wimmera farmers seem to think that it pays better to put heavier dressings on the red clay and sandy soils than on the black, but they make a mistake. The black will give a more profitable response. They contend that very heavy dressings on such areas cause the crop to lodge. This would undoubtedly take place were nitrates included in the manure, but it is not so likely with super. But even lodging can be corrected by judicious feeding off with sheep, a practice generally adopted in England for that purpose.

Experience shows that heavier dressings of manure fill the grain better. There is an increase in the number of rows across the breast. The crop weighs heavier, and is a better sample. That quality may add a bushel or two to the yield. Then heavy dressings of water soluble phosphates such as super stimulate rapid growth in the autumn and early winter. The plant is thus armed with a better foraging apparatus, makes full use of plant food and moisture, and if droughty conditions develop in the spring and summer, is better able to withstand them. In fact, this alone is a very important safeguard. A Charlton farmer proved it in 1914. A paddock given 30 lb. of super yielded 3 bushels to the acre, a paddock given 65 lb. yielded two bags, and a paddock given 90lb. yielded 3 bags. The most intelligent farmers in the different districts are now applying heavier dressings, and are making more money as a consequence.

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The method of apportioning the cost and sharing in the control of the recently purchased Ballarat and district motor ambulance was discussed at a conference between the executive of the Ballarat City and Town health committee and representatives of surrounding municipalities at the City Hall on Monday morning. In reply to a question, Col. Morton (acting town clerk) said that the ambulance cost £352 altogether. It was recommended that it be paid for on a valuation pro rata basis, and that the cost of upkeep be a charge on a mileage pro rata basis. The share of the cost had been apportioned to £55/2/9. Cr. D. Stewart said that the Ripon Shire objected to being rated on a valuation basis. They thought that the charge should be on a population basis. Mayor Mackenzie pointed out that it was out of consideration for the shires that the motor ambulance was purchased. Cr. Stewart agreed with this view, and said that if they could come to an amicable arrangement the shires would share the cost. After further discussion, Col. Lazarus moved that another conference be held at an early date, when it is expected that the views of the various shire councils, including Ballan (which is to be invited to share in the ambulance), will be submitted. It was recommended that the ambulance be housed at the Hospital and a driver employed. A charge of 5/ (minimum) will be made for the use of the vehicle in Ballarat, and 1/ per mile for outside visits.

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The installation of Bro. Hugh David Trainor as W.M. of the Skipton Masonic Lodge and the investiture of his officers took place on Tuesday night in the Lodge-room in the presence of about 50 members of the Craft; visitors attending from Ballarat, Beaufort, Lismore, and Smithesdale. Grand Lodge was represented by R.W. Bro. A. E. McDonald, P.J.G.W. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by W. Bro. E. J. Muntz, P.J.G.D., assisted by W. Bros. H. Smith (who acted as Director of Ceremonies), H. Seager, J. A. Bates, D. Stevenson, A. Parker, and J. G. Macdonald. W. Bro. F. A. Moore, P.G.S.B. (of the Skipton Lodge), acting as organist. The whole of the installation work and investiture of officers was done by P.M's. and the W.M. of the Fiery Creek Lodge, with the exception of the address to the brethren, which was delivered by R.W. Bro. A. E. McDonald. The following officers were invested, the work being performed by W. Bros. H. Smith, Bates, Muntz, and D. Stevenson:—I.P.M., W. Bro. R. Dixon; S.W., Bro. F. A. Angus; secretary, W. Bro. A. Rowley; D.C., W. Bro. F. A. Moore, P.G.S.B.; S.D., Bro. W. R. Cobden; J.D., Bro. S. A. Rowe; I.G., Bro. T. Borbidge; stewards, Bros. A. McIntyre and T. McIlvena; tyler, Bro. J. E. Baulch. The J.W. (Bro. A. Wilkie), chaplain (Bro. R. E. Saunders), and treasurer (Bro. A. R. Slater) were absent. A handsome past-master's jewel was presented to W. Bro. R. Dixon by R.W. Bro. A. E. McDonald, on behalf of the brethren, as a memento of his term of office and in appreciation of the fine services he had rendered to the Lodge as W.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony a banquet was held in the Russell Hall, when the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honored; harmony being contributed by Bros. Baulch and Myers and W. Bros. Trainor, Moore, and Smith. Before separating "Auld Lang Syne" and "Rule Britannia" were sung. The catering was excellently done by the Skipton brethren and their lady friends; the visitors being heartily welcomed and hospitably entertained. The W.M. was heartily congratulated upon his elevation to the chair of King Solomon, and best wishes were expressed for a happy and successful year of office.

There are 51 cases of influenza mostly of a mild character, in the Ballarat Hospital. The fresh cases reported in Victoria on Wednesday totalled 547. There were nine deaths in hospitals. A mild case from Skipton (Miss Elsie Allan) was admitted to the Ballarat Hospital on Tuesday.

At the last meeting of the Lexton Shire Council, it was resolved that a certificate be sent to Mr and Mrs Newey, at Waterloo. Cr. Hedge reported that he, with company of Cr. Robertson, inspected the allotment of ground which ex-Pte. Ead was trying to select, and he recommended his application be granted. Seconded by Cr. Robertson, and carried.

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PART 10.

"Here is something, Mr. Keith, which may have deceived you, as it did me for the time being."

The detective merely glanced at the object in the paper without speaking, while Prince Malagoff slowly removed the wrappings, and laid in front of him the stone which had been taken from Beau Bridgeman.

"Have you ever seen that before, Mr. Keith?"

"It is not the Van Vonder diamond," replied Keith, evading the question. "It looks something like it, but it is only an imitation."

"It is an exact copy of it," declared the prince. "It was made as a model to which the real one was to be cut. It is valued at a hundred dollars, for these imitations cannot be made for nothing, when they are done well. But it would never be mistaken for the other for a moment."

"I do not quite agree with you that it would not be taken for the real one at first glance—or even afterwards, until it was examined with a glass—except by an expert who has been used to the feel of diamonds all his life," said Keith. "But, really, I should like to know what all this has to do with the business in hand."

"This imitation stone was taken from a rascal who has been posing as Lord Vascelles, but who, I have discovered, is a well-known criminal who has operated in all parts of the world, but principally in Chicago."

"Where is this supposed Lord Vascelles now?" asked Keith.

"I can produce him when he is wanted. But I am not sure that he would be of any help to you in finding the real diamond—supposing that you have not got it already."

Prince Malagoff paused after throwing out this hint, in the hope that the detective might say something which would tell him what he wanted to know. But Keith did not speak and his face was not one to be read.

"With all this, I do not see why I have been favoured with this visit," said Keith.

"If you will permit me to open the door for a moment, I can, perhaps, make you to a comprehension of our reasons for coming."

"You said this," Malagoff, without waiting for permission opened the door leading to the hall, and went outside. He returned immediately with the 'cello which Keith had cut open and found nothing. It had evidently been deprived of its top, evidently, for it was not fastened on.

Prince Malagoff did not lock the door when he entered with the 'cello and laid the instrument on the table in front of the detective.

"Now, Harrison Keith, let me tell you that I know you have the Van Vonder diamond, and that you are trying to play false with me, with Palmer-Robinson, and with John Dykeman," hissed the Russian, leaning over the table so that he could speak close in the detective's face.

"What is this 'cello here for?" asked Keith coolly.

"It is the instrument from which you took the real Van Vonder diamond. That is what it is. You are the only person who had this 'cello in his possession after it was taken from the orchestra in Mr. Palmer-Robinson's ballroom. You had it conveyed to the little telephone-room in that room. You cut it open, and found no diamond, and I believe you know that stone about you now, or in this room."

"Do you? Well?"

Keith was sitting back in his swing-chair carelessly balancing a small letter-opener in the form of an Oriental dagger on the fingers of his left hand. Mrs. Reeves, lounging in a nest of swan's-down, never took her eyes off this dagger.

"Well, I mean to have it before I go away. I wanted a witness, and there was no man I could trust. So I induced Mrs. Reeves to come with me. When I told her that my very life depended on making you tell where the Van Vonder diamond was, she came willingly."

"Besides, Mr. Keith," she purred, "there is nothing I enjoy so much as adventure. It is in my very nature, you know."

"So I have heard," the detective answered quietly.

"Now, Harrison Keith, are you going to let me have the Van Vonder diamond?" demanded Prince Malagoff, leaning over the table toward the detective, with menace in his eye.

"Not now, Prince Malagoff," was Keith's cool reply.

Like a panther, the Russian leapt forward over the table, and, snatching the dagger from Keith's left hand, flourished it as if he would drive it into the detective's heart.

But only for a second did he seem to have a terrible advantage.

Before the dagger could descend—if that was the Russian's intention—there was a shining six-shooter pressed against his own breast, as Keith, in low, tense tones, that meant business, ordered him to drop his weapon.

Prince Malagoff allowed the letter-opener to fall, jingling, on top of the 'cello.

CHAPTER XXV.
DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

"That was a foolish thing to do, Prince Malagoff," said Keith calmly, as his assailant backed away. "You should have known that I would not sit here with a man who evidently came with the intention of robbing me without some means of protection."

"Sacre!"

"I believe I do shoot with pretty fair accuracy, too, when I pull a trigger," went on Keith carelessly, as he replaced the revolver in its little drawer at his side where it always reposed, ready for instant use, in case of emergency.

"I was wrong," said Malagoff. "My temper got the better of me for the moment, although actually I did not mean any harm."

Keith did not reply, but he lifted the 'cello from his table and laid it on a chair.

"You do not deny that you took the diamond from this 'cello, I believe, Mr. Keith," went on the prince, as if there had been only ordinary conversation, with no sudden murderous movement to inject unwonted excitement into the interview.

"I do not admit or deny anything, Prince Malagoff, except that I tell you I will produce the diamond at ten o'clock in the morning, in the presence of the three trustees."

"Where?"

"Here."

"How do you know you can get us all here?"

"I will take the responsibility of that on my own shoulders. I do not anticipate any difficulty in that."

"But if it is true that the diamond can be produced then, we may take it as a fact that you have it in the house?"

Keith was silent.

"Now, look here, my dear Mr. Keith," broke in Mrs. Reeves. "I am afraid you are not following a wise course."

"Indeed?"

"I regret to say it, because you really are a divine waltzer, and I never shall forget that 'Twilight Waltz' with you as long as I live. But it is apparent that you do not see deeply enough into some things, good dancer and famous detective as you are."

The pretty divorcee, in her brilliant ball-dress and luxurious opera-cloak, looked as dainty and fragile as a bisque doll—unless one noted the rather hard line of her lower lip, which just now was tightened in a fierce resolve, belying the gentle light in her fathomless violet eyes.

Keith was not one to overlook details, and he saw that his erstwhile waltz-partner had something on her mind of more serious import than coming to his house at this strange hour of the morning merely to be a witness of an interview with Prince Malagoff.

"The beautiful Mrs. Reeves has considerable of the feline in her disposition," he said to himself, "and just now she looks as if her claws were all sharpened for mischief. It is not complimentary to my penetration, my dear lady, if you thought you could hoodwink me with such a foolish pretense as that."

The detective had met Mrs. Reeves only once before this night at the dinner-dance of the Palmer-Robinsons but he knew more of her history than did most New Yorkers. She had come from the West only two years before. Then she was said to be the daughter of a Californian millionaire, and, as she appeared to have plenty of money, no one cared to doubt the story. Her name was Mabel Waldo. She soon won the heart of the Wall Street banker, and their marriage was the social event of that spring. Then came the divorce, and she had reigned in her own particular little world ever since.

Knowing all this, it was not surprising to Keith that Mrs Reeves should be dashing about in an automobile with Prince Malagoff in the small hours. All he wanted to be assured of was what her game really was.

"What are you thinking about, my dear Mr. Keith?" she asked suddenly.

"I was thinking about that waltz," was his diplomatic answer.

"Really? It occurred to me that perhaps you wanted to know what I meant by saying that you were not following a wise course."

"I depend on your goodness to tell me."

Prince Malagoff stood aside, his black brows drawn down over his half-closed eyes, silently watching this little engagement between a smart woman and a keen-witted man, and content to leave the matter in the hands of Mrs Reeves for the time being.

"She will play her cards for all that they are worth," he thought. "When she is ready she will produce her trump. I kiss my hand to you, my beautiful Mabel."

"You are making an enemy of one who would rather be your friend," went on Mrs. Reeves.

"Meaning the prince."

"Exactly. He has asked you to let him see the diamond, which we know is in your possession, because you have acknowledged the fact in effect. You will not allow him to look at it."

"Not until ten o'clock," corrected the detective.

"Pouf! It is all one. Your refusal is all that concerns me."

"It does concern you, then?" asked Keith, quick to take advantage of this inadvertent acknowledgement.

"Only because I want to see justice. I have heard of the Van Vonder diamond. Who has not? Mr. Palmer-Robinson told me of the robbery. There is suspicion that it was arranged by persons who ought to be above suspicion."

"So?"

"Yes, Mr. Keith. Do you see what a position you place yourself in, by acknowledging that you can return the stone at ten in the morning, and yet will not show it now to one of the persons who is responsible for it?"

"Again meaning Prince Malagoff?" asked Keith quietly.

"Again meaning Prince Malagoff. He is the czar's representative, and should not be obliged to beg for a sight of the diamond which is his own, to all intents and purposes, so long as it is on this side of the ocean."

"Is this all, Prince Malagoff?" demanded the detective, swinging around to face the prince, as Mrs. Reeves languidly fanned herself, after laying down the law so emphatically.

"Not quite," answered the Russian, showing his teeth in a snarling grin.

"What more?"

"Ask Mrs. Reeves. She may enlighten you."

The detective turned toward her good-humoredly.

"I am pained to trouble you so much, Mrs. Reeves, when it is obvious that you are fatigued after the excitement of the night. I happen to know how much of it there has been since I had the felicity of sitting down to dinner at your right so many hours ago."

"It was charming, was it not?" she chirped, with a quick return to her usual careless manner.

Keith bowed.

"Yes," she continued. "Mrs. Palmer-Robinson—sweet Polly Winters—does everything so well. It is a pity she cannot be content with the attentions of her husband——"

"She is content with them," interrupted Keith. "I cannot permit you to entertain a false belief on that point."

"You ought to know, Mr. Keith. No one better. You are in her confidence, of course. She is still Polly Winters to you, as she has been ever since those unfortunate letters were written. How good of her husband not to insist on looking at them, when Lord Vascelles offered them on the billiard-table."

Keith knew that this spiteful beauty had an ulterior purpose in what she was saying, and he was not surprised when she admitted that she and her lover—for he had made up his mind early in the evening, from certain signs, that she and Prince Malagoff were in that relation to each other—intended to make use of their pretended knowledge that he and Mrs. Palmer-Robinson had kept up their tender relations from the "Polly Winters" days before her marriage, to force him to bring forth the diamond.

Disgusted as he was at Mrs. Reeves' now revealed unscrupulousness, it amused him, too. His profession was the laying bare of human motives, but it was seldom he used his scalpel on a feminine soul. He almost laughed aloud as he remembered how he had heard first that Mrs. Palmer-Robinson had run away with the pretended Lord Vascelles, and again had feared that she was riding about after midnight with Malagoff, only to find at last that he himself was accused by Mrs. Reeves with continuing to make love to his old sweetheart of years before, when she was free to receive his protestations.

"Tell me what you want me to do," said Keith. "I mean, leaving out the matter of the Van Vonder diamond, on which Prince Malagoff has heard my ultimatum. I suppose you are not making these insinuations against the lady whose name you mention without object."

"You are quick-sighted, my dear Mr. Keith. I intend to use your relations with Mrs.—I mean, with Polly Winters—as a lever to compel you to grant the prince's request."

"I don't see how."

"You don't? Prince, will you kindly open that door?"

Keith was on his feet in a flash, standing against the door leading to the consultation-room.

The dainty young woman laughed.

"I did not mean that door, Mr. Keith. See? The prince understood my desire."

It was even so. Prince Malagoff placed his hand upon the handle of the door leading to the hall— which it will be remembered, he did not lock in coming in the last time—and flung it wide open.

Three persons entered. They were Dick Rogers, John Dykeman, and Palmer-Robinson, the millionaire!

Harrison Keith, calm and masterful as ever, bowed to Palmer-Robinson and Dykeman.

"I did not expect you, gentlemen. I did not know you were in the house, even."

"It was my fault, Harry," put in Dick Rogers, as the detective's able young lieutenant stepped into the room. Then he whispered to Keith:

"We saw an auto come up to the house with two gentlemen in it, and, as they seemed to be a little uncertain as to which house they wanted, Mike and I came down to help them. We could see their faces plainly in the light of the street-lamp, you know."

"It was an appreciated service, I assure you," said Palmer-Robinson, with his stiff, old-world courteous manner. "We were waiting in the hall until Mr. Keith should be disengaged, having been told that he was in consultation with a gentleman on an important matter, when Prince Malagoff came out for a 'cello he had left there, and whispered to us that he would call us inside in reference to the Van Vonder diamond later. So we waited."

The millionaire said all this in a clear tone, but it was easy enough to see that he had suffered much since the detective had last looked at his face.

"Is there anything I can do for you, Mr. Palmer-Robinson, aside from the diamond matter?" asked Keith, moving close to him and speaking in a low voice.

"My wife, Mr. Keith," whispered the millionaire.

"Hush!"

"Why? What reason have I for being silent on that subject, Mr. Keith? I dare say all New York knows it by now. I was obliged to dismiss such of my guests as remained, rather abruptly, although, fortunately, the evening was practically over when the news came to me that she had gone away."

"Who told you?"

"That German musician, Franz Straus. It seems he saw her ride away in an automobile with Lord Vascelles, after hearing them arrange to go West on a train that would leave one of the depots early in the morning. I do not know which one, nor at what time a train leaves for the West. I don't know anything except that she has gone. I trust in your aid, Mr. Keith. What can you do for me?"

The millionaire, haughty and cold as the world in general thought him, placed his hands on the detective's shoulders.

"I can assure you that Mrs. Palmer-Robinson has not eloped with Lord Vascelles, or any one else," said Keith, in his cheerful, confidence-giving voice.

"What?" cried the millionaire, almost in a shriek, "Are you sure?"

"Positive."

"But—she has gone," faltered the distressed Palmer-Robinson.

"Yes," chirped Mrs. Reeves, fanning herself lazily. "It is too bad, is it not, my dear Mr. Palmer-Robinson?"

CHAPTER XXVI.
WANTED—A HORSEWHIP!

Keith walked over to the beautiful, mocking fiend in the chair, and bent his head until her perfumed hair brushed his forehead. He was in deadly earnest as he looked into those violet orbs which had turned the brains of so many men, but against which he was utterly proof. He saw in them only a purpose of evil. She was as relentless, as cruel and as unscrupulous as if she had been a savage in war-paint, instead of a young woman in her early twenties, in highly civilized New York.

"What are you going to say?" he whispered.

"It depends on you."

She tapped him playfully on the chin with her fan of ivory and feathers, as she looked defiantly up into his face,

"I do not see how."

"Oh, yes, you do. That Van Vonder must be produced now. There is no excuse for your not doing so. You have said that when the three trustees are together, they may see that you have recovered the jewel."

"I said at ten o'clock in the morning," he replied.

"And I say," she insisted, "that it must be now."

The other four persons in the room had watched curiously, while Keith and Mrs. Reeves were talking.

Prince Malagoff scowled malignantly behind the detective, while his dark eyes roved towards the Oriental dagger on the table, as if he half-contemplated another murderous attack. Suddenly the prince spoke.

"Mr. Palmer-Robinson," he said, in metallic tones, "I have been informed that the Van Vonder diamond is found. Mr Keith has it in his possession—presumably in this room."

"What do I care for the Van Vonder diamond?" almost shouted the usually self-contained millionaire. "What I want to know is, where is my wife?"

"Do you really want to know very much?" gurgled Mrs. Reeves.

"I would give ten years of my life to know," responded the millionaire wildly.

"You may know cheaper than that" she laughed, as she rose from her chair.

"Be careful!" whispered Keith, in her ear.

Prince Malagoff looked from one to the other curiously.

"I shall be careful, Mr. Keith," she answered, as she moved toward the door of the consultation-room, shaking her fan playfully at the detective, when he made a movement as if he would stop her.

Deliberately, she flung the door wide open, and, stepping inside, she caught the arm of Mrs. Palmer-Robinson, and led her forth into the larger apartment.

"Mr. Palmer-Robinson, I have the pleasure of presenting to you your wife, who is known familiarly, I believe, to Mr. Harrison Keith, as Polly Winters."

The millionaire sank into a chair behind him, completely prostrated, waving his hands as if he would push from his sight, a hideous vision.

"I told you I would do it, Harrison Keith," whispered the heartless, but beautiful divorcee, as she passed him on her way to resume her chair.

The detective did not reply, but taking Mrs. Palmer-Robinson's hand with the tips of his fingers, he led her towards her husband, with the words:

"Mr. Palmer-Robinson, will you withhold judgment for five minutes."

For a moment or two the proud man of old family, on whose name for two hundred years there had never been a stain, gazed at the trembling young woman before him as if he could not bear even to look at her. But he could not refuse her this one chance.

"Very well," he murmured. "Five minutes let it be."

"Now, Prince Malagoff, what is your charge against this lady?" demanded the detective, as he pushed forward his own swing-chair for Mrs. Palmer-Robinson.

"Is it necessary for me to make any charge?" sneered the Russian? "Does not the situation explain itself?"

Mrs. Reeves smiled in amused acquiescence.

"I do not think the situation does explain itself, Prince Malagoff, and I demand that you shall tell Mr. Palmer-Robinson why you, with your confederate," turning towards the smiling Mrs. Reeves, "have placed this lady, the wife of a respected citizen, in such an equivocal position."

Mrs. Reeves uttered a peal of silvery laughter, which, however, at that moment, sounded strangely discordant.

"Really, my dear Mr. Keith, I must protest. If any one has placed my friend, Polly Winters, in an unpleasant position, it is yourself. I do not think you have a right to blame the prince for the present state of affairs. As for my being his confederate, as you express it, I will answer that later, only saying now that I was not aware of any understanding between the prince and myself which would warrant the application to me of such an ugly word. Now you may say what you please, but I shall be silent at least till the five minutes granted by Mr. Palmer-Robinson have expired."

"All I have to add," said the prince, folding his arms with the air of a man in an unassailable entrenchment, "is, that if Mr. Palmer-Robinson is satisfied, the whole matter is in his own hands."

"Horrible!" murmured the unhappy millionaire.

"I should think, as a friend of both the lady and gentleman," continued the Russian, "that if Mrs. Palmer-Robinson can convince her husband that it is proper for her to be alone in the private apartments of Mr. Harrison Keith at two o'clock in the morning, the whole dilemma is cleared up at a stroke."

The husband groaned.

"Mr. Palmer-Robinson," said Harrison Keith, as if with a sudden resolution, "you have heard what this man has said."

"Yes."

"He charges that Mrs. Palmer-Robinson was in my apartments at an unusual hour alone."

"Yes."

"Alone, remember."

"I heard it," said the millionaire.

"That is the main point of the accusation and the one which you feel you can not overlook?"

"Yes."

"Then if Mrs. Palmer-Robinson were not in my rooms alone with me there might have been some possibility of your accepting an explanation which would have turned what seems to be an unforgivable offence into simply an innocent indiscretion?"

"Yes."

"Mr. Palmer-Robinson, let me show you something."

Harrison Keith went hurriedly into the consultation-room. Behind the door, Mina Dykeman, almost fainting, was supported in the arms of Hugh Allen.

"Come with me," said Keith, beckoning to the girl.

She shrank back in terror.

"Oh, I dare not," she whispered. "My father is out there, I heard his voice. I am afraid."

"You must," insisted the detective. "The honour, the happiness, perhaps the very life of your friend, depends on it."

"I heard them saying something, as if you were all quarreling, but I did not understand it. Does Polly want me to come out?"

"I came here to fetch you for her," replied Keith.

The next moment he led Mina Dykeman out to the other room, her lover following closely.

The effect of this sudden apparition was extraordinary, for John Dykeman actually leaped from his chair and gnashed his teeth like a wild animal.

"My daughter!" he shouted.

"Mina could only bow her head and cling to Hugh Allen on the one side, and Harrison Keith on the other.

"This is a most interesting tableau," sneered Prince Malagoff. "I have no doubt Mr. Palmer-Robinson and Mr. Dykeman enjoy it exceedingly. It looks to me like a double elopement."

"There is one elopement, I'm positive. Let me get at that rascal who is trying to steal my daughter away from her home!"

The infuriated diamond importer would have leaped upon Hugh Allen, had not Keith interposed

"One moment, Mr. Dykeman. If you will permit me to say a few words, perhaps you will take a more lenient view of the situation," said Keith.

"I can take only one view," spluttered Dykeman. "That is, that this Allen, who has been in my employ for years, and whom I trusted, has taken advantage of his being in my private house for the past year to entrap my daughter, Mina, into——"

"Entrap!" interrupted Hugh Allen indignantly.

"Keep quiet, Hugh," said the detective quietly. "You shall have your innings later."

"I said 'entrap,' as plainly as I could speak," roared the diamond importer. "It was nothing less. Any girl of my daughter's age could be persuaded by a smooth-tongued young jackanapes with some good looks that her happiness is bound up in him, and could be induced to run away from her home, too. This is not an unusual case. What are you going to do, Mina?"

"I am going to wait until you and Mr. Keith have finished talking," she said, as bravely as she could, although her voice trembled.

"Ugh!"

With a grunt, John Dykeman flung himself into the chair from which he had risen when he first saw his daughter, and kept quiet.

"I don't understand," exclaimed Mr. Palmer-Robinson, speaking for the first time since the coming in of Mina and Hugh. "Were these young people with my wife all the time?"

"Yes, Mr. Palmer-Robinson," answered Mina eagerly. "We were. And she's an angel. That is what she is."

"Tell the story, Miss Dykeman," requested Keith, as his steady gaze swept the whole company, one by one.

"This is how it came about, Mr. Palmer-Robinson," continued Mina, hurriedly, but distinctly. "Hugh and I are going to be married——"

"Ugh!" growled John Dykeman.

"We are going to be married, but we could not manage it by ourselves. I knew how good Polly always was and I had reason to believe she was fond of me. So Hugh and I arranged to meet at your house, where I had been invited to the dinner-dance, and where Hugh knew he could get in as a private detective, being acquainted with the agency chief."

"Plenty of ingenuity in these young people, I must admit. I envy them their cleverness," said Mrs. Reeves.

"We met in the conservatory, and after that I found an opportunity to talk quietly to Polly—I mean, Mrs. Palmer-Robinson. I told her that, on account of the Van Vonder diamond being stolen, my father was in such a worried state that he was sure not to sanction our engagement, much less our marriage. Moreover, I feared he would blame Hugh for its being stolen."

"Hugh Allen was not in charge of the diamond at night, was he?" put in Keith.

"I was not," answered Hugh for himself. "When it was taken from me at the end of the day's work, it was removed by Mr. Dykeman and the prince. That ended my connection with it."

"And you intended to be married, because you had finished an important task, for which you had received good pay right along, and, therefore, had saved enough money, together with what you had had in the bank before, to warrant your going on a long honeymoon trip before settling down to work again in New York at your calling as an expert jeweller?"

"Yes, Mr. Keith."

"But what about Mrs. Palmer-Robinson?" queried the millionaire, who had been listening with some impatience to the recital of Hugh Allen's love-affair.

"Only this," resumed Mina. "When I had told her that Hugh and I had made up our minds to be married at once, but that we did not know how to set about it, she offered to go with us until we had been joined by a minister, saying she was sure she could find some one to help us."

"And was that why she left home so suddenly?" asked Mr. Palmer-Robinson.

"Of course it was. She waited until the ball was about over, when she would not be so likely to be missed, and when you would probably think she had retired to her own apartments——"

"I begin to see. I have made a fool of myself," murmured the millionaire.

"She got one of her automobiles, with a trusted chaffeur—which was east enough, for everybody in your employ, Mr. Palmer-Robinson, would do anything for her."

He nodded assent to this.

"We all went away in it—she, and Hugh and I—rode down-town, so that we would throw off any pursuers, if there happened to be some. We were sure there wouldn't be, you know, but it was more romantic to pretend there were a few," explained Mina naively. "So we went down Broadway, and up the Bowery, and then along Broadway again, where Polly sent you a long telegram, —"

"What? She sent me a telegram?" interrupted the millionaire, starting up from his chair.

"Of course she did—telling you what she was doing, and that you must not worry, for she was quite safe, and would be back soon, and that she had Penton, the chaffeur, looking after her, and that she was sure you would be glad she was doing what she could to make Mina happy. You always liked me, or said you did, you know——"

"But I did not get that message. It must be at the hosue now. Come Polly. Let us go home together. I can hardly express myself, but—Mr. Keith, if you will kindly horsewhip me, I shall be obliged."

CHAPTER XXVII.
AN ARMED TRUCE.

"This is all very well, but I do not see that you have explained your part in this affair," said John Dykeman, as he frowned at his daughter and Hugh. "I want you to understand that my daughter is not for you, Hugh Allen, and that, even if I had ever tolerated the idea, I should not do so now, when you are under suspicion of stealing the Van Vonder diamond."

The young man's face flushed with honest indignation as he replied, slowly and emphatically:

"Mr. John Dykeman, you know, as well as any one in this world, that you are not speaking the truth when you accuse me of knowing anything about the stealing of that stone."

(To be Continued.)

HELPFUL HINTS.

The get-on-with-the-war entuusiast was warming to his subject. He had described the death of hundreds of women and children in Belgium with gruesome details, the treatment of British prisoners with more gruesome details, the sinking of the Lusitania with still more gruesome details, and as he saw the strained look of the audience, he went on vehemently:

"There are some spectacles one never forgets——"

As he paused a moment impressively, a little old lady in the front rose and chirped:

"Oh, do please tell me where I can get a pair. I'm always forgetting mine."

SUPPLY A WANT.

The dear old thing put down her paper.

"I'm always reading of our dear lads out there making sorties," she said to her daughter.

"Yes," said the girl.

"My dear," said the mother, "let's make a dozen or so of these sorties and send them out to the boys. They ought not to make their own!"

DIDN'T LOSE HIS TEMPER.

It was the boast of Benjamin Banks, retired colonel, that he had a disposition that nothing could ruffle. He took up golf, and for a long time his friends failed to notice any disturbance of the colonel's outward calm; but one day, when playing a foursome, he got into a notorious "Devil's Punch-bowl" bunker, and spent a terrible fifteen minutes trying first to find the ball and then to play it out.

He tried every club in vain, and at last, glaring like a demon, he smashed them, one after another, across a jagged rock.

"What are you doing?" cried one of his opponents.

"It's all right," he snorted. "It's it's better to—break one's clubs than to—lose one's temper!"

The caddie gathered up the pieces.

He was one of those fellows who are always in a hurry, and the motor-bus was one that refused to be hustled. It crawled up the hill like a tank at about two miles an hour.

"Hi, driver," said the ill-tempered man, spitefully, "we are not going to a funeral, you know."

"You're right, mister," replied the driver, "we ain't. And we ain't go-in' to a fire neither."

NOTHING SERIOUS.

"They're comparatively rich, aren't they?"

"Well, I wouldn't say 'comparatively,' but 'relatively.' They have a rich uncle of whom they expect great things."

Mother: "You will be six years old to-morrow. Willie, and I want to give you a real birthday treat. Tell me what you would like."

Willie (after thinking earnestly): "Bring me a whole box of chocolate creams, mother, and ask Tommy Smith to come in and watch me eat them. Then tell him that you are going to take me to the pictures."

A SHREWD SOLDIER.

It was the general's inspection day, and his remark was heard all over the square. "Splendid!" he exclaimed, as F Company passed the flag-staff.

"Did you hear that, Bill?" said our hero, just after passing the saluting base.

"You stand fast in the ranks after parade," snapped a sergeant (who was nearer to the speaker than he thought), "for talking during inspection."

Next day he was brought before the adjutant at the orderly-room.

"Private So-and-so, you are charged with talking in the ranks during an inspection parade. What excuse have you to offer?"

"Well," replied the ranker, "as we were passing the saluting pole I heard the general remark, 'Well done, lads! Splendid!' and, of course, me being elevated over hearing such praise, remarked, 'Yes, and you've got the smartest officer in the whole Army to thank for making us splendid, and that's our adjutant!'"

"Er—I say, sergeant, dismiss this man at once, and don't bring such frivolous complaints before me any more!"

Bertha: "What did father say when you asked him if you could marry me?"

Percy: "He didn't really refuse, but he made a very severe condition."

Bertha: "What was it?"

Percy: "He said he'd see me hanged first."

Young Housewife: "Oh, Reggie, the cook's run away and—oh—!——"

Husband: "Well, don't upset yourself. Anyone'd think she'd taken your diamond earrings or the Queen Anne tea-service."

Young Housewife: "Worse than that! She's taken all the drippin' from our Sunday joint!"

"Listen to this, Maria," said Mr. Stubb, as he unfolded his scientific paper. "This article states that in some of the old Roman prisons that have been unearthed they found the petrified remains of the prisoners."

"Gracious, John!" exclaimed Mrs. Stubbs, with a smile, "them's what they call hardened criminals, I expect."

"Cleopatra! Cleopatra!" called little Jessie, who liked big names for her pets.

"Why, I thought your cat's name was Napoleon," protested the visitor.

"He was Napoleon till he had his kittens," affirmed Jessie stoutly.

An Australian soldier had overstayed his leave. He knew his Commanding Officer was fed up with hard-luck excuses, so wired:—

"Not sick, nobody dead, got plenty of money, having a good time. Please wire two days' extension."

He got three.

"Now," said the professor, "supposing that by some convulsion of nature portions of the earth now under water became dry land, what would be the most prominent characteristic of the landscape?"

And the summer girl who was trying to suppress a yawn replied "German submarines."

Minister: "Do you promise to love, honour, and obey?"

Young Bride: "Well, you know well enough I don't love him as well as that poor man I couldn't afford to marry, and that if I honoured a man I would think too much of him to marry him; but slip on the ring, for I certainly will obey—every impulse of my own."

A man was rebuked in court for endeavouring to confirm a palpably absurd story told by his wife.

"You should be more careful," the judge said. "I tell you candidly I don't believe one word of your wife's story."

The man looked at the judge and sighed mournfully.

"That's all very well," he said. "You may do as you like, but I've got to!"

A minister had just left home when he remembered that he had not shaved. Consequently he paid one of his rare visits to the village barber. That worthy, however, could not effect the operation without cutting the reverend gentleman's chin.

"Ah, John," remonstrated the cleric, "it's an awful thing, the drink."

"It is that, sir," responded the barber; "it makes the skin wonderfully tender!"

"What an interesting man your grandfather must have been! And did he attain a green old age?"

"Well, I should say he did! He was swindled four times after he was seventy!"

A well-known theatrical manager has a habit of getting his own way by hook or by crook.

"That's too loud," he called out one day, as the orchestra started at a rehearsal.

"I can't help it, sir," replied the conductor, "it's marked 'forte.'"

"Well," went on the man of power, imperturbably, "just make it thirty-five, please."

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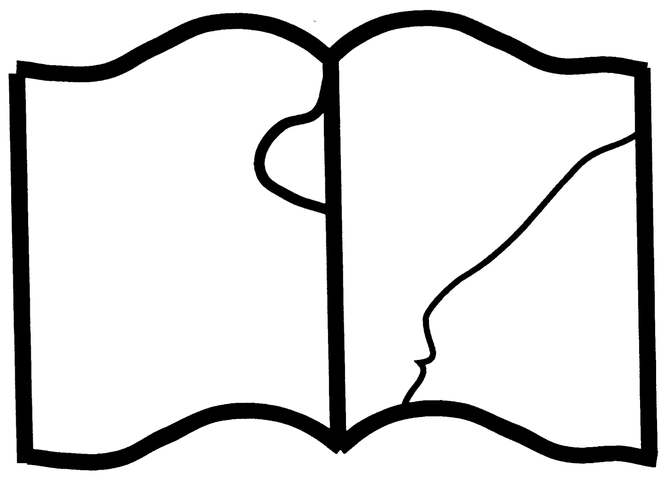

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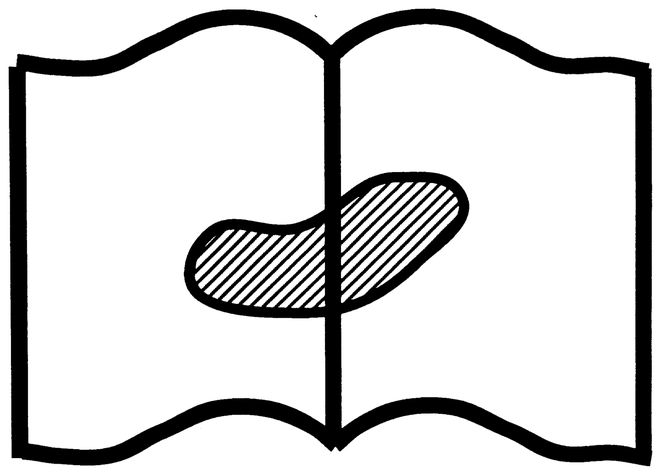

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Therefore, according to Davenport, underfeeding or improper food does not count for much in the ultimate result. Likewise, overfeeding, while it may influence weight, has little effect on adult stature; it simply may hasten growth and enable a man to reach prematurely his predestined stature. The comparative lack of dependence of growth on quantity of food is shown by the fact that a bantam chick, eat what it will, never develops into anything but a bantam fowl.

But, although our authority, contends that food conditions have only limited and special relations to growth, this is not at all the case with internal conditions. It is known that variations in the amount of secretions thrown into the body by various ductless glands have important relation to growth. Moreover variations in the secretions of the glands, the thyroid, the pituitary body, and the pineal body are very common and in the opinion of Davenport, are hereditary, that is, racial.

Since growth is so dependent upon secretions that, in turn, may be modified by numerous frequently occurring accidents, one might feel justified in doubting if an inheritance of stature can be traced. On the other hand, it must not be forgotten that the degree to which the functioning of a gland is disturbed by bad conditions, is not independent of hereditary factors and also the variations in the ordinary functioning of a gland are determined largely by such factors.

Davenport notes that one of the factors that determine variation in stature is probably the variation in age of onset of puberty. That parents of similarly inclined deviant stature have on the average less variable off-spring than those of short tall parents. That the off-spring of two tall parents are less variable in stature than those of both short parents. That when both parents are "tall," or very "tall," and of tall stock, practically all the children are tall or very tall. That, when both parents are "very short," or "short" and of short stock, all children are short or very short.—"Popular Science Siftings."

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Jan.	181	13	250	50	149	62	107	8	61	80	211
Feb.	180	20	36	50	102	41	126	94	106	53	91
Mar.	274	107	158	178	139	73	96	357	89	180	187
Apr.	239	323	161	12	108	71	144	58	369	18	252
May	195	65	151	94	229	330	335	342	205	336	375
June	414	350	261	155	261	104	298	330	125	309	238
July	99	100	158	96	56	180	350	258	317	126	143
Aug	277	103	89	194	117	325	159	197	302	240	673
Sept.	189	237	170	250	307	192	383	361	114	384	176
Oct.	281	151	97	79	295	291	278	465	113	291	141
Nov.	252	91	50	5	140	233	76	462	180	173	165
Dec.	16	81	88	5	57	16	246	42	429	70	117
Inches	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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1909—January, 141 points; February, 55; March, [illegible]; April, [illegible]; May, [illegible]; June, 320; July, 312; August, 225; September, 465; October, 257; November, 164; December, 183.

1911—January, 57; February, 742; March, 491; April, 90; May, [illegible]; June, 285; July, 182; August, [illegible]; September, 420; October, 205; November, 49; December, 291.

1912—January, 36; February, 40; March, 259; April, 228; May, [illegible]; June, 218; July, 155; August, 155; September, [illegible]; October, 119; November, 257; December, 258.

1913—January, [illegible]; February, 193; March, 322; April, 192; May, 204; June, 180; July, 162; August, 246; September, 317; October, 112; November, 258; December, 129.

1914—January, [illegible]; February, 11; March, 91; April, 206; May, 152; June, 74; July, 210; August, [illegible]; September, [illegible]; October, [illegible]; November, 142; December, 32.

1915—January, 147; February, 31; March, 60; April, 18; May, 27; June, 55; July, 169; August, 277; September, 34; October, 205; November, 122; December, 21.

1916—January, 30; February, 211; March, 6; April, 22; May, 34; June, 54; July, 327; August, 28; September, 69; October, 447; November, 34; December, 139.

1917—January, 25; February, 160; March, 141; April, 156; May, 7; June, 267; July, 230; August, 85; September, 28; October, 241; November, 25; December, 22.

1918—January, 126; February, 99; March, 369; April, 257; May, 379; June, 289; July, 238; August, 409; September, 225; October, 214; November, 81; December, 12.

1919—January, [illegible]; February, 264; March, 149.

Totals—1909, [illegible]; 1910, [illegible]; 1911, 56.01; 1912, 25.11; 1913, [illegible]; 1914, [illegible]; 1915, 21.95; 1916, [illegible]; 1917, 28.22; 1918, 20.[illegible]

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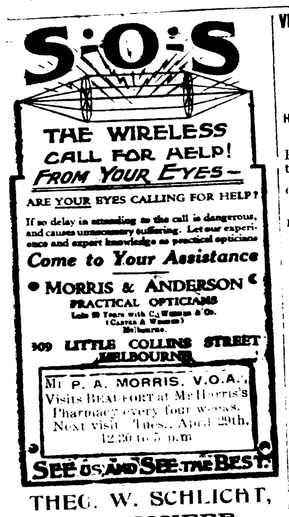

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Directions have been issued to State school teachers to prepare for the celebration of Anzac, Empire, and Arbor Days. As schools were in vacation on 25th April, the anniversary of the date of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand troops on Gallipoli, in 1915, the day will be celebrated on 29th April. Empire Day will be observed this year on Friday, 23rd May, as the customary date, 24th May, falls on a Saturday, which is not a school day. In regard to Arbor Day, the State has been divided into six sections, according to climatic conditions. Northern and North-Western counties have been allotted 6th June, and some of the Eastern counties have had as late a day as 11th July fixed for them. In the County of Bourke, which includes the metropolitan area, the celebration will be on 27th June.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1919.

An Omission.

In a report of a gift social, which appeared in our last issue, Miss Rose Roberts' name was omitted from the list of musicians.

Accident.

On Good Friday Mr J. G. Macdonald, manager of the Beaufort branch of the London Bank, sustained a painful injury to his right hand whilst cleaning a disc in his motor car when it was revolving.

A Narrow Escape.

On Good Friday Mr Robt. Watkin, of Beaufort, had a fortunate escape from serious injury. He was kicked on the abdomen by a draught horse and rendered unconscious, but only sustained severe bruises and an abrasion.

Photograph of Soldiers.

An enlarged photograph of Corpls. L. V. and R. H. Dunn and Dvr. Wm. Dunn, who recently returned from active service abroad, is on view in the window of Mr G. H. Cougle's drapery establishment. The three brothers formerly resided at Chute.

An Improvement.

During the past week the Ripon Shire council's employee has re-commenced lighting the street lamps, and a great improvement is noticeable by those who have occasion to venture abroad at night. The greatest fault with the present system of street lighting is that it is not used all the year round.

Resident's Departure.

Mr A. J. Haggis, who was employed at Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon & Co's. establishment at Beaufort for a number of years, has removed to Diamond Creek. Mr Haggis was assistant secretary of the local branch, A.N.A., delegate to the U.F.S.C., and also a valued member of the Cricket Club and Fire Brigade. His friends in these societies regret his departure.

The Holidays.

The Easter Holidays—Good Friday, Saturday, and Easter Monday—passed very quietly at Beaufort. Owing to the influenza epidemic, a smaller number of people than usual availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the metropolis. On Good Friday and Sunday services were held in the churches. The local cricketers played a match at Ballarat on Good Friday, and tried conclusions with Lexton on their own ground on Saturday. There being no local fixtures of any kind on Easter Monday, many residents spent the day picnicking at Mt. Cole or the local Park, whilst sportsmen visited the Stawell athletic carnival, or went out on shooting excursions.

Cricket.

The return match between North City and Beaufort was played on the City Oval, Ballarat, on Good Friday. North batted first and made 169. Norman Anderson, the captain, was top-scorer with a well-made 50; Ord, of the Baptist team, got 28, Gladman 25, and Lucas 18. Hay (six for 56), Muntz, and McLean (two for 37), divided the wickets. Beaufort could manage only 109. McLean made 31, Harold Irwin (a one-time senior cricketer in Ballarat) 28, Martin 11, and McDonald 10. There were 20 sundries in the score. Ord took three wickets for 45 runs. Anderson four for eight in two overs. Thompson one for 23, and Blanden one for nine. In their second innings North made 92, of which Knox contributed 26. Hobba 16, and Rusden 10.

The Lexton cricketers visited Beaufort on Saturday and played an enjoyable match with the local team at the Park. Lexton won the toss, and put Beaufort in. The home team was disposed of for a total of 82 runs. Hay (31) and Myles (20) were the highest scorers: Martin and Muntz being next with five each. R. Simpkin bowled well, capturing five wickets for 25 runs. L. Simpkin and Trewin took two wickets each. Lexton made 170, to which L. Simpkin contributed 34, A. Gray 25, W. Karslake 23, N. Trewin 21, R. Simpkin 17, Gollop 16, and Palmby 14. Hay was responsible for the fall of four wickets, McDonald three, Muntz two, and Myles one. The fielding on both sides was keen.

Anzac Day Effort.

On Anzac Day (Friday) a successful effort was made in aid of the funds of the Beaufort sub-branch, R.S.S.I.L., by the members of the league, with whom a strong committee of local ladies co-operated. The returned soldier workers were under the leadership of their president (Capt. R. A. D. Sinclair), vice-president (Mr Gilbert Smith), and secretary (Mr N. McLeod). Mrs J. R. Hughes was president of the ladies' committee, Mrs J. G. Macdonald treasurer, and Misses Pearl Chibnall and L. Stuart joint secretaries. Luncheon was provided by the ladies under Messrs Kelly & McDonald's veranda in Neill street, where hot pies, saveloys and rolls, and scones were on sale. The booth was well patronised. Afternoon tea was also dispensed. House badges and souvenir buttons were sold, and lucky envelopes entitling the holder to a gift were disposed of at 1/ each. Returned soldiers in uniform were conspicuous in the town, and they formed a procession and marched through the principal streets, headed by the Federal Band. Subsequently the band (under the leadership of Mr H. Harriman) played a programme of patriotic and other airs from the rotunda. There was a good display of bunting on business places and public buildings in honour of the occasion. In the evening a ball was held at the Societies' Hall by the ladies and the Cricket Club, the proceeds of which were devoted to the effort.

Soldiers Returning.

Lieut. S. Young and Ptes. A. J. Dixon and F. Hallihan have arrived in Melbourne from overseas, and are expected to return to Beaufort any evening. Ptes. Dixon and Hallihan were prisoners of war in Germany for long periods.

Mechanics' Institute Lighting.

The Gloria light was installed in the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute on Thursday, and is a much brighter illuminant than acetylene gas, which it has displaced. As the price of carbide has now dropped to sixpence per pound, the saving effected will not be so great as anticipated.

Soldiers Welcomed.

At Lake Goldsmith on Friday evening, 18th inst., a welcome social was held under the auspices of the local Welcome Home Committee in honour of Ptes. A. Bell, Reg. O'Neil, J. Gibb, and D. McDonald, who recently returned from the front. There was a large attendance of residents of the district, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Dancing was indulged in till the early hours of the morning. During an interval Cr. D. R. Hannah addressed a few well-chosen words of welcome and congratulation to the returned men. Mr W. J. Millar (president of the Welcome Home Committee) spoke in a similar strain, and presented each soldier with an inscribed gold medal as a token of appreciation from the residents of Lake Goldsmith, Stockyard Hill, and district. Cr. Hannah also presented the soldiers with certificates from the Shire of Ripon. The recipients all suitably responded.

The FORD is the standard Motor Car of the world, the car for the multitude. It is sold at a price which makes it possible for the man of average means to own a car of his own. J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., Agents for Beaufort District. Dunlop Tyres, all sizes, in stock.

MR. MARCHANT, Consulting Optician, of Geelong, will visit Beaufort on Wednesday, 30th April, (10 till 5), and may be consulted at Mechanics' Institute.

The Ararat Miners' Picture Co. are putting in a new plant at Beaufort, and will show again to-night (Saturday) week.—[Advt.]

Mrs Acton, secretary Beaufort Ladies' Red Cross Society, has received a letter from headquarters, stating that kit bags and pyjamas are urgently required in large numbers, and is anxious that the local workers will do their utmost to comply with the request.

Pleuro-pneumonic has broken out in the dairy herds in several Melbourne suburbs.

Beaufort races will be held on 10th May. The programme is advertised.

Unfortunately, there is no abatement in the pneumonic influenza epidemic. No fewer than 1288 cases were reported for Victoria on Thursday, and 13 deaths occurred in hospitals; whilst 44 deaths were reported by registrars to the Board of Health, but some of these occurred within the last day or two. The Ballarat Hospital is full of patients, numbering over 60, and two additional deaths occurred on Thursday.

CLEARING, LAND, AND STOCK SALES.

Mr W. H. Halpin, auctioneer, Beaufort, reports having held an exceptionally successful clearing sale on Saturday, 12th inst., on a/c of Mr Martin Meehan, junr. Draught horses brought high prices.

Messrs Kelly & McDonald report having sold, on account of Mr Alfred W. Cheeseman, 100 acres of freehold land at a satisfactory price to Mr H. J. Buchanan, of Beaufort.

Messrs Kelly & McDonald report having held a highly successful sale for Mr A. J. Cleland, of Waterloo, on Thursday, 17th inst. There was a large attendance of buyers, and every lot (including machinery, furniture, and sundries) sold at satisfactory prices. Sixty-five acres of freehold land, with all improvements thereto, were sold at £9/5/ per acre to Mr W. E. Backhouse, of Waterloo. An unexpired lease of 137 acres was sold for £60 to Mr G. Smith.

Messrs Kelly & McDonald, in conjunction with Mr W. H. Halpin, report having held a highly successful clearing sale for the executors of the late John Keating, on Wednesday, 16th inst., at Enoch Park, Skipton. There was a large attendance of buyers, and every lot was sold under the hammer at satisfactory prices. The following sales were effected:—79 comeback ewes at 22/6; 155 merino ewes, 17/6; 78 aged merino ewes, 7/10; 97 crossbred ewes, four years, 19/10; 222 crossbred ewes, 2, 4, and 6-tooth, 25; 99 crossbred weaners, 12/6; 407 crossbred weaners, 14/10; 221 comeback weaners, 14/9; 145 comeback ewes, 4 and 6-tooth, 28/1; 60 merino ewes, 4 and 6-tooth, 25/1; 2 heifers at £8 per head; heifer, £10/10/; calves, £4/17/6 and £2/17/6; springer, £14; cow and calf, £18/5. Forty acres of bush land were sold at 25/ per acre, and all sundries brought satisfactory prices.

Messrs Kelly & McDonald report having held their usual stock sale at Beaufort on Thursday, when they yarded about 2000 sheep and 40 head of cattle. There was a fair attendance of buyers, and notwithstanding the dry weather, there was fair competition, and practically a total clearance was effected. Following were the sales:—380 crossbred ewes at 21/; 390 crossbred weaners, 12/; 70 merino ewes, 26/8; 74 merino wethers, 25/5; 69 aged wethers, 5/9; 133 aged merino ewes, 6/9; 162 aged merino ewes, 8/6; 30 aged merino ewes, 11; 78 crossbred wethers, 24/10; 170 merinos, mixed sexes, 22/3; 42 merino wethers, 22/9; 62 crossbred wethers, 21/; 50 fat ewes, 25/; 24 weaners, 15; 6 wethers, 23/6; 10 wethers, 27/11; cows, £7/15/, £10/10/, and £12 7/6; steers, £6/12/6 and £5; cow and calf, £16/10/; bull, £10/15/.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

At a farewell luncheon at the British Empire Club in London to Lieut.-General Sir C. B. B. White and Major-General Sir J. W. McCay, who are returning to Australia, twelve Australian generals were present. Lieut.-General White is proceeding to Melbourne on board H.M.A.S. Australia as Commodore Dumaresque's guest. General Birdwood was present at Portsmouth to bid farewell to General White, who from the days of Gallipoli to the signing of the armistice acted as his chief staff officer.

Lieut. J. M. Roban, M.C., 24th (N.S.W.) Battalion, who is returning to Australia, enlisted at Melbourne on 28th May, 1915, and left Australia in June of the following year. He gained his commission in 1918, and in the same year was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery in France. He was a clerk and rudder worker before enlisting. His parents, Sergt. M. and Mrs Roban, are former residents of Beaufort.

Wheeler A. J. Vale, of Waterloo, is returning to Australia by the "Kildonian Castle," which left England on the 21st March.

Lieut. F. J. Jenkins, M.C. and Bar, M.M., is returning to Australia on the "Dongola," and left England on 23rd March. Prior to enlisting over 3½ years ago, Lieut. Jenkins was schoolmaster at Chute.

Pte. Louis Maher, of the 58th Battalion, is returning to Australia with a party of invalids on the "Port Denison," which left England on 25th March, and is expected to arrive at Adelaide on 4th May. Pte. Maher left Australia a little over three years ago with Beaufort's first unit.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred at Ballarat at 6 o'clock on Saturday morning of Mrs Catherine Meehan, relict of Mr John Meehan. The deceased, who was the victim of an attack of influenza, was 82 years of age. She was well-known and respected in the Beaufort district, being a sister-in-law of Mr Martin Meehan, senr., and Mrs H. Cushing, of Lake Goldsmith. The remains were brought to Beaufort by road and interred in the local cemetery that afternoon, a number of friends of the deceased attending the funeral. The Roman Catholic burial service was read by the Rev. Father Layden, of Ararat.

Mr Harold Spottiswood Whitfield, second son of Mr and Mrs Thos. Whitfield, of Beaufort, died in the Ararat Hospital on Tuesday night, at the early age of 22 years. The deceased, who was a promising young man of sterling character and quiet disposition, won the highest esteem of all who came in contact with him. His untimely end is deeply regretted, and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents and brothers (the eldest of whom is on active service abroad). Although the deceased was of splendid physique and apparently robust, he had not permanently enjoyed good health ever since his boyhood, having in his lifetime had no less than five attacks of rheumatic fever. These illnesses adversely affected his heart, and he had been undergoing treatment in the Ararat Hospital for two months prior to his death. The body was brought to Beaufort by train on Wednesday evening, and interred in the local cemetery on Thursday afternoon. The funeral was attended by many sympathising friends of the family. The coffin was borne to the grave by Messrs R. and W. Phillips, V. Martin, R. Humphreys, Joseph Whitfield (uncle of deceased), and Thos. Whitfield (father). The pall bearers were Messrs Jno. Miller, J. B. Cochran, Theo. Schlicht, R. Pitcher, and A. Cheeseman. Rev. E. H. Coltman conducted the Methodist burial service. Mr A. H. Sands, undertaker, Beaufort, carried out the mortuary arrangements.

We regret to record the death of Mr John Howison Slater, a very old and well-known resident of the Skipton and Beaufort districts, the sad event occurring at his residence, Beaufort, on Thursday morning. The deceased had been suffering from a disease of the heart for a year past, and had been seriously ill for a fortnight prior to his death. He was 69 years of age, and a native of Galashiels, Scotland; arriving in Victoria with his parents when seven years of age. The late Mr Slater, who had lived in this State for 62 years, was married at Spring Hill, Skipton, when 22 years of age. For many years he was a contractor in Skipton district, and came to Beaufort to reside about 16 years ago. The deceased, who possessed many excellent qualities, leaves a widow and family of four sons and eight daughters. Altogether there were 13 in the family, the youngest son (the late Signaller Harold Slater) recently dying on active service. Much symyathy is felt for the bereaved relatives.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Thursday.

Wheat, 4/9 to 5/. Oats, 4/4 to 4/6. Barley: Prime, 5/6 to 6/; Cape, 4/ to 4/3. Flour, £11. Bran, £6/5/. Pollard, £6/15/. Potatoes, £9/10/ to £10. Hay: Best chaffing, £4/15/; manger, £4. Straw, £3.

The annual meeting of Beaufort branch, A.W.N. League, is to be held on Monday afternoon, when Mrs Berry will give an address.

At a land board held at Ballarat on Thursday, Mr C. J. Joy, land officer, dealt with the following application: Parish of Beaufort—Mitchell Dames, 20 acres, east of Beaufort-Raglan road, adjoining Jas. Williams on south.—Recommended subject to report from Mines Department and approved survey.

VALEDICTORY.

Mr Martin Meehan, junr., who has relinquished farming at Stockyard Hill and purchased a business at Pyramid Hill, left for his new sphere of labor yesterday (Friday). Mr Meehan was for some years an active member of the Beaufort Agricultural Society. The representative gathering of business men and residents of the town and district at a valedictory function tendered to Mr Meehan at Beaufort on Thursday night plainly indicated the esteem in which he is held. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon, M. Exell, A. Kirkpatrick, and P. Kelly. Cr. W. H. Halpin (president of Ripon Shire) occupied the chair, and in the course of a eulogistic speech, referred to the regret felt in the district at losing such a fine type of young man as Mr Meehan, the good character and industrious habits of the guest, the patriotism he had displayed, his honesty and integrity in business dealings, and his good citizenship, which had won the respect of all. They all wished Mr Meehan happiness and prosperity in his new venture. The chairman's remarks were cordially endorsed by Crs. Hannah (a former employer) and Sinclair, and Messrs D. F. Troy, H. Seager, J. G. Macdonald, W. Bowen, and G. McCaughey. Cr. Hannah then presented Mr Meehan with a case of silver-mounted pipes as a slight token of esteem from his friends. The health of the guest was enthusiastically drunk with musical honors and cheers. In the course of a neat response, Mr Meehan thanked his friends for the unexpected send-off and presentation, and the speakers for their kind remarks. If he lived in the district another 25 years he would not be able to return all the kindness bestowed on him by the residents. What he had done for patriotic purposes had only been his duty. He could not get away himself to fight through no fault of his, and those who stayed at home should do the best they could for those who had sacrificed so much to go. He hoped that leading citizens would see that those men who had so nobly fought would get a fair deal from the repatriation authorities when they returned. When he sat in his big chair with his feet on the mantelpiece and smoked the pipes, his thoughts would wander back to the many good, kind friends he had left in Beaufort. The toast of Mr M. Meehan, senr., and Miss Meehan was proposed by Cr. Sinclair, and responded to by Cr. Hannah and Mr Meehan, junr. Cr. Sinclair gave a recitation. The proceedings terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

WOOL APPRAISEMENTS.

The 52nd round of wool appraisements was concluded in Geelong last week. George Hague & Co., Pty. Ltd., submitted an exceptionally good catalogue of farmers' wools, comprising 1641 bales. Practically every lot was a bright, well grown combing. In many cases tender fleeces were to be found, principally in the crossbred section. The next round of appraisements in Geelong is due to be completed on the 9th May, when another good selection of wool will be submitted by George Hague & Co. A soft-handling, bright, dense, well-grown combing, and which was well-nourished with yolk, from the Willaura district, branded S/heart/Mountain View, topped Hague's appraisement—the A sup. com. making 30d., sup. com. E 29½d., comback 25¾d., 1st lambs, 22½d. The remainder of the clip realised equally creditable prices, and the returns per head of this flock should be most satisfactory. Woodbine/ETS (Great Western)—A soft, bright combing, of fine quality and character, 1st. flce. 29d., pcs. 18¾d., 1st lms 20½d. DJS/Bowra (Warrnambool) showed excellent quality and character. It was bright and well-grown, in nice condition, AAA cbk. 27d., bkn. cbk., 21¾d., AA cbk. lms. 18½d. OH (Cavendish)—1st. com. W. 27d. 1st pcs. 15d. SL (Linton)—AAA 27d, 1st pcs. 19d. bls. 16½d. AW/Skipton—Sup. com. 27d. sup. cbk. 25½d, bls. and pcs. 16½d. HTD/Springvale (Meredith)—AA 26¾d. HWW/Morpor (Hawkesdale). A shafty dense, attractive combing of good color. AAA cbk. 26½d., bkn. cbk. 21¾d., bls. cbk. 15½d., 1st lms. cbk. 21d. WF/Hexham (East Hexham)—AA cbk. H. 26½d., AA cbk. 26d., AA lms. cbk. 21½d. bkn. flce. cbk. 20½d. bls. cbk. 16d. ET/Buangor—Cbk. 23d. DD/BFT. (Raglan)—Cbk. 22d. AT/Eyebrow/Stawell—AMF 21½d, 1st. pcs. 17d. ML/L (Landsborough)—Flce. 21d. Eyebrow/B/W (Willaura)—½bd. 21d, 1st. X lms. 14¾d. TH/Golden-Grove (Langi Logan)—1st. F 20¾d. H/H/Trawalla—Flce. 20½d. MC/L (Landsborough W)—Sup. com. 20½d. AW (Raglan)—Cbk. 20½d. EH/L (Landsborough)—Mer. 20½d. KMP (Landsborough)—Mer 19¾d. BB/Brs. (Stawell)—Flce 19d. Triangle/McB (Stawell)—Flce. 19d. HA/Trawalla—Flce. 19d. S Bros./B (Beaufort)—Flce. 18¾d. CR/L (Landsborough) Flce 18½d. M/-/W (Mafeking) Xbd. 18d.

Dalgety & Co. brought forward for appraisement, at Geelong on 16th inst., an attractive and representative catalogue of 3047 bales. D. McD/Middle Creek braad, from the Beaufort district, a shafty, strong quality combing, in excellent condition, made 28½d per lb. AD/Enue West clip from Skipton realised 26¾d, whilst other grades made 26d and 25¾d, and 1st pcs. 19½d. This was a dense comeback, carrying a fair amount of condition. Other outstanding results were as follow—AP/R (Raglan), mer. 22d; KO/Middle Creek (Beaufort), mer. 21½d; AP/R (Raglan), cbk. 22½d; MF/Middle/Creek (Middle Creek), flce. 21d.; WD/Stavely (Stavely), 1st flce. 21d; Cairns/Skipton (Skipton), AA cbk. 21d; KO/Middle Creek (Beaufort), cbk. 21d.

Dennys Lascelles Ltd. report regarding their complement to the 52nd series of appraisements, that amongst the leading Western district merinos was TR Pretty Lawer from Stockyard Hill, a soft, very deep, fine quality wool. Fleece 30½d, pcs. 21¾d, lambs 25½d. R in tria. (Mortchup)—Flce. 27d, pcs. 19½d, lms. 19d.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.

PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED.

Six members of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., were present at the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night: Mr N. Daniels (vice-president) occupying the chair. Appeal from Port Melbourne Welcome Home Committee, enclosing book of tickets.—Received, and matter of disposal of tickets to be left in secretary's hands. It was mentioned that it was going to cost the lodge a few pounds to welcome home their own soldier members. From general secretary, re financing medical and management fund.—Received, and resolved to hold a committee meeting to go into accounts before end of quarter. From A. Haggis, forwarding resignation as assistant secretary and delegate to U.F.S.C.—Resignation as assistant secretary held over till end of quarter, as a substitute had been arranged for. Mr A. E. Sands nominated for the vacancy on the U.F.S.C., and Mr Haggis' resignation as a delegate accepted with regret.

The resignation of the president (Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson), which was held over from last meeting, was read.

Mr M. Dames moved that the president's resignation be not accepted. The little trouble that had occurred had blown over, and there was not a dark cloud on the horizon. Everything had been amicably settled, and no animosity was felt either by the president or secretary.—[Mr Fullerton—There was no animosity as far as he was concerned.]—He (Mr Dames) thought it would be very wise to re-elect the president to his former position.

Mr Daniels, in seconding the motion, said that although he did not agree with the action Mr Johnson took in the first place in sending his resignation in, as Mr Dames had said, the matter had blown over, and he thought if the branch accepted the resignation, it would be slighting the president to a certain extent. He did not want, for the world, to cause a slight to be put on anyone. He understood Mr Johnson did not intend to stand for re-election, his term of six months being up on 30th May. Nominations would be received for officers at next meeting, and Mr Johnson would have to decide then whether he would stand or not. As he (Mr Daniels) had said at last meeting, he was very glad the matter had been settled.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr Daniels, in reinstating Mr Johnson to the position, said he had filled the chair in a very able manner and was an enthusiastic member. As he (Mr Daniels) did not always see eye to eye with most of the members, and particularly those controlling the meetings, it struck him, on the first occasion he saw Mr Johnson at the meeting, that in Mr Johnson he had one who would be always prepared to put up a fight for the bottom dog, which was what he (Mr Daniels) was always prepared to do. Perhaps through over-enthusiasm, Mr Johnson had made a slight mistake, and he was sure he regretted it. As the meeting had thought fit to unanimously return the resignation to Mr Johnson, he (Mr Daniels) had much pleasure in vacating the chair and asking him to resume it.

Mr Johnson, in taking the chair, thanked them for the expression of confidence in him. The matter he had brought up for discussion had all blown over, and they could now talk calmly over it. When he brought it up, he was a little bit nettled, as he thought certain parties were not getting a fair deal. He did not wish members to discuss it in open meeting, because he knew what it would mean. He had been criticised for allowing it to be discussed, and thought, in view of his resignation, that criticism could have been left out. As those who levelled this criticism at him had discussed the matter again at next meeting, they could not altogether blame the chairman. He tendered his resignation as a protest against the matter being discussed at the first meeeting. There was nothing personal in his action, and if the members felt dissatisfied with anything he had done, he thought it would give them an opportunity to express their feelings. He was glad the members had thought fit not to accept the resignation. He hoped that during the balance of his term they would get on well together, and that there would be no more bickering. As he had said when first installed, he only intended to sit for six months.

Mr Daniels said there was one thing Mr Johnson seemed to have lost sight of about the unfortunate matter. He said he put his resignation in to compel members to cease discussing the situation. He held that Mr Johnson was wrong in his action. If he had carried out the rule and put the charges in writing in the first place, there would have been no occasion to put in the resignation at all. That was his (Mr Daniels') idea.

Mr Johnson—Mr Daniels did not seem to understand it. He felt sorry when members finished speaking that so much had been said. Unless he had put the charges in writing at next meeting, they could have been ignored. That had no bearing on the charges, as unless they had been put in writing the next meeting would have had nothing to go on at all. Those here that night could tell Mr Daniels that he (Mr Johnson) got as big a "slang-whanging" as anyone else. He was sorry that night that he said all he did. He was a bit excited, and only said what he believed to be true, and placed the matter before the meeting to see if they thought it were true.

Mr Daniels—He did not think Mr Johnson laid them deliberately, only through over-enthusiasm.

Mr Johnson—He had heard things said about certain men which angered him. He was not convicting the secretary at all.

The matter then dropped, and was followed by a conversational discussion on the question of whether a president's term should be six or 12 months.

DENTISTRY—PAINLESS AND INSTANTANEOUS.

Mr W. E. Thomas, dentist, of South Australia, may be consulted at Beaufort on Wednesday, 30th April (all day). New method of extracting teeth, no matter how difficult; it is painless, no bruising, no swelling, or subsequent pain, and instantaneous, at a cost of 1/. Hardest mouths to fit with artificial teeth simplified to a minimum by latest suction system and adjustment acquired. The strongest and most beautiful and natural looking teeth in existence. No breaking, and plates are reinforced.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

Sleepless nights can be avoided both for yourself and your children if you give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Children take it willingly and it gives them relief. Many a worn-out mother says that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only boon that has brought her a good night's rest. Sold by J. R. Wotherspoon & Co.

FISH THAT SING

Contrary to the general belief they are not all dumb. Quite a number of them make some kind of noise, the common red gurnard, on being caught and hauled rudely out of the water will grunt loudly and indignantly. It is a strange, croaking sort of noise such as one might expect a young rook to make. Then there is the so-called the butterman, which is found off the Scottish coast. This fish makes a distinct hooting noise when the back of his throat swelling out like a net or caught on a long-handled netful of these fish, though rather rare, is sometimes obtained when they are hauled in the midst of sharp, siren-like hoots is startling to a stranger.

In Ceylon there is a shellfish of mussel, which positively shrieks on a still weather, when the water is shallow and away from the mussel a few hours, these shellfish are producing a long, low, mournful wail. How they do it no one knows, but they make a quite distinct cry at singing; and as they have throats they must produce it by some manipulation of their shells.

FLY LEAVES FROM PILOT'S LOG.

There was a certain kind of observation kite balloon common enough, known as a "Sausage," which lived within sight of the range of our guns, and was anchored behind a wood quite close to a railway line. It was used to go up and stare across the trenches at the enemy lines. It was difficult to hit, as it was immediately hauled down on the approach of any enemy plane, and when on the ground offered a very small target. Its bombs were fired by one or two men, and it was held by a battery of men to guy it down in one day, when there was a breeze and the clouds were patchy, we went up for a joy ride. The balloon was at about 3,000 feet and the clouds 3,000 feet, so we, of course, flew above it, and, diving down through a gap in them, looked for the "sausage." Unfortunately, we overshot the mark, and the gunners saw us first, and, as a matter of fact by means of an "Archie" under our tail. Swinging round, we saw the balloon which was being hauled down as fast as possible. In haste our bomb went wide, but luck would have it, hit the cable line alongside it and must have provided some occupation for the man sappers, besides delaying Fritz's dinner in the mess. There [illegible] so, joyously [illegible] for home from our mad visit, took into the cloud [illegible] goes a bomb, at [illegible] we go into our aerial [illegible] minutes later the same [illegible] jested. Another ten minutes [illegible] Archie, thought the cloud above them [illegible] his part, but we knew [illegible] that and weren't there [illegible]

However, we came back later, and not only [illegible] up, amid a terrific fusillade [illegible] over us our [illegible] a few nicknacks in the shape of incendiary and explosive bombs. We must have damaged something pretty considerable this time, because it was necessary afterwards, so our game wasn't altogether fruitless, providing us with a good amusement, and the [illegible] with plenty of hard work. Magazine.

ALL-SUFFICIENT

A very [illegible] sent to a friend [illegible] to examine a [illegible] to take the King's [illegible] overhearing [illegible] the first question [illegible] place of birth. "Why don't you ask the doctor? What [illegible] the doctor? [illegible] only state [illegible] who exclaimed "Why, I believe the deaf!" And, taking his pocket, he held it to the [illegible] said that ticking?" The youth shook [illegible] which was applied to [illegible] the same effect. The doctor opened the [illegible] action of the head [illegible] soldier.

"What do you mean [illegible] when you are stone [illegible] can't ever hear the [illegible] when it's held within [illegible] drum of your ear?" "And then the worst [illegible] 'She's no gaun [illegible] wagging her tongue [illegible] when the doctor [illegible] watch to his own [illegible] had indeed stopped. [illegible] too powerful to [illegible] words extensive th[illegible] lary ordinarily was [illegible]

GETTING OVER

"No, Willie," said [illegible] mair cakes to-night [illegible] you can't sleep on [illegible] "Well," said the [illegible] he, "I can sleep [illegible] I?"

FISH THAT SING.

Contrary to the general belief, fish are not all dumb. Quite a number of them make some kind of noise. The common red gurnard, on being hooked and hauled rudely out of the sea, will grunt loudly and indignantly. It is a strange, croaking sort of noise, such as one might expect a young crook to make. Then there is a fish called the batterman, which is found off the Scottish coast. This fish, which is fat and comfortable-looking, makes a distinct hooting noise from the back of his throat when landed in a net or caught on a long line. A nettful of these fish, though they are rather rare, is sometimes caught, and when they are hauled in the chorus of sharp, siren-like hoots is very startling to a stranger.

In Ceylon there is a shellfish, a kind of mussel, which positively sings. In still weather, when the water has ebbed away from the mussel beds for a few hours, these shellfish can be heard producing a long, low, dirty sound. How they do it no one knows, but they make a quite distinctive attempt at singing; and as they have no throats they must produce the sound by some manipulation of their double shells.

FLY LEAVES FROM THE PILOT'S LOG.

There was a certain Hun observation kite balloon, commonly known as a "Sausage," which lived just out of the range of our guns, in a clearing behind a wood quite close to a railway line; like its brethren, it used to go up and stare impertinently across the trenches at our proceedings. It was difficult to attack it, as it was immediately hauled down on the approach of any English aeroplane, and when on the ground it offered a very small target for our bombs. Furthermore, it was surrounded by one or two "Archies" and a battery of machine guns. However, one day, when there was a strong breeze and the clouds were low and patchy, we went up for a "Strafe." The balloon was at about 2,000 feet, and the clouds 3,000 or 4,000 feet; we, of course, flew above the clouds, and, diving down through a small gap in them, looked for the "Sausage." Unfortunately, we had slightly overshot the position, and the Sausagers saw us first, announcing the fact by means of an "Archie" under our tail. Swinging round, we make for the balloon, which was being wound down as fast as possible; in our haste our bomb went wide, but, as luck would have it, hit the railway line alongside it and must have provided some occupation for the German sappers, besides (let us hope) delaying Fritz's dinner in the trenches. There was nothing left for us but to run away and play somewhere else, so, paying them the compliment of a few pounds from our machine gun, we went back into the clouds; and, returning in ten minutes' time, we goes a bomb, up comes Archie, back we go into our aerial shelter. Ten minutes later, the same "turn" is repeated. Another ten minutes, methodical Hun, expecting us, keeps his balloon down, but sends up his Archie, through the clouds, to burst above them. Quite a good idea on his part, but we also had thought of that and weren't there!

However, we came back five minutes later, and met old Sausage coming up, amid a terrific fusilade from the floor; over go our last bombs, with a few nicknacks in the shape of shrapnel grenades, and down it goes again. We must have damaged somebody or something pretty considerably that time, because it was never seen afterwards; so our game of hide-and-seek wasn't altogether fruitless, besides providing us with a good deal of amusement, and the Huns' winder with plenty of hard work.—"Cornhill Magazine."

ALL-SUFFICIENT REASON.

A very pompous army surgeon was sent to a reclaiming depot in the Highlands to examine a batch of lads who had taken the King's shilling. The abrupt, overbearing manner of the doctor so frightened one nervous recruit that he was unable to answer the first question as to his name and place of birth.

"Why don't you answer?" roared the doctor. "What's your name, I say?"

Still the panic-stricken lad could only stare open-mouthed at his questioner, who exclaimed:—

"Why, I believe the fellow's stone deaf!" And, taking his watch from his pocket, he held it to the left ear of the recruit, saying: "Can you hear that ticking?"

The youth shook his head. The watch was applied to the other ear with the same effect, and then the doctor opened the vials of his indignation on the head of the would-be soldier.

"What do you mean by enlisting when you are stone deaf? Why, you can't even hear the ticking of a watch when it's held within an inch of the drum of your ear?"

And then the worm turned.

"She's no gaun," said the recruit, loosing his tongue at last."

"Eh!" when the doctor, holding the watch to his own ear, found that it had indeed stopped, his feelings were too powerful to be expressed in words extensive though his vocabulary ordinarily was.

GETTING OVER DIFFICULTIES.—"No, Willie," said the nurse, "no more cakes to-night. Don't you know you can't sleep on a full stomach?"

"Well," said the indomitable Willie, "I can sleep on my back, can't I?"

SNAKE VALLEY.

The Presbyterian Churchat Carngham was well filled on the occasion of a welcome home to Mrs James Russell, her daugher, and her son, Major Philip Russell. The proceedings opened with the singing of "Home, Sweet Home," followed by a prayer of thanksgiving by the Right Rev. John Walker. The Rev. R. F. Parry, who presided, stated that though he had but recently come into their midst he had heard so much about the Russell family that he came to regard them as an incarnation of goodness and kindness. Though absent in England for 4½ years they had not forgotten the church and district. Other speakers were Messrs J. S. Douglas, J. Brown, J. Ringin, and L. Lewis. The chairman then introduced the Right Rev. John Walker, and offered him the charge's heartiest congratulations on the fact that he had been honored with the highest distinction that the Presbyterian Church could confer upon any minister—that of Moderator-General. The Moderator then delivered an inspiring address. In making a presentation of an illuminated address in morocco case to Mrs Russell, the Moderator referred to Mrs and Miss Russell's splendid work in connection with the Red Cross and the hospitals at home; also to Major Russell's generosity to the Y.M.C.A. and the patriotic funds. The address, which is handsomely got up, bears testimony to the high esteem in which the people hold Mrs Russell, and their grateful appreciation of the many valuable services which she and her family have always rendered to the district. Reference is made to the assistance rendered by Mrs Russell and Major Philip after the devastating fire in 1914, and during the drought season which followed. It was with intense appreciation also that the people learned of the visits which Mrs and Miss Russell paid to their soldier sons in the hospitals of the Homeland. While expressing condolence with Mrs Russell in the death of her gallant sons, Capt. John and Lieut. Robert Russell, they rejoiced in the fact that Major Philip and Major Herbert had been spared to her. The address is signed by the ministers, elders, and managers. Major Philip, who was received with hearty cheers, responded on behalf of his mother, and thanked the people for their warm reception, their kind words, and the beautiful address. The musical programme was pleasing throughout. Choruses were rendered by the choir; solos by the Misses McDonald, E. Brumby, and M. Murray, and Messrs Maddock, D. Brumby, and S. Donaldson.

At a meeting called by Cr. D. R. Hannah (chairman of the Beaufort Repatriation Committee), Mr W. Watkins, Sergt. W. Gardiner, and Messrs W. R. Aisbett, E. Driver, W. Callahan, and P. McErvale were appointed a local repatriation committee, with a recommendation that Messrs J. S. Douglas and J. Ringin be the Government nominees. A vote of thanks to Crs. Hannah and Stewart, moved by Mr Watkins and seconded by Mr Douglas, was carried by acclamation, and also a vote of thanks to Cr. Roddis for presiding.

A movement is on foot to erect a memorial hall on the site of the Mechanics' Institute. A subscription list has been opened, and the people are responding liberally.

The annual Easter Monday sports meeting was held at the Carngham Reserve on Monday last. The proceeds are to be divided between the Ballarat District Hospital and the club. The attendance was not as large as usual, £17 being taken at the gates. Some exciting finishes were witnessed. In the Novelty Pony Race Miss Romeo and Lady Anzac fell in the straight, but, fortunately, both riders and horses escaped injury. Mr W. G. Martin, president; Cr. A. C. Roddis, starter; Mr Thos. Ryan, timekeeper; Mr W. G. Murray, treasurer; and Mr G. A. Cheeseman, honsecretary, assisted by a hard-working committee, carried out their duties satisfactorily. Mr Jas. Robertson, of Ballarat, was judge, and gave entire satisfaction. Results: Footrace, 100 yds.: W. Haggis, 8 yds, 1; Thos. Roddis, scr., 2. Buggy pony, 14.2 a.u.: Walter Gardner's Balby, 1; Geo. Coates' Blue Boy, 2. Handicap horse trot, 1½ miles: W. Ringin's Dan, 250 yds. bhd., 1; Geo. Hall's Tim, scr., 2. Farmers' plate handicap: Mr Whiting's Our Fred, 1; E. Sandow's Miss Romeo, 2. Footrace, 126 yds.: Thos. Roddis, 27 yds., 1; R. Snell, 10 yds., 2. Lady's Galloway: Miss A. Nunn's Jacka, 1; Mrs A. Nunn's Queenie, 2. Light-weight hunter: Mr T. Nunn's Dapple. Tilting at the ring on horseback: Mr W. McLean, 1; Mr Geo. Coster, 2. Novelty pony race handicap, 4 furlongs: Thos. Ringin's Brownie, 24 yds. bhd. Pony trot handicap, 14.1 a.u.: Les. Stevens' Lady Bismarck, scr, 1; Geo. Hall's Tim, 50 yds. bhd., 2. Pony hunter, 14.2 a.u.: Mr Thos. Nunn's Dapple, 1; E. Craig's Digger, 2. Hack race: Mr Whiting's Our Fred, 1; W. McLean's Latem, 2. Stepping the distance: A. Nicol. Guessing weight of sheep: H. O'Donohue, W. Kilfoyle, and W. Brown tied. In the evening a ball was held in the Mechanics' Hall. The musicians were the Misses McDonald and Hall (piano) and Mr Thos. Ryan and J. Hanrahan (violin). Mr Thos. Roddis was M.C.

Mr Albert Brumby, of Snake Valley, was removing the cap from what he surmised was a faulty cartridge, when it exploded, and he received the charge in the face. He was driven to Dr. Donaldson's surgery at Linton, where he received the necessary attention and was then motored to the Ballarat Hospital.

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A welcome home social to returned soldiers is to be held in the Waterloo Mechanics' Institute on Friday evening.

The Federal peace celebrations programme will be limited to two days.

It is officially announced that Germany accepts all the Allied conditions respecting the Versailles Conference.

In certain quarters it is stated that Sydney will be faced with a meat famine this winter. Many, it is said, will have to go without meat, and prices threaten to be a record.

In connection with the gift by the Commonwealth to the municipalities of the State of £749 each, to provide immediate work for discharged soldiers, the Minister for Public Works (Mr Robinson) said on Thursday that the Repatriation Department had modified the conditions, so as to allow the gift being spent on works additional to those for which financial provision has already been made by councils. Municipal councils will now have a wider scope in selecting works to be undertaken, and Mr Robinson considers that there should now be no obstacle to municipalities immediately undertaking works for the benefit of returned soldiers.

LARCENY AT BUANGOR.

A robbery occurred on Monday, 11th inst., when Mr McKinnon's residence, near Buangor, was entered by two lads, and £1 in cash, besides deposit receipts for £800 and £300 on the London Bank, and bonds for £100 and £50 in the Commonwealth War Loans, stolen. The two lads, who left behind a new broom handle, which they had been seen carrying, were smartly apprehended by Constable Ranson on Thursday night, 14th inst., at 10 p.m. Constable Ranson ascertained that the lads, who had taken the train to Hamilton, had come back again, and proceeded to Jory's boarding house, where he arrested two young men, about 17 years of age, who gave their names as McGennis-kin and Ellis. The Buangor robbery was admitted. They had, it appears, concealed themselves in a truck at Strathkellar amongst some onions and potatoes. A quantity of jewellery, valued at £15, was found in their possession, which, Ellis stated, they had stolen from Mr E. D. Mitis, near Moutajup. A further petty larceny from Richard Brimmacombe, in the Hamilton district, was denied. In regard to the Buangor affair, the lads said they had left the deposit receipts and securities in an old hut near Buangor. The accused were brought before the Ararat court and remanded to appear again on Friday, 25th inst. Mr T. Impey, J.P., occupied the bench.—"Chronicle."

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SKIPTON.

Cr. D. Stewart, on behalf of the committee of the Ballarat Hospital, presented the head teacher of the local State school (Mr F. A. Moore) with a handsome framed picture, the prize presented to the school for having won the Ballarat District Schools' Egg Day Competition. Mary Rowley and Henry Boite, of this school, also won the individual prizes for boys and girls. Cr. Stewart, on behalf of Mrs Stewart and himself, presented each child with a bag of lollies, for which three hearty cheers were given.

A welcome home social was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Friday evening, 15th inst., in honor of district returned soldiers by the Welcome Home League. The hall was well filled, and was nicely decorated with flags and greenery for the occasion. The chair was occupied by Mr A. Elder (president), and Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (of the Ripon Shire) delivered interesting and appropriate addresses. Musical items were rendered by Mrs Kelly, Miss Harris (of Beaufort), and Messrs W. Hedley and R. Cooper. Gold medals, suitably inscribed, were presented to Corporal Barr, Driver Smith, and Privates J. N. Aitken and D. McDonald. Medals were also presented to the friends of Lance-corporal W. Murdochy, Farrier-Sergt. W. Allan, and Private W. Euman.

At Mingay, Corporal A. Barr and Privates Smith and Parryman were accorded a welcome home, and were presented by Mr W. G. Gibson, M.P., with framed certificates. In the course of a speech condemning the Soldiers' Land Settlement Board, Mr Gibson said it was a shame to ask a soldier to try and make a living on £1400 worth of land, when it would take a most experienced farmer to make only an existence on the area that could be purchased for that amount. During the evening songs, etc., were rendered by visitors from Lismore and Skipton.

During the war period the teachers and scholars of the Skipton State School have contributed monthly to the Education Department's War Relief Fund, and as a result of these contributions, together with special efforts made, £1631/0/7 has been forwarded to the district treasurer. Through the war savings group established at the school, certificates to the face value of £1570 have been purchased, and the school was instrumental in procuring subscriptions totalling £8150 for the Sixth and Seventh War Loans—a record for the State. The head teacher (Mr F. A. Moore) has received a letter from the Education Department, complimenting the school on its splendid achievement.

Cr. D. Stewart, of Ballarat, has donated a bat and ball to the Skipton Cricket Club for the best batting and bowling average respectively. The former has been won by Mr R. Cooper; the latter by Mr A. Rowley.

A very successful sports meeting was held at Skipton on Easter Monday, from which a net profit of over £100 is expected. Fifty per cent. of this amount is to be devoted to repatriation, and the remainder divided equally between the Reception League and the Mechanics' Institute. In the horse events some well-bred stock took part. The following are the winners of the principal events:—Horse over hurdles, W. Lynch; pony over hurdles, Miss L. Austin; ladies' hack race, Mrs F. Funston; trot, Miss L. Austin. The two important pedestrian events were won by H. Roddis, of Snake Valley; whilst the bicycle road race prize was annexed by J. Shaw.

The engagement is announced of Miss Doris Vera Chidgey (Dos), youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Chidgey, "The Rest," Wynnstaygrove, Armadale, to Private Harry Irwin Madden, youngest surviving son of Mr and Mrs D. Madden, "Ceylon," Eglinton-street, Moonee Ponds (late of Skipton). Private Madden was lately repatriated from Germany, after being a prisoner of war for two years.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Electoral Revision Court will be held at the Court House, Beaufort, on Monday, the 5th day of May, 1919, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of revising the General Lists of Electors for the Legislative Assembly for the Beaufort Division of the Electoral District of Hampden.

Dated at Beaufort this 24th day of April, 1919.

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A WELCOME HOME SOCIAL to Returned Soldiers will be held in the WATERLOO MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on FRIDAY, MAY 2nd. Pte. C. Newey will also be invested with the insignia of the Military Medal.
THOS. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Beaufort Branch will be held in the MECHANICS' HALL, BEAUFORT, on MONDAY, APRIL 28th, at 2.45. Business—Election of Officers, Adoption of Balance-sheet and Report, and General Business.

At 3 p.m. MRS. BERRY (of Central) will give an ADDRESS. All welcome.
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MEMBER'S TICKET, 10/.
ADMISSION TO COURSE, 1/1.

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Stewards: Messrs. W. R. Glover, R. A. D. Sinclair, W. O'Sullivan, A. Parker, T. Rodgers, and W. J. Lidgerwood.
Judge: Mr. J. T. Glover.
Clerk of Scales: Mr. W. O'Sullivan.
Handicapper: Mr. J. Lyons.
Starter: Mr. H. Smith.
Clerk of Course: Mr. P. Grant.
Pony Measurers: Messrs. G. Vowles and W. J. Lidgerwood.
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Timekeeper: Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair.

PROGRAMME.

TRIAL STAKES.
Five furlongs. For horses that have not won a race of value of £10. 1st, Trophy, value £4; 2nd, Trophy, value £1. Nomination, 5/.

BRACELET STAKES.
Six furlongs. 1st, Trophy, value £4; 2nd, Trophy, value £1. Nom., 5.

HANDICAP PONY RACE
(14.2 hands and under).
(Recognised Life Certificates for Ponies will be accepted.)
Four furlongs. 1st, Trophy, value £4; 2nd, Trophy, value £1. Nom., 5/.

BEAUFORT REPATRIATION HANDICAP.
About one mile. 1st, Trophy, value £7; 2nd, Trophy, value £1. Nomination, 5/; acceptance, 3/.

DISTANCE HANDICAP TROT
(Registered). 1½ miles. 1st, Trophy, value £4; 2nd, Trophy, value £1. Nom. 5/. Nominators must give last three placed performances, and state whether trotter or pacer, hobbled or unhobbled, and if they race in saddle or harness.

FLYING HANDICAP.
Five furlongs. 1st, Trophy, value £4; 2nd, Trophy, value £1. Nom., 5/.

Nominations for all races will close with Secretary ('Phone 9, Beaufort), SATURDAY, 3rd MAY, 1919.
A copy of the handicaps will be posted to each nominator.
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PART 11.

"What ?" howled Dykeman, do you dare to insinuate that I am a li——"

"Hush !" interrupted Keith "Let me say a word or two about this matter."

"Show the diamond, Mr. Keith," suggested Mrs. Reeves, still waving her fan carelessly in front of her pretty face.

"I was going to say, Mr. Dykeman, Mr. Palmer-Robinson, and Prince Malagoff, that the Van Vonder diamond has been found, and that it will be returned to your joint custody at ten o'clock this morning."

"Found ?" cried Palmer-Robinson, astonished.

"Yes."

"I have known that for some little time," observed Prince Malagoff. "That is why I am here, with Mrs. Reeves as a witness. I learned that what seemed to be the Van Vonder diamond was hidden in a 'cello sometimes used by Franz Straus, the musician whom you know slightly, I believe."

"Then Franz Straus was the thief, eh ?" asked the millionaire.

Prince Malagoff raised his shoulders.

"Let Mr. Keith decide that. He is the person supposed to probe this mystery, I believe."

"Prince Malagoff brought the 'cello to my room, and there is the instrument on the floor."

"And the diamond was in it ?"

"No. There was nothing in it," broke in the prince hotly.

Harrison-Keith turned toward Palmer-Robinson, and said calmly :

"The diamond was not in the 'cello. I have it in my possession——"

"Here ?"

"I will produce it at ten o'clock, as I have repeatedly told the prince in the presence of Mrs. Reeves. There is a model of the original stone, made to assist the polishers in fashioning the Van Vonder diamond to a state as near perfection as possible. That model is in the hands of Prince Malagoff. I think it would be well to have it with me, so that I can show both of them, the real and imitation, side by side. Then there can be no mistaking one for the other—as has happened more than once."

"That is true, I dare say," admitted Dykeman.

"Yes," said Keith, "one of the occasions on which several persons were deceived was at a meeting of diamond 'realizers,' as they call themselves, on the lower East Side, not far from the Bowery. Shall I show the stone was shown in a crowd at night, and how——"

"I do not think this jargon is interesting either to Mr. Palmer-Robinson or Mr. Dykeman," interrupted Prince Malagoff, whose face had gone to a gray-white which was inexpressibly ghastly.

Harrison Keith stopped speaking and gazed smilingly at Mrs. Reeves, who had turned white under her powder and rouge, and had almost collapsed in the depths of her chair.

"I think the best thing to be done is to allow Mr. Keith to have his way," declared Mr. Palmer-Robinson. "I am satisfied now that I know the diamond has been found, although I had so much confidence in Mr. Keith that I never doubted that he would recover the stone before long. All this about the 'cello and the imitation stone is not interesting to me. May I ask where the real Van Vonder diamond will be produced at ten o'clock ?"

"At the house of Mr. John Dykeman, in Fifty-seventh Street," answered the detective quickly.

"Then, if you will permit Mrs. Palmer-Robinson and me to retire, we have an automobile at the door——"

"Two of them, I believe," put in his wife, with a smile.

Palmer-Robinson bowed.

"True ! You came in one, of course, while I had another, in which I brought Mr. Dykeman here. I will leave my own at his disposal when he is ready to go home, and we will use yours."

"But there is something else. You are forgetting the most important thing of all—the wedding of Hugh Allen and Mina," protested Mrs. Palmer-Robinson.

"I confess I had forgotten it," he said. "What is to be done about it ? Mr. Dykeman, as Mina's father, must be consulted, and it seems as if he—er—rather—er—objects to the arrangement."

"Objects ?" bellowed Dykeman. "I should say I do object ! Hugh Allen will never be a son-in-law of mine. He will be fortunate if he keeps out of the Tombs. When this robbery of the Van Vonder diamond is investigated, I expect to be able to prove that Hugh——"

Harrison Keith cut off the blustering of John Dykeman by stepping up to him and whispering something in his ear.

Whatever the words were, they had the effect of making Dykeman look at the detective as if he were a ghost or an avenging spirit.

"Mr. Palmer-Robinson," said Keith turning to the millionaire with a composed countenance, very different from those of John Dykeman, Mrs. Reeves, and the prince. "I think it would be well if these young people would put off their wedding until to-morrow."

"To-morrow ?"

Harrison Keith laughed, as he corrected himself : "I meant to-day, of course. We are all so used to saying 'to-morrow' when we have not been to bed, that I had forgotten it is now two o'clock."

"I wanted to be married now," insisted Hugh Allen, who looked as if ready to fight for his bride-elect with any one who should dispute his claim to her.

"It cannot be accomplished at this hour, Hugh," answered Keith. "I do not believe I could get a minister out of bed even for a wedding until daylight. Besides, if you are sure of getting Miss Dykeman after ten o'clock, will that not satisfy you ?"

"Of course it will," broke in Mina. "I will take Mr. Keith's promise. Besides, I think my father will agree. Won't you, father ?"

John Dykeman growled something in subdued tones which might have been anything, but which Mina took to be assent, and she went up to him and placed her hand upon his shoulder in gratitude.

"Let us go home, father."

He arose to his feet—rather unsteadily, as if he had received a shock of some kind.

"I am afraid you think me a wicked girl," she whispered.

He did not answer her, but, turning to Mr. Palmer-Robinson, said :

"I thank you for the use of the auto. My daughter and I will go home, and let your chauffeur bring the machine back to you as soon as possible."

"Hugh Allen will remain with me for the rest of the night. We have plenty of room," said the detective, as he saw that the young man was looking about him in some embarrassment, when Dykeman did not offer to take him home, too.

"Thank you, Mr. Keith," responded Hugh. "I have a room at Mr. Dykeman's house, but, perhaps, he does not want me to occupy it again."

John Dykeman was at the door by this time, his daughter on his arm. He went out, without looking back, taking Mina with him, and closed the door. A few moments later they heard the front door close with a bang.

"We will go, too, Polly," whispered Palmer Robinson. Then, aloud : "Mr. Keith, I came here under false impressions, and other false ideas found their way into my mind afterward. I have already apologised to Mrs. Palmer-Robinson. I should like to tell you that I am ashamed of suspicions which made me behave rather badly to you a little while ago. Will you forgive me ?"

He held out his hand, which Keith grasped heartily.

"Dick, will you see that Mr. and Mrs. Palmer-Robinson reach their auto in safety ?" requested Keith.

"With pleasure."

As the trio left the apartment the detective turned toward Prince Malagoff and Mrs. Reeves, who had kept silence for a few minutes, but evidently were preparing to return to the fray as soon as they should be alone with the detective.

"Will you see Mrs. Reeves to her home ?" said Keith coolly. "She is very tired, I am sure, Prince Malagoff."

"For the last time, are you going to show me the diamond ?" demanded the Russian, ignoring his words.

"For the last time, you will see it at ten o'clock."

"The boat sails at that hour, and I intended to go on her, so as to deliver the Van Vonder diamond to the person authorized to receive it on the other side."

"St. Petersburg ?"

"I am not allowed to say where it is to be passed from my hands," replied the prince.

"The Deutschland sails at ten-thirty, Prince Malagoff—not ten o'clock. There will be time enough for you to get to the pier before she goes—if you decide then to sail by that steamship."

"If ?" repeated the Russian hotly. "There is no 'if' about it. I shall go on the Deutschland. All my arrangements are made. I engaged my cabin some days ago, before the diamond was stolen. I should have canceled it, only that I know you have the Van Vonder diamond."

"Then why are you so insistent that I should produce it ?"

"Because I want to make sure by the evidence of my own eyes, that there is no mistake about its being found. That is all."

"Don't want to show it to any one at that Russian restaurant not far from the Brooklyn Bridge, eh ?"

Again the prince's face took on the ghastly greenish-yellow which had shadowed it when Keith had referred before to the meeting of the revolutionaries where the false diamond had been taken from Beau Bridgeman.

"If you have nothing to say but this, we may as well take our leave," growled Malagof, after a pause, during which there had been some rapid telegraphy between him and Mrs. Reeves—which Keith had noted, although they did not know it.

"I will make a slight concession," answered Keith. "You want to sail on the Deutschland at half-past ten."

"Yes," was the surly reply.

"Very well. To give you plenty of time, I will produce the diamond at the house of Mr. Dykeman at half-past nine. You will have nearly an hour then to take the steamer—if you really want to take it after conferring with the gentlemen present."

"Half-past nine, you say ?" grunted the prince, getting to his feet and picking up the 'cello.

"Yes."

"Mrs. Reeves, may I have the pleasure of seeing you home ?" was the formal way in which the prince now addressed the pretty widow.

"Thanks, dear boy. I shall be charmed."

Womanlike, she had recovered her equanimity sooner than the man, and was once more the gay, smiling, good-tempered, insolent woman of the world.

She looked at Keith defiantly, as she smiled and extended her hand, and, although it lingered for a moment in his fingers as tenderly as a babe's, he knew perfectly well that if she could have driven the dagger on the table into his heart, she would have done so without the slightest compunction.

"Good night, my dear Mr. Keith. Au revoir ! Come, prince ! Ah ! There is that delightful young man, Mr. Rogers ! Is our auto out there did you notice, when you looked out just now ?"

"Yes. It is there. I will call to your chauffeur," replied Dick, who had just returned to the room, after seeing Mr. and Mrs. Palmer-Robinson away.

"Thanks, so much !"

She shot another bright smile at Keith as she disappeared through the doorway. The Prince, the 'cello in his arms, followed, with Dick Rogers bringing up the rear.

Then the door closed.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

THREE IN THE MORNING.

"Well, Dick," said Keith, with a sigh of relief, as his assistant returned and reported that the last of their visitors had departed. "Now begins the last act of the Van Vonder drama—or farce."

"What, before we go to bed ?" protested Dick.

Keith permitted himself the pleasure of a loud and prolonged laugh.

"We will take a nap till eight o'clock. Then we must get up."

"Half-past two till eight," said Dick. "Two out of eight leaves six. Deduct another half hour, and you get—five hours and a half. Well, let us be thankful for that much rest. Then what shall we do ?"

"I will tell you in the morning. You bolted the door and put the chain up, of course ?"

"By Jove ! I don't believe I did. The fact is that I did not wait to see the prince and that fairy off in their auto. They were on the steps, and their chaffeur—who looked to me like Petroff Strorky——"

"It was Petroff Strorky," put in the detective.

"Yes ? Well, he was bringing the machine up. So I closed the door—gently, for politeness sake—and came away. I heard the wheels as I came through the hall, and I reckon they have gone."

"I would not have left the door unbolted, if I had been you, Dick. See that it is all right now."

"Certainly," answered Dick, hurrying to obey orders.

"All right, Dick ?" asked Keith, as Dick returned.

"All safe and sound."

"Good ! Is Beau asleep ?"

"I guess so. I will open his door and look in as I go up to bed."

"It might be as well. Good night."

"Aren't you going up stairs ?"

"No. I will make up that sofa bed in the consultation-room. I prefer to keep near the street in case of anything breaking loose before daylight."

"All right, Harry ! I don't see the necessity myself. But you are the boss. Somebody will have to wake me if I am to turn out at eight o'clock. That is a sure thing. As for Mike and Hans, they are snoring as if they never meant to get up again. Good night."

For ten minutes after Rogers had gone Keith sat staring into the wide fireplace, where the usual big logs of wood were smouldering, for he liked the fragrance of burning hickory and ash, as well as the comfortable warmth thrown out by the fire.

Finally he arose, stretched, and yawned.

"I'll go to bed," he said, as he went into the consultation-room, which was lighted only by the reflection of the lamp from the larger apartment.

"I can sleep as comfortably on this as in my bed," he said to himself. "I'll just take this blanket and pillow out of the box below, to lay on the spring couch. Then, with this other blanket to cover me, and my shoes off, I ought to sleep as soundly as a policeman on duty."

He went back to the large room, and looked about it, following his inspection with a look into the hall, in which a single gas-jet, turned very low, relieved the gloom. Then he turned the key and threw himself into a chair in front of the fireplace, It was the chair in which Mrs. Reeves had looked so charming less than half an hour before, and he could distinguish the faint fragrance which always hung about her.

"Smart woman, that !" murmured Keith. "She is playing a bold game, too. Wonder whether she believes she is fooling me. Does she think I don't know she and Malagoff have been coworkers for at least six months past ? Perhaps. Only once before that dinner last night had I spoken to her, and I doubt whether she even remembers that. But, my dear Sophia Verinsky, it is my business to keep my eye on such persons as yourself. You are more dangerous than some others of the anarchistic crew, because you have money. That was a shrewd move of yours, to become the wife of Reeves, force him to make a large settlement upon you, and then divorce him ! Mabel Waldo Pierce was such an innocent little girl, that no one associated you for a moment with Sophia Verinsky, the Polish refugee. Not that it is strange for you speak English fluently and you still look very young. You must be considerably over thirty at that. Well, you and Malagoff are worthy of any man's steel. You fight hard, both of you. The worst of it is, you do not always fight fair. Still, what does that matter, if I contrive to beat you ? And I think I have done it this time."

He lighted his pipe and smoked for ten minutes, so deep in thought that he did not utter a word, notwithstanding that self-communion in audible tones was a habit of his whenever he knew himself to be alone.

The French clock chimed three before Keith, having removed his evening coat and vest, as well as his shoes, and habited himsel in a dressing gown, lay down on the sofa under his blanket, and composed himself for a few hours of sleep.

He had closed, but not locked, the door communicating with the living-room. His chamber was in perfect darkness, save for a ray of moonlight that found its way through the window from the back of the house.

Keith had the happy faculty of being able to fall asleep as soon as his head touched the pillow, although he could generally be awakened by a word spoken near him. If anyone called his name, he would sit up, broad awake, in an instant. If he were touched, the chances were that he would be standing in the middle of the floor before the person who had disturbed him could realize what had happened.

He had been sleeping perhaps half an hour when the door of the living room opened slowly and cautiously, and a face peered around it.

The room was quite dark, for there were wooden shutters at the windows, and the logs in the fireplace had smouldered until they were quite black. It was the kind of darkness which has been described as "to be felt."

The face looking around the door would not have been seen, therefore, even if there had been anyone in the apartment, but it might have been possible for a man with the high-pitched nerves of Harrison Keith to "feel" the foreign presence. However that might have been, Keith was not in the big room, so that the intruder had a clear field.

"It's all right," whispered the stranger, to some one outside. "Come on, and flash your light."

"Not yet," was the reply.

"Why not ?"

"Feel your way first."

"I don't see why."

"I do."

"Then go ahead and do it."

"I will."

The speaker moved around the room, close to the wall, going to the right, while the other person, who had suggested that a light be flashed, stood at the open door.

Not a sound did the explorer make in passing around, and when the man at the door felt a hand touch his he could not help starting, for he had not supposed any one was so near.

"What's the matter ? Don't jump like that. You are liable to shake the house."

"Sacre ! Why didn't you let me know you were here ?"

"Keep quiet. There is nobody in the room. I found all the chairs and felt them. He has gone to bed."

"Where ?"

"In the next room."

"Ah ! Then he will hear us."

"He will not hear us, because there will be nothing for him to hear. Why should there be ?"

"I don't see how we can help it ?"

"Don't be an idiot ! We are not going to blow the safe open with dynamite. It will all be done in silence."

"I am glad to hear it, but it is a risky performance, no matter how it is done."

"Are you afraid ?" came, in a scornful whisper, from the person who seemed to have much more nerve than the other.

"No, I am not afraid !" snarled the cautious one. "What I want to do is to slip into the room and put him where he will never tell of what happened, I could do it so easily, too."

There could be no question as to the murderous meaning of the speaker, for there was relentless vindictiveness in every accent.

"Don't talk nonsense ! Do you think we could send Keith over the border without bringing all the police and private detectives in the country down on us ? I will not take any such chance as that. We must get what we want from this safe, and then depart. If we do it properly there will never be the least suspicion."

"I leave it to you," answered the other resignedly.

"Then wait till I show the light. When you see it, come straight towards where it shines, and—mind you do not stumble."

"Very well !"

The two burglars—for their conversation told that that was their profession, at least for the time being—were near the door by which they had entered, and which they now had gently closed. There was a pause, without a sound to break the stillness except the low ticking of the French clock.

Then there suddenly appeared on the door of Harrison Keith's big safe, bringing the knob of the combination lock sharply into prominence, a bright white light !

The man at the door began to make his way slowly and cautiously towards the safe, where, in the shadow—made all the blacker by the brilliancy of the ring of light on the safe-lock—stood his soft-footed companion !

CHAPTER XXIX.

KEITH ADVANCES PROOFS.

There was no waste of time now. The two persons who had found their way into Harrison Keith's house seemed to know just how to proceed. One of them feeling his way to the door of the consultation-room, tied the end of a piece of strong whipcord to the handle, and then, going back to the safe, secured it to one of the iron feet.

"That will hold the door long enough to give us time to get out of the room, if he should awake," remarked this ingenious individual, as he rejoined his companion.

"All right. Let me get at the lock."

The speaker slipped to the floor in the darkness and placed an ear close to the lock, while delicately twisting the knob this way and that, so that the sound of the falling tumblers could be noted.

It is a common performance by expert safe-breakers, to open combination locks simply by listening to the working of the unseen mechanism within. To the ear delicately trained each movement of the tumblers carries a different message. There have been burglars who could open the most complicated safe-lock in this way, while every large safe manufacturing concern keeps on its staff one or two workmen who possess this gift.

It was evident that this burglar, sitting upon the floor, handling the lock with slim fingers that seemed to have the faculty of hearing in themselves, had studied locks carefully, although without the instinct for solving problems of this kind, any amount of study would be useless.

The other burglar, standing behind the operator, held the dark lantern ready to flash on the light when required, but keeping it quite hidden in the meantime. Five, ten, fifteen minutes passed, and then, with a peculiar squeak, the ponderous door came open, and the successful mechanic got up.

The light was flashed into the interior of the big safe, and a jimmy had already been tried on one of the iron drawers within, when there was a crash, as the door leading to the consultation-room was burst open, snapping the whip-cord as if it had been thread, and a flood of electric light showed Harrison Keith gazing at the two intruders !

The latter were completely taken by surprise, while the detective was cool as usual.

"Welcome !" he said mockingly, as he kept the six-shooter in his right hand levelled at the head of the man who had expressed the willingness to kill him in his sleep only a short while before. "Prince Malagoff and—can it be possible ?—Mrs. Waldo Pierce-Reeves !"

The woman had seemed for a brief instant as if she would like to sink through the floor, but, as he addressed her, the native audacity which had carried her through situations more terrifying than this came to her aid, and she smiled as prettily as ever she had at Mr. Palmer-Robinson's dinner-table.

"It is Mrs. Reeves," she answered smilingly. "If you don't mind, I'll take my old seat while we discuss matters. I have been working rather hard for the past fifteen minutes or so. All for nothing, too, I am afraid. How tiresome of you to come in just now."

She still wore her swan's-down-trimmed opera cloak, but it had been covered by the dark-coloured automobile-coat while she was operating upon the lock of the safe. She removed the dark coat ere she seated herself.

The shimmering pink ball-gown under the operawrap seemed as fresh as when she had first appeared at the home of the Palmer-Robinsons early on the previous evening.

Malagoff—caught as a common burglar—had lost all the haughtiness that he usually carried. There was not a vestige of swagger in him. He held the dark lantern in his trembling hand, and he did not seem to know what to do with it. He was the incarnation of cowardice, discomforture, and rascality.

Keith seated himself in his swing-chair, the revolver in its drawer, just below the table-top, ready to his hand, as usual. As he dropped into his chair he pressed an electric button at the side of the table, unnoticed by either of his visitors.

"What were you after, Mrs. Reeves ?" asked the detective pleasantly, as he motioned Malagoff to a chair a little distance away, and into which the Russian dropped humbly.

"The Van Vonder diamond, my dear Mr. Keith."

Her answer came promptly, and her voice was as clear as the bell of the French clock which chimed the half-hour at that moment.

"And did you find it ?"

"No."

"Too bad. You were sure it was in that safe. How was it you did not get it ?"

"You did not give me time."

"I beg of you to accept my regrets. You opened the safe, I see. Would you mind telling me how you managed to do it ? You had not the combination, I am pretty sure, because I have never given it to any one, and it has never been written. Moreover, I changed the combination only last night."

She laughed gaily.

"My dear Mr. Keith, what an innocent you are !"

"Am I ?"

"Surely, yes. As if combinations made any difference to me when I desired to open a safe ! I listened to the tumblers falling as I turned the knob, and it was most interesting to hear your careful arrangement coming into my hands without any one to say me nay. Why, I could have opened the vault in which the Van Vonder diamond was placed in John Dykeman's house—if I could have got at the door."

The sharp glance from the detective's eyes told her that she had made a mistake. She tried to cover it up, but it was too late.

"You knew that the vault in John Dykeman's house was hidden by another door, and that there was always a watchman there, eh ? Your information on that subject is more comprehensive than I had supposed."

She did not answer, but her lower lip tightened for an instant, and she shot a glance at him from her soft violet eyes which seemed to reveal her real self for the moment.

"Here we are, Harry !"

It was Dick Rogers standing in the room, he having noiselessly opened the door from the hall. Mike Donovan and Hans Brinkerman were with him.

"All right, Dick ! Stay where you are, all three of you, and mind neither of my friends here go out."

"Gee !" muttered Mike. "Dis is where Mr. Keith hez 'em all faded ter de limit."

"Ach ! Vas iss ?" grunted Hans.

"Are we prisoners ?" chirped Mrs. Reeves.

"No ; my guests," replied Keith coolly. "Now, Prince Malagoff, as you have shown your hand so freely, I am about to let you see mine. Mrs. Reeves, I hope you are listening."

"Always, my dear Mr. Keith. The words that fall from your lips are pearls of great price. I would not lose one for worlds."

"Get on ter de jolly f'um dat doll," whispered Mike to Dick. "Say, dat dame would con de cables off'n de Brooklyn Bridge."

"Keep quiet, Mike !" was Dick's reply.

"What are you going to say ?" asked Malagoff huskily, for he seemed to have lost his usual confident tone entirely.

"I know who stole the Van Vonder diamond," said the detective, sternly.

"You said that yesterday."

"But I did not tell you the person's name. I will tell you now. There were three persons actually concerned, with two assistants who were dupes of the principals."

"Indeed ?"

"How interesting this is," purred Mrs Reeves. "I am glad I am a woman, and that it was the kind of job a woman could not take part in."

Keith did not reply to her, nor did he appear to notice that she had used familiarly a cant word common to crooks, in speaking of a burglary—"job." He fixed Malagoff with his eye, and, pointing a finger at him, said :

"You were the principal in this robbery, Prince Malagoff, and this young woman did the work, although she has just said that it was something a woman could not do."

She leaped from her chair, and, throwing aside all her assumed carelessness, beat her jewelled hand upon the table and cried, with a passionate violence that surprised Dick Rogers, although it had no more outward effect upon Keith than to cause him to move the letter-opener out of her reach :

"This is a conspiracy to harm me and Prince Malagoff. Why should you say these things about me ? Answer me that. Why should you ?"

She doubled her fist and thumped upon the table until a ring she wore cut into her white fingers and made them bleed.

Keith pointed to the open safe.

"Oh, yes, I know. I opened that safe. That is true. I always had a taste for mechanics of the higher kind, and I have often amused my husband by opening his private safe in his dressing-room without knowing the combination. That is nothing—a wealthy woman's fad—hobby—what you will. Prince Malagoff is responsible for the Van Vonder diamond. He knew it was in that safe. You were withholding it from him. It is his property. I am his fiancee."

She saw that the detective's eyebrows went up, and she reiterated her last statement passionately :

"Yes, I am his fiancee. What of that ? I am free to marry. My husband that was has no claim upon me. If I choose to become the wife of Prince Malagoff, who is to deny me ?"

"No one," said Keith quietly, who was watching the excitement of this usually frivolous young woman as if it were a curious study.

"No one indeed," she went on in a tempest of words. "He asked me to do something to prove my affection. He told me that the diamond was his. I knew he spoke the truth. That young man——"

She swung around suddenly and pointed to Dick Rogers, who looked uncomfortable.

"That young man had not fastened the front door securely. The lock was out of order. I saw it. I have made a study of locks, as I have just told you, and the sound told me it had not caught. I said to Malagoff that he could go in if he liked. I spoke in a joke. It was then that he asked me to open the safe for him. It was a bold scheme. It pleased me. I love adventure. Well, I told him yes. We got in. I opened the safe without trouble. You came into the room. Pouf ! What matters it all ?"

"You had a dark lantern with you, I suppose ?" asked Keith, with a mocking smile, pointing to the lantern still in Malagoff's hand.

She did not answer.

"We have wandered away from the original point, I am afraid," continued the detective. "I said that you broke into that vault in Dykeman's house, and removed the Van Vonder diamond. It was placed in the 'cello, to keep it out of sight until you and Malagoff could sail on the Deutschland to-morrow, to give the stone into the hands of members of the brotherhood which has a branch in a certain restaurant not far from the corner of Roosevelt Street, and where a meeting, at which you both were present, was held late last night."

(To be Continued.)

GOOD ADVICE.

He was a young lawyer, and the judge thought he would give him a chance. So he instructed :—

"Mr. Smith, suppose you take the prisoner into my private room, have a talk with him, hear his story, and then, as man to man, give him the best advice that you can. Then come back and report to the Court."

The young lawyer disappeared, and in half an hour he returned to the court-room, but minus his client, the prisoner.

"Go ahead, Mr. Smith, tell the Court the result of your talk," instructed the judge.

"Well, your honour, I heard his story," answered the lawyer, "and I saw at once that he had no chance at all. If ever a man is guilty, that man is. He acknowledges every point."

"Well, bring in the prisoner," said the judge.

"Bring in the prisoner," echoed the lawyer, in surprise. "Why, I can't, your honour. I did as you instructed. I gave him the best advice I knew."

"Well, what was it ?" asked the judge.

"Why," said the young lawyer, "I saw he had not the ghost of a chance, and I told him if I were in his place I'd get out of your window slide down the water-pipe, and run for it. And he did !"

SOME STUFF !

A man went into a barber's shop to have his hair cut. Having sat down, he glanced at the looking-glass in front, and saw reflected therein the attendant, who, to his surprise, was wearing rubber gloves. This caused the man to become curious, so he said to the barber :

"Why do you wear rubber gloves when cutting hair, my man ?"

"For the purpose," replied the attendant, "of keeping our celebrated hair restorer from causing hair to grow on my hands."

He sold a bottle.

Brown : "Is he very patriotic ?"

Smith : "I should say so ! He knows the national anthem of every allied nation !"

In America all men are born equal, but some grow up to be presidents or baseball umpires.

A FEATHERED RENEGADE.

FATE OF A STORK THAT HAD TAKEN TO EVIL WAYS.

(By F. St. Mars.)

Bang ! Bang !

The two rifle shots shattered the immemorial silence of the wilderness "like the devil hammering tin-tacks into the lid of hell," and the roan antelope bull—big as a horse he was, nearly—went away straight like a battering-ram with the fleeing herd, as if—well, nothing had happened. And the sportsman stared at the sights of his 275 magazine-rifle as though he thought his apparent clean miss was their fault. Then he looked at the ground where the big, scimitar-horned bull had been, and there was no blood. He followed the line of retreat, and again there was no blood. Also the native tracker shook his head. Then the sportsman went back to camp, and his language was—wonderful !

Two miles away the heard, always keeping to that wonderful swinging trot that eats up the rough ground so, had occasion to jump across a tiny stream. The big herd bull was the seventh in the line, and as he landed—a clean leap it was—his legs collapsed under him, and he rolled over—dead. The bullet had done its work. It was the jump that had finished him.

The big vulture, soaring, as if hung up by an invisible wire in the brazen, torrid, copper dome of the sky, saw him go down, saw him lie still, and began to sink towards him. The little horrible-mannered Egyptian vulture, a mile away, beheld his big cousin sink, and followed—a dozen others, too. The kite, a spec in the ether, marked them, and did likewise.

The jackel, peering from his hole, looked up, noted all of them coming down, and hurried to the spot. And all were so ravenous, so utterly, agonisingly, madly hungry, that they could scarce wait for the bull to decently die, before, in one flapping, pushing, struggling, fighting mob, they were upon him.

Then coolly, majestically, coldly calculating, repulsively, insolently, came Abu Scen, Father of the Beak. He was over six foot long, was Abu Scen, and his vast wings put out the sun over the struggling crowd, and his huge, four-sided, thick, wedge-shaped, gouge-pointed beak seemed as big as any one of them. It came down, driven by his great, nearly naked head, on his long, leathery, bare neck, like some immense pickaxe out of the sky, cleaving the crowd with an uproar, and very nearly cleaving the jackal without any uproar, and Abu Scen's white-encrusted black stilts of skinny legs followed.

Then, balancing ungainly upon the poor dead head, with three fiendish, scythe-like sweeps of his brainsmashing bill, he cleared the company, and with his naked, pendulous, sixteen-inch neck-pouch shaking horribly with glee, he wished to know, peering at them under his canopy of tremendous dark metal-green and black pinion, whether any would like to dispute with him. And there was no answer.

Then, after his own fashion, red, raw, and horribly, Abu Scen fed—upon the corpse.

Now Abu Scen was a stork, a king of the storks, perhaps, but a king gone wrong and taken to evil ways. Who would have looked for a stork feeding upon the dead, and driving off the officially appointed ghouls, to boot—out-digging the grave-diggers, in fact.

But Abu Scen had overlooked one small point. The Nature who had exaggerated his beak so that it could scalp anything almost, and had given him depraved tastes to compete in new fields in a land of keen competition, had also given him some feathers, long, white, soft, and beautiful, under his tail, known as marabout, and those feathers were worth money.

The sportsman-collector, half-way back to camp, saw the vultures sucking down like a water-spout, dismissed his lazy tracker, and followed the vultures alone. And so it came about that Abu Scen stood there, master of the corpse, guzzling beastily, the—well, the "devil hammered just one more tin-tack into the lid of hell," and Abu Scen, throwing up his great wings as a man throws up his arms, fell in a heap upon his own straddled stilt-legs, and the white man, wiping out his smoking rifle, smiled. The marabout feathers would add nicely to his already big pile of the same, and—he had got his roan antelope bull, after all.—"Answers."

NOT TOO OLD TO LEARN.

The old lady was very indignant with the shopkeeper.

"I want you to take that parrot you sold me back. I find he swears very badly."

"That don't matter, bless your 'eart, ma'am," replied the facetious dealer. "It's quite a young bird yet. It will learn to swear better like when it gets a bit older."

"Oh, dear friends," said the minister solemnly, "it is deeds, not words that count most."

"Oh, I don't know that," replied the cynical listener. "Did you ever send a cablegram ?"

Rankin : "Isn't Wobblesby the limit ?"

Phyle : "Yes. I call him the human prune."

Rankin : "Why ?"

Phyle : "Because the more he's soaked the more he swells up."

WHO SAID LAW ?

"That's done it !" thought the suburbite when he saw his next door neighbour coming up his front garden path.

"I've come to see you about your dog," cried the visitor, approaching. "He has bitten my mother-in-law all over."

"I'm sorry !" replied the unfortunate owner of the animal. "It isn't my fault. You had better sue me."

"Who talks about going to law ?" exclaimed the neighbour. "I want to buy the pup !"

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The Skipton Sessions following referees to the Board of Agric Skipton sports meeting day:—The horse for farmers of the all round sam good jumping a Bell's Lexie rode by W Beaufort showed good price, but she was to Revenge—Harry which made the pace and won easily. The for the distance was The trot for ponies also ing. Lexie, starting 15 scratch, put up a bri nce, and passed many of the first round, but catch the front pair secure the honours. The won by Alderman Sh taken. 2 min 5 4-5 secs.

Mrs Roddis, wife of Mr dis, a resident of Mar passed away on Saturday tragic and hopeless. Mr been ailing for few duenza, but no fears tons. Early Sat Mrs Roddis rose to view of attending who was still asleep. Shortly after the doctor and dressing she fell passed away. Mr W is well known in and also at Spring Valley ployes of Messrs Dupe Much sympathy is expre and his two little children eral took place at Sarat The Rev. W. Vaughan New Cemetery, where took place. Messrs W and Thos. Hawkins were other friends.

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AN OLD NURSE FOR CHILDREN.

"Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. Should always be used for Children while Teething. It Soothes the Child, Softens the Gums, Allays all Pain, Cures Wind Colic and is the Best Remedy for Diarrhœa. Directions for Using. MRS WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. For a child under one month, 6 to 10 drops; three months old, half teaspoonful; six months old and upwards, a teaspoonful three or four times a day. For Diarrhœa, repeat the above dose every two hours, until the character of the discharges is changed for the better. Sold Everywhere.

The Prince of Wales has been elected a member of the Jockey Club. It is reported that he will shortly become a Freemason. The initiation ceremony will be conducted by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

Death has removed another old pioneer of Snake Valley, in the person of Mr Samuel Leeman, at the age of 63 years. The deceased followed the occupation of a miner up to some few years ago. A widow and five sons, two of whom (Trooper Arthur Leeman and Sergt. George Leeman) are on active service abroad, are left to mourn their loss.

The "Skipton Standard" makes the following reference to the performance of the Beaufort pony, Lexie, at the Skipton sports meeting on Easter Monday:—"The horse trot was one of the features of the afternoon's sport, and some good racing was witnessed. Bell's Lexie (ridden by Mrs Smith, of Beaufort) showed excellent form and pace, but she was unable to catch up to Revenue—a Borriyallock horse—which made the pace rather warm, and won easily. The time recorded for the distance was 1 min 57 2-5 secs. The trot for ponies also proved exciting. Lexie, starting 150 yds. behind scratch, put up a brilliant performance, and passed many of the field on the first round, but was unable to catch the front portion in time to secure the honours. The event was won by Johnston's Brownie. Time taken, 2 min. 5 4-5 secs.

Mrs Roddis, wife of Mr W. C. Roddis, a resident of Mair street, Ballarat, passed away on Saturday morning with tragic suddenness. Mrs Roddis had been ailing for a few days from influenza, but had not pneumonic symptoms. Early on Saturday morning Mrs Roddis rose from her bed with a view of ministering to her husband, who was ill with the same trouble. Shortly after the exertion of getting up and dressing she suddenly collapsed and passed away. Mr W. C. Roddis is well-known in and around the city and also at Snake Valley as an employee of Messrs Doepel and Chandler. Much sympathy is expressed with him and his two little children. The funeral took place on Saturday morning. The Rev. W. Vawdon officiated at the New Cemetery, where the interment took place. Messrs W. H. Chandler and Thos. Hawkins were present with other friends.

MAKE YOUR OWN COUGH MIXTURE AND SAVE MUCH MONEY.

In homes where families are large and incomes small the following recipe for making Cough Mixture will prove a veritable boon because of the curative goodness of the mixture produced and the saving in money that it effects:—

Pour a large breakfastcupful of warm water into a jug and in it dissolve three tablespoonfuls of treacle or honey and four tablespoonfuls of sugar. (If treacle or honey are not on hand use double quantity of sugar.) When cool, add two tablespoonfuls of vinegar and a phial of Heenzo, and pour into a large, clean, tightly-corked bottle, ready for use as required. Full directions for taking will be found with the Heenzo, which may be obtained from any chemist or store for 2/-. As the above recipe produces a family supply of cough mixture, which, if bought in a lot of little bottles, would cost anything up to 30/-, according to quality, it will be readily seen that a big saving is effected in making Heenzo Cough Mixture. As Heenzo does not contain any paregoric, laudanum, or other opium extracts, it may be given to little children without fear of harmful effects.

Use Heenzo Tonic Nerve Nuts when you feel run down.

Since the outbreak of pneumonic influenza in January the loss in the Victorian railway revenue has amounted to £175,000, of which £140,000 was due to reduced passenger receipts.

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

BEAUFORT RAINFALL

	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09
Jan.	181	113	255	40	149	462	107	8	61	80	217
Feb.	180	20	33	80	292	341	126	94	106	55	91
Mar.	274	107	158	158	149	73	96	357	89	180	187
Apr.	239	329	461	12	406	71	144	58	369	18	252
May	165	451	151	94	228	330	257	312	985	336	375
June	311	350	361	355	391	101	298	339	125	409	238
July	99	100	158	103	565	180	755	258	817	126	143
Aug	277	403	89	191	117	325	159	197	302	210	673
Sept.	180	237	410	256	97	132	383	361	114	384	176
Oct.	281	134	91	120	295	29	278	465	113	291	141
Nov.	251	91	50	73	330	213	76	162	180	173	165
Dec.	1	81	88	5	187	16	96	12	429	70	117
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1910.—January, 141 points; February, 35; March 518; April, 73; May, 261; June, 320; July, 312 August, 225 September, 466; October, 277; November, 364; December, 248.

1911.—January, 47; February, 742; March, 491; April, 90; May, 331; June, 285; July, 182; August, 162; September, 620; October, 205; November, 49; December, 391.

1912.—January, 26; February, 40; March, 259; April, 228; May, 154; June, 208; July, 175; August, 176; September, 413; October, 119; November, 257; December, 278.

1913.—January, 75; February, 193; March, 362; April, 192; May, 204; June, 189; July, 162; August, 346; September, 17; October, 112; November, 268; December, 119.

1914.—January, 86; February, 11; March, 91; April, 200; May, 153; June, 74; July, 210; August, 48; September, 85; October, 57; November, 142; December, 361.

1915.—January, 155; February, 31; March, 60; April, 188; May, 215; June, 278; July, 166; August, 277; September, 481; October, 205; November, 122; December, 24.

1916.—January, 340; February, 111; March, 6; April, 230; May, 54; June, 314; July, 327; August, 328; September, 616; October, 447; November, 374; December, 440.

1917.—January, 97; February, 163; March, 141; April, 156; May, 379; June, 207; July, 230; August, 435; September, 236; October, 341; November, 258; December, 122.

1918.—January, 136; February, 99; March, 269; April, 257; May, 379; June, 289; July, 298; August, 400; September, 235; October, 2[illegible]; November, nil.; December, 125.

1919.—January, 18; February, 264; March, 149.

Totals.—1909, 29.69; 1910, 29.54; 1911, [illegible]; 1912, 25.13; 1913, 25.39; 1914, 15.14; 1915, 21.95; 1916, 35.77; 1917, 28.22; 1918, 26.91.

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.

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Four tons equal 149bus. 20lb.
Five tons equal 186bus. 40lb.
Six tons equal 224bus.
Seven tons equal 261bus. 20lb.
Eight tons equal 298bus. 40lb.
Nine tons equal 336bus.
Ten tons equal 373bus. 20lb.
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Twelve tons equal 448bus.
Thirteen tons equal 485bus. 20lb.
Fourteen tons equal 522bus. 40lb.
Fifteen tons equal 560bus.
Sixteen tons equal 597bus. 20lb.
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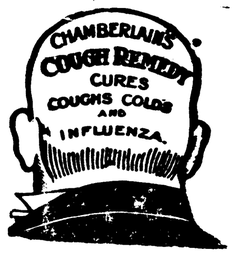

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