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RIPONSHIRE REPORTS.

The following reports were read at the monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council on Monday—

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

1. No objections have been lodged to Mr. Williams' application to lease road. I think it would be a good thing if arrangements could be made to lease balance of it.—Granted, on motion of Crs. Roddis and McDonald.

2. Work on Stockyard Hill road, as far as metal is concerned, will be finished in a few days. After that, it is proposed to lay down a concrete surface. The men can then put in the culvert on Stockyard Hill road.—Adopted, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Hannah; the engineer informing the latter that the actual cost of putting the culvert on this road in the North Riding was £28, but he took all the men off the West Riding to do it.

3. Mr. J. Madden has completed his contract on the Skipton road, but Mr. Bradshaw cannot do much more till crushing starts.—Received.

4. There are only about five contracts now on hand, details of position being submitted separately.—Received.

The treasurer (Mr. E. J. Muntz) reported that £429/11 had been received, £291/1/3 had been paid by cheques; that the overdraft was £152/5/11, as against £156/3/15/10, at last report; and that the Cr. to the vermin destruction s/c. was £79/14/5.—Received.

The secretary (Mr. N. B. Acton) reported that the financial position of the Council was as follows:—North, Dr. £214/11/8; East, Dr. £219/12/6; West, Dr. £257/10/11; trust acc. Cr. £214/10/6; total Cr. balances, £214/10/6; Dr. balances, £176/7/8; net Dr. balance, £152/10/2.—Received.

The North Riding members reported that at a meeting held on 24th July, Crs. Sinclair, Beggs and Halpin being present, it was resolved—That no objection be offered to application of P. L. George for land at Poverty Point on the Beaufort Common; that the services of H. Norman be available to the Honor Avenue committee for the planting of trees in the avenue; that the North Riding council meet at Ball's bridge at 3.45 pm on Wednesday, 19th July, to inspect road through Mr. Ball's property and the matter of a proposed road on creek frontage; that Crs. Sinclair and Halpin inspect, with view of replanting; that if Mr. Lonie fills up the footpath at his house, the council will put in a pipe to carry the water into Speke.

...on motion of Crs. Hannah and Stewart; the president and Cr. Halpin assenting. Cr. Hannah that the reason why they permitted this land on the common to go was because it was no good to them, as they were not allowed to ring the timber.

The machinery committee reported that at a meeting held on 5th ult., Crs. Hannah, Halpin and Halpin being present, it was resolved—That Reilly Bros., enquiry for hire of cranes be not considered; that the engineer be authorised to obtain set of bellows; that the engineer be authorised to obtain chain elevator for the crusher in lieu of belt.—Adopted, on motion of Crs. Stewart and Roddis.

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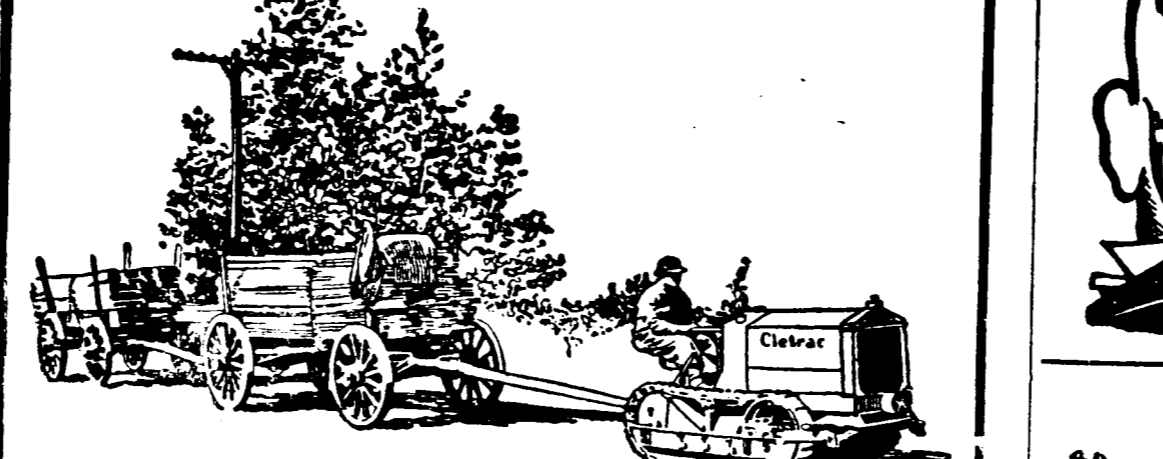
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All these are sure signs of clogging blood impurity, calling for immediate treatment. Do not let the blood so don't waste your time and money on useless lotions and ointments, which cannot get below the surface of the skin. What you want and what you 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 sufferings. 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 restoring it clean and pure, can be relied on to effect a lasting cure.

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IN MEMORIAM. BAIN.—In loving memory of my dear father, who passed peacefully away at St. Enoch's, Stockyard Hill, on 1st August, 1920.

BEREAVEMENT CARD. THE family of the late Mrs. Holdsworth, "Bradford," Beaufort, desire to thank their many kind friends for letters, telegrams, visits, floral tributes, and expressions of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement.

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Prohibition in Canada. DECEIT AND CORRUPTION. AN UNINVITING PROSPECT.

Under the heading of "Pussy-foot in Canada," the brilliant "Saturday Review" has an article on experiences of Prohibition in the Dominion throughout a period of twelve months.

The P.M. asked Mr. Lazarus to give defendant time, as he hesitated in his speech. Mr. Lazarus—A pity he did not hesitate before using his fists.

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George McCracken, laborer, Beaufort, sworn, stated that he was present on 10th July in the reading room at Stoneleigh. "When Jaensch arrived Fenton came in," he said.

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Prohibition in Canada. DECEIT AND CORRUPTION. AN UNINVITING PROSPECT.

Under the heading of "Pussy-foot in Canada," the brilliant "Saturday Review" has an article on experiences of Prohibition in the Dominion throughout a period of twelve months.

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RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 2nd AUGUST, 1920. Present—Mr. Sinclair (president), Hogg, Halpin, Russell, Hannah, McDonald, Roddis, and Stewart.

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

CORRESPONDENCE. From Central Loan Committee of Victoria, soliciting co-operation, notifying appointment of Mr. H. Clark as officer for this district, and asking council to nominate canvassers.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, asking council to oppose Mr. McDonald's bill, and to request the Local Government Act with the object of abolishing the 10th June for payment of rates to secure municipal franchise.

From same, forwarding list of motions and replies of Premier and Ministers in connection with the bill.

From same, forwarding copy of welcome to H.K.H. the Prince of Wales, presented by the Association, with the Prince's reply, and suggesting that council procure a framed copy of the same in the municipal building as a souvenir of the visit of the Prince of Wales.

From same, asking opinion of council on proposed bill for proportional representation for election of councillors of Parliamentary representatives to be asked to oppose it, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Stewart.

From Public Health Department, stating that council is liable for influenza patients, and not repudiating their responsibility in similar cases, and that the £17 was a tentative a/c, as advised, pending subsequent adjustment.

From same, requesting that immediate attention be given to sections of the Health Act, re registration of cattle dealers and ice-cream and aerated water machines; also notice re margarine and butter to be submitted by council every three months.

From W. G. Gibson, M.H.R., stating he was placing council's request for an electric telephone service at Beaufort before the postal authorities, and asking his best to obtain the desired concession; also forwarding Deputy Postmaster-General's reply, that inquiry could be made and Mr. Gibson further advised at earliest possible date.

From V. J. Parson, acting secretary (English branch), Victorian Farmers' Union, drawing attention to unsatisfactory state of approaches to and road front of Raglan Hall, and asking that same be put in order.

From Mrs. J. Yates, Beaufort, asking whether people's cattle be removed from around her place, as they had been seen her fence and eaten the trees fed in the stable. They had been served with a summons for their cattle, which annoyed nobody, and it was fairly fair for other people's calves to be among them when they were not allowed to let their's out of the paddock. Referred to North Riding members.

From Melbourne Ragged Boys' Home, forwarding subscription list for special appeal to liquidate mortgage on buildings.—To be considered with charitable vote.

From Country Roads' Board, intimating that the board does not propose to take any action concerning the width of roadway at Jack's Gully hill.—Received.

From Department of Public Works, stating if council has any objection to planting to Fiery Creek (both sides) between allotment B 17 and Elmhurst Road, to be on table for a month and engineer to report, on motion of Crs. Stewart and McDonald.

From J. Fraser, Bo-Peep, asking if council would be prepared to purchase a parcel of land near his place, containing a metal mine, before that with it.—Referred to East Riding members.

From A. Champion & Sons, Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, forwarding price list for flags, varying from 35/ to 87/.—The president suggested that the A.N.A. be allowed to fly the Australian flag on the pole at the band stand, and permission was accordingly given on motion of Crs. McDonald and Halpin; the president stating that the Union Jack would be transferred from the band stand to the pole in front of the Shire Hall.

From R. W. Patterson, drawing attention to unsatisfactory state of road leading towards State school, Nerring, and crossing road.—Referred to North Riding members.

The following health reports were received.—By Dr. S. E. Humphreys: Madeline Davis, Beaufort, diphtheria; Jean Walsh, Beaufort, diphtheria; Mrs. Wm. Cheeseman, Beaufort, diphtheria; Marshall George, Main Lead, diphtheria; Lily Williams, Main Lead, diphtheria; Annie Stoddart, Beaufort, diphtheria; Dorothy Hains, Beaufort, diphtheria; Dr. J. M. Henderson, Ballarat Hospital, also reported the cases (diphtheria) of Jean Walsh and Rose Stoddart. By Dr. G. A. Eddie—Linda Finch, Barram, diphtheria. By Dr. J. B. Donald—Mrs. McDonald, Skipton, scarlet fever; Thos. Meek, Streatham, scarlet fever, with diphtheria.

Serget. G. Lovitt reported that he visited and inspected the residence and surroundings of Mr. P. Hains, Beaufort, where a case of diphtheria had been reported, and found premises and yard in plain order, there being nothing to complain of from a health point of view. The patient, a girl of 16 years, has been working at Mr. Luckman's, Beaufort.

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where several cases of diphtheria occurred some time ago. She complained of a sore throat on 4th ult., whilst working at Luckman's, and returned to her home on that day. She received medical attention on 5th ult. He visited Luckman's premises and found all correct.—Received.

Constable Rowley, Skipton, reported that he inspected the premises occupied by Mr. J. Corbett at Skipton, and found refuse in it. There being no drain or refuse, about 100 ft. from the house; it is kept in a sty, which was in a satisfactory condition. The place has been isolated; the children being kept from school and off the street.—Received.

Constable Rowley also reported that he had made an inspection of Mrs. McDonald's Court House store, Skipton (where there was a case of scarlet fever), and found premises clean and in a satisfactory condition. There are no drains or refuse of any description in the yard, which is well kept. There are no street drains in the vicinity of the house. Re Thos. Meek, of Streatham, who is in the Shire of Ararat.—Received.

Serget. Lovitt reported that he had inspected residences of all patients who have been reported as suffering from infectious diseases. Where necessary he had all defects re yard and drains remedied, but in no instance did he discover anything that was likely to be given as the direct cause of the disease. He would be pleased to be informed if any specified distance has yet been decided upon by the council. The pig sty must be situated from a dwelling.—The distance was fixed at 33 yards, and it was decided, on motion of Crs. Beggs and Hannah, that this provision of the Health Act should be enforced throughout the Shire.

From J. A. Harris, Beaufort, asking that butts of fir trees opposite his residence be removed, and path put in good order; also requesting that an open brick or cement drain be substituted for box drain at bottom of his residence in Stewart street.—To be informed that butts of trees would be removed, and that it was the duty of householders to attend to drains leading from their own premises.

From J. L. Carestairs, Blythvale, Streatham, asking that stone instead of gravel on road at Ritchie's hill.—Referred to West Riding members.

FINANCE. The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the finance committee:—A. Parker, £12/3; salaries, £60/12/6; J. G. Anderson, £13/2; Mrs. Evans, £2; Cr. Sinclair president's a/c, £11/10; £22/5; Serget. Lovitt, 17/6; secretary's petty cash, £3; G. A. Gellie, £1/16; C. Morvell, £22; G. Goudy, £22/10; Shire of Grenville, £1/4; H. Newman, £12/12; T. Sargeant, 14/; G. Carver, £1; A. C. Welsh, £2; Snake Valley Mechanics' Institute, 10/; Government Printer, £3 7/4; Electricity Commissioners, £2 1/2; M. Stuart, £4/6; Cleveland, £23/0; J. Gillespie, £6/3/4; vouchers, £220 15/10; S. George, £12/12; Buchanan Bros., £8/2; J. Ryan, £3/8/6; W. Murray, £5/7; Young, £4; H. Hayward, junr., £41; W. T. Nunn, 10/; R. Ward, £5/10; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., £29 11/9; Hawkes Bros., £118/16/6; contract deposits—J. Carmichael, £6 8/; J. M. Roddis, £17; total, £298 4/8.

The following Country Road Board accounts were also recommended for payment:—Broadbent Bros., £11 1/4; vouchers, £88 19/8; P. Armstrong, 10/; total, £91/1/4.

GENERAL BUSINESS. The president informed Cr. Halpin that an officer from the Railway Department had visited Beaufort with regard to the construction of a cattle race, and wanted to find out from the large landholders if they were prepared to do the fencing and drainage, and he had told him that when he came again he would be pleased to go out with him.

Cr. Russell moved that the secretary be instructed to again write to Mr. Madden asking him for a balance sheet and a report concerning the Skipton Common. Seconded by Cr. McDonald, and carried.

Cr. Halpin mentioned that the Ripon War Memorial Committee wanted to plough drains and ditches and plant a hedge, and applied for the use of the engine for one day.—Granted, on motion of Crs. Stewart and Beggs.

The secretary apologised for the absence of Cr. Bell.

The president reported that Crs. Beggs and Halpin had interviewed Messrs. J. and F. Ball at Raglan, with reference to a road through a creek fringed, and after due consideration decided to leave things as they were, as it would not inconvenience either of them very much. If they opened the road it would not be long before there would be an application to form it, and they were not in a position to do so.

Cr. Hannah proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring councillors, and expressed the hope that they would all be re-elected. Seconded by Cr. Beggs, and carried. Crs. Roddis, Stewart, and Sinclair returned thanks.

Cr. Roddis said that probably the ratepayers would return him again.

Cr. Stewart remarked that although at one time he thought of retiring, he now intended to contest the seat.

Cr. Sinclair understood he was to have opposition. Like Cr. Stewart, at one time he thought of throwing in the towel, but felt it was not a wise thing to surrender—it was better if he had to go down, to go down fighting. He would try and follow up some of the statements made in 1914 during his absence in London. It was then said that he went away as a volunteer Red Cross worker, but by pulling the wires got £12 a week. He gave that statement an emphatic denial. If he were not returned, he could only say that he would have very fond remembrances of the pleasant times he had spent at the council table.

Cr. Stewart complimented the president on getting the business completed before luncheon.

The president said they had ended the year very well, and that was because members had not had too much "gab" to-day.

DON'T WAIT. Do not wait till some member of your family is taken with a violent attack of colic or diarrhoea. A bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand will save much suffering and anxiety. Buy a bottle to-day. For sale at all stores.

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Free Lecture! (Arranged by Ripon Soldiers' League). By Mr. H. A. MULLETT, Bachelor Science, Chief Field Officer of the Victorian State Agricultural Department. Subject—HINTS ON CONDUCTING A MIXED FARM SUCCESSFULLY. Everybody Welcome.

SHIRE HALL, WEDNESDAY, 11th AUGUST, 8 P.M.

A COMPANY OF MALE ARTISTS FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE BLIND WILL GIVE AN ENTERTAINMENT IN THE SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT. ON THURSDAY EVENING NEXT, 12th August, 1920.

The services of ARTHUR DOUGLAS, the famous Scottish Comedian, have been secured.

PRICES OF ADMISSION—2/ and 1/6 (No tax). R. A. D. SINCLAIR, Local Hon. Secy.

FANCY DRESS BALL AND WALTZING COMPETITION. AT THE FIREMEN'S BALL ON WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11th, 10/6 each will be given to lady and gent. for best fancy costume; also valuable prizes for waltzing competition. Ballarat music (3 instruments). Good supper. Specially prepared floor. Double ticket, 5/.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.—1 brindle and yellow Shair, policy, like S off rump. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold 4th September, 1920. H. NORMAN, Poundkeeper.

SHIRE OF RIPON. COUNTRY TOWNSPEOPLE'S LEAGUE.

THE PUBLIC MEETING of residents of Beaufort and District, adjourned from the 15th July, will now be held in the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on MONDAY evening next, the 9th inst., at 8 o'clock sharp.

Business.—To form a branch of the Country Townspeople's League. All interested in the welfare of the town are invited to attend. R. A. D. SINCLAIR, President. 5/8/20.

SHIRE OF RIPON. ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Election of Councillors for the North, East, and West Ridings of the Shire of Ripon will be held on THURSDAY, the 26th day of AUGUST, 1920, to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement, through infirmity of time, of Councillor R. A. D. Sinclair, for the North Riding; of Councillor Alfred C. Roddis, for the East Riding; and of Councillor Donald Stewart, for the West Riding.

Every Candidate for an Election must be Nominated at the Office of the Council, Beaufort, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, on or before the Nominating Day, viz., THURSDAY, the 12th day of AUGUST, 1920, by delivery to our deputy, N. B. Acton, Shire Secretary, of a nomination paper in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Government Act 1915."

W. H. HALPIN, Returning Officer for the North Riding; D. McDONALD, Returning Officer for the East Riding; D. R. HANNAH, Returning Officer for the West Riding. Shire Offices, Beaufort, 7th August, 1920.

Shire Election. TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE WEST RIDING.

LADIES and Gentlemen,—As the term for which I was elected as one of your representatives in the Ripon Shire Council has expired by effluxion of time, I beg to announce that I shall again be a Candidate for the seat, and trust that my actions in the past will merit a renewal of your confidence. If elected, I shall use my utmost endeavours to promote the best interests of the Shire as a whole and of the West Riding in particular.

Yours faithfully, DONALD STEWART.

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Religious Services. SUNDAY, AUGUST 8th, 1920. CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Trawalla, 3.—Rev. W. C. Wood. METHODIST CHURCH.—Beaufort, 11 Chute, 2; Waterloo, 3.30; Raglan, 7.—Rev. E. H. Cullman. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Middle Creek, 1.30; Beaufort, 3.—Rev. A. H. Ross.

Australian Natives' Association. THE Fortnightly MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.A., will be held in the MESSIAH'S INSTITUTE on TUESDAY Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp. J. FULLERTON, Secretary.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia. PROSPECTUS OF THE SECOND PEACE LOAN. £25,000,000 at Par. Loan to be repaid 15th December, 1930. Interest 6 per cent. Applications will be received between Friday, 6th August, and Monday, 6th September, 1920.

AMUSU PICTURES. RUN SOLELY BY RETURNED SOLDIERS. SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT. SATURDAY (TO-NIGHT.) "THE HOPE CHEST" (Dorothy Gish); "THE MAKE-BELIEVE WIFE" (Billie Burke).

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THE Vanishing of Tera.

A SENSATIONAL STORY OF MYSTERY, LOVE AND CRIME.

By FERGUS HUME.

Author of "The Mystery of a Hagston Cab," "The Nameless City," "The Dwellers' Chamber," etc., etc.

PART 4.

Nor had Chard procured any other evidence likely to elucidate the matter at all. He had not heard the story of Herbert Mayne's meeting with Johnson on the night of Tera's disappearance...

On such sparse evidence, it can easily be guessed what the verdict was given by the thick-headed jury chosen from the Grimleight viscerates. They decided that Tera, alias Bithiah, a native of Polynesia, had been murdered by some person or persons unknown...

Having fulfilled the official part of his duties, Inspector Chard returned to the Grimleight police office for a rest, preparatory to riding back to Poldew. While there, he was informed that Kora Brand wished to speak to him...

"Well, Mr. Brand," said Chard generally, "and what can I do for you?" "I want to know about this poor girl's murder, sir," replied Brand...

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"That we shall see," retorted Chard, and closed an interview in which he felt he was getting the worst of the argument.

Brand left the police office with the conviction that Tera's murderer would never be discovered by the mullah officer. Slade had twice the man's brains and decision, and Korah resolved to rely on him for the conduct of the case. He looked round for the policeman, but not finding him, and feeling he must talk with someone about the matter, he hurried up the hill to Johnson's house. As Slade suspected Johnson, and as the queer incident of the lost window cord proved that there was some ground for such suspicions, Brand thought he would do a little business on his own account, and question the minister. In the course of conversation he thought some evidence might be discovered likely to incriminate Johnson. Korah was inclined to beseech the young man to fly; lest he should be arrested, and lest disgrace should fall upon the chapel people of Grimleight. Even as matters stood now, Johnson was in a dangerous position.

On entering the study, Brand cast a glance at the window, and saw that as Slade had stated, one of the tricoloured cords was missing. This fact made him wonder if Johnson had really strangled the girl with it; and if so whether he had committed the crime in order to secure the pearls for the payment of his debts, or in a fit of despair caused by the rejection of his love. If regard looks, which might be the outcome of remorse, went for anything, Johnson was guilty; for the man who had been under his eyes, his manner of greeting his visitor was unsteady, and he looked as though he had not slept for hours. On the other hand, this physical deterioration might be caused by grief for Tera's death.

"Do you wish to see me particularly, brother Korah?" asked Johnson, lifting his heavy eyes with a weary look. "I am scarcely fit to talk."

Brand sat down and assumed a stern demeanour. "Is this sorrow on account of your earthly passion, brother, or because an immortal soul has been lost?" "Bithiah's soul has not been lost," cried Johnson, stirred out of his apathy by the honest indignation, "she had a rood girl, a true Christian. Her death was a martyrdom."

"You will bury Bithiah the Christian, but not Tera the pagan, brother. Do you think you are wise to appear at the funeral?" "Why not, brother Korah?" "There may be a riot."

"A riot? Johnson looked surprised. "And why should there be a riot if I appear?" "The missionary looked perplexed, and tugged at his grey beard. "Brother, brother," he said in a tone of remonstrance, "do you not know that public opinion credits you with the crime?"

Johnson rose slowly, with a look of horror on his colourless face, but this steady gaze way to an expression of indignation. "Who dares to say such a thing?" he demanded. "It is the general opinion," rejoined Korah, coldly. "You were near the field where the body was found on the very night Bithiah disappeared—on the very night when—if we go by medical evidence—the girl was murdered."

"I was looking for her. Bithiah often walked round that field, and I thought it likely that I should find there. Kill her! I swear to you, Brand, that I would as soon have killed myself as her. I loved her dearly; why then should I commit a crime contrary to my earthly love, to my religious principles?"

put them there I know no more than you do." "You cannot impose upon me by such a story," said Brand, coldly; "debts like yours are not paid by unknown people. If such were the case, all you have to do is to see your creditors and ask who paid them."

"I intend to, but as yet I have not had the time." After the funeral of Tera I am going to London to see my creditors and learn the truth. Brand smiled. "You are going to London," he repeated; "that is, you intend to seek safety in flight. Well, it is the best thing you can do. I shall not betray your secret."

"I do not intend to fly. I have done nothing wrong." "Man! man! why will you try to deceive me? I am your friend, and for your sake, for the sake of our Bethesda, I implore you to fly. What will your congregation say if their pastor is hanged for murder?" "Hanged! No, they dare not. I am innocent."

"You have yet to prove that." "Brand," cried the wretched man, imploringly, "you do not believe that I killed the girl with the cord, and if so whether he had committed the crime in order to secure the pearls for the payment of his debts, or in a fit of despair caused by the rejection of his love. If regard looks, which might be the outcome of remorse, went for anything, Johnson was guilty; for the man who had been under his eyes, his manner of greeting his visitor was unsteady, and he looked as though he had not slept for hours. On the other hand, this physical deterioration might be caused by grief for Tera's death."

"Do you wish to see me particularly, brother Korah?" asked Johnson, lifting his heavy eyes with a weary look. "I am scarcely fit to talk."

Brand sat down and assumed a stern demeanour. "Is this sorrow on account of your earthly passion, brother, or because an immortal soul has been lost?" "Bithiah's soul has not been lost," cried Johnson, stirred out of his apathy by the honest indignation, "she had a rood girl, a true Christian. Her death was a martyrdom."

"You will bury Bithiah the Christian, but not Tera the pagan, brother. Do you think you are wise to appear at the funeral?" "Why not, brother Korah?" "There may be a riot."

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my uncle. I'm first mate this trip, and here's my skipper, Captain Shackel. Slade eyed the small yellow-looking man thoughtfully. He had some skill in reading a face, and he concluded that the skipper was about to strangle the wretched girl, which had been taken from the pastor's study. All this pointed conclusively to Johnson's guilt, and Slade had almost made up his mind to arrest him. In the hope, however, of discovering some link and absolutely irrefutable piece of evidence, he decided to wait until he should have made a careful examination of the spot where the body was found. He could then, but only then, move with certainty as to the result.

"He felt confident of success, and it was with a rosy vision of himself as a full-blown inspector at Poldew that Slade entered his home. Seated by the kitchen fire he found his wife in tears. At sight of her husband, these gave way to rage. Furious with passion, she jumped up to meet him. Apparently something serious had occurred."

"They are back again, you wretch, shrieked the little woman; 'I have seen the girl myself. How dare you look me in the face?'" "Are you crazy, Jemima?" growled Slade, angrily; "what's come to you, woman?" "This has come to me, that I know all about it; oh yes, and your Zera!"

"Ho, ho, so it's them confounded gipsies again, is it?" "It is, it is. They are back—she is back!" "You're dead!" gasped Finland in horror. "Who killed her?" "That's just what we're after finding out," answered the captain, graciously. "I didn't cotton to the idea of the Kanaka gal disappearing while she was in your house, so I wanted to see your justice and spill it in the interests of good. I dropped a line to Papa Brand, as was hanging out, and asked him to keep an eye lifted your way. He wired as you were going to London by a certain train—"

"Kora Brand! He must have watched me!" "You bet, he just did; and I did ditto to other end. I saw you come out of Victoria Station and followed you, it was Hutton Garden as you made for, and you sneaked into a pop-shop when you thought no one was looking. I just thought to myself, arder the gal disappeared, as you'd be by way of sellin' them pearls, so I waited till you kim out, and dodged in on my own hook. The Sheeny—Abraham Moss is his name, and you know it—was just putting the pearls back in the bag, and I recognised them straight off."

"What! the pearls. Impossible!" "Well," drawled Shackel, rather disconcerted, "if I didn't twig the pearls, I knew the bag was Tera's, 'cause she showed it to me when I brought you to England, and I know the kind of tattoo mark as Bull put on it. Oh, the bag and pearls were Tera's, right enough, but I didn't surmise as you'd put the gal in her little wooden overcoat. No sir! 'Pearls now as you did, seeing as a perlice cove says as she was murdered. If I'd known that,' cried Jacob, with a show of virtuous wrath, 'I'd yanked you into quod. I would by thunder!'"

"(To be Continued.)" "Trade had been bad for some time with the timber merchant, and he was sitting in his office musing gloomily over the outlook, when there entered a well-dressed man with a quiet, thoughtful face. "Do you sell beechwood?" he asked bluntly.

"I do, sir," replied the merchant, rising with alacrity from his seat, and hoping devoutly for a large order. "We can supply it on the short-notice, either in the log or the plank." He began to rummage through the papers on his desk for a price-list; but the quiet man stopped him. "Oh, I don't want as much as that," he said. "I only just need a bit to make a fiddle-bridge."

NOTHING SERIOUS. A GHASTLY MISTAKE. Three a.m. on a cold and frosty morning! A deserted street, down which meanders a man, flushed with face and uncertain of feet. For twenty minutes he tries to unlock his front door, watched by an amused policeman, who at last intervenes. "I say, guv'nor," he remarks, "I suppose you know you're trying to open that door with a cigarette?"

The reveler stares at the policeman, and then at the cigarette, badly bent, in his fingers. Then, with a groan, he sinks weakly down on the doorstep. "Oh, con'sh'ble," he groans, "send for doctor! I've bin 'n' smoked the blessed key!"

TOO LATE. The parents of little Ethel had ideas on the rearing of their child, and insisted on trying to carry them out. One evening, just after tea, Ethel ran into the dining-room, her little face ablaze with excitement. Father sat reading his paper, while mother was mending the stockings.

"Oh, mummy," burst out Ethel, "may I say something?" "No, Ethel!" said mother firmly. "You know it is against the rule to talk when daddy is reading. You must wait till he has finished."

To make the lesson more effective, father went on for some time. Then he laid down the paper, and asked: "Now, dear, what is it you wanted to say?" "It doesn't matter much now," said Ethel coldly. "I only wanted to say that I couldn't turn off the bath-tap, and the water's running all down the stairs."

"Do you guarantee results in your nerve treatment?" asked the caller. "You bet I do," replied the specialist. "Why, last week a man came to me for nerve treatment, and when I'd finished with him he tried to borrow £50 from me."

DISILLUSIONED. "Er—Miss Smith, could I see—er—see your father a moment?" As Miss Smith heard the abashed request, and saw her visitor's flushed face, she thought she knew what was coming.

"Certainly, Mr. Jones," she replied, and went out of the room. Presently the old man came in, and after a short conversation with Jones, he summoned his daughter. "It's getting late," said Jones, whose face was beaming. "So I think I will say good-night. Shall I think you at home on Wednesday?"

Miss Smith assured him that he would, and Jones was soon on his way home. "Oh, father, she burst out eagerly, 'did he—'" "You must not ask questions," said the old man. "Mr. Jones wished to see me about a matter which for the present must remain a secret."

"I know, father," pleaded the girl, "but you might give me just a word." "Oh, well," he replied indifferently, "since you must know, he wanted to borrow threepence for his car fare home."

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PHYSICS. does not necessarily imply an actual increase in insanity. No record is kept of the very considerable number of persons who are victims of "emotional insanity," of whom 999 out of every 1000 are invariably found in the ranks of the Prohibitionists. Figures taken from the Commonwealth Year Book disclose the fact that during the five years ensuing from 1913 the rate of serious crime has decreased considerably, while if the comparison is carried back to 1881 the position is still more satisfactory. For the five years referred to the rate per 10,000 of the population was as follows:—1913, 26.2; 1914, 26.1; 1915, 24.3; 1916, 25.5; and 1917, 23.5. The convictions in 1881 per 10,000 were 69.3; in 1891, 44.8; in 1901, 29.1; in 1912, 26.3; and in 1917, 23.5. A similar satisfactory state of things is shown in the convictions for drunkenness. In 1913 the rate per 10,000 inhabitants was 139.5, in 1914 it was 139.9, but in 1915 it dropped to 118.7, and in 1916 there was a further decline to 102.5; whilst in 1917 the number had fallen to 93.0. In like manner the charge of inefficiency proves to be as groundless as any of the others. Australians can more than hold their own against men of all nations in the industrial sphere, and perhaps even the Prohibitionists will admit that, so far from being an effete and degenerate race, they proved their virility and manhood on the world's battlefields.

Prohibition Camouflage FALSE AND MISLEADING ARGUMENTS. EXPOSED BY FACTS AND FIGURES.

A disingenuous appeal to the cupidity of the taxpayers is being made in a circular issued by the advocates for Prohibition in Australia. It states—"A considerable proportion of every pound you pay in taxes goes to meet the expenditure caused by the crime, pauperism, insanity, sickness, inefficiency, and other evils resulting from the beverage use of intoxicating liquor." Australians as a race pride themselves on their self-reliance, initiative, common sense, and practical ideas, and in the severest test of our for our fighting men an unflinching glory. It has remained for the Prohibitionists to besmirch our reputation by suggesting, by innuendo, that, as a people, we have an undue proportion of lunatics, paupers, criminals, inefficient workmen, etc., in our midst as the result of the "soul and body destroying" habit of drinking intoxicating liquor. A more flagrant insult to Australians could scarcely be conceived, even by our most bitter enemies. It is unjust and inexcusable, because those who make these calumnious statements know that they are untrue. Unfortunately, in Australia there is a certain class of people who seem to see good in every country but their own, and it would be well for the Commonwealth if they emigrated to those countries which they profess to admire. In regard to the matter of emigration, it might be opportune to mention in passing that, since Prohibition was foisted on the people of America by its legislators, an exodus has set in which threatens to seriously reduce the population of the Republic and Canada. According to the "New York Times" of March 21st, 1920, the re-emigration is wholesale, 6000 leaving New York every week, and it is estimated that within eighteen months 2,000,000 labourers, mostly Hungarians and Slovaks, will have left the United States and Canada. They are described as hard workers, who are willing to do jobs that the average American will not deign to do.

As to the number of insane persons in Australia, the Official Year Book shows that the proportion to the total population is only 3.75 per 1000. Consequent upon the development of a more rational attitude towards the treatment of mental cases, a greater willingness has been shown to submit afflicted persons to treatment at an earlier stage than formerly; hence an increase in the number of recorded cases

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What the Prohibitionists refrain from telling the taxpayers is that, approximately one-quarter of the Customs revenue is paid by the liquor trade; that more than two-thirds of the excise duty receipts comes from the same source, and that the individual's taxes are correspondingly lessened.

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A SENSATIONAL STORY OF MYSTERY, LOVE AND CRIME.

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PART V.

Johnson listened to the man without moving a muscle. He looked him calmly in the face. "Captain Shackel," said he, coldly, "allow me to inform you that there is not a word of truth in the statement by means of which you propose to blackmail me. I visited London the first time to inquire if you had seen my ward, who had not been home for some time. You had not seen her, and I went to you for shelter. You denied that she had been with you, so believing your statement, I returned to Grimleigh. Two weeks after her disappearance, I was in great trouble about some money I owed. From some unknown person I received my several bills, which were placed on this very desk on the day when I was out on the visiting. Much astonished, I went to London, and saw my creditors, to learn, if possible, who had paid the money. They one and all refused to inform me, as they had promised my benefactor not to reveal his name. Failing in this attempt, I returned for the second time to Grimleigh, and since then I have hardly left my home. Tera has been murdered, but I do not know who murdered her, nor myself a wholly innocent. I never saw the pearls after the night she disappeared. I was never near Hatton Garden. I know nothing of the pawnshop you mention or of its Jew owner. The name of Miss is not known to me. In short, Captain Shackel, I deny your accusation."

"I am sorry to hear that, but I am not a Jew," said the man, who became vulgarly familiar. "That's right, sonny, you stick to it," said he; "it's your only chance of saving your neck. See here though, you Johnson," he added in a more threatening tone. "I hold you in the hollow of my hand. I've got a schooner of sorts as I'm sailing round the Horn in, to do trading business in the Islands. It's taken all my savings to buy her; now I want money to buy stores and fit her out properly with rations for the voyage. That money I came here to get from you. Those pearls were worth a mint of coin, and I'm going to have my share—say five hundred quid. Pay me that, and I'll tie up my tongue about your killing the girl and selling her pearls. But you must use me, my son, and I guess you'll be sure to get your money in this time to-morrow."

"There is the door, captain; you can go," and the minister, pale, but firm, rose to dismiss his visitor. "You won't part?" urged the little man, shuffling to his feet. "I won't pay you, blackmail, sir. Your attempt to blackmail me is my ruin. You attempt to take it, I may remind you, of itself a criminal offence."

"What's murder, then?" asked the captain, making for the door. "It's either the hundred pounds to me, or you and the girl go for you. Figure it out your own way. So long," and the wrinkled embodiment of evil left the room with the utmost nonchalance. Evidently Captain Jacob was satisfied that the game was in his own hands. Left to himself, Johnson gave himself up to a survey of his position. He was almost in despair. This was not the first disagreeable interview through which he had gone that day; for before the funeral Brand Brand had been with him urging him to fight. In his desire to save Johnson and avert disgrace from Methgammul, Korah had broken his promise to Slade, and had related the discovery of the stolen curtain. A trial coloured by these things, and the same? It certainly seemed so. Who could have stolen it?—who could have committed the murder? Johnson was strong in the consciousness of his own innocence, and he was sustained by his belief in the justice of God; yet the evidence against him was so explicit that it could not but see how difficult it would be to extricate himself from the position in which he was placed. He had been near the field the very night on which Tera had been killed there; his debts had been paid by some person whom he could not even name; the cord used to strangle the girl had been taken from his study; and public opinion was directed against him as the actual criminal. The wretched man knew not how best to combat this evil—how to disprove this evidence. He felt that he was in a bad way, the means of which were gradually closing around him. It was better perhaps to adopt Brand's suggestion and fly, lest worse should befall.

"The friendly advice," said Johnson to himself, with a groan; "yet dare I accept it? After all, how do I know that Brand is my friend? If he were a true friend he would hardly spy on me on Shackel's behalf. This suggested flight may be but a snare to make me incriminate myself. And the selling of the pearls? How can I show that I did not sell them? I was in London, Shackel swears that he saw me enter Abraham Moss's shop. The murderer must

have been disguised as myself in order to throw the guilt on my shoulders. What can I do?—tell all these things to Chard? No; then I stand in immediate danger of arrest, and I can offer no defence. Fly?—by doing that I make a tacit acknowledgment of guilt. O God, in Thy mercy inspire me with some plan of action. Tera, however, is dead, and my own life is in danger. What shall I do to help myself?"

He paced up and down the narrow room in a frenzy of anguish and futile thought. Then, growing calmer, he determined to question his mother as to Tera's movements and behaviour on the night she disappeared. It might be that the girl had had some enemy of whom he knew nothing. She might perchance have left some word which, if followed up, might be likely to elucidate the mystery of her terrible death. In any case there was a chance that his mother might know something which would prove of use to help him in his dilemma. He went to her, a straw Johnson, in his state of distraction, looked on his mother as that straw. He went to look for her. His hope of her aid was faint; still, it was a hope, and that was something.

"Mother," he said, as he watched her peeling potatoes, "I want you to tell me what Bithiah did on the night she disappeared." Mrs. Johnson looked up querulously. The name of the murdered girl disturbed her, and she gave a pious moan, such as she sometimes gave vent to in chapel when moved by the words of the sermon. "Bithiah, George! Oh, don't talk of her. She has come into outer darkness, and I tell me, she's in a sad state about her soul. The misery I've had over that poor heathen you wouldn't believe."

"Bithiah was not a heathen, mother, but a Christian, duly received into the fold. But tell me, what did Bithiah do on that evening?" "Nothing more than usual," replied Mrs. Johnson, with another moan. "She was mostly in her bedroom attending to her clothes. I was quite angry at her, indeed I was, for the supper was behind, and she would not help. Indeed, not! After leaving her room, she sat in the parlour like a fine lady, talking to Miss Arnott."

"What!" cried Johnson, seizing on this admission, "was Miss Arnott here on that evening?" "Oh, yes, she was," said Mrs. Johnson. "I don't know if you know her, but she is a very nice girl. She is a friend of mine, and I guess you'll be sure to get your money in this time to-morrow."

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NOTHING SERIOUS.

Red in the face with hurry and excitement, the suburban resident rushed into the police-station and exclaimed: "They say you have caught the man who broke into our house the night before last?" "Yes," replied the sergeant. "Do you want to see him?" "Do I want to see him?" replied the burglar's victim. "I want to know how he got into the house without waking my wife. I've been trying to do that for the last ten years."

A SKED AND ANSWERED. During a case in a Scottish law court, a solicitor was examining a farmer. "You affirm that when this happened you were going home to a meal?" "Yes, your cross-examiner. Let us be quite certain on this point, because it is very important. Was it good enough to tell me, sir, with a goodly prevarication as possible, what meal it was you were going home to?" "Ye wad like ta ken what meal it was?" asked the Scotsman. "Yes, sir, I should like to know," replied the lawyer, sternly and impatiently. "Be sure you tell the truth."

WEEL, MON, IT WAS JIST OATMEAL! He lived north of the Tweed, and hated wasting money. Therefore, when a friend in London sent him an unopened letter, he was annoyed at having to pay 3d. on it for postage. He was still more annoyed on opening the letter to find in it nothing but a single sheet saying, "I am well, George."

TO RETURN HE PROCURED A LARGE flat stone, and after having packed it in a wooden box, with many wrappings, he dispatched it carriage forward. When his friend had paid 3.1 carriage he sought for an explanation, and found it in a letter at the top of the package. "Dear George,—When I heard that you were well, this great load rolled off my mind."

IT WAS GOING OVER TO COMFORT Mrs. Brown, and after having information that her daughter Mary, Jackson, to her regret from the suspicion which has fallen upon it. "You mean, sir, as folks suspect you of the murder?" "I do; but I need hardly say that I am innocent."

WELL, SAID THE POLICEMAN reflectively, "of course, sir, you're bound to say that to save your own neck. I thought as you did it yourself one time, for there ain't no denyin' as the evidence is dead against you. But what I've found now 'as altered me a bit."

REALLY! THEN YOU ARE GOOD enough to exonerate me in your own mind. You don't believe me guilty," said Johnson, ironically. "Not as the principal, anyway; it's come to me as this poor girl was strangled by a woman."

A WOMAN? HOW DO YOU MEAN THAT? "Cos I found this on the very spot where the girl's body lay," and Slade opened his hand. In the palm lay a golden earring, which Johnson recognised as Miss Arnott's! (To be Continued.)

PROVED HIS CASE. Everyone knew Jonathan Skinfint to be a millionaire—with the exception, so it appeared, of Jonathan Skinfint himself. He invariably wore the shabbiest of clothes, and is reported to have dined one day on a couple of peas and a grape skin. One day an old family friend endeavoured to persuade the miser to dress better. "I am surprised, he said, "that you should let yourself become so shabby."

"BUT I AM NOT SHABBY," expostulated Skinfint. "Oh, yes, you are!" replied the family friend. "Remember your father. He was always neatly—even elegantly—dressed. His clothes were very handsome. Skinfint gave utterance to a hearty laugh. "Why," he shouted, triumphantly, "these clothes I've got on now were father's!"

QUITE CONVINCING. "WELL, JOHN," asked the colonel, on a morning visit to his stables, "and what do you think of my new mare?" "She's certainly a fine-looking 'oss, sir," responded the groom; "but I'm afraid her temper's a little touchy."

"WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT, MY MAN?" asked the colonel. "Well, she don't appear to take kindly to nobody, sir. She don't even like me to go into her box to feed her."

"OH, SHE'LL SETTLE DOWN IN A DAY or two!" the surroundings, are strange, you know. I don't think there can be anything wrong with her temper."

"NOR DIDN'T I AT FIRST, SIR," said John; "but, you see, she kicked me out of the box twice, and when you comes to think about it—well, that's a sort of hint like!"

"NOT ALL THE POETS," observed a frequenter of cosmopolitan society, "have the gift of uttering quick, light-winged, magical nothings in society."

"I KNEW OF ONE POET, GREATLY IN vogue in Paris some years ago, who was not exactly a fluent dispenser of epigram. He was invited to the house of a great lady of the Faubourg St. Germain, and as soon as he entered he became the centre of a circle of admirers, who waited vainly for some subtle or poetic conceit."

"THE POET REMAINED SILENT, ILL AT FEET, red in the face, and uneasy of ease. "Come, my dear poet," the hostess finally begged, "say something."

"I SHALL MEAN MY HONOUR IN MY own way, rye. It is an oath. With this dramatic declaration on his lips, Lee swung off down the hill to escape further reproof and entreaty. Johnson, having the fierce nature of the poet, looked after him with an air of doubt. When

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RETURNED SOLDIERS' LEAGUE.

Twenty-two members of the Ripon branch of the Returned Soldiers League attended the monthly meeting at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Wednesday, 11th inst. despite the inclement weather. Mr Gilbert Smith (president) occupied the chair. Correspondence was read from headquarters. Anzac House, forwarding greetings from Imperial ex-service men's association.—Received. A letter was also received from headquarters Mackay sanatorium, re: looking after interests of men discharged as T.B. The president said he would hold over his conference report till next meeting. Mr S. Young moved that the best thanks of the league be tendered to Mr W. H. Halpin for his donation of 17/6, in connection with the recent social given to patriotic workers. Seconded by Mr R. Woodall and carried. Mr E. S. Buchanan (secretary) read a list of men to whom 1914-15 stars are to be presented. The president said the committee had decided that the presentation of same would take place at the 15th Inf. Brig. Comfort workers' social on the following Wednesday night. The president stated that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of district branches in Ballarat, at which he had been elected a member of the Victorian Council. He had also missed the first council meeting. It was very nice of the Ballarat conference to consider this branch by appointing one of its members to the council. Mr E. S. Buchanan (secretary) said defence twined suit lengths had arrived that day and they could get them next day if they desired. He would be up at 6 o'clock in the morning. (Laughter). He was open to receive 20 or 30 more orders. Accounts amounting to £7/5/- were passed for payment. Mr H. Ross moved that the president be congratulated on being made a member of the Victorian State Council. It was rather an important position in connection with the league. In seconding the motion, Mr Young thought that the election of the president to the council by the Ballarat and district branches, which numbered 20 or 30, was really important. They would have direct representation by their own president in a council governing Victoria, and of which there were only 20 members. Anything they wanted brought forward would be brought forward by a person who understood their requirements. The motion was carried. In responding, Mr Smith said he had always tried to do his best, and always said what he thought was right. He mentioned that he had gone over Traralgon the previous day with Mr Mullett, a Departmental lecturer, who was visiting them that night. At the conclusion of business, Mr Mullett, who is chief officer of the Department of Agriculture, gave an interesting lecture on "How to Conduct a Mixed Farm Successfully" (which is reported in another column).

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BEAUFORT A.N.A.

Ten members of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., were present at the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night, 10th inst. Mr N. Lyons (president) occupied the chair. One new member was proposed. Accounts amounting to £4/18/- were passed for payment. It was decided to purchase an Australian flag. It was understood that the Shire Council would permit same to be flown from the band rounda pole, but the branch had not been officially notified of same. It was stated that a paper "Early Britain," written by Mr N. Muntz, would be read at next meeting, and that Mr V. J. Parson would give a paper at the following meeting. Messrs A. H. Sands, W. J. Bruce Johnson, and Lyons reported attending a public meeting the previous night, at which a branch of the Country Townspeople's League was formed. It was mentioned that the branch had done its best to see that the league was started, and it was believed that it would be of great value to the town and district. Mr Johnson said it was up to them to get the whole of their members to join, as decentralisation was a plank in their platform. Prior to the ordinary meeting the committee met.

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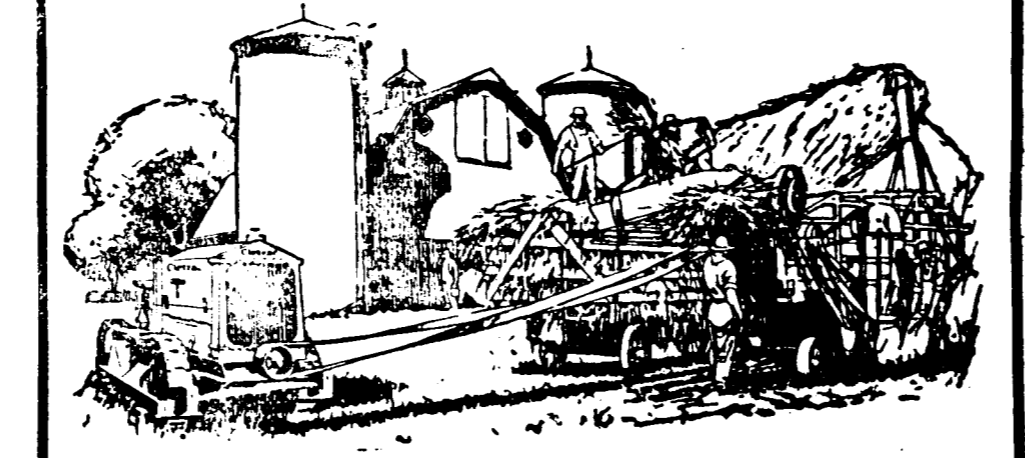
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(Signed) A. SMITH, 2/10/1919. Miram.

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(Signed) J. E. FARMER, 7/11/1919. Narriecoorie.

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(Signed) J. J. RILEY, 7/11/1919.

Full sets your system. Can chew anything from start; others cost me ten guineas.
(Signed) C. G. HOFFMAN, Victor South, Horsham, 18/11/1919.

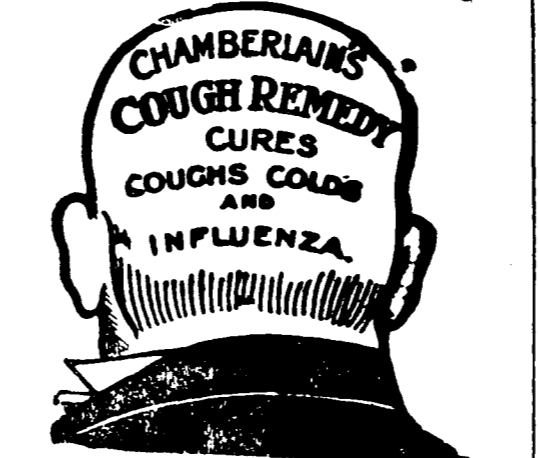
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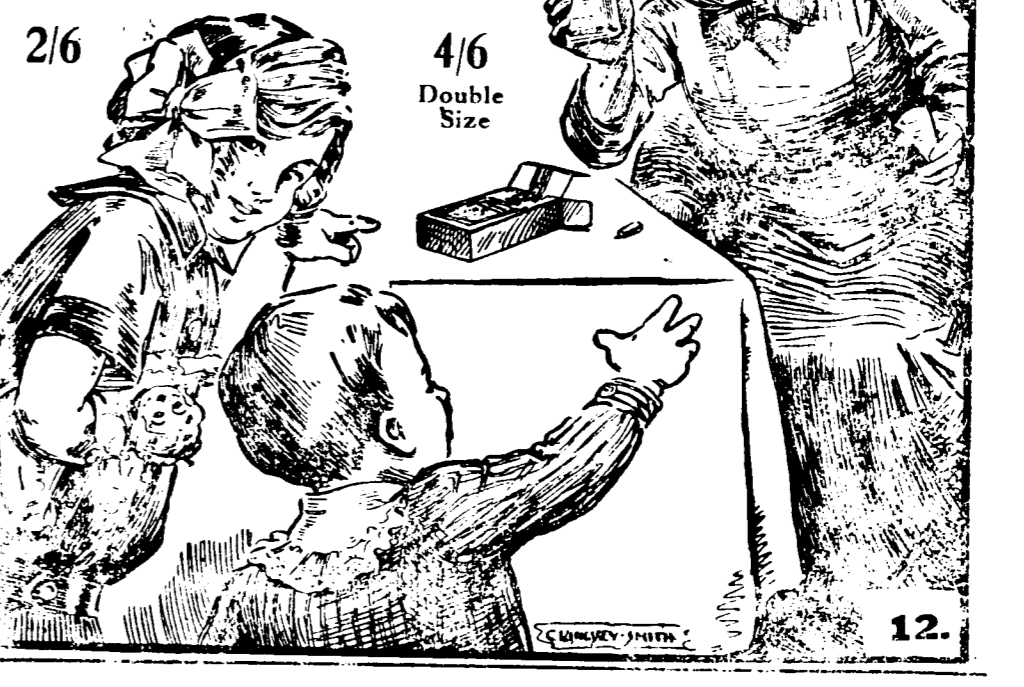
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IN MEMORIAM. TYRRELL.—In sad and ever loving remembrance of my husband and our dear father, who passed away on the 19th August, 1914, R.I.P.

Country Towns People's League. Despite the wet, cold weather, 24 representative townsmen and business men attended a public meeting held at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday night, 16th inst., to form a local branch of the Country Towns People's League.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1920.

Several local items are held over. An aeroplane passed over Beaufort on Saturday, and another was seen by residents a few miles out of the town on Sunday.

During the week a fresh case of diphtheria in the town was reported to the Ripon Shire health authorities, Beaufort.

The Ripon War Memorial Park in Livingstone, Wilby, and Havelock streets, Beaufort, is now being rapidly brought into conformity with the plan decided upon by the committee.

The members' subscription was fixed at 2/6 per year, on motion of Messrs W. H. Halpin and J. Young.

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Making People Virtuous. A SHORT LIFE AND A DULL ONE. The severely utilitarian mind is impressed everywhere with the many signs of gross economic waste.

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Next, consider the fearful loss represented by the energy, time, and money which are spent upon picture shows, theatres, dances, and entertainments that do not add one farthing to the country's accumulated wealth.

If a million Australian women are in the habit of going to the picture shows an average of once a week, thus wasting in this way about three precious hours a week, the total loss in a year is no less than 136,000,000 individual hours, or about 1800 years.

There are other aspects. There is an enormous amount of waste upon useless indulgence. The men of Victoria spend about £2,000,000 a year on tobacco, puffing it away into the air.

Similar savings could be made with great advantage in the meat bill. Australians eat two and three times the amount of meat that is consumed by any other people.

What costly excess is there in tea drinking, in buying biscuits which burn bread would satisfy the appetite better, in wearing watches that do not go, in taking useless snapshots with cameras, in drinking gin and tonics instead of water, in buying petrol for motor-cars which are never used.

But 'tis not the life more than meat and the body more than raiment; 'tis the aim and end of the higher life to grasp and hold, greedily hugging the things of this world to the verge of the tomb, spare and stint and caduce rather than to enjoy.

When we have ordered our lives on the strict "economic basis," we shall probably have discovered that we have been living on a false basis.

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Mr. Mullett, who had been over portion of the Ripon Estate and was able to speak with some knowledge of local conditions, said it had always been an eye-opening experience to see that beautiful country lying "in the air" and only settled by two or three families.

It was a great thing to make two or three acres of grass grow where one grew before, but that man was a greater hero who made 50 families grow on a few acres of land. He congratulated the Ripon settlers on obtaining this valuable land. They knew that valuable flocks would be broken up, but no sheep would be kept there than now, if not more.

Sheep-raising alone would not pay economically because of the cost of the land and the cost of the sheep. They would have to mix their farms. He knew they appreciated that fact by asking a lecturer to come to the farm. He thought there were six fundamental rules which they would have to observe to make the best use of that property.

Some were scientific and some were commonsense. It had been proved by analysis and business facts that one of the greatest factors in determining the profit of a farm was the average yield per acre of the crop and beast. It had been proven that to have a certain fixed plan and concentrate on having a limited area of crop put in thoroughly, than having it spread over a great area, was the best of the requisite treatment. Most farmers were in the habit of trying to grow too much. It was the same with the sheep. They wanted the best cow, pig, and sheep ever raised in the district.

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would have to farm more for profit and not to get into the habit, because they must all recognise that they must come back to the true system of conserving the fertility of the soil. The lighter buckshot soil would not stand too much continuous cropping. The fourth rule was to manage the labor efficiently. In no business would they get 12 months' pay for six months' productive work. The profit on every farm would depend on the productive work they put into it. They should not let big contracts for improvements, but do them themselves in their spare time. They must secure too many improvements the next few years, but "dig in" and do all the cropping they could. If there was any spare time, fill it in, and then they would get 12 months' pay for 12 months' work. If they did not, their income would be decreasing. They must manage efficiently the labor of every implement they had on the farm, and in every operation with the plough, harrow, and other implements, they should avoid overworking. They should be prepared for breakdowns with a reasonable supply of spares. In the case of horses, they should be "nursed" on sore shoulders, and look to the collar, for an ill horse is a horse that is not a man. They should give their horses plenty of feed, as it would pay them to do it. When working an implement they should keep their horses moving, and not waste time fooling about at the end of a stroke. They must see to it that they build up their improvements. They must do the work efficiently and economically. Improvements were a deterrent to the individual farmer. As much money was made out of the increased value of the land as was made out of the improvements they must strive to lay out a farm in a way in which they would have the greatest value. They would have a virgin bit of country, and it was for them to decide how it would be used. They would not have a legacy of old scare-crows of buildings dumped all over the place. They should have the place first to decide the site of the house. This would be influenced by water supply, drainage, and the fact that it had been proved that the most economical place to put a house was half-way down the side of the hill. In subdividing the land, they should have the railway station rather than in the centre of a block. In subdividing the land, they should have the railway station rather than in the centre of a block. In subdividing the land, they should have the railway station rather than in the centre of a block.

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SHIRE OF RIPON. ANNUAL ELECTION—NORTH RIDING. NOTICE OF POLL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following candidates have been duly nominated for the office of Councillor, viz.:

SINGLE GEORGE; SINGLAI, ROBERT ALFRED DUNBAR. And as the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of councillors to be elected, a Poll will be taken for the ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR on THURSDAY, the 26th day of AUGUST, 1920, at the following places, viz.:

Shire Hall, Beaufort; Mechanics' Institute, Waterloo; Mechanics' Institute, Raglan; Public Hall, Middle Creek. The Poll will commence at 8 o'clock in the forenoon and close at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 12th day of August, 1920. W. H. HALPIN, Returning Officer for the North Riding of the Shire of Ripon.

SHIRE OF RIPON ELECTION. FOR the last twenty-four years I have had the honor of being one of your representatives in the Council for the North Riding of the above Shire. I am glad to offer you my services, which I trust will meet with your approval and support.

R. A. D. SINCLAIR. TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE NORTH RIDING OF RIPON SHIRE. LADIES and Gentlemen,—I beg to announce that I am a Candidate for the North Riding of Ripon Shire, the vacancy being caused by the retirement of Mr. Sinclair through effluxion of time. Should you think fit to return me as one of your representatives, I can assure you that I will at all times endeavour to do my best in your interests and for the general welfare of the shire.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support and interest, believe me, yours faithfully, GEO. PRINGLE. Beaufort, 12/8/20. TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE WEST RIDING, SHIRE OF RIPON. LADIES and Gentlemen,—I beg to express my sincere thanks for returning me for the ninth time as one of your representatives. It will be my constant endeavour to advance the interests of the Riding and of the Shire generally.

Yours faithfully, DONALD STEWART "Wongan," Skipton, 16/8/20. SALES BY AUCTION THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, at 3 p.m., at the OFFICE of THEO. W. SCHLICHT, BEAUFORT.

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Both good building sites. Freehold titles. Auctioneer—T. W. SCHLICHT, Beaufort. AUCTION SALE. TOWNSHIP PROPERTY, WATERLOO. THURSDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1920. At 2.30 p.m.

W. H. HALPIN & SON have been favored with instructions from Mr. C. STEVENS to sell on above date as follows:— 4-roomed W.B. House, 33 x 27, verandah in front; 2-roomed House, 24 x 12; Stable, 18 x 12; 10-chain Picket Fence, 140 rods; posts and rails; 4 Gal. Iron Tanks; about 100 ft. 2-inch Piping; also 2-acre Land, held under miner's right.

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CHAPTER VI. "THOU ART THE MAN."

The two men looked at the earring, Slade with triumph, Johnson with dismay. There was no doubt it belonged to Miss Arnott. He had frequently seen her wearing it; and he asked himself how it came to be found on the spot where the body had lain. Miss Arnott's declaration that Tera had wrenched the earring from her ear, and had carried it away, might be a mere fiction. Carried away as she was by her feelings, it was impossible to rely upon the said. If her statement were untrue, the discovery of the ornament on the scene of the crime went to show that Miss Arnott had been on the spot, and there, perhaps during the struggle with her victim, had lost the earring. In a word, this piece of evidence incriminated her somewhat seriously. Remembering her agitation and strange remarks, Johnson began to think that she had committed the murder out of jealousy. It was very feasible. The more he thought of it the more likely it seemed. But the mystery determined to keep his suspicions to himself. It was not for him, on whose account she had sinned—if she had sinned—to denounce her. It was for his sake she had broken that terrible sixth commandment. Therefore he judged it right, if not righteous, to deny all knowledge of the ornament. "Have you seen this before, sir?" asked Slade, keeping a watchful eye on the face of the minister. "No," answered Johnson, with an effort to appear calm. "I never saw it before. It does not belong to Bithiah. She wore no ornaments in her ears."

fought over the man. Tera tore the earring from Zara while she was being strangled. Then Tera hid the body in the field, and ran away. It's as clear as day," and Slade, danced again: "I'll get to Poldo's sure enough!" Knowing well to whom the earring belonged, the minister could not believe in Zara's guilt. But without compromising Miss Arnott, Slade's theory was not to be demolished. The best he could do was to protest against it as being too fanciful. "Why, you have more reason to suspect me," he declared. "True enough," replied Slade, "but circumstantial evidence ain't good stuff—though I admit I'm going on it a lot in suspecting Zara."

and see you dance on nothing with a hempen cravat round your darned neck. Johnson waited to hear no more, but retired into his house, and left the minister cursing the empty air until he grew weary and took himself off to the minister's office. He expected that the spiteful little creature would denounce him to the police as the seller of the pearls, and he was prepared to be arrested at any hour. But neither Shackel was not very sure of his ground, or was afraid to come himself in contact with the law, of which he had a holy horror. He skulked back to the schooner without fulfilling his threats, and so far as he was concerned Johnson remained in peace. The blow was not to come from Shackel.

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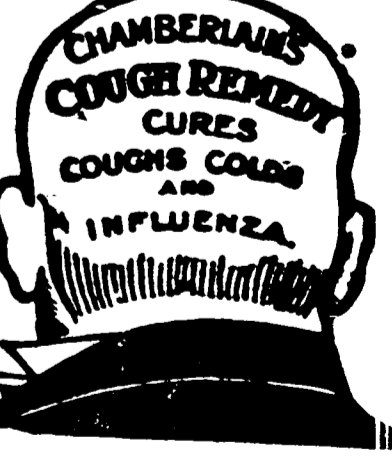
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WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Disappointed Dogwork: "Pardon me, sir, but have you seen a policeman round here?" "No, I am sorry, my man." "Disappointed Dogwork: "Thank you. Now will you kindly hand over your watch and purse?" "AD ANGRY father met his daughter's young man in the hall, and maternally hastened his departure in the usual manner. Then he returned to the room and sat down. "I hope you didn't hurt Harry," sobbed the daughter. "No," he replied the old man, picking up his foot and nursing it. "No, I didn't hurt him, but if ever he comes here again with bricks in his coat-pocket I'll kill him!" And the girl smiled softly through her tears. "Dobson: "Mr. Biggs is altogether too literal." "Dobson: "How so?" "Dobson: "The last time he was at my house I told him to make himself thoroughly at home, and in less than five minutes he had quarrelled with the dog, kicked the cat out of doors, discharged the cook, whipped the baby, and told me I was an ass."

We regret to record the death of a highly respected resident of the district in the person of Mrs. Cora Scoles, wife of Mr. Joseph Scoles. Her death occurred at her residence, 25 George Street, on Monday, August 16, 1920. She was 49 years of age, had suffered from chronic nephritis for five months, which, together with diabetes, was the cause of her death. She was a native of Ballan, and married in Melbourne at the age of 10 years. During her residence of 10 years in the Beaufort district, late Mrs. Scoles won the esteem of all who knew her, by reason of her excellent qualities. She had six children, of whom three sons and two daughters survive her. Much sympathy is felt for the widower and family, which was largely attended, took place on Wednesday, the remains of the deceased lady being interred in the Beaufort Cemetery. The coffin, which was covered with floral tributes, was borne to the grave by Messrs. W. Dickman, sent., S. George, and W. Dickman, junr., and S. Morris; the pallbearers being Messrs. A. Crocker, W. R. T. Morris, E. George, and Hector Glenister. The Church of England funeral service was read by Rev. W. Wood. Mr. A. H. Sands, undertaker, Beaufort, carried out the mortuary arrangements. Mr. Archibald McDonald, second son of Mrs. Christina McDonald and the late Mr. John McDonald, of Beaufort, passed away somewhat suddenly in the Ballara Hospital on Tuesday night, August 17, 1920. He was 51 years of age, and had a long and honorable record as a soldier in the A.I.F. He was a lover of sports, and also fought in the Zulu War, and several years as a corporal-gunner in the A.I.F. He was gassed in France, and returned to Australia a little over 12 months ago. For the past three months he had been in indifferent health, and was occasionally confined to his room for several days. The deceased was a well-known and popular figure in the town, and was held in high esteem by a large circle of returned soldiers and townsmen, by whom his untimely end is keenly regretted. He took a keen interest in local tennis, cricket, and football, and also the billiard tournaments at the Mechanics' Institute. For 12 years prior to enlisting in the A.I.F., he followed the occupation of a clerk in Waverley, and returned from the late Mr. McDonald leaves a widowed mother, a brother, and two sisters to mourn their loss. Deep sympathy is felt for them in their sad bereavement. As a last tribute of respect to the deceased, the flags at the Shire Hall, and several business places were flown at half-mast. The body was brought to Beaufort by train on Thursday, and six returned soldiers carried the coffin from the railway station to the mortuary. The funeral took place in the afternoon, and was largely attended. A floral triback and a number of beautiful floral tributes of sympathy (including a special wreath from the Ripon branch, R.S.S.I.L.A.) were carried from the house to the hearse by five soldiers in uniform. 25 returned men formed a guard of honour and stood at the salute. Twenty-eight members of the Ripon branch, R.S.S.I.L.A. (the majority of whom were in uniform) marched in front of the hearse to the place of interment at the local Cemetery, and were in charge of ex-Lieut. S. Young, J. E. Wallish, and G. C. Bennett, sergts. Gilbert Smith and E. Buchanan (president and secretary respectively of the local Returned Soldiers' League). The deceased was buried with military honors, and dignities forming a guard of honor as standing at the salute while the hearse was borne to the last resting place. The funeral was read by ex-Lieut. S. Young, J. E. Wallish, and G. C. Bennett, and ex-Sergt. Gilbert Smith. The services at the house and grave were in charge of ex-Lieut. S. Young, J. E. Wallish, and G. C. Bennett, and ex-Sergt. Gilbert Smith. The services at the house and grave were in charge of ex-Lieut. S. Young, J. E. Wallish, and G. C. Bennett, and ex-Sergt. Gilbert Smith.



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OBITUARY.

We regret to record the death of a highly respected resident of the district in the person of Mrs Caroline Scoles, wife of Mr Joseph Scoles; the sad event occurring at her residence at Main Lead on Monday. Deceased, who was 49 years of age, had been suffering from chronic nephritis for several months, which, together with cardiac failure, was the cause of her death. She was a native of Ballan, and was married in Melbourne at the age of 27 years. During her residence of about 10 years in the Beaufort district, the late Mr Scoles won the esteem of all who knew her, by reason of her many excellent qualities. She had seven children of whom three sons and one daughter survive her. Much sympathy is felt for the widower and family in their sad bereavement. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Wednesday; the remains of the deceased lady being interred in the Beaufort Cemetery. The coffin, which was covered with floral tributes, was borne to the grave by Messrs Wm. Dickman, son, S. George, Wm. Dickman, junr, and S. Morley; the pall-bearers being Messrs A. Crocker, W. R. T. Morris, E. George, and Hector Gouster. The Church of England burial service was read by Rev. W. C. Wood. Mr A. H. Sands, undertaker, Beaufort, carried out the mortuary arrangements.

Mr Archibald McDonald, second son of Mrs Christina McDonald and the late Mr John McDonald, of Beaufort, passed away somewhat suddenly in the Beaufort Hospital on Tuesday night. Deceased, who suffered from lung and heart trouble, was only admitted to the institution that afternoon. He was 32 years of age, and had a long and honorable record as a soldier to his credit. He was a Boer War veteran, and also fought in the Zulu War, and served in the late European war for several years as a corporal-gunner in the A.I.F. He was gassed in France, and returned to Australia a little over 12 months ago. For the past three months he had been in indifferent health, and was occasionally confined to his room for several days. The deceased was a well known and popular figure in the town, and was held in high esteem by a large circle of returned soldiers and townsmen, by whom his untimely end is keenly regretted. He took a keen interest in local tennis, cricket, and football, and also the billiard tournaments at the Mechanics Institute. For 12 years prior to enlisting in the A.I.F., he followed the occupation of a clerk in Western Australia. The late Mr McDonald leaves a widowed mother, a brother, and two sisters to mourn their loss. Deep sympathy is felt for them in their sad bereavement. As a last tribute of respect to the deceased, the flags at the Shire Hall and several business places were flown at half-mast. The body was brought to Beaufort by train on Thursday, and six returned soldiers carried the coffin from the railway station to the house. The funeral took place in the afternoon, and was largely attended. As the coffin—which was covered with the Union Jack and a number of beautiful floral tributes of sympathy (including a special wreath from the Ripon branch, R.S.S.I.L.A.)—was carried from the house to the hearse by five soldiers in uniform, 23 returned men formed a guard of honor and stood at the salute. Twenty-eight members of the Ripon branch, R.S.S.I.L.A. (the majority of whom were in uniform) marched in front of the hearse to the place of interment at the local Cemetery, and were in charge of ex-Lieuts. S. Young, J. E. Wallish, and G. C. Bennett, and Sergeants Gilbert Smith and E. S. Buchanan (president and secretary respectively of the local Returned Soldiers League). The deceased was buried with military honors, the Diggers forming a guard of honor and standing at the salute while the coffin was borne to the resting place of their dead comrade by ex-Devs. W. I. Halpin, W. Hall, and Geo. Hayward, and ex-Ptes. Geo. Caulfield and P. George. The pall-bearers were ex-Lieuts S. Young, J. E. Wallish, G. C. Bennett, and ex-Sergeant Gilbert Smith. The services at the house and grave

were conducted by Rev. A. H. Ross, of the Presbyterian Church (an ex-captain of the A.I.F.). In the course of a suitable address at the cemetery, the officiating minister said they had assembled as citizens to pay respect to a fellow citizen and as soldiers to pay respect to a comrade who had given his life for the Empire just as much as if he had fallen on the battlefield. He mentioned that the deceased soldier was a veteran, as he was at the Boer War and served in the Zulu War afterwards. Although he might well have stayed at home during the late European War, he responded to the call of duty and enlisted again, and gave his life in the cause of righteousness and liberty. In extending his sympathy to the relatives, he said they had the consolation of welcoming their dear one home and of having him with them for some months. The returned soldiers stood at attention while ex-Pte. Jas. Martin sounded "The Last Post." Mr A. H. Sands, undertaker, Beaufort, carried out the funeral arrangements locally.

STREATHAM SHEEP SALE.

1,300 SHEEP AVERAGE 34/.

Kelly & McDonald report having held their monthly sheep sale at Streatham on Wednesday, 4th inst. The sheep yarded were much admired for their breeding and quality. Competition was keen, and with the exception of one lot, they were quickly sold at good prices. The following sales were effected:—100 crossbred wethers, 6-tooth, 39/; 120 crossbred wethers, 4-tooth, 33/; 161 comeback wethers, 4-tooth, 36/; 145 comeback wethers, 4-tooth, 39/; 218 merino weaners, mixed sexes, 32/; 100 comeback weaners, 33/; 100 comeback weaners, 32/; 70 crossbred weaners, 26/; 49 crossbred wethers, 43/; 53 crossbred weaners, 26/; 76 crossbred ewes, 4 and 6-tooth, 33/9; and several smaller lots at equal rates.

Kelly & McDonald report a good demand for all classes of sheep. Since 1st July they have sold privately 6,511 sheep at good prices. The following sales were effected:—A/c. Thos. Rowe, 550 merino wethers; W. H. Hedge, 324 crossbred weaners; Robt. Beggs, 575 merino wethers, 410 do.; F. H. Phillips, 331 cross weaners; John McDonald, 550 merino wethers, 170 cross ewes and wethers, 270 merino weaners; W. J. McMinn, 300 crossbred ewes; Jas. Geddes, 112 merino ewes; F. R. Creek, 42 crossbred wethers; T. H. Brown, 102 merino ewes; Gange Bros., 304 comeback weaners; F. E. Doery, 185 comeback wethers; R. Knight, 200 cross ewes; H. Bond, 100 merino ewes; T. H. Brown, 84 crossbred weaners; H. Bond, 200 crossbred weaners; E. Shalders, 128 crossbred ewes and wethers; C. McPherson, 160 comeback weaners; Wm. Shalders, 40 crossbred weaners; H. H. Hooke, 100 merino ewes, 21 crossbred weaners; Exors. Geo. Clarke, 100 crossbred ewes; W. G. Pickford, 69 comeback wethers, 90 ewes and wethers; P. A. Panther, 31 crossbred ewes; W. J. Kay, 47 merino ewes; J. George, 53 comeback ewes; Miss Gray, 69 mixed sheep; H. Bond, 140 cross ewes; W. Brown, 190 comeback wethers.

Kelly & McDonald and A. M. Greenfield (in conjunction) report having sold, on account of Mr John Creelman, his well-improved property, containing 742 acres, situated at Buangor, to Mr Alfred Beard, of Wirra Wirra.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERIES.

In dentistry, painless extractions, an ancient secret, a well known dentist has after innumerable tests, decided which are the best and most approved anaesthetics. These cause no pain, swelling, or other such after effects. Fee, 1/-. Unlike usual methods, where only one of a kind is used, he has two or three on hand. One for use for cases with abscesses or diseased stumps; a second for firm, hard gums, and a third for people in delicate health or with weak hearts. Another unique discovery is in relation to artificial teeth. The most distinguishing feature of this discovery is that the teeth do not move during mastication or during any movement of the muscles of the cheek, lips, or tongue. They give youth and freshness to the countenance, and harmony of form in the face. Particulars from the research division of the United States Dental Supply Company. Patients of Mr W. E. Thomas have still another great advantage. They can profit by the fact that he bought largely at wholesale prices before the hurried per cent. rise. Prospective patients should take these advantages and consult Mr. Thomas on his next visit.

Next visit—Wednesday, 25th August

KAY'S "LINSEED COMPOUND," of 50 years' proven efficacy. For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, &c.

An election of a councillor for the North Riding of the Shire of Ripon takes place next Thursday; Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair, the retiring member, being opposed by Mr Geo. Pringle.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. For Coughs and Colds, never fails.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

On Wednesday night at the Societies' Hall the soldiers of the district and their friends were entertained at a social by the workers of the Beaufort, Waterloo and district 15th Inf. Brig. Comforts Depot, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Over 100 couples were present. The hall was suitably decorated with bunting. During the evening a recitation was well given by Miss Marjorie Wilson, and Mrs Percy Kelly nicely contributed a song (with flute obligato by Mr J. F. Wotherpoon). Mr R. Martin also sang Miss E. DeBaere played the accompaniments. The presentation of 1914-15 stars to district soldiers was made by Senator (Brigadier-General) W. K. Bolton (formerly lieutenant-colonel commanding the 8th Bn. in Egypt and at Gallipoli), who made a few, well-chosen remarks, and drew attention to the honorable service signified by these bronze medals. The recipients were heartily applauded, the following soldiers being personally invested:—Tpr J. R. McErvale (Snake Valley), Ptes. E. Hallihan, J. Jellert, W. Foster, Tpr. F. G. P. Smith, Sergt. Gilbert Smith, Capt. A. H. Ross, Pte. F. H. Martinez, Sergt. E. S. Buchanan, and A.B. Seaman L. Miles. The names of the following soldiers, who were not present to receive their medals, were called:—Spr. Alex. William, Pte. E. Howlett, Tpr. Jas. Dunn, Ptes. H. J. Bending, T. R. Roxburgh, Sergeants. H. E. Smith, C. Newey, Ptes. L. Simpkin, E. J. Callaghan, J. T. Conn, R. Woodall, W. J. Anderson, Sergt. A. J. Murphy, and Sergt.-major A. S. Duncan. There are still 12 medals to come to hand for men entitled to them. At the call of the chairman (Cr. W. H. Halpin) cheers were heartily given for the recipients. Medals from the Beaufort Welcome Home Committee were then presented by Senator Bolton to Ptes. Alex. A. J., Alf., and Robt. Driver (the first-named receiving those for his brothers), Sergeants John Humphreys, M.M., and Jas. T. Humphreys, D.C.M. (the former being present). The names of Sergt. W. Eyckens, Pte. L. Eyckens, and Pte. G. Baker were also called, but these men, and several others who are to receive these medals, were absent. Cr. Halpin expressed the appreciation felt by the ladies of the 15th Inf. Brigade Comforts Depot for the kindness of Mr P. D. Moroney in promptly despatching their parcels, and also thanked the public for the assistance they had given the Welcome Home Committee. Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (shire president) responded on behalf of Mr Moroney. Ex-sergt. Gil. Smith (president Ripon R.S.S.I.L.A.), on behalf of the soldiers, thanked the 15th Inf. Brig. Comforts Depot ladies for their hospitality and all patriotic workers for what they had done for the boys while they were at the front and since their return. Cr. Halpin mentioned that the ladies of the 15th Inf. Brig. Comforts Depot intended handing over their credit balance to the Ripon Repatriation Committee. Dancing was vigorously indulged in till a late hour to the inspiring music supplied by a Ballarat pianist (Mr Campbell) and a violinist. Miss R. Roberts played for an extra circular. Mr O'Keefe officiated as M.C., and the catering arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr L. Miles. Mrs Wm. Newey as president and Mrs L. Miles as secretary were at the head of a strong committee of ladies who carried out the arrangements.

At the Willaura Coursing Club's meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, a stake for 24 dogs was run off. At the calling of the card Harris and Elder's Benefit (a Beaufort district dog) was favorite at 5 to 1, but was run out in the second round by Page and Kelly's Oi Be (a Hamilton dog), one of the winners. The same dog put Harris & Elder's Benitis out in the first round. The stake was divided by Harris & Elder's Nansia and Page and Kelly's Oi Be. They divided £45 in cash and a £5 trophy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"GOLDEN EGGS," &c.

We do not in any way identify ourselves with opinions expressed by our correspondents.

To the Editor, Riponshire Advocate.

Dear Sir,—Judging by the reply of the Rev. A. Hamilton Ross, published in your issue of the 7th inst., my little effusion greatly ruffled that gentleman's none too sweet temper. He states:—"My simple explanation of a certain church matter was no doubt clear to most of your readers." With the exception of the thinly-veiled lament about the first casualty in the ranks of the "geese that laid the golden eggs," it was as clear as mud. The reverend gentleman's vitriolic and intemperate outburst seems to have been largely due to my using a *non de plume*. As scripping was not considered a dishonorable occupation in war, I fail to see why it should be regarded as such in peace. As the letter appeared in the press, Mr Ross knew very well that he would have an opportunity of placing his version before the public. I was therefore not committing a cold-blooded outrage on a defenceless person, as your correspondent attempts to make out. This letter has apparently touched a very sore spot. In order to camouflage the main issue, your correspondent has descended to mere abuse. Like the barrister who has no case, he does the only thing possible, and abuses the other side. I have often thought he was more fitted for a pastorist than a parson, but never dreamed that he possessed such eminent qualifications for filling the editorial chair of a gutter journal. Mr Ross squeals a lot about its being easy to be a parson, but why should a clergyman be less open to criticism or less able to defend himself than any other citizen? After all there is more often a man than a saint under the black clerical coat. In any case, the man who attempted to rush Mr Ross to the belief that he was tackling a meek and mild, defenceless parson would very quickly find that he had caught a Tartar. Your correspondent shows great pettiness and narrowness of mind by his parrot cry simply because he makes in a letter a fair comment on a tactless statement in a letter published in the local newspaper. He has shown a great fondness for indulging in criticism himself, and to do so he appears to be "sport enough" to swallow some of his own words. The reverend gentleman will no doubt be sorry to know that he has jumped to a wrong conclusion in assuming that I am "of a totally different feather" to the birds of the A.I.F. strain; but he will be greatly relieved to learn that any member of an amiable and respectable band of psalm-singers should be suspected of being a "traitor" because of the wicked scribbles of one whose place of worship is not the church, but the gutter. Must not forget that he, but the chapel. Mr Ross not "Aussie," the supposed modern imitator of that much-slated sinner, Judas, whom Christ must have forgiven some 1900 years ago. When your correspondent talks so glibly of others "wanting to stand on the corpse and dig up the miserable name of the wretched Judas," I was always taught that the parson was a fisher of men, and that his mission was to save souls, and not give a man who had turned into a pig, and not give him to emulate Judas and "go out and hang himself." Such a demonstration of Christian civility from a gentleman who is supposed to cultivate the Christ-like spirit is very illuminating, and shows the great difference between Christianity and Churchiasticity. Mr Ross was not at all silent outside the church on the land question, but even outside it, it would not be "exercising great economy of the truth" to accuse him of silence in the matter or support of the Diggers' aims in this regard. Being a particular specimen of the office class, it was only natural that he would be unsympathetic with the aims of the men and the democratic lieutenant to whose fine leadership they owe so much. When the land question first came up in the local Returned Soldiers League, Mr Ross opposed a resolution, but appeared to be quite agreeable to the cap-in-hand business. At a later meeting of the Beaufort League Mr Ross made a determined attempt to get the members to carry a motion tendering a rather abject apology to Mr Ross for the way in which he had behaved in the past, and also to thank his late husband by a man over whom the league had no control, although he, unfortunately, made it at a public meeting and land settlement. The league simply endorsed the president's previous expression of regret at the offensive remark, and Mr Ross and Mrs Bridges had to be satisfied with that. Excepting on those two occasions, I never heard of Mr Ross opening his mouth on the land question in any way. He certainly never came out quite so openly before as he did on the outcropping until he put that "sting in the tail" of his first letter. In his second letter he makes his preference for the top-dog more apparent than ever. Mr Ross, referring to the land movement, writes:—"I certainly don't intend to drag it in to the church, though I confess to having preached once in Beaufort on the subject." What does he mean by that contradictory statement? It savors very much of kicking the stable door after the horse has got out, and certainly looks like a complete change of attitude. "Am I expected," he writes, "to call on the Beaufort people and cry and lament the killing of the geese?" Now that is precisely what I accused Mr Ross of doing indirectly, so that he appears to have failed to grasp the salient point of my letter. Had it been as I would not have wavered. Your correspondent further states:—"As to the fear of loss in church revenue, we received from the Trawalla Church for the past year, £250. He goes on to explain that much help could not be expected from new settlers, and adds:—"It was therefore decided that our Beaufort people would cheerfully undertake the additional responsibility." Another "flood of light" on a dark place! Most people had the impression that the Beaufort Presbyterians were promising to "carry up" more "dough" in order to meet an increase in the parson's "screw." Reverting to the land question, Mr Ross endeavors to side-step the fact that the local soldiers have nothing to thank him for, and tries to "smudge" to them a little; also adding a sop for the business men to whom the Diggers need feel under no obligation for a little accommodation, as they will have to pay well for all they get, with interest added. It is no use his using soft-soap now, as I was only expressing an opinion privately held by a good number of local Diggers for some months. 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STREATHAM SHEEP SALE.

1,300 SHEEP AVERAGE 34/.

Kelly & McDonald report having held their monthly sheep sale at Streatham on Wednesday, 4th inst. The sheep yarded were much admired for their breeding and quality. Competition was keen, and with the exception of one lot, they were quickly sold at good prices. The following sales were effected:—100 crossbred wethers, 4-tooth, 39/; 120 crossbred wethers, 4-tooth, 33/; 161 comeback wethers, 4-tooth, 36/6; 145 comeback wethers, 4-tooth, 36/; 218 merino weaners, mixed sexes, 32/; 100 comeback weaners, 33/; 100 comeback weaners, 32/; 70 crossbred wethers, 26/; 49 crossbred wethers, 43/; 53 crossbred weaners, 26/; 76 crossbred ewes, 4 and 6-tooth, 33/9; and several smaller lots at equal rates.

Kelly & McDonald report a good demand for all classes of sheep. Since 1st July they have sold privately 6,511 sheep at good prices. The following sales were effected:—A/c. Thos. Rowe, 550 merino wethers; W. H. Hedge, 324 crossbred weaners; Robt. Beggs, 575 merino wethers, 410 do.; F. H. Phillips, 331 cross weaners; John McDonald, 550 merino wethers, 170 cross ewes and wethers, 270 merino weaners; W. J. McMinn, 300 crossbred ewes; Jas. Geddes, 112 merino ewes; F. R. Creek, 42 crossbred wethers; T. H. Brown, 102 merino ewes; Gange Bros., 304 comeback weaners; F. E. Doery, 185 comeback wethers; R. Knight, 200 cross ewes; H. Bond, 100 merino ewes; T. H. Brown, 84 crossbred weaners; H. Bond, 200 crossbred weaners; E. Shalders, 128 crossbred ewes and wethers; C. McPherson, 160 comeback weaners; Wm. Shalders, 40 crossbred weaners; H. H. Hooke, 100 merino ewes, 21 crossbred weaners; Exors. Geo. Clarke, 100 crossbred ewes; W. G. Pickford, 69 comeback wethers, 90 ewes and wethers; P. A. Panther, 31 crossbred ewes; W. J. Kay, 47 merino ewes; J. George, 53 comeback ewes; Miss Gray, 69 mixed sheep; H. Bond, 140 cross ewes; W. Brown, 190 comeback wethers.

Kelly & McDonald and A. M. Greenfield (in conjunction) report having sold, on account of Mr John Creelman, his well-improved property, containing 742 acres, situated at Bangoor, to Mr Alfred Beard, of Wirra Wirra.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERIES.

In dentistry, needless extractions, an emulsion (tooth), a well known dentist has after innumerable tests, decided which are the best and most approved analgesics. These cause no pain, swelling, or other such after effects. Fee, 1/-. Unlike usual methods, where only one of a kind is used, he has two or three on hand. One for use for cases with abscesses or diseased stumps; a second for firm, hard gums, and a third for people in delicate health or with weak hearts. Another unique discovery is in relation to artificial teeth. The most distinguishing feature of this discovery is that the teeth do not move during mastication or during any movement of the muscles of the cheek, lips, or tongue. They give youth and freshness to the countenance, and harmony of form in the face. Particulars from the research division of the United States Dentists' Supply Company. Patients of Mr W. E. Thomas have still another great advantage. They can profit by the fact that he bought largely at wholesale prices before the hundred per cent. rise. Prospective patients should take these advantages and consult Mr. Thomas on his next visit.

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SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

On Wednesday night at the Societies Hall the soldiers of the district and their friends were entertained at a social by the workers of the Beaufort, Waterloo and district 15th Inf. Brig. Comforts Depot, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Over 100 couples were present. The hall was suitably decorated with bunting. During the evening a recitation was well given by Miss Marjorie Wilson, and Mrs Percy Kelly nicely contributed a song (with flute obligato by Mr J. F. Wother spoon). Mr R. Martin also sang Miss E. DeBaere played the accompaniments. The presentation of 1914-15 stars to district soldiers was made by Senator (Brigadier-General) W. K. Bolton (formerly lieutenant-colonel commanding the 8th Bn. in Egypt and at Gallipoli), who made a few, well-chosen remarks, and drew attention to the honorable service signified by these bronze medals. The recipients were heartily applauded, the following soldiers being personally invested:—Tpr. J. R. McErvale (Snake Valley), Ptes. F. Hallihan, J. Jellert, W. Foster, Tpr. F. G. P. Smith, Sergt. Gilbert Smith, Capt. A. H. Ross, Pte. F. H. Martinez, Sergt. E. S. Buchanan, and A.B. Seaman L. Miles. The names of the following soldiers, who were not present to receive their medals, were called:—Spr. Alex. William, Pte. E. Howlett, Tpr. Jas. Dunn, Ptes. H. J. Bowdler, T. R. Roxburgh, Sergeants. H. F. Smith, C. Newey Ptes. L. Simpkin, E. J. Callaghan, J. T. Conn, R. Woodall, W. J. Anderson, Sergt. A. J. Murphy, and Sergt.-major A. S. Duncan. There are still 12 medals to come to hand for men entitled to them. At the call of the chairman (Cr. W. H. Halpin) cheers were heartily given for the recipients. Medals from the Beaufort Welcome Home Committee were then presented by Senator Bolton to Ptes. Alex. A. J. Alf, and Robt. Driver (the first named receiving those for his brothers), Sergeants. John Humphreys, M.M., and Jas. T. Humpreys, D.C.M. (the former being present). The names of Sergt. W. Eyckens, Pte. L. Eyckens, and Pte. G. Baker were also called, but these men, and several others who are to receive these medals, were absent. Cr. Halpin expressed the appreciation felt by the ladies of the 15th Inf. Brigade Comforts Depot for the kindness of Mr P. D. Moroney in promptly despatching their parcels, and also thanked the public for the assistance they had given the Welcome Home Committee. Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (shire president) responded on behalf of Mr Moroney. Ex-sergt. Gil. Smith (president Ripon R.S.S.I.L.A.), on behalf of the soldiers, thanked the 15th Inf. Brig. Comforts Depot ladies for their hospitality and all patriotic workers for what they had done for the boys while they were at the front and since their return. Cr. Halpin mentioned that the ladies of the 15th Inf. Brig. Comforts Depot intended handing over their credit balance to the Ripon Repatriation Committee. Dancing was vigorously indulged in till a late hour to the inspiring music supplied by a Ballarat pianist (Mr Campbell) and a violinist. Miss R. Roberts played for an extra circular. Mr O'Keefe officiated as M.C., and the catering arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr L. Miles. Mrs Wm. Newey as president and Mrs L. Miles as secretary were at the head of a strong committee of ladies who carried out the arrangements.

At the Willaura Coursing Club's meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, a stake for 24 dogs was run off. At the calling of the card Harris and Elder's Benit (a Beaufort district dog) was favorite at 5 to 1, but was run out in the second round by Page and Kelly's Oi Be (a Hamilton dog), one of the winners. The same dog put Harris & Elder's Benit out in the first round. The stake was divided by Harris & Elder's Nansia and Page and Kelly's Oi Be. They divided £45 in cash and a £5 trophy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor, Riponshire Advocate. Dear Sir,—Judging by the reply of the Rev. A. Hamilton Ross, published in your issue of the 7th inst., my little effusion greatly ruffled that gentleman's none too sweet temper. He states:—"My simple explanation of a certain church matter was no doubt clear to most of your readers." With the exception of the thinly-veiled lament about the first casualty in the ranks of the "geese that laid the golden eggs," it was as clear as mud. The reverend gentleman's vitriolic and intemperate outburst seems to have been largely due to my using a *nom de plume*. As slipping was not considered a dishonorable occupation in war, I fail to see why it should be regarded as such in peace. As the letter appeared in the press, Mr Ross knew very well that he would have an opportunity of placing his version before the public. I was therefore not committing a cold-blooded outrage on a defenceless person, as your correspondent attempts to make out. 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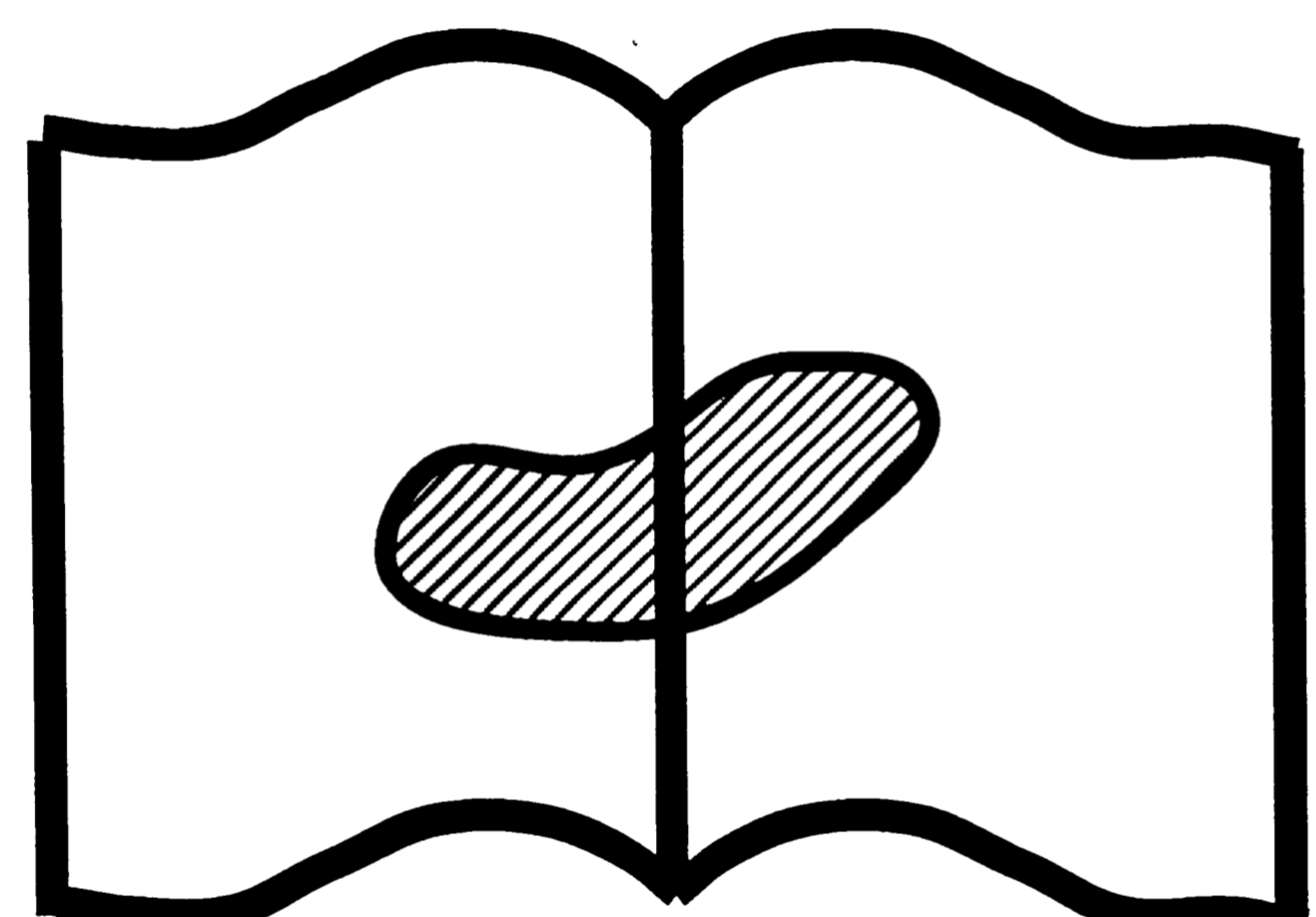
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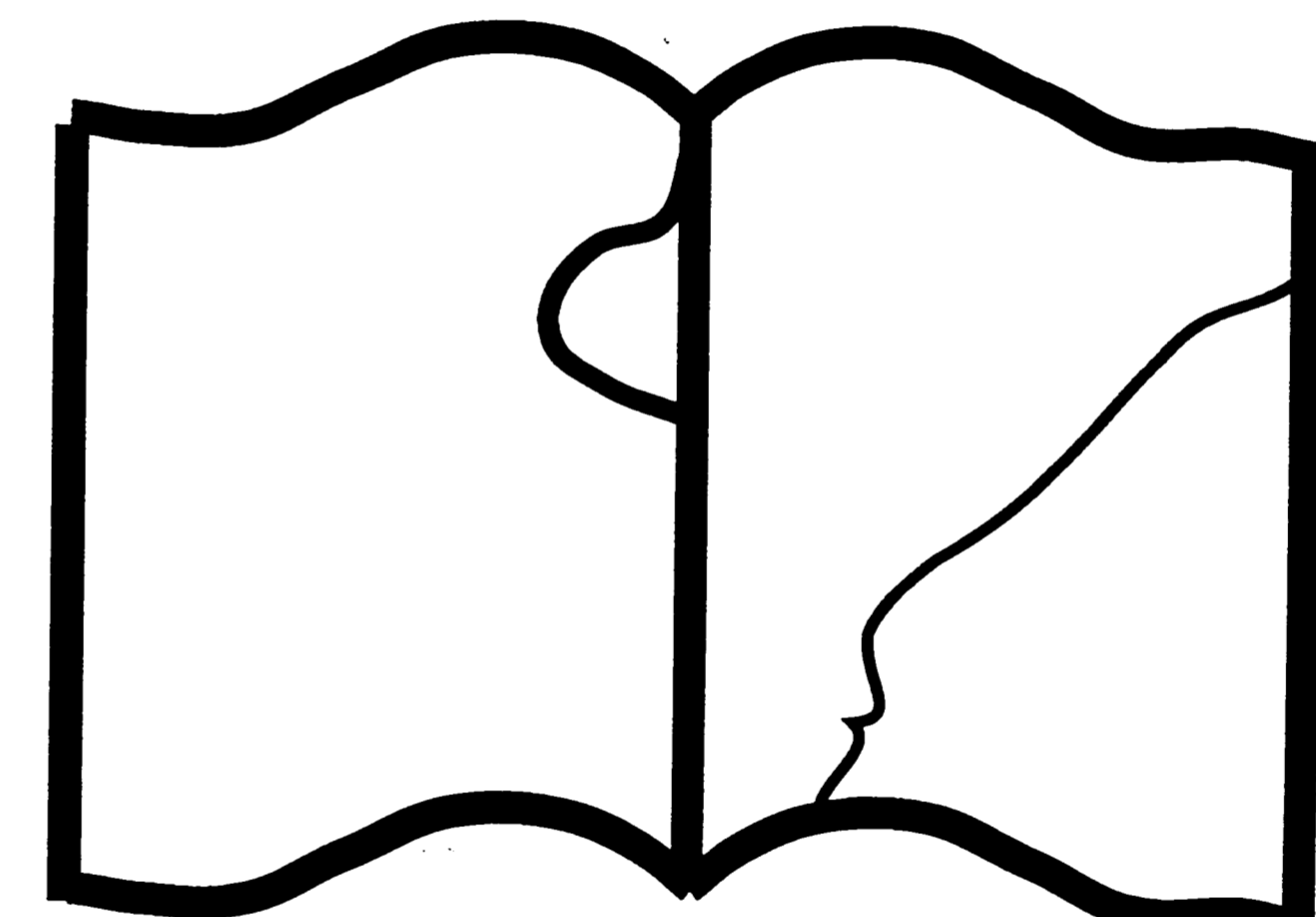
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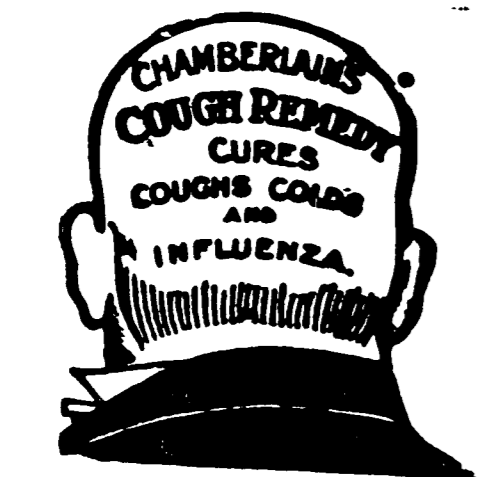
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SOME RECORDED EXPERIENCES.
Middle-aged Victorians have lively recollections of the first Australian prohibitionist settlement at Mildura—the "joyous clubs" and the "trainloads of bottles" and the "American States tried prohibition laws from as far back as 1852, and generally abandoned them as hopeless. Federal prohibition in the United States is doomed to abandonment also.

English travellers in the American prohibition States found that they could get liquor served in hospitals as well as in bottles labelled "cholera mixture."

One of the most-talked-about prohibition States was Maine, with its fine capital of Portland. In the nineteenth Century of January 1907, Mr. E. N. Bennett, M.P., gave an account of a visit he paid to Portland. He said:

"During the week I was there no fewer than 58 arrests for intoxication took place, and the average for the year actually amounts to between forty and fifty per week, which, in a population of 60,000, works out for Portland to about forty per 1000 inhabitants per annum—i.e. three times as bad as our worst drinking centres, the seaport towns and mining counties, six times as bad as London, and nine times as bad as our manufacturing towns. According also to the latest available statistics (1898-1899), the arrests at Bangor number 46 per thousand, Augusta 29, Bath 31, Lewiston 19, and Portland reaches the appalling total of 69 per thousand.

"Amongst those members of the community less able to resist temptation drunkenness is quite as rife in the towns of Maine as in non-prohibition areas. Nor must it be forgotten that any well-to-do citizen of Portland, Lewiston, or Bangor who belongs to a social club can quite easily drink a whisky and soda upon the premises whenever he cares to. And this easy evasion of the spirit of the prohibition ordinance really establishes the evil principle of one law for the rich and another for the poor.

"Finally, the worst feature of the whole system is the low tone of public morality which seems to result from it. Hypocrisy is the keynote of the situation. Drink is prohibited, but drunkenness is a horrible patent. The secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association told Sir Thomas Whitaker three years ago that he had never seen a glass of spirits in Portland and yet at that moment he could have walked into thirty saloons and purchased whisky over the counter in broad daylight. . . . This hypocrisy translates itself into a recognised system of personal blackmail. Politics in Portland, so to speak, are saturated in alcohol; all other questions of social reform sink into insignificance, and are subordinated to the one all-absorbing topic—the conditions under which this municipal hypocrisy is to be carried out."

In 1878 Canada passed what was known as "the Scott Act," which entered prohibition according to local opinion. It was adopted by different provinces and afterwards. Professor Goldwin Smith, the eminent jurist and historian, declared:

"The substitution of an unlicensed and unregulated trade for a licensed and regulated trade. The dealer in drink remained the same, but it was supplied in illicit ways. It was found by those who were engaged in the campaign against the Scott Act that the lowest class of liquor dealers were far from zealous in their opposition to prohibition. They foresaw that the result to them would be the simple sale of liquor without the license fee. Drunkenness, instead of having diminished, appeared to have increased."

Professor Goldwin Smith further quoted from a memorial signed by 300 residents of Woodstock, saying:

"The Scott Act in this town has not limited, but has increased, drunkenness. It has almost wholly prevented the use of lager beer, which was becoming an article of common consumption; it has operated to discourage the use of light beverages, substituting therefor in a large measure the opulent and heavy drinks which did not exist under the license law, and to the sale of liquor being continued until hours after midnight. From other towns it was reported that, under the operation of the Act, the number of places where liquor was sold had increased rather than diminished, and that the prosecution of the regular traders, the business was thrown into the hands of the worst classes of people, including bottle hawkers and the keepers of low dens, in which cases of drunkenness among young people were becoming deplorably frequent; that spirits were generally taken in the place of beer, wine, or cider, because they contained a larger percentage of alcohol in a small bulk; that the spirits sold by the lowest type of dealers were of the most pernicious kind; that people drank in secret; that anybody who wanted drink could get it; that perjury and blackmailing had become rife; and that people, adopting sneaking habits, were losing respect both for themselves and the law.

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For what? asked Jack, making a fight for it. He saw that he was in a trap, and, anxious to get out of it, glanced at window and door.

"About those lost pearls for one thing," growled Slade, "and that girl's murder for another."

"What have I to do with either?" "I know nothing about any murder," said Moss; "but you are the gent at the helm here, the pearl."

"Abuse won't do, Finland," struck in Chard; "you had better keep a curb on your tongue. It's always best to come quietly."

"You aren't arrest me?" "That is my intention, as soon as I can get a warrant. In the meantime, I'm not likely to lose sight of you, my fine fellow."

"What's your charge?" "Murder!" "Whose murder?" "The murder of a Polynesian girl called Tera, or Bithiah."

"It's a lie," cried Finland, violently. "I never killed the poor girl. I loved her too well to lay a finger on her."

Johnson, who had remained silent till now, turned to the sailor. "Happy man," he said solemnly, "do not add falsehood to your sins of murder and theft. Tera left this house with the pearls, and when her dead body was found the pearls were gone."

that he was not fully alive to the danger of his position. Chard looked at him with bland satisfaction.

"You had better make a clean breast of it, my man," said he. Jack scowled at him, and rudely turned his chair so as to face the minister.

"Mr. Johnson," he said quietly, "you're a hard man, and I'm amongst these land sharks, and I can trust you. I seem to be in a tight place, but I swear that I am as innocent as an unborn babe."

"Certainly I will deliver your note, Finland," said the minister, gravely. "I only hope you will be able to free yourself from this critical position."

"Do you believe I killed Tera?" "If you sold the pearls, it certainly looks very like it," replied Johnson, "seeing that they were taken from her dead body. Yet, as I know it, you loved the girl, and she was willing to give you both herself and the pearls. I confess that I have my doubts as to your guilt."

Jack looked at the minister with a friendly smile, and stretched out a large brown hand. "You're a white man," said he coolly; "I'll take more stock in your piety when I'm out of this fix. Shake."

The minister hesitated, for although he really did believe in the young sailor's innocence, yet the man had been his rival, and he found it difficult to be on easy terms with him. However, his better nature prevailed, and he shook hands.

"That heartens me up a lot," said Jack, cheerfully; "there is balm in Gilead after all, as Rachel says. Now I'll score a line for the man who has caused all this breeze."

"Who is that?" asked Chard. Finland looked at him again, ignored him completely, and in silence sat down in the chair before the desk, vacated by the minister. Chard kept his eyes on him, and smiled at the foolish manner in which the man was giving himself away. Honestly speaking, he had no ill-will towards Jack, but the insolent behaviour of the sailor was not without its effect, and he determined when the warrant came to sign him in no way. That Finland might be innocent, the inspector did not consider at all.

He also was puzzled by the behaviour of Finland, on the face of the evidence against him it was impossible to doubt his complicity. Yet the man's motive for murder, he could have had the pearls for the asking; there was no need for him to kill the poor girl. Moreover, Finland had loved her dearly; and it was incredible that for any cause, he could have killed her. Yet he had sold the pearls. There could be no doubt about that; and he was the nephew of the man in whose field the body had been so skilfully hidden. How to reconcile these conflicting elements, Johnson could not see. He was still puzzling the matter out in his mind, when Jack finished his letter with a cheery laugh.

man. I thank you for your kindness. Don't forget to give that letter to the skipper."

"I promise you it shall be delivered this evening."

"Jack and Slade departed quite affectionately, arm in arm, the sailor having suggested, Chard waited till they were fairly on their way. Then he turned to the minister peremptorily.

"Now then, sir, that letter, if you please!" Johnson looked astonished and displeased. "The letter is for Captain Shackel, sir."

"Afterwards, perhaps, first it is for me. You don't think I am going to lose a chance of making things safe for this scoundrel's hanging?" "Finland is not a scoundrel," rejoined Johnson, quietly. "Indeed, I begin to think he is perfectly innocent. As to this letter, that remains in my pocket."

"Mr. Johnson, I don't want to be unpleasant," cried Chard, looking ugly, "but I must remind you that I am a police officer. I've a perfect right to see the letter of a man under arrest on a criminal charge; and I must insist on your handing it over to me."

"Does the law authorise you to read this letter?" "Yes, sir; it does. If the man were free it would not, but the law permits me to gather all evidence I can in support of the case. That letter may be invaluable. Give it to me, please."

Johnson hesitated. He saw the weakness of his position. He wished to assist Finland, for he believed him to be innocent; moreover he did not wish, without the strongest reasons, to fall in the trust he had reposed in him. Still, Chard, as the representative of the law, had right and might on his side. If he did not give up the letter willingly, he would no doubt be forced to. On consideration he decided he could do nothing but yield.

"Here is the letter," he said, taking it from his pocket. "I trust I will deliver it to its address when you have done with it."

"That depends entirely upon the contents," said Chard, grimly. He untwisted the piece of paper. Finland had not put it in an envelope. The reason for this was soon apparent. Chard looked at it carefully, then he swore.

that Finland got two thousand for the pearls. To obtain them, he killed Tera."

"I don't believe it," cried Chard, giving very freely. "Jack is an honest lad, and my own sister's son. If he were guilty he would not return here into the jaws of death. If he were in funds, he would not want money from me, or risk his liberty and neck to come here for it."

"Oh, so he wants money from you?" "He does. I see no reason to deny the truth. My nephew came here to ask me for five hundred pounds. He wants that amount to pay seamen's wages and provision the boat for her cruise to the South Seas. If he killed the girl, and sold the pearls for the amount you say, he would not require more."

"But he paid away the proceeds of the pearls for his share in the 'Day-spring'?" "He could have purchased a share for less than two thousand. The whole boat could be bought for three. She is of no great tonnage."

Chard looked puzzled. Certainly there was reason in what Carwell said, and Finland's behaviour was most inconsistent. "I can't understand your nephew, Mr. Carwell," said the inspector. "If he is innocent, why does he not prove his innocence?"

"Will you give him a chance?" "I have given him every chance," said Chard, nettled by the impudently cast on his fair dealing. "He refuses to give any explanation. Moreover, if he can exonerate himself, he will have an opportunity of doing so to-morrow morning at Poldeve, when he is brought before the magistrate."

"I'll see him now?" "Certainly, Slade will take you to him. Try and persuade him to tell the truth. If he goes on as he is doing now he will be committed to trial, and bail will be refused. The crime with which he is charged is serious, remember."

"Jack has committed no crime," said Carwell hotly. "Let me see him." Hardly had the old man left the office with Slade when the door was pushed open, and Captain Jacob entered. The reason for this was soon apparent. Chard looked at it carefully, then he swore.

"Mr. Chard," rejoined Johnson, "why such language?" The inspector clapped the letter on the table before Johnson. "Isn't that enough to make a man swear?" The rascal has written his letter in cypher.

"Can't you understand it?" asked Johnson, puzzled. "No; can you?" snapped the inspector, picking up the cipher. "Not a bit. What will you do now?" "Take it to the man who does?" "Who is that?" "Why," said Chard, coolly, "the man to whom it is written—O, ain't that right?" Then Chard went to the left alone, Johnson sighed. "If Finland is innocent," he thought, "I fear we shall never know who killed poor Tera."

his former dignified tone. "Come, come, this will not do," he cried, "you must come to Poldeve to-morrow morning and give evidence about your mate and those pearls."

"I can't," and what's more, I shouldn't," said Chard, "I'm not going to be a witness against my mate. You tried to blackmail Mr. Johnson, you know quite well that Finland sold the pearls; I daresay you know how he got them. For all I know, you may even be an accessory after the fact in this murder. I'll have you watched; so you'd better turn up at Poldeve to-morrow."

"Oh! I'll turn-up, never you fear," growled Jacob, in a surly manner. "My log-book's all right, I guess. I don't want no land-shark to square me. And, let me tell you," cried Jacob, furiously, "if you send any more ship, I'll chuck 'em over—as I did the last 'un."

"Oh," said Chard, laughing, "so Mr. Moss has been on board your boat, has he?" "For two minutes he was, then I slung him overboard to wash. Wanted to put an execution on my barky, the Jerusalem hound."

"He'll have the law of you for that," said the inspector, turning to his papers. "Clear out now, my man, and report yourself at Poldeve to-morrow, or it will be the worse for you."

Captain Shackel backed towards the door with an evil grin. "I'll be there, you bet," he snapped, "and you'll have a holy time with me, I can tell you. I've seen a better man than you made out of mud, I have."

By this time, Chard's patience was quite exhausted. He caught Jacob in his arms, and dropped him outside the door. Then, instructing a constable to keep an eye on him, he re-entered his office. This was the second time the little sea captain's dignity had suffered reversal. He had been humiliated by the insolent behaviour of the sailor, and he was now being treated to such flowers of speech, and they affected him but little.

Carwell returned to tell of failure. His nephew had been all that was civil and grateful to him, but he refused altogether to make him his friend. The farmer begged him to be patient, and he threatened; but without success. Jack gave him clearly to understand that he had his own way of conducting his own affairs, and that was not to be drawn at. He was particularly anxious to be present when Finland was brought before the magistrate. He still believed in Jack's innocence, but for the life of him he could not understand his reticence. He stepped out briskly into the cool fresh air, his mind full of the case. He had not gone far before he met Pharaoh Lee. He thought of Slade's theory, and determined to say a word or two to the gipsy.

"Good morning, Lee. I'm glad to meet you," he said, gravely. "I particularly wish to speak to you about Zara."

"Have you news of her, ry?" "No; but I have been talking to Slade, the policeman, about her. Is she with him? Is he her husband? Was it he took her away from me? Speak, ry, speak!" Johnson shook his head. "Slade is married to another woman," he said slowly; "but he thinks that Zara was in love with a man named Jack Finland."

ed to secure a very good position both for sewing and hearing. Jack was already under examination before the magistrate, an elderly gentleman with a professionally bland manner. The prisoner appeared cool and composed. He was apparently not the least perturbed at the position in which he found himself. Many of the Grimleigh folk were present amongst them Carwell and Korah Brand. Everybody was ready for an exciting morning. As it came about, they had cause for no small measure of excitement, though hardly in the direction they had anticipated.

"I am not guilty of this murder," said Finland in a clear voice, "and I will prove my innocence."

As he spoke there was a commotion at the lower end of the court. A man and a woman pushed through the crowd and placed themselves in full view of the assembly. The man was Captain Jacob; the woman, a dark-skinned girl in a faded yellow dress with a tartan shawl. Lee uttered a cry.

"Zara!" he said, as he caught sight of the dress; "it is Zara!" But he was wrong. It was not Zara, it was Tera!

CHAPTER XV.—A STRANGE STORY. "Who is this?" asked the magistrate, amazed at the commotion. The Grimleigh people, recognising Tera, were talking loudly and excitedly amongst themselves.

A babel of voices rose in answer to the question; but the usher of the court having proclaimed silence, Captain Jacob took upon himself to step forward.

"This, sir," said he, with his nasal drawl, "is the young gal Tera, or Bithiah, who was supposed to have been scragged."

"What does the man mean?" demanded the Bench. "How dare you interrupt the court, man?" "Mean?" interposed the accused. "Well, I guess he means that I'm here to answer to the charge of murdering a girl who's not dead. This is Tera—the young lady herself, your worship!"

"Dear me! dear me!" said the magistrate, fretfully—he was a little man, most careful of the dignity of his position—"all this is very irregular, not to say unseemly. Mr. Inspector, perhaps you can enlighten us."

Chard rose, and cast no very friendly glance towards Jacob, whom he strongly suspected of having contrived this dramatic master-stroke. "The girl is Tera, I believe; usually called Bithiah, your worship. That was thought to be her body which was found in a cornfield at Grimleigh, as set forth in the charge. It now seems that there has been some mistake as to identity. This is the girl herself, your worship."

NOTHING SERIOUS. "Jinks had been out the night before, and was late at his desk. Employer (sternly): "What?" "Jinks: "Not very, sir!"

"Is that a wound stripe?" "Yes." "How did you get it?" "Shaving myself with an Army razor."

Mawley: "I'm going to give music lessons." Brown: "I think you'll have to. I'm afraid no one will pay you for them."

"What do you mean by the expression in your story? 'As sociable as an echo?'" "Why, an echo, you know, always returns your call."

"Oh, yes; I've had nine proposals since I saw you last." "Indeed? And did you finally reward his perseverance by accepting him?"

Little Billy: "Papa, what is politeness?" Papa: "Politeness, my son, is the art of not letting other people know what you really think of them."

Assistant: "And will one collar be sufficient, madam?" Mrs. Higgins: "Do you insinuate, young man, as I've more than one 'usbant'?"

Friend: "Did you hear any comments on the way you handled your new car?" Motorist: "I heard one man make a brief remark: 'Five pounds and costs.'"

Her: "Raymond, I trust you are not teaching the parrot to use bad language." Him: "Oh, no, Lucille; I was just telling him a few things that he mustn't say!"

Resident: "Think of commencing business, eh? Seems to me you are rather young for a family physician." Young Doctor: "Yes, but—I shall only doctor children at first."

He was being demobbed and didn't care what happened. "Now, my man," snarled the sergeant-major, haughtily, "answer my questions smartly. What did you do for a living before you joined the Army?"

"I was a clerk in an office," replied the private, happily. "Washing out the inkpots, I suppose," sneered the autocrat. "No, sir!" replied the private, sweetly. "We employed a retired sergeant-major for that sort of work."

Naturally, when Ethel went on a first visit to some distant cousins in the country, she didn't want to display her lack of knowledge of country life. So she asked questions which she thought "knowing," but which nearly made her hosts Laura coil loud.

One evening, just at dusk, as Ethel stood at the open door of the farmhouse talking to one of the sons of the family, there came to them the low moaning note of a cow.

"Just listen to that poor cow," sighed Ethel tenderly, "meowing for her lost colt!"

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RIPONSHIRE ELECTIONS.

CLOSE CONTEST IN NORTH RIDING

The annual Ripon Shire elections took place on Thursday. Crs. A. C. Roddis and Donald Stewart were returned unopposed for the East and West Ridings respectively. The closest contest for many years took place in the North Riding, where the retiring member, Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (Shire President) found a formidable opponent in Mr Geo. Pringle, and only regained his seat by the narrow margin of 17 votes. As neither candidate took the platform, the campaign was an unusually quiet one and aroused very little interest prior to polling day. For several days Mr Pringle was very confident that his opponent would have very little to spare when the numbers went up, but as this opinion was not generally shared, considerable surprise was occasioned by the result. The ratepayers certainly paid the defeated candidate a great compliment, and the fact that he came within an ace of ousting a public man with nearly a quarter-of-a-century's service to his credit (who was considered to be one of the hardest men in the council to beat), will give him great encouragement to try again. The crowd around the booth on polling day was smaller than usual, and only about 50 ratepayers awaited the result. Cr. W. H. Halpin was the returning officer. His deputy (Mr N. B. Acton) was in charge of the principal booth at Beaufort, and was assisted by Mr Jas. Martin. Mr J. Day officiated at Middle Creek, Mr A. T. Vowles at Waterloo, and Mr A. Parker, senr., at Raglan. The first returns (Raglan and Middle Creek) came to hand about 5.25 p.m., and gave Mr Pringle a lead of 34, which was reduced to 24 by the Beaufort poll. When the Waterloo figures were announced Mr Pringle's total was increased to 244 and Cr. Sinclair's to 213, giving the former a majority of 31 on the voting at all the polling places. It was known that nearly 90 postal votes had been recorded, and there was much speculation as to the result. Cr. Sinclair's re-election looked so doubtful that most of those present would not have cared to bet two straws either way. The eagerly-awaited final announcement, which was received with applause, showed that Cr. Sinclair had obtained 48 more postal votes than his opponent, the final totals being—Sinclair, 281; Pringle, 264; majority for Sinclair, 17. Appended are details of the voting:—

	Pringle.	Sinclair.
Beaufort	152	176
Raglan	44	10
Waterloo	19	12
Middle Creek	29	15
Postal	20	68

Totals 264 281
 Informal—9.
 Majority for Sinclair—17.

Returns at previous elections:—1919—Halpin, 373; Pringle, 197; 1917—Sinclair, 321; Lancey, 226.

Mr Acton, D.R.O., formally declared Cr. Sinclair elected.

Cr. Sinclair remarked that this was the closest run he had ever had in his life. It would do him a world of good, and show him that he could not sit back and take things easy. He must admit that he had taken it easy, because he thought he was going to win on the easy side, and it showed him that he would have to get about among the ratepayers, or get out. They did every man good by shaking him up, and showing him that he would have to devote a little more time to looking after the ratepayers' interests. He had always done his best for the ratepayers, whether friends or foes. He thanked them sincerely for re-electing him, and would only say he could do his best, and no man could do more. (Applause).

Mr Pringle said that 12 months ago he stood before them as a defeated candidate, and now he stood here as the same. They must admit to-night that he had put up a good fight—[A voice: So you have.]—and also that it was a clean fight. (Hear, hear). He had not the slightest idea when he entered into the contest that he would run a man who had to his credit 24 years' service in the council within 17 votes. It proved to his mind that the ratepayers felt that the time was ripe for a change.—[Cr. Sinclair: They could not have thought that this time. A voice: You have had your talk, Bob.]—He could only say, the same as he did last year, that if they wanted him and he were alive in 12 months' time, he would give his services again.—[Mr J. B. Cochran: You did not run before the pistol.]—He again thanked them for the splendid vote they had given him. He was beaten, but not disgraced. He moved a vote of thanks with pleasure to the R.O. (Cr. Halpin), the D.R.O. (Mr Acton), and all the other officers. Cr. Halpin had unfortunately been called away owing to sickness in the family, and they all regretted that. He had to thank Mr Acton again this year, and could only say he was a gentleman in every respect. Nothing was too much trouble to Mr Acton that he (Mr Pringle) wanted to know in connection with the contest.

In seconding the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation, Cr. Sinclair endorsed what Mr Pringle had said regarding Mr Acton. They could come in any time and always get fair play from Mr Acton.

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