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Some wonderful records were put up in munition factories during the war. In November, 1916, a workman belonging to the Woolwich Arsenal told the London Munitions Tribunal that he had made seventy-eight shells during a six-hour shift—something that had never been done before.

The feats achieved by riveters in the shipyards were startling. In May, 1915, Robert Farrant, of Bromley-by-Bow, set up a record of 4,276 rivets in a day, to be beaten a week later by Daniel Deviney, who, working at a Clyde shipyard, drove as many as 4,520 rivets in a day.

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[illegible] no easy task. Take [illegible] ice. These average [illegible] to be separately [illegible]. Seventy boxes is [illegible] fair day's work, [illegible] been known to pack [illegible] twenty boxes in a [illegible] had to handle and [illegible] thousand oranges to [illegible] task. The work our [illegible] since when marching [illegible] beyond that of an [illegible]. The world's [illegible] is held by a de[illegible] London Rifle Bri[illegible] 1914, these men—[illegible]—marched from [illegible] a distance of [illegible] in fourteen hours twenty-three minutes. They were in full kit, and carried rifles, a total weight of forty-two pounds, yet not a man fell out. The next best achievement is that of the French Foreign Legion, of which a battalion covered easily fifty miles in fifteen hours thirty-three minutes.

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| Jan. | 181 | 112 | 203 | 40 | 149 | 462 | 107 | 8 | 61 | 80 |
| Feb. | 190 | 20 | 33 | 80 | 202 | 341 | 126 | 94 | 108 | 53 |
| Mar. | 324 | 107 | 156 | 149 | 73 | 96 | 267 | 104 | 124 | 57 |
| Apr. | 320 | 249 | 63 | 117 | 406 | 71 | 144 | 58 | 309 | 13 |
| May | 156 | 151 | 191 | 94 | 229 | 330 | 342 | 208 | 356 | 375 |
| June | 414 | 350 | 261 | 350 | 301 | 404 | 298 | 339 | 129 | 309 |
| July | 99 | 160 | 156 | 105 | 565 | 180 | 250 | 258 | 317 | 128 |
| Aug. | 277 | 405 | 289 | 194 | 117 | 385 | 159 | 197 | 302 | 240 |
| Sep. | 190 | 237 | 410 | 250 | 307 | 128 | 383 | 301 | 114 | 364 |
| Oct. | 261 | 131 | 161 | 90 | 190 | 39 | 278 | 460 | 113 | 291 |
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| Dec. | 10 | 83 | 86 | 0 | 267 | 16 | 76 | 42 | 429 | 70 |
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1919.—January, 141 points; February, 83; March 618; April, 79; May, 201; June, 390; July, 312; August, 225; September, 485; October, 307; November, 161; December, 117.

1911.—January, 47; February, 248; March, 491; April, 90; May, 311; June, 295; July, 152; August, 16; September, 690; October, 308; November, 43; December, 191.

1912.—January, 26; February, 40; March, 260; April, 238; May, 144; June, 366; July, 158; August, 18; September, 180; October, 114; November, 197; December, 261.

1913.—January, 71; February, 199; March, 266; April, 128; May, 204; June, 186; July, 187; August, 246; September, 117; October, 112; November, 52; December, 113.

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1916.—January, 52; February, 111; March, 4; April, 250; May, 54; June, 311; July, 377; August, 268; September, 416; October, 437; November, 374; December, 446.

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1921.—January, 20; 1914, 14-14; 1915, 31-92; 1916, 25-13; 1917, 25-84; 1918, 32-61; 1919, 31-85; 1920, 36-32; 1921, 12-12.

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Take ploughing, for instance. The man who, with a single horse plough turns an acre in a day, is well earning his money. In completing his task, he will have walked and guided the plough about fourteen miles.

Harvesting in the old days used to be slow work, and the man who cut by hand half an acre of wheat was doing well. With the modern horse-cutter and binder there is a great speeding up, and one man, with the assistance of two "shockers," has been known to cut and bind twenty acres of wheat in one day.

Some wonderful records were put up in munition factories during the war. In November, 1916, a workman belonging to the Woolwich Arsenal told the London Munitions Tribunal that he had made seventy-eight shells during a six-hour shift—something that had never been done before.

The feats achieved by riveters in the shipyards were startling. In May, 1915, Robert Farrant, of Bromley-by-Bow, set up a record of 4,376 rivets in a day, to be beaten a week later by Daniel Deviney, who, working at a Clyde shipyard, drove as many as 4,430 rivets in a day.

Two Americans—Charles Knight and Tom Moore—successively, beat this amazing achievement; but in the end the record remained in British hands, for on May 23rd William Moses, of Barrow-in-Furness, drove 5,884 rivets in the course of a single working day. These were high tensile steel rivets, much more difficult to beat than the mild steel rivets used in the previous competitions.

At one time the setting of three hundred bricks was considered a day's work for a bricklayer. But at piecework, and using a special soft mortar, a man has been known to lay 1,400 bricks during an eight hour day, and to continue this average for days on end.

Packing fruit is no easy task. Take oranges, for instance. These average [illegible] and each fruit has to be separately wrapped in paper. Seventy boxes is considered a very fair day's work, but a man has been known to pack one hundred and twenty boxes in a ten-hour day. He had to handle and wrap eighteen thousand oranges to accomplish this task. The work our men did in France when marching in full kit is far beyond that of an ordinary labourer. The world's marching record is held by a detachment of the London Rifle Brigade. In April, 1914, these men—sixty-two in number—marched from London to Brighton, a distance of fifty-two miles in fourteen hours twenty-three minutes. They were in full kit, and carried rifles, a total weight of forty-two pounds, yet not a man fell out. The next best achievement is that of the French Foreign Legion, of which a battalion covered easily fifty miles in fifteen hours thirty-three minutes.

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| | '99 | '00 | '01 | '02 | '03 | '04 | '05 | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 |
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| Jan. | 141 | 118 | 256 | 40 | 149 | 462 | 107 | 6 | 41 | 90 | 211 |
| Feb. | 180 | 20 | 33 | 80 | 202 | 341 | 195 | 94 | 166 | 53 | 91 |
| Mar. | 204 | 407 | 104 | 149 | 79 | 96 | 267 | 89 | 89 | 107 | 192 |
| Apr. | 236 | 749 | 461 | 11 | 495 | 71 | 144 | 58 | 369 | 18 | 202 |
| May | 195 | 151 | 151 | 94 | 229 | 330 | 235 | 242 | 264 | 256 | 375 |
| June | 414 | 340 | 361 | 355 | 301 | 404 | 298 | 339 | 126 | 300 | 298 |
| July | 99 | 180 | 146 | 105 | 565 | 180 | 253 | 356 | 317 | 126 | 143 |
| Aug. | 277 | 402 | 208 | 194 | 117 | 325 | 109 | 107 | 302 | 240 | 273 |
| Sep. | 180 | 237 | 410 | 190 | 107 | 129 | 253 | 191 | 114 | 264 | 76 |
| Oct. | 261 | 153 | 91 | 70 | 195 | 38 | 279 | 459 | 113 | 99 | 141 |
| Nov. | 152 | 91 | 50 | 73 | 242 | 213 | 76 | 402 | 160 | 172 | 158 |
| Dec. | 104 | 81 | 96 | 50 | 207 | 16 | 246 | 42 | 439 | 70 | 117 |
| Tots. | 2,543 | 2,929 | 2,417 | 1,412 | 2,888 | 2,611 | 2,163 | 2,387 | 2,600 | 1,895 | 2,267 |

1910.—January, 141 points; February, 93; March 618; April, 78; May, 211; June, 290; July, 312; August, 239; September, 405; October, 257; November, 164; December, 158.

1911.—January, 47; February, 742; March, 491; April, 80; May, 351; June, 395; July, 352; August, 168; September, 600; October, 366; November, 49; December, 52.

1912.—January, 26; February, 62; March, 202; April, 238; May, 184; June, 308; July, 154; August, 176; September, 313; October, 118; November, 257; December, 172.

1913.—January, 75; February, 192; March, 380; April, 159; May, 304; June, 168; July, 183; August, 148; September, 168; October, 125; November, 249; December, 117.

1914.—January, 88; February, 11; March, 91; April, 300; May, 153; June, 74; July, 310; August, 45; September, 68; October, 66; November, 142; December, 148.

1915.—January, 148; February, 31; March, 60; April, 164; May, 316; June, 225; July, 166; August, 277; September, 44; October, 366; November, 122; December, 24.

1916.—January, 140; February, 111; March, 4; April, 230; May, 54; June, 314; July, 377; August, 148; September, 418; October, 437; November, 274; December, 108.

1917.—January, 87; February, 160; March, 141; April, 15; May, 279; June, 207; July, 320; August, 43; September, 286; October, 341; November, 232; December, 125.

1918.—January, 136; February, 19; March, 300; April, 207; May, 38; June, 128; July, 200; August, 180; September, 239; October, 214; November, 40; December, 158.

1919.—January, 18; February, 264; March, 149; April, 38; May, 354; June, 211; July, 206; August, 193; September, 360; October, 188; November, 49; December, 121.

1920.—January, 30; February, 34; March, 106; April, 47; May, 416; June, 187; July, 232; August, 67; September, 343; October, 127; Dec., 42.

Tots.—1910, 2,543; 1911, 2,929; 1912, 2,417; 1913, 1,412; 1914, 2,888; 1915, 2,611; 1916, 2,163; 1917, 2,387; 1918, 2,600; 1919, 1,895; 1920, 2,267.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1920.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Trawalla, 3—Rev. W. C. Wood.
METHODIST CHURCH.—Beaufort, 11; Chute, 2; Waterloo, 3.30; Raglan, 7.30—Rev. E. H. Coltman. Raglan, 3; Beaufort, 7—Mr C. Waldron. Main Lead, 7.30—Mr V. J. Parson.
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Six cwt. equal 11bus. 12lb.
Seven cwt. equal 13bus. 4lb.
Eight cwt. equal 14bus. 56lb.
Nine cwt. equal 16bus. 48lb.
Ten cwt. equal 18bus. 40lb.
Eleven cwt. equal 20bus. 32lb.
Twelve cwt. equal 22bus. 24lb.
Thirteen cwt. equal 24bus. 16lb.
Fourteen cwt. equal 26bus. 8lb.
Fifteen cwt. equal 28bus.
Sixteen cwt. equal 29bus. 52lb.
Seventeen cwt. equal 31bus. 44lb.
Eighteen cwt. equal 33bus. 36lb.
Nineteen cwt. equal 35bus. 28lb.
One ton equals 37bus. 20lb.
Two tons equal 74bus. 40lb.
Three tons equal 112bus.
Four tons equal 149bus. 20lb.
Five tons equal 186bus. 40lb.
Six tons equal 224bus.
Seven tons equal 261bus. 20lb.
Eight tons equal 298bus. 40lb.
Nine tons equal 336bus.
Ten tons equal 373bus. 20lb.
Eleven tons equal 410bus. 40lb.
Twelve tons equal 448bus.
Thirteen tons equal 485bus. 20lb.
Fourteen tons equal 522bus. 40lb.
Fifteen tons equal 560bus.
Sixteen tons equal 597bus. 20lb.
Seventeen tons equal 634bus. 40lb.
Eighteen tons equal 672bus.
Nineteen tons equal 709bus. 20lb.
Twenty tons equal 746bus. 40lb.
Twenty-one tons equal 784bus.
Twenty-two tons equal 821bus. 20lb., and so on.

**DEATH.**

SINCLAIR.—On 5th January, 1921, at his residence, Beaufort, Robert Sinclair, son of late James Sinclair, "Forss," Thurso, Caithness, aged 88 years.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

JONES.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our darling mother, Ellen Jones, who died at Ararat on January 2nd, 1919.

Nothing but memories as we journey on,
Longing for a smile, and a face, that is gone.
None know the depths of our regret,
But we remember when others forget.
At the heavenly gates she will meet us,
With the same sweet, loving smile;
For we are only parted,
Just for a little while.

—Inserted by her loving husband, children, and grandchildren.


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SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1921

**Successful Pedestrian.**

Mr Douglas Rogers, of Beaufort won the Sheffield handicap at a sports meeting at Burrumbeet on Xmas. Day.

**Rainfall for Year.**

The rainfall at Beaufort for December, 1920, amounted to 85 points, against 221 points for December, 1919. For the twelve months 26.56 inches were registered, compared with 20.16 inches for 1919.

**Heavy Rain.**

Following several days of oppressive weather, rain set in at Beaufort on New Year's Night and continued at intervals until 5 p.m. on Sunday; a total of 333 points being registered. Some of the showers which fell on New Year's Night were unusually heavy. By morning all creeks and streams were flooded, some of the flats being inundated.

**Bush Fire.**

A bushfire, which was erroneously reported to be either at Chute or Raglan, occurred at Amphitheatre on Xmas. Day, and destroyed about 1000 acres of grass and fencing, belonging to Messrs Morgan, Bird, and Cocking, before being subdued by the bush fire brigade and willing helpers.

**Passing Aeroplane.**

An aeroplane passed over Beaufort on Saturday evening on the way to Ararat. It was a "Herald" machine, and Capts. H. A. Rigby and F. S. Huxley were aboard. The aviators accomplished the journey from Melbourne in two hours, and ran into a rain storm when half-way. The 'plane again flew across Beaufort about 5 p.m. on Sunday on the return journey. On both occasions it was travelling at a high altitude.

**Xmas. Eve**

Although there did not appear, to the casual observer, to be as many people in the streets of Beaufort as usual on Xmas. Eve, shopkeepers report that their takings exceeded those on the previous Xmas. Eve. One leading business man asserted that his receipts for the night were the best for 28 years. There were a number of attractive window displays, and the holiday spirit was reflected in the bright, happy faces of both the children and adults.

**The Holidays.**

Xmas. Day passed quietly at Beaufort. There being no local fixtures, most people spent the day at home. In the afternoon picnic parties were in evidence at the local Park and Mt. Cole. The Athletic Club's sports on Boxing Day filled in the day for most local residents. There was no rowdyism on New Year's Eve. The Monday following New Year's Day being a holiday, many people spent the week-end in the city and elsewhere. On New Year's Day a local contingent attended the Burrumbeet races, picnic parties were in evidence at Mt. Cole and the Beaufort Park, and the sporting fraternity took advantage of the occasion for shooting and fishing excursions.

**Beaufort Bowling Club.**

The Beaufort bowling green promises to be one of the town's very best institutions. The green will not be officially opened until 15th Jany., but the members have already "christened" it, and large groups of players may be seen on the green each evening. The bowling green is an undoubted improvement to the town, and it is to be hoped that it will be widely supported. When the local players have had a little practice, no doubt there will be many visiting teams wending their way to Beaufort, and vice versa. The first match was played on Tuesday, 28th ult., when Messrs Betheras and Bowe (Beaufort) played Messrs Craig, of Warrnambool, and Harmer, of Mildura. There was some good play, many excellent shots being made on both sides. The local pair won, after a good game, by 16 to 12; Beaufort thus winning the first match played on the local bowling green.

**Trawalla Estate.**

As the result of the objections raised by the Ripon branch of the Returned Soldiers' League against the proposed private sale of the homestead at Trawalla Estate, with 8000 acres of land surrounding it, the house and the 8000 acres are to be sold by auction early this month. Mr Dermody, an officer of the Closer Settlement Board, was in the Beaufort district on Tuesday and formally took possession of Trawalla Estate. Two local returned soldiers (Messrs W. I. Halpin and J. Ellis) have been placed in charge. It is proposed to survey and sub-divide the 35,000 acres of the Estate purchased for the soldier settlers almost immediately. This will commence as soon as similar work now in progress on Mt. Bute Estate is completed, so that the Soldier Settlement Board can deal with applications for blocks as early as possible.

**Driving Without Lights.**

As the habit of driving and cycling without lights is becoming pronounced among residents of Beaufort and district, offenders are warned that the local police are taking measures to strictly enforce the by-law prohibiting this dangerous practice.

**Local Cyclists.**

In the mile wheel race of £8 at the Maryborough sports on New Year's Day, E. R. Martin (Beaufort), 120 yds., rode second in the second heat; J. L. McErvale (Chute), 20 yds., being third. McErvale was disqualified in the final. In the first heat of the half-mile (£6), McErvale, 10 yds., obtained third place.

**Case of Snakebite.**

On Monday Mrs Shaw, who is on a visit to relatives at Waterloo (the Stevens family), was bitten on the foot by a snake. The reptile struck her shoe, and it was not at first thought that the fangs penetrated the flesh. After about three hours had elapsed she became drowsy, and was treated for snakebite. Under treatment she soon recovered.

**[illegible] Accident.**

Mr Thos. Wright, 29 years of age, who is a resident of Footscray and a rubber worker, had the misfortune to meet with an accident on Tuesday while visiting relatives in the Beaufort district, of which he was formerly a resident. While cutting down a tree he was struck on the back of the neck by a falling limb and severly injured. The injured man was taken to the Ballarat Hospital in an ambulance, and admitted to that institution for treatment. He is a son-in-law of Mr Boyd, senr., of Beaufort.

**Bush Fire Brigade.**

The annual meeting of the Stockyard Hill and Lake Goldsmith Bush Fire Brigade was held in the Lake Goldsmith school on 29th inst. Mr M. Exell acted as chairman. The secretary and treasurer (Mr Wm. Lynch) produced a statement showing a credit balance of £7/6/. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr M. Exell, captain; Mr Thos. Mulcahy, vice-captain; Mr Wm. Lynch, secretary and treasurer. Owing to the abundance of grass, it was decided to have the fire cart attended to; and a small tank and hose, to be placed in a waggonette when required, are to be purchased. The usual scale of fees was adopted.

**Commercial Hotel Closes.**

At the end of 1920 the Commercial hotel, Beaufort, the licence of which was recently surrendered, was closed. There are now only three hotels in the town and one in the district, whereas some 15 years ago there were nine in Beaufort and eleven in the district. The owner of the Commercial hotel is Mr W. P. Schlicht, and his son (Mr Theo. W. Schlicht) intends to utilise the building for an auctioneer's office and residence. The licensee (Mr W. J. Lidgerwood) is leaving with his wife and family for Geelong, of which city he was a resident some years ago.

**Railway Service Curtailed.**

The curtailed railway service necessitated by the coal shortage came into operation on Wednesday. Passenger trains are timed to reach Ballarat from Melbourne at 11.8 a.m. and 8.8 p.m. (the former being known at Beaufort as the mid-day train). The Adelaide express from Melbourne is running as usual. Trains for Stawell will leave Ballarat at 5.40 a.m. (reaching Beaufort at 7 a.m.) and 11.23 a.m.; and arrivals from Stawell are timed for 6.44 p.m. and 12.50 p.m. (known at Beaufort as the 5.30 and 11.30 respectively). The mixed train from Stawell reaching Beaufort at 8.30 a.m., and the one from Ballarat arriving here at 6.45 p.m., have been cancelled. The Skipton train will leave Ballarat at 4.15 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, arriving in Ballarat from Skipton at 9.15 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The new time-table is to be strictly adhered to, and intending travellers would do well to familiarise themselves with it.

**Successful Pupils.**

The following Beaufort and district candidates were successful at the recent examinations held at Ballarat under Mr R. J. Shanks, in connection with the London College of Music:—Primary—William Day, Gladys Packham, Molly O'Brien, Jack Franc, Ethel Hillman, Molly O'Loughlan; elementary—Athol Buchanan, Alma Holdsworth, Donald McDonald, Marjorie Lancey, David Skewes, Minnie Jess; intermediate—Rheita Buchanan, Nellie Fraser, Jack O'Brien; advanced intermediate—Doris Tucker, Nellie Martin. The above named are all pupils of Miss Eva Nickols, A.L.C.M., of Beaufort, and the results obtained reflect credit upon her. In all 17 of Miss Nickols' pupils were entered, and all passed; two obtaining honors, eight first-class passes, and seven passes.

PERFECT VISION.—MORRIS & MARCHANT, Opticians, of 298 Lit. Collins St., will visit Beaufort on Tuesday, Jan. 18th (morning only), and may be consulted at the Mechanics' Reading Room. Appointments made by Mr Bennett.

Messrs W. H. Halpin & Son and Kelly & McDonald (auctioneers in conjunction) announce the sale of 630 acres of land, horses, cattle, sheep, harness, etc., also valuable township property, at residence of Mrs J. Holdsworth, Beaufort, on Thursday, 20th inst., at 1.30 p.m.

The lady friends of members of Beaufort Bowling Club meet at Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening to make arrangements for afternoon tea in connection with opening ceremony.

Applications are invited for position of sexton for Beaufort Public Cemetery.

The homestead portion of Trawalla Estate, comprising 8000 acres and improvements, is to be sold at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, on Friday, 14th inst.

The weather has been very oppressive at Beaufort during the past two days; the thermometer registering 86 degrees in the shade on Thursday and 89 on Friday.

Mr Tom Green is acting as relieving operating porter at the Beaufort railway station during the absence on sick leave of Mr Les. Brasher. Mr Green was stationed here permanently some years ago, and served with the A.I.F. for several years in the late European war.

Mr C. W. Minchin, of Beaufort, celebrated his 92nd birthday on Wednesday. Mr Minchin, who held the position of clerk of courts here for over 50 years, retired a few years ago. He is still hale and hearty, despite the fact that he has been very lame for many years. Only the other day he was out walking.

Messrs. Kelly & McDonald hold a sale of 14 acres land, 8-roomed house, buggy shed, stables, 10 cattle, and 2 ponies, a/c. Mr A. Kewley, at Waterloo, on Saturday, 22nd inst.

A much appreciated New Year's gift has been made by Mrs Bridges to each employee on the Trawalla Estate. The property has now passed into the possession of the Crown for repatriation purposes, and to mark the winding up of the estate Mrs Bridges presented to each employee a cheque. The amounts thus distributed ranged from £50 to over £100 in accordance with length of service. Most of the employees, it may be mentioned, had records of nearly 30 years' service, and at the death of Admiral Bridges not long ago each benefited to the extent of one year's salary or wages under the will.

In a cricket match at the Eastern Oval on Monday between Ballarat and Maryborough, I. H. Hay, the well-known Beaufort cricketer, made top-score (58) for Ballarat. Six wickets were down for 105 when James and Hay became associated. James batted carefully, but Hay, after an over or two, laid the wood on, and made some nice hits, especially on the leg. He pleased the crowd—the largest for the season—and he was frequently applauded. When the score had reached 178 James retired for a well-made 29. Hay contined till he had made 58, when he was bowled by Peart. He hit eight fours.

## OBITUARY.

**MRS. F. JESS.**

We regret to record the death of Mrs Kitty Jess, wife of Mr Frank Jess, of Banyena; the sad event occurring at that place early in the week. The deceased, who spent the greater part of her life in the Beaufort district, was the youngest daughter of Mrs Kelly, senr. (formerly licensee of the delicensed Eurambeen hotel). She possessed many sterling qualities, and her amiable disposition and breezy manner endeared her to all who knew her. Deceased, who was in her early thirties, leaves a widower and young family, for whom much sympathy is felt in their sad bereavement. The remains of the late Mrs Jess were interred at Banyena.

**MR. ROBT. SINCLAIR, SENR.**

One of Beaufort's oldest identities passed away on Wednesday night in the person of Mr Robt. Sinclair, senr., who had attained the ripe age of 88 years. Deceased had been bedridden for four years, and death was due to senile decay. He was born at "Forss" Estate, Thurso, Caithness (Scotland), in 1832, being a son of the late Mr James Sinclair, owner of "Forss" Estate. He voyaged to Australia in the ship "Bengal," and landed in 1849. He was married at Coleraine in 1854, when 21 years of age, and his wife survives him. The couple celebrated their diamond wedding seven years ago. As a young man, the late Mr Sinclair was a great horseman, and while living on a station at Coleraine met and formed a friendship with a kindred spirit in the person of the late Adam Lindsay Gordon, the poet, in many of whose verses the horse and feats of horsemanship are prominently featured. He could relate many interesting incidents of Gordon's early career in the land of his adoption. The late Mr Sinclair's love of a good horse remained with him through life, and in his old age he was often to be seen examining the points of any steed which took his fancy. Racehorses passing through the railway station on their way to the Melbourne Cup never failed to attract the attention of the old sportsman. The deceased came to Beaufort in 1855, and followed the luck of the diggings here and elsewhere with varying success. He was a resident of the town for 66 years, and a colonist of 71 years' standing. Deceased leaves a widow, three daughters, and one son; the latter being ex-Captain R. A. D. Sinclair, M.B.E. (general secretary of the Country Townspeople's League and a member of the Ripon Shire Council). Flags were flown at half-mast in the town as a last tribute to the deceased, whose remains were privately interred in the Beaufort Cemetery yesterday (Friday) afternoon. The funeral was attended by a number of relatives and old friends of the family. Rev. A. H. Ross read the Presbyterian burial service. The coffin (which was covered with beautiful floral tributes of sympathy) was borne to the grave by Messrs J. W. and J. A. Harris (nephews of deceased), J. Connell, and J. R. Wotherspoon. Messrs Sands & Johnson, of Beaufort, were the undertakers.

**Make your District Known**

Concerning some parts of the district news comes but seldom. This is not entirely our fault; we have no miraculous power of knowing what is happening at all the places within our area of circulation. It is the fault of residents in the silent places.

Will some man or woman take the matter in hand and cause the silence to cease.

If no one else is doing it for your district, will you try on these lines?

Send accounts of public and social events in your township and neighbourhood, such as weddings, deaths, accidents, concerts, matters touching district industries, etc.

Write the names of persons very distinctly.

Write only on one side of the paper. Give information; but let criticism alone.

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

## ELECTRIC LIGHTING SCHEME.

As the cost of the Beaufort electric lighting scheme will exceed the estimate by £1000, the president of Ripon Shire (Cr. D. R. Hannah) convened a public meeting of ratepayers at the Shire Hall on Thursday night, to consider the advisability or otherwise of going on with the proposal. Fourteen ratepayers were in attendance. Prior to the commencement of the meeting, an informal discussion took place, during which it was mentioned that there were 120 promised consumers, the estimated revenue per year being £7 per house. If the scheme were abandoned now, it was stated that it would cost the shire £50 for the electrical engineers' estimates, report, and travelling expenses, which would be debited against the scheme in the event of the people taking it up again in the future. The opinion was expressed that the estimate for pumping for the town water supply could be safely increased from £50 to £150 or £100. The rather small attendance was put down to people forgetting the meeting owing to holidays intervening.

Cr. W. H. Halpin (who was voted to the chair) said he was sorry the shire president was not here, but he was busy harvesting. He also apologised for the absence of Cr R. A. D Sinclair, and said they all regretted the circumstances responsible for his non-attendance.

In answer to a question, the chairman said there were 120 promised consumers, and the electrical engineers' estimate was only based on 100.

Mr E. J. Muntz—The only item he was doubtful about was the £7 per year average per tenement, but they must remember the fact that that included the railway station, post-office, Mechanics' Institute, and all the large houses in the town, which would make it alright. They must admit that any amount of tenements would only pay £3 or £4 per year.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—There was not the slightest doubt it would be a grand thing for the town.

Mr Muntz—They thought the amount at first allowed for wages insufficient.

The chairman—He did not think the public meeting necessary. The council should have taken the responsibility at last meeting.—[Mr Young—Hear, hear.]—The £5,000 estimate was based on 100 consumers, and they had 120. It would cost £1000 extra, and they had 20 extra consumers, so why hesitate about [illegible] with it? An estimate [illegible] would have been provided [illegible] same. "Never venture, [illegible] If they were going to take [illegible] in the town, which they pre[illegible] going to prosper, they [illegible] electric light. Smaller tow[illegible] No town had ever turned i[illegible] it was installed. After the [illegible] started, they would get an[illegible] cent. of consumers [illegible] coming through Beaufort [illegible] the darkest town in the [illegible] streets were only half-light[illegible] for six months in the yea[illegible] electric light they would [illegible] ated every night in the yea[illegible]

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—[illegible] they add £50 more for [illegible]

The chairman—They h[illegible] it for the whole year. Th[illegible] taken into consideration [illegible] dustries might be established here also [illegible] increase the revenue, and that present ones such as chaff-cutting might take power. A £7 average per consumer was within the mark. Contrary to what some people thought, the electrical engineers did not want to go on with the scheme unless it was going to pay. Mr Christie had told him that if they got 120 consumers it would be quite safe to go on with it. He (the chairman) sincerely hoped they would not turn it down.

Mr D. F. Troy—His name did not appear on the list of consumers, but he did not say it would not. At the same time he thought they would have to go cautiously. He was not an expert, but had gone carefully into the figures. On a £5,000 outlay Beaufort showed an annual profit of £25. The speaker quoted figures (which he previously gave at a shire council meeting) in regard to outlay, revenue, profit and loss, and cost of wages and fuel in various country towns; the same having been abstracted from official balance-sheets.

The chairman—I think we are on a really good footing.

Mr Troy—The point was whether it was wise to go on with the scheme or wait a little while and see whether they could save much. They would have to alter it considerably to save £1000, and in saving £1000 they would only save £100 per year interest and sinking fund. That would be £1 per tenement. The estimated revenue of £700 he would assume was correct. If the prospect of others putting it in were realised, it would then be alright. A great many of those whose names were on the list would not use anything like the estimated average.

The chairman—On the other hand a great many would use more.

Mr Troy—A lot of householders would not pay more than £5 per year, but would buck and go back to kerosene. If the scheme were gone on with, it would get all the support he could give it, as he would instal the light at his private house, and it would probably be put on at his firm's shop, but he did not feel satisfied in his mind that they should go on with it.

The chairman—People would never put it out once they had it in.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—He had thought it out and felt that if they put it off like a water supply scheme in the past they would never get it. The only thing that seemed wrong to him was that supposing some who had promised dropped out, all those who were loyal to the scheme might have to carry the baby and be slated properly, and might consider pulling out, too. The only thing for the shire to do if such a state of things came about, would be to sell the plant and close the thing up. He did not think that would be done, but it was wise to think well over it. He would be only too pleased to light their place with it, and did not think they would regret going on with it. When those who had promised got it on, others would be so pleased with it that they would get it on, too, like they did with the acetylene gas and the telephone. He moved that they go on with the scheme.

Mr Troy—Before the motion was seconded, he desired to draw attention to a minute on the books of the shire that the light had to bear its own cost, the consumers having to pay for it. Unless the rest of the ratepayers clearly understood that, there would be trouble.

The chairman—They had already let them know that.

Mr Troy—If it came to the state of the few refusing to carry the baby, who was going to bear the cost?

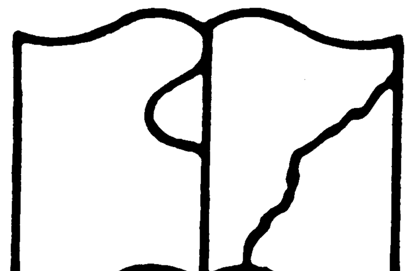
The chairman—You are meeting a difficulty before it arises.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—They might well let that fly stick to the wall. There were a few who always hung off any new undertaking, and afterwards came right into it.

Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson, in seconding the motion, said his opinion was that a town the size of Beaufort without electric light, if not asleep, was in a trance. He had been in many places when on the railways, and the towns with electric light looked alive as far as business was concerned, whilst those without it seemed to be dead. For that reason alone, it would pay business men to pay more for it, as the outlay would be returned in other ways. They had put £60 on to the estimate for wages and increased the cost of depreciation, sinking fund, and interest, which brought the expenditure up to £1,145, against £1,251 in receipts, allowing for an extra 20 subscribers at an average of £7. The railway station paid £1 per week for lighting. The £100 put on for town pumping should bring the receipts £101 above the expenditure for the first year. The machinery was coming from England, and as a member of the Forests Commission had told him that coal miners there were going for £20 per week, he did not think there was much chance of prices coming down. He had worked out the cost for his house and found it cheaper, but for the sake of convenience and safety, he would be prepared to pay a higher rate for it than for the light he was getting now. If it went to 1/3 or 1/6 per unit he would be satisfied.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—The tenders had been extended to Jany. 10th. If they cancelled them and called for fresh ones, they would have to pay a jolly sight more money. There had been a big rise in wages last month in all trades. The extra cost would be nearly from 10 to 15 per cent.

Mr Muntz—Speaking as a resident of the town—he had nothing to do with the estimates and was not here in his official capacity—he knew that these engineers had based their estimate on what they had done other work for. That £7 seemed high, but they had installed dozens of plants and estimated the receipts on what they were getting at other places. They took the actual figures, and he thought they were reliable. The proper procedure, he



people like Mr Troy and himself with chaff-cutting plants to buy a motor and put it in. The running cost of electricity in Melbourne was cheaper than oil. He was in the Tarrant Motors establishment the other day and saw them dismantling their motors and adjusting the belts to run the machines by an oil engine. The engineer told him it would cost them £1 per day to run on oil, against 2/ or 3/ by electricity. The Eureka Pottery and Tile Co. was running on electricity, and found it would not pay them to run the machines by steam or suction gas, the cost of electricity being fully one-third cheaper. That was a fact that wanted bringing out.

Mr S. Young—About 12 years ago a petition was put on the council table concerning electric light. Only two signed it—Mrs Jackson and himself. He was still in favor of it, and if they had had it 12 years ago they would not have been here talking about it to-night. If they did not decide to put it in to-night, they would be here in another 12 years talking about it.

The motion was then put, and unanimously carried.

The chairman—Thank you. I am very pleased.

## MIDDLE CREEK.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

The first load of the new season's wheat was delivered at the local railway station by Mr W. Roberts, junr., on Thursday, 4th inst. The grain is of good quality, and was received by Mr E. A. Fay, local agent under the local Government scheme, for the co-operative wheat group.

A heavy fall of rain occurred here on Saturday night, and continued until Sunday afternoon, about three inches being recorded. It has had the effect of hindering harvesting operations, which were in full swing here, and has also damaged some of the stacks which were partly built. The fall is not welcomed by graziers generally, as the grass which will shoot now will be burnt off later on by the hot weather which is sure to follow.


**FAMOUS PAINLESS DENTISTRY.**
WONDERFUL NEW IMPROVEMENTS. Artificial teeth and extractions. W. E. Thomas personally visiting—Wednesday, 19th Jany.


The annual meeting of the Beaufort Bush Fire Brigade is to be held on Monday evening.

The monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council will be held on Monday. Tenders are invited for several contracts.


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




## BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

**BOXING DAY SPORTS.**

Officials:—President, Mr A. E. Crick; vice-presidents, Messrs J. A. Bates and J. T. Glover; judges, president, Messrs Bates, W. J. Stevenson, D. Stevenson (cycling and footracing), and D. R. Hannah (woodchopping); referee and timekeeper, Mr R. A. D. Sinclair; starter, Mr T. Williams; assistant-starter, Mr W. O'Sullivan; bellman, Mr T. Dickman; stewards, Messrs W. R. Glover, P. Grant, R. Pitcher, A. Boyd, H. Cuthbertson, J. Day, and G. H. Cougle; protest committee, president, referee, and Mr D. Stevenson; handicappers, Messrs A. James (V.A.L. footracing), E. W. Robinson (woodchopping), W. R. Glover and J. Bates (cycling), W. R. Glover (trot); committee to arrange logs, Messrs D. Stevenson, A. Boyd, and W. H. Halpin; ticket seller, Mr W. Stevens; gatekeepers, Messrs H. Norman and C. Loe; secretary, Mr A. Parker.

The cool, fine weather experienced at Beaufort on Boxing Day was very welcome after the trying heat of the preceding week, and the rain which fell on Sunday allayed fears of bush fires. Therefore there was a good attendance of residents of the town and district, together with a sprinkling of visitors from other parts of Victoria, at the local Athletic Club's 48th annual sports carnival, held in the Park. The gate money amounted to £64, against £76/8/2 at the 1919 meeting. As a loss of £26 was incurred by the 1919 sports, the prize money for 1920 was reduced from £140 to £100, but this retrenchment did not appear to adversely affect the popularity the club has enjoyed for many years among athletes and the public. The fact of there being a big counter attraction at Ararat took the Middle Creek and Buangor contingent to that town, and made some folk dubious as to the success of the Beaufort sports, but, happily, their fears, did not materialise, for 24 pedestrians accepted for the Sheffield handicap for £27 in prize money, against 28 last year for prize money amounting to £50. This year there were also 21 acceptors for the Sprint, and the long-distance races, too, attracted good entries. The open woodchops and cycling, however, were not up to the standard of previous years, far too few entries being received. This fact is hard to account for, as fair prizes were offered. As these are the most popular forms of sport with the public, the club cannot afford to dispense with them, despite the fact that the discouraging response to their efforts to cater for axemen and cyclists would seem to justify their doing so. In the majority of events on the programme (including the local novice chop), the number of entries was satisfactory, and an enjoyable day's sport was provided. No accidents or disputes occurred. The park caretaker (Mr H. Norman) had the cycling and running tracks in good order, and visiting pedestrians were loud in their praises of the latter, which they regarded as equal to the Stawell track and among the best out of Melbourne. The handicappers showed good judgment in regard to competitors' marks, with the result that quite a number of close and exciting finishes were witnessed. Keen interest was taken in the principal event (the Sheffield Handicap), the winner being F. E. Field, of North Melbourne, who also won the Sprint. Field is a strong runner and finishes in dashing style. He is an artificial eye manufacturer by occupation, and carries a sample of his own goods in his head, having lost an eye when on active service abroad with the A.I.F. He was severely wounded in the war, and did not expect to be able to run again. The local cyclist, J. L. McErvale, also won a double (the mile and half-mile), his successes being popular. The Beaufort axeman, A. E. Crick, won the underhand woodchop after a keen tussle, but in the standing block contest he was beaten by his brother, C. T. Crick, after a splendid exhibition, by the narrowest possible margin. The club has always been fortunate in having a hard-working and enthusiastic team of officials, and they discharged their allotted tasks with the same energy and cheerfulness which characterised them in past years. Messrs A. E. Crick (president), J. A. Bates and J. T. Glover (vice-presidents), and A. Parker (secretary) comprised the club's "general staff," but the responsibilities of leadership were reduced to a minimum by the hearty co-operation of the loyal band of workers who filled the minor positions. As starter Mr Thos. Williams got the fields away promptly, and was both strict and fair in the matter of penalties. Mr Robt. Taylor, was lessee of the publican's and soft drinks booths, and the luncheon booth was in charge of Mr Les. Miles (who provided a tasty lunch for the committee). Mr A. J. Saph conducted the fruit stall. The holiday spirit being abroad, all the boothholders did brisk business. The crowd was a very orderly one, and Senior-constable Ellis (Beaufort) and Constable Pawley, of Lexton, had no unpleasant duties to perform. No bookmaker was present, so that the only betting done was of a private nature. A side-show helped to amuse the public. The footracing was particularly good, and several leading pedestrians took part, but, as usual, the bicycle-racing, wood-chopping, and equestrian events proved the more interesting and exciting to the crowd outside the chains. There was no band in attendance this year, and those fond of music had to be content with what little was provided by the feathered tribe in the trees. The Societies' Hall was packed at night, when the Amusu Picture Co. provided a [illegible] for the benefit [illegible] Two enjoyable films [illegible] the star picture being [illegible] (featuring Dorothy Dalton). The gross takings were nearly £30, of which the club will receive about £18. There were 1318 admissions by ticket to the sports, and 396 to the pictures. There will probably be a small loss of about £3 on the meeting.

Appended are details of the various events:—

Sheffield Handicap, 130yds.—£20, £5, and £2.

First heat—E. J. Muntz, junr., 11½ yds. Time, 13sec. Won comfortably by about 3yds. Two starters.

Second heat—F. E. Field, 5½yds. Time, 13sec. The winner caught the others half way, and won easily. Three starters.

Third heat—J. Meuleman, 7yds. Won by 2yds. in 12⅗sec. Three starters.

Fourth heat—W. A. Stanley, 8yds. Time, 13sec. Won by less than a yard. Three starters.

Fifth heat—J. F. Gooden, 10yds. Time, 12 4-5sec. Won comfortably by a yard. Three starters.

Sixth heat—R. W. Cadzon, 10yds. (also penalised a yard for breaking). Won by about 6in. in 13sec. Three starters.

Seventh heat—W. Hunt, 8½yds. (walkover). Time, 14 4-5sec.

First semi-final—Field, 1; Meuleman, 2. Time, 13sec. Won by a foot. Three starters.

Second semi-final—Stanley, 1; Gooden, 2. Time, 13sec. Won by half-a-yard. Three starters. Cadzon was penalised a yard for breaking.

Third semi-final—Hunt (walkover).

Final—Field, 1; Stanley, 2; Meuleman, 3. Time, 12⅗sec. A fine race. Won by a yard and a half, with 2yds. separating second and third. Four starters. Gooden did not start. The winner's performance was a creditable one, as he cut out the distance in half-a-yard under even time.

Sprint Handicap, 75yds.—£5, £2, and £1.

First heat—F. E. Field, 2½yds. Time, 8sec. Won easily by between three and four yards. Three starters.

Second heat—H. H. Roddis, 4¼yds., and C. Oman, 5½yds., dead heat. Time, 8sec. A splendid finish. Only starters.

Third heat—A. J. Eyckens, 8yds. Time, 8sec. An exceedingly close finish; almost a dead heat. Three starters.

Fourth heat—E. J. Muntz, junr., 6¼ yds. Time, 7 4-5sec. Won by about six inches. Three starters.

Fifth heat—I. H. Hay, 5¼yds. Time, 8sec. Won by a yard. Three starters.

Sixth heat—J. F. Wotherspoon, 6¼yds. (walkover).

First semi-final—Field, 1; Eyckens, 2. Time, 7⅘sec. Won by half-a-yard. Four starters.

Second semi-final—Hay, 1; Muntz, 2. Time, 8sec. A good finish; won by inches. Three starters.

Final—Field, 1; Hay, 2; Eyckens, 3. Time, 7 4-5sec. A fine finish; half-a-yard separating each of the placed men. Four starters. Field was penalised half-a-yard for his win in the Sheffield.

One-mile Bicycle Race—£5, £2, and £1.—J. L. McErvale, 40yds., 1; E. Fisher, 90yds., 2; R. Martin, 80yds., 3. Time, 2min. 24⅘sec. Five starters. Won by two lengths, with a length separating second and third.

Underhand Woodchop (15-inch logs)—£10, £3 and £2.—A. E. Crick, 20sec. bhd. scr., 1; C. T. Crick, 18sec. bhd., 2; J. J. Dunn, 4sec. bhd., 3. Time, 1min. 20sec. Won by a few blows after a splendid exhibition; the third man finishing several seconds later than C. T. Crick. Four starters.

Half-mile Bicycle Race—£3 and £2.—J. L. McErvale, 20yds., 1; E. Fisher, 45yds., 2. Time, 1min. 6sec. Five starters; a good race; won by a length; about the same distance between second and third. V. Martin (45yds.) finished third. Keen interest was evinced in this event; McErvale being heartily cheered.

Standing Woodchop (14-inch logs)—£7, £2, and £1.—C. T. Crick, 20sec. bhd. scr., 1; A. E. Crick, 25sec. bhd., 2; J. J. Dunn, 12sec. bhd., 3. Time, 1min. 6⅘sec. Three starters. Won by the smallest possible margin—less than a second; Dunn being several blows behind A. E. Crick.

District Novice Woodchop (12-inch logs)—£3, £1, and 10/.—Jas. Connor, 5 sec. bhd. scr., 1; Gil. Smith, scr., 2; A. R. Boyd, 15sec. bhd., 3. Time, 49sec. An exciting contest with a very close finish. Won by a blow; two blows separating second and third. Eight starters.

Fiery Creek Handicap, 220yds.—£5, £2, and £1.

First heat—F. E. Field, 6yds., 1; A. J. Eyckens, 17yds., 2. Time, 24sec. Won by two yards. Four starters.

Second heat—J. Meuleman, 7½yds., 1; R. W. Cadzon, 11½yds., 2. Won easily by a yard. Time, 24 4-5sec. Four starters.

Third heat—W. A. Stanley, 9yds., 1; C. Timms, 11yds., 2. Time, 24sec. Won easily by three yards. Four starters.

Final—Stanley, 1; Meuleman, 2; Cadzon, 3. Time, 24sec. The winner gained the judges' verdict by a yard and a half; only inches separating second and third. Six starters.

Flag Race on Horseback—£1 and 10/.—R. Lilley, 1; James Fraser, 2. Twelve competitors. This event aroused keen competition and was watched with great interest; the horsemanship of the youthful rider who obtained second place being much admired.

Handicap District Trot (20 miles radius), one mile—£3/10/, £1, and 10/.

First heat—W. Corbett's Tom Harold, 60yds. bhd. scr., 1; A. McPhie's Tiny, 80yds. bhd., 2; W. I. Halpin's Jean, 20yds. bhd., 3. Nine starters. Won easily by over a length.

Second heat—Miss L. Bell's Lexie, 100yds. bhd. scr., 1; W. McErvale's Bill, 50yds. bhd., 2; J. Rodgers' Rocket, 30yds. bhd., 3. Won by a couple of lengths. Five starters.

Final—Corbett's Tom Harold, 1; McPhie's Tiny, 2; Miss Bell's Lexie, 3. Time, 3min. 2sec. Six starters. Won by from four to five lengths, with a couple of lengths between second and third. Lexie was three-fourths of a lap behind the leading horse when the last round commenced, but she quickly shot ahead, and passing several horses in turn with the greatest ease, finished third.

Beaufort Handicap, 440yds.—£5, £2, and £1.—J. F. Gooden, 25yds., 1; F. H. Martinez, 27yds., 2; T. B. Bates, 25yds., 3. Time, 51 4-5sec. Six starters. Won comfortably by 3yds., with 2yds. between the other placed men.


**FAMOUS PAINLESS DENTISTRY.**
WONDERFUL NEW IMPROVEMENTS. Artificial teeth and extractions. W. E. Thomas personally visiting—Wednesday, 19th Jany.
KAYS "[illegible]"


A meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club, to pass accounts in connection with the Boxing Day sports, is to be held on Monday evening.

## RAGLAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A concert and ball were given on the 22nd ult by the young people, on the occasion of the return of the hall piano, which had been through the hands of Messrs Woodward, of Ballarat, for repairs. It proved to be in splendid order, and gave every satisfaction. The concert was a creditable effort on the part of the young people, the various items being nicely rendered. The choruses were especially good. The accompaniments were played by Miss Doris Tucker in excellent style. Unfortunately, the evening was very warm, and this resulted in the attendance being less than usual. The programme was as follows:—Chorus, "Take me Back to Bingville," company; violin solo, G. Gillingham; song, Mr W. J. Parson; song and chorus, "If I had Been a Girl," Mr C. Smith and company; song, "The Stowaway," Mr C. Stevenson; song, Mr P. A. Panther; song, "I'd Like an Egg for Tea," Mr G. Cuthbertson; chorus, "Your Girls," men of company; song, "You're in Style," Miss I. Grant; song, W. D. Smith; song, "Pal o' Mine," Mr S. S. Smith; song, Miss S. Grant; violin duet, Miss S. Grant and G. Gillingham; song, "Every Cloud has a Silver Lining," company; song and chorus, "The Only Girl I Love," Miss I Grant; duet, Misses A. Stevenson and I. Grant; song, "Smiles," Mr C. R. Stevenson; song, "I Wonder if the Girl," Miss I. Grant; song, "Bubbles, Blow," Mr S. S. Smith; song, "Dreaming of You," Miss I. Grant; song, "I'm Tired," Mr P. A. Panther. The ball was not as successful as usual, the weather being too warm for dancing. The music was supplied by Misses Alison, I. Grant, Cuthbertson, Messrs P. Panther, C. Stevenson, and Messrs G. and N. Gillingham and J. Stevens (violins). Messrs W. D. and S. Smith shared the duties of M.C.

## GOOD PRACTICES TRIUMPH.

**VALUE OF FERTILISERS.**

In the year 1920 an interesting stride was made in our knowledge of wheat growing in Victoria. It showed beyond possibility of doubt that it pays to increase the amount of superphosphate used in sowing the crop. Heavier allowances have proved that they put money in the pockets of the farmers. Following upon the information gained in 1919, that in the dry year also heavy allowances pay, this result is specially instructive. Up to the early spring 1920 was a comparatively dry year. Then abundant rains fell, and continued at intervals throughout the remainder of the growing period of the crop. Reports received from different parts of the State indicate that those farmers who were liberal with the manure have reason to bless their generosity. Thus we get from practical farmers corroboration of results obtained on Government farms. As usual, where the climatic conditions were so favorable to growth, the difference between large and light dressings varied. They were abnormal, and a good soil, reasonably well supplied with fertilising material, had a chance to develop to the utmost of its yielding capacity. Nevertheless, it can be confidently stated that on the average 100 pounds of super. to the acre paid better than 60 or even 80, and that on the average the farmer who did not spare the manure bill made more money than the man who did. Even the variation mentioned was noted where no fertiliser was used. In such a season a poor soil frequently yields as heavy as a fertile. But that fact does not convince the observant man that the former, in the average year, can be as confidently relied upon as the latter. Western Wimmera wheat growers are as keenly observant as any in Australia. The crop competitions annually held there have concentrated attention upon the methods which produce the best results. Almost to a man they have demonstrated the value of heavy dressings. An interesting example of the system followed is provided by Mr G. J. Glatz, of Dimboola. For the past four years he has been applying 100 pounds of super. to the acre, and obtained such encouraging returns that the tendency is to apply still heavier dressings. Mr Glatz, in the season just closed, reached a maximum of 112 pounds, but his crop returns are not yet available to show the added yield. In the Wimmera late sowing is increasing in popularity, hence the dressings are not more liberal for the last seeding. Nowadays, the late sowings crop as good as, if not better than, the early. Mr Glatz is convinced as to the value of heavy dressings, not alone in regard to the wheat crop, but also because of the more liberal showing of feed in the stubbles. With him heavy manuring has got beyond the experimental stage; it has come to stay.

Tenders are invited for remodelling, &c., Beaufort State school.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ANNUAL MEETING BEAUFORT BUSH FIRE BRIGADE, Shire Hall, Beaufort, on MONDAY, 10th inst., at 8.30 p.m. Business—Election of officers; general.
J. P. ROGERS, Captain.
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LOST, 9 Comeback Ewes, 1 Lincoln Ram (not branded), 6 woolly Lambs, top notch. Seen on back road to Lake Goldsmith. Finder rewarded. Apply W. H. HALPIN.

Department of Public Works,
Melbourne, 5th January, 1921.

TENDERS will be received until Twelve o'clock on Thursday, the 27th instant, for Remodelling, &c., State School No. 80, Beaufort. Deposit, £5. Security, £5 %.

Particulars and Conditions may be learnt at Public Works Office, and at the Police Station, Beaufort, and Inspector of Works, Ararat.

**SHIRE OF RIPON.**

TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing 5 per cent. each deposit (minimum deposit £1), will be received up to 11 a.m. on Monday, 10th January, 1920, for the following works:—

Contract 1/21, East Riding.—Supply of 500 cub. yds. quartz in Hope's Lane.
Contract 2/21, West Riding.—Supply of 300 cub. yds. spalls on the Beaufort and Stockyard Hill road.
Contract 3/21.—Supply of 300 cub. yds. spalls on the Beaufort and Streatham road.

Plans and specifications may be inspected at Shire Hall, Beaufort; also at Mechanics' Institute, Skipton.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
E. J. MUNTZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer.
Shire Offices, Beaufort, [illegible]

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**

**CLEARING SALE BY AUCTION.**

SATURDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1921,
At WATERLOO, at 2 p.m.

14 acres LAND, on which is erected an 8-roomed HOUSE, BUGGY SHED, STABLES, etc.
10 head CATTLE, 2 PONIES.

KELLY & McDONALD have been favored with instructions from Mr. ARTHUR KEWLEY to Sell by Auction as above. Full particulars next issue.
KELLY & McDONALD,
Auctioneer, Beaufort.

**SALE BY PUBLIC COMPETITION**

At SCOTT'S HOTEL, COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE.

FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1921,
At 11 a.m.

HOMESTEAD PORTION of the well-known **TRAWALLA ESTATE** (formerly owned by late Admiral Bridges),

Situated within 3 miles of Trawalla Railway Station and 8 miles of Town of Beaufort,

Comprising 8000 acres, in a compact area, in the Parishes of Trawalla, Brewster, and Lillirie, together with commodious mansion and all buildings necessary for proper working of the area. Immediate possession.

Terms—
£11,000 Cash;
£12,000 on 14th July, 1921;
£12,000 on 14th July, 1922;
£12,000 on 14th July, 1923;
£12,000 on 14th July, 1924;
Balance on 14th July, 1925.

Interest at 6 per centum per annum will be charged on the unpaid balance of the purchase money.

The Trawalla Estate has been for many years noted for the production of the finest merino wool.

Plans may be obtained on application at Closer Settlement Board or Inquiry Room, Lands Department, Melbourne.

Auctioneers—Messrs Baillieu, Allard Prop. Ltd.

A MEETING of the Lady friends of the members of the Beaufort Bowling Club will be held in the Mechanics' on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

Business—To make arrangements for afternoon tea in connection with the opening ceremony.
A. L. WOTHERSPOON,
Hon. Sec. Beaufort Bowling Club.

**BEAUFORT BOWLING CLUB.**

THE OFFICIAL OPENING of the Beaufort Bowling Club will take place on SATURDAY, Jan. 15th.

A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to be present.
A. L. WOTHERSPOON, Hon. Sec.

**BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.**

A GENERAL MEETING of the above club will be held at the Mechanics' Institute on MONDAY evening next, at 8 o'clock, to pass accounts in connection with the Boxing Day sports.
A. PARKER, Secretary.

**BEAUFORT PUBLIC CEMETERY.**

APPLICATIONS are invited till 6 p.m. on Thursday next, 13th inst., for position of SEXTON. Salary, £36 per annum, with grave fees and quarters. Particulars as to duties on application to
A. PARKER, Secretary.

LOST, Gold Bangle, on Boxing Day. £1 reward. Apply this office.

LOST, Buggy Whip. Reward. Apply this office.

**AUCTION SALE.**

**630 ACRES LAND, HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, HARNESS, ETC.; ALSO VALUABLE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY.**

THURSDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1921,
At 1.30 p.m., at the residence of the late MRS. J. HOLDSWORTH.

W. H. HALPIN & SON and KELLY & McDONALD (Auctioneers in conjunction) have been favored with instructions from the Executors in the Estate of MRS. J. HOLDSWORTH, deceased, to Sell, on above date, as follows:—

LAND.

Lot 1. All those pieces of Land, being Allotments 15A, 15B1, 15B2, 16A, and 17B2, containing 278 a. 1 r. 31 p., Parish of Woodnaggerak, County of Ripon, adjoining the properties of Messrs J. McDonald and T. E. White. The improvements on the above property consist of 8-roomed House, 2 portable Rooms (8 x 10), detached Cottage (3 rooms), Dairy, Cartshed, large Barn, and other Outbuildings. The property is well subdivided, with good fencing, and is permanently watered by springs and the Middle Creek running through the property. Title, freehold.

Lot 2. All that piece of Land, being Allotment 3B2, Parish of Eurambeen, County of Ripon, containing 323a. 2r. 26p. This property is well-fenced and situate on the Stockyard Hill road, about 4 miles from Beaufort. Title, freehold.

Lot 3. All that piece of Land, being Allotment 9F, Parish of Eurambeen, county of Ripon, containing 29a. 1r. 15p., adjoining the property of Messrs. J. Bates and D. Stevenson. Leasehold.

Lot 4. All that piece of Land, containing 1 rood (or thereabouts), being Allotment 6, Section 34, Township and Parish of Beaufort, adjoining the Mechanics' Institute, on which is erected Shop and Dwelling, containing 8 rooms and bathroom, also other Outbuildings, comprising Building, 18 x 12, iron roof; Shed, 36 x 15, iron roof; Stable, 27 x 15, iron roof; Buggy Shed, iron roof.

Lot 5. All that piece of Land, being Allotment 1, Section 14B, Township and Parish of Beaufort, County of Ripon, containing 1 rood (or thereabouts), situated opposite Mr J. Cochran's, on Main Lead road. Exceptionally good building site.

Lot 6. Allotment of Land, about 1 rood, opposite Railway Station, on which is erected 5-roomed House and other Outhouses.

STOCK, ETC.

20 head Mixed Cattle, including Springers, 2-year-old Steers, and Yearlings; 70 2-tooth Comeback Ewes and Wethers; 3 Buggy Horses, 1 Draught; set Single Buggy Harness, set Double Harness, 9 Collars, large quantity sundry Harness; Phaeton, Spring Dray, Trolly, 2 Hand Chaffcutters, about 500 Fencing Posts, about 400 Droppers, and a lot of other Sundries.

As this Sale is being held to wind up the Estate, everything is for positive sale. Intending purchasers will be shown over the property by the Auctioneers.

GEORGE GOE TONG (Ballarat's recognised leading Chinese Herbalist) visits Beaufort every two weeks, and may be consulted at the Camp Hotel. All diseases skilfully treated. Advice free.
Next visit to Beaufort—Thursday, January 20th.


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JAMES KELL, Deputy Governor. July 1st, 1920. Sir DENISON MILLER, K.C.M.G., Governor.



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Lila Lee, in "THE HEART OF YOUTH."

USUAL PRICES. 1/6 and 1/1; Children. half-price.


**Australian Natives' Association**

THE Fortnightly MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on TUESDAY Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp.
W. J. BRUCE JOHNSON, Secretary pro tem.

**Religious Services.**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1920.

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

**USEFUL READY RECKONER.**

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

One quarter equals 28lb.
Two quarters equal 56lb.
Three quarters equal 1bus. 24lb
One cwt. equals 1 bus. 52lb
Two cwt. equal 3bus. 44lb
Three cwt. equal 5bus. 36lb
Four cwt. equal 7 bus. 28lb.
Five cwt. equal 9bus. 20lb.
Six cwt. equal 11bus. 12lb.
Seven cwt. equal 13bus. 4lb.
Eight cwt. equal 14bus. 56lb.
Nine cwt. equal 16bus. 48lb.
Ten cwt. equal 18bus. 40lb.
Eleven cwt. equal 20bus. 32lb.
Twelve cwt. equal 22bus. 24lb.
Thirteen cwt. equal 24bus. 16lb.
Fourteen cwt. equal 26bus. 8lb.
Fifteen cwt. equal 28bus.
Sixteen cwt. equal 29bus. 52lb.
Seventeen cwt. equal 31bus. 44lb.
Eighteen cwt. equal 33bus. 36lb.
Nineteen cwt. equal 35bus. 28lb.
One ton equals 37bus. 20lb.
Two tons equal 74bus. 40lb.
Three tons equal 112bus.
Four tons equal 149bus. 20lb.
Five tons equal 186bus. 40lb.
Six tons equal 224bus.
Seven tons equal 261bus. 20lb.
Eight tons equal 298bus. 40lb.
Nine tons equal 336bus.
Ten tons equal 373bus. 20lb.
Eleven tons equal 410bus. 40lb.
Twelve tons equal 448bus.
Thirteen tons equal 485bus. 20lb.
Fourteen tons equal 522bus. 40lb.
Fifteen tons equal 560bus.
Sixteen tons equal 597bus. 20lb.
Seventeen tons equal 634bus. 40lb.
Eighteen tons equal 672bus.
Nineteen tons equal 709bus. 20lb.
Twenty tons equal 746bus. 40lb.
Twenty-one tons equal 784bus.
Twenty-two tons equal 821bus. 20 lb., and so on.

**DEATH.**

SINCLAIR.—On 5th January, 1921, at his residence, Beaufort, Robert Sinclair, son of late James Sinclair, "Forss," Thurso, Caithness, aged 88 years.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

JONES.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our darling mother, Ellen Jones, who died at Ararat on January 2nd, 1919.

Nothing but memories as we journey on,
Longing for a smile, and a face, that is gone.
None know the depths of our regret,
But we remember when others forget.
At the heavenly gates she will meet us,
With the same sweet, loving smile;
For we are only parted,
Just for a little while.

—Inserted by her loving husband, children, and grandchildren.


# The Riponshire Advocate.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1921.

**Successful Pedestrian.**

Mr Douglas Rogers, of Beaufort won the Sheffield handicap at a sports meeting at Burrumbeet on Xmas. Day.

**Rainfall for Year.**

The rainfall at Beaufort for December, 1920, amounted to 85 points, against 221 points for December, 1919. For the twelve months 26.56 inches were registered, compared with 20.16 inches for 1919.

**Heavy Rain.**

Following several days of oppressive weather, rain set in at Beaufort on New Year's Night and continued at intervals until 5 p.m. on Sunday; a total of 333 points being registered. Some of the showers which fell on New Year's Night were unusually heavy. By morning all creeks and streams were flooded, some of the flats being inundated.

**Bush Fire.**

A bushfire, which was erroneously reported to be either at Chute or Raglan, occurred at Amphitheatre on Xmas. Day, and destroyed about 1000 acres of grass and fencing, belonging to Messrs Morgan, Bird, and Cocking, before being subdued by the bush fire brigade and willing helpers.

**Passing Aeroplane.**

An aeroplane passed over Beaufort on Saturday evening on the way to Ararat. It was a "Herald" machine, and Capts. H. A. Rigby and F. S. Huxley were aboard. The aviators accomplished the journey from Melbourne in two hours, and ran into a rain storm when half-way. The 'plane again flew across Beaufort about 5 p.m. on Sunday on the return journey. On both occasions it was travelling at a high altitude.

**Xmas. Eve.**

Although there did not appear, to the casual observer, to be as many people in the streets of Beaufort as usual on Xmas. Eve, shopkeepers report that their takings exceeded those on the previous Xmas. Eve. One leading business man asserted that his receipts for the night were the best for 28 years. There were a number of attractive window displays, and the holiday spirit was reflected in the bright, happy faces of both the children and adults.

**The Holidays.**

Xmas. Day passed quietly at Beaufort. There being no local fixtures, most people spent the day at home. In the afternoon picnic parties were in evidence at the local Park and Mt. Cole. The Athletic Club's sports on Boxing Day filled in the day for most local residents. There was no rowdyism on New Year's Eve. The Monday following New Year's Day being a holiday, many people spent the week-end in the city and elsewhere. On New Year's Day a local contingent attended the Burrumbeet races, picnic parties were in evidence at Mt. Cole and the Beaufort Park, and the sporting fraternity took advantage of the occasion for shooting and fishing excursions.

**Beaufort Bowling Club.**

The Beaufort bowling green promises to be one of the town's very best institutions. The green will not be officially opened until 15th Jany., but the members have already "christened" it, and large groups of players may be seen on the green each evening. The bowling green is an undoubted improvement to the town, and it is to be hoped that it will be widely supported. When the local players have had a little practice, no doubt there will be many visiting teams wending their way to Beaufort, and vice versa. The first match was played on Tuesday, 28th ult., when Messrs Betheras and Bowe (Beaufort) played Messrs Craig, of Warrnambool, and Harmer, of Mildura. There was some good play, many excellent shots being made on both sides. The local pair won, after a good game, by 16 to 12; Beaufort thus winning the first match played on the local bowling green.

**Trawalla Estate.**

As the result of the objections raised by the Ripon branch of the Returned Soldiers' League against the proposed private sale of the homestead at Trawalla Estate, with 8000 acres of land surrounding it, the house and the 8000 acres are to be sold by auction early this month. Mr Dermody, an officer of the Closer Settlement Board, was in the Beaufort district on Tuesday and formally took possession of Trawalla Estate. Two local returned soldiers (Messrs W. I. Halpin and J. Ellis) have been placed in charge. It is proposed to survey and sub-divide the 35,000 acres of the Estate purchased for the soldier settlers almost immediately. This will commence as soon as similar work now in progress on Mt. Bute Estate is completed, so that the Soldier Settlement Board can deal with applications for blocks as early as possible.

**Driving Without Lights.**

As the habit of driving and cycling without lights is becoming pronounced among residents of Beaufort and district, offenders are warned that the local police are taking measures to strictly enforce the by-law prohibiting this dangerous practice.

**Local Cyclists.**

In the mile wheel race of £8 at the Maryborough sports on New Year's Day, E. R. Martin (Beaufort), 120 yds., rode second in the second heat; J. L. McErvale (Chute), 20 yds., being third. McErvale was disqualified in the final. In the first heat of the half-mile (£6), McErvale, 10 yds., obtained third place.

**Case of Snakebite.**

On Monday Mrs Shaw, who is on a visit to relatives at Waterloo (the Stevens family), was bitten on the foot by a snake. The reptile struck her shoe, and it was not at first thought that the fangs penetrated the flesh. After about three hours had elapsed she became drowsy, and was treated for snakebite. Under treatment she soon recovered.

**[illegible] Accident.**

Mr Thos. Wright, 29 years of age, who is a resident of Footscray and a rubber worker, had the misfortune to meet with an accident on Tuesday while visiting relatives in the Beaufort district, of which he was formerly a resident. While cutting down a tree he was struck on the back of the neck by a falling limb and severly injured. The injured man was taken to the Ballarat Hospital in an ambulance, and admitted to that institution for treatment. He is a son-in-law of Mr Boyd, senr., of Beaufort.

**Bush Fire Brigade.**

The annual meeting of the Stockyard Hill and Lake Goldsmith Bush Fire Brigade was held in the Lake Goldsmith school on 29th inst. Mr M. Exell acted as chairman. The secretary and treasurer (Mr Wm. Lynch) produced a statement showing a credit balance of £7/6/. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr M. Exell, captain; Mr Thos. Mulcahy, vice-captain; Mr Wm. Lynch, secretary and treasurer. Owing to the abundance of grass, it was decided to have the fire cart attended to; and a small tank and hose to be placed in a waggonette when required, are to be purchased. The usual scale of fees was adopted.

**Commercial Hotel Closes.**

At the end of 1920 the Commercial hotel, Beaufort, the licence of which was recently surrendered, was closed. There are now only three hotels in the town and one in the district, whereas some 15 years ago there were nine in Beaufort and eleven in the district. The owner of the Commercial hotel is Mr W. P. Schlicht, and his son (Mr Theo. W. Schlicht) intends to utilise the building for an auctioneer's office and residence. The licensee (Mr W. J. Lidgerwood) is leaving with his wife and family for Geelong, of which city he was a resident some years ago.

**Railway Service Curtailed.**

The curtailed railway service necessitated by the coal shortage came into operation on Wednesday. Passenger trains are timed to reach Ballarat from Melbourne at 11.8 a.m. and 8.8 p.m. (the former being known at Beaufort as the mid-day train). The Adelaide express from Melbourne is running as usual. Trains for Stawell will leave Ballarat at 5.40 a.m. (reaching Beaufort at 7 a.m.) and 11.23 a.m.; and arrivals from Stawell are timed for 6.44 p.m. and 12.50 p.m. (known at Beaufort as the 5.30 and 11.30 respectively). The mixed train from Stawell reaching Beaufort at 8.30 a.m., and the one from Ballarat arriving here at 6.45 p.m., have been cancelled. The Skipton train will leave Ballarat at 4.15 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, arriving in Ballarat from Skipton at 9.15 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The new time-table is to be strictly adhered to, and intending travellers would do well to familiarise themselves with it.

**Successful Pupils.**

The following Beaufort and district candidates were successful at the recent examinations held at Ballarat under Mr R. J. Shanks, in connection with the London College of Music:—Primary—William Day, Gladys Packham, Molly O'Brien, Jack Franc, Ethel Hillman, Molly O'Loughlan; elementary—Athol Buchanan, Alma Holdsworth, Donald McDonald, Marjorie Lancey, David Skewes, Minnie Jess; intermediate—Rheita Buchanan, Nellie Fraser, Jack O'Brien; advanced intermediate—Doris Tucker, Nellie Martin. The above named are all pupils of Miss Eva Nickols, A.L.C.M., of Beaufort, and the results obtained reflect credit upon her. In all 17 of Miss Nickols' pupils were entered, and all passed; two obtaining honors, eight first-class passes, and seven passes.

PERFECT VISION.—MORRIS & MARCHANT, Opticians, of 298 Lit. Collins St., will visit Beaufort on Tuesday, Jan. 18th (morning only), and may be consulted at the Mechanics' Reading Room. Appointments made by Mr Bennett.

Messrs W. H. Halpin & Son and Kelly & McDonald (auctioneers in conjunction) announce the sale of 630 acres of land, horses, cattle, sheep, harness, etc., also valuable township property, at residence of Mrs J. Holdsworth, Beaufort, on Thursday, 20th inst., at 1.30 p.m.

The lady friends of members of Beaufort Bowling Club meet at Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening to make arrangements for afternoon tea in connection with opening ceremony.

Applications are invited for position of sexton for Beaufort Public Cemetery.

The homestead portion of Trawalla Estate, comprising 8000 acres and improvements, is to be sold at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, on Friday, 14th inst.

The weather has been very oppressive at Beaufort during the past two days; the thermometer registering 86 degrees in the shade on Thursday and 89 on Friday.

Mr Tom Green is acting as relieving operating porter at the Beaufort railway station during the absence on sick leave of Mr Les. Brasher. Mr Green was stationed here permanently some years ago, and served with the A.I.F. for several years in the late European war.

Mr C. W. Minchin, of Beaufort, celebrated his 92nd birthday on Wednesday. Mr Minchin, who held the position of clerk of courts here for over 50 years, retired a few years ago. He is still hale and hearty, despite the fact that he has been very lame for many years. Only the other day he was out walking.

Messrs. Kelly & McDonald hold a sale of 14 acres land, 8-roomed house, buggy shed, stables, 10 cattle, and 2 ponies, a/c. Mr A. Kewley, at Waterloo, on Saturday, 22nd inst.

A much appreciated New Year's gift has been made by Mrs Bridges to each employee on the Trawalla Estate. The property has now passed into the possession of the Crown for repatriation purposes, and to mark the winding up of the estate Mrs Bridges presented to each employee a cheque. The amounts thus distributed ranged from £50 to over £100 in accordance with length of service. Most of the employees, it may be mentioned, had records of nearly 30 years' service, and at the death of Admiral Bridges not long ago each benefited to the extent of one year's salary or wages under the will.

In a cricket match at the Eastern Oval on Monday between Ballarat and Maryborough, I. H. Hay, the well-known Beaufort cricketer, made top-score (58) for Ballarat. Six wickets were down for 105 when James and Hay became associated. James batted carefully, but Hay, after an over or two, laid the wood on, and made some nice hits, especially on the leg. He pleased the crowd—the largest for the season—and he was frequently applauded. When the score had reached 178 James retired for a well-made 29. Hay contined till he had made 58, when he was bowled by Peart. He hit eight fours.

## OBITUARY.

**MRS. F. JESS.**

We regret to record the death of Mrs Kitty Jess, wife of Mr Frank Jess, of Banyena; the sad event occurring at that place early in the week. The deceased, who spent the greater part of her life in the Beaufort district, was the youngest daughter of Mrs Kelly, senr. (formerly licensee of the delicensed Eurambeen hotel). She possessed many sterling qualities, and her amiable disposition and breezy manner endeared her to all who knew her. Deceased, who was in her early thirties, leaves a widower and young family, for whom much sympathy is felt in their sad bereavement. The remains of the late Mrs Jess were interred at Banyena.

**MR. ROBT. SINCLAIR, SENR.**

One of Beaufort's oldest identities passed away on Wednesday night in the person of Mr Robt. Sinclair, senr., who had attained the ripe age of 88 years. Deceased had been bedridden for four years, and death was due to senile decay. He was born at "Forss" Estate, Thurso, Caithness (Scotland), in 1832, being a son of the late Mr James Sinclair, owner of "Forss" Estate. He voyaged to Australia in the ship "Bengal," and landed in 1849. He was married at Coleraine in 1854, when 21 years of age, and his wife survives him. The couple celebrated their diamond wedding seven years ago. As a young man, the late Mr Sinclair was a great horseman, and while living on a station at Coleraine met and formed a friendship with a kindred spirit in the person of the late Adam Lindsay Gordon, the poet, in many of whose verses the horse and feats of horsemanship are prominently featured. He could relate many interesting incidents of Gordon's early career in the land of his adoption. The late Mr Sinclair's love of a good horse remained with him through life, and in his old age he was often to be seen examining the points of any steed which took his fancy. Racehorses passing through the railway station on their way to the Melbourne Cup never failed to attract the attention of the old sportsman. The deceased came to Beaufort in 1855, and followed the luck of the diggings here and elsewhere with varying success. He was a resident of the town for 66 years, and a colonist of 71 years' standing. Deceased leaves a widow, three daughters, and one son; the latter being ex-Captain R. A. D. Sinclair, M.B.E. (general secretary of the Country Townspeople's League and a member of the Ripon Shire Council). Flags were flown at half-mast in the town as a last tribute to the deceased, whose remains were privately interred in the Beaufort Cemetery yesterday (Friday) afternoon. The funeral was attended by a number of relatives and old friends of the family. Rev. A. H. Ross read the Presbyterian burial service. The coffin (which was covered with beautiful floral tributes of sympathy) was borne to the grave by Messrs J. W. and J. A. Harris (nephews of deceased), J. Connell, and J. R. Wotherspoon. Messrs Sands & Johnson, of Beaufort, were the undertakers.

**Make your District Known.**

Concerning some parts of the district news comes but seldom. This is not entirely our fault; we have no miraculous power of knowing what is happening at all the places within our area of circulation. It is the fault of residents in the silent places.

Will some man or woman take the matter in hand and cause the silence to cease.

If no one else is doing it for your district, will you try on these lines?

Send accounts of public and social events in your township and neighbourhood, such as weddings, deaths, accidents, concerts, matters touching district industries, etc.

Write the names of persons very distinctly.

Write only on one side of the paper.

Give information; but let criticism alone.

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

**ELECTRIC LIGHTING SCHEME.**

As the cost of the Beaufort electric lighting scheme will exceed the estimate by £1000, the president of Ripon Shire (Cr. D. R. Hannah) convened a public meeting of ratepayers at the Shire Hall on Thursday night, to consider the advisability or otherwise of going on with the proposal. Fourteen ratepayers were in attendance. Prior to the commencement of the meeting, an informal discussion took place, during which it was mentioned that there were 120 promised consumers, the estimated revenue per year being £7 per house. If the scheme were abandoned now, it was stated that it would cost the shire £50 for the electrical engineers' estimates, report, and travelling expenses, which would be debited against the scheme in the event of the people taking it up again in the future. The opinion was expressed that the estimate for pumping for the town water supply could be safely increased from £50 to £150 or £100. The rather small attendance was put down to people forgetting the meeting owing to holidays intervening.

Cr. W. H. Halpin (who was voted to the chair) said he was sorry the shire president was not here, but he was busy harvesting. He also apologised for the absence of Cr R. A. D. Sinclair, and said they all regretted the circumstances responsible for his non-attendance.

In answer to a question, the chairman said there were 120 promised consumers, and the electrical engineers' estimate was only based on 100.

Mr E. J. Muntz—The only item he was doubtful about was the £7 per year average per tenement, but they must remember the fact that that included the railway station, post-office, Mechanics' Institute, and all the large houses in the town, which would make it alright. They must admit that any amount of tenements would only pay £3 or £4 per year.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—There was not the slightest doubt it would be a grand thing for the town.

Mr Muntz—They thought the amount at first allowed for wages insufficient.

The chairman—He did not think the public meeting necessary. The council should have taken the responsibility at last meeting.—[Mr Young—Hear, hear.]—The £5,000 estimate was based on 100 consumers, and they had 120. It would cost £1000 extra, and they had 20 extra consumers, so why hesitate about going on with it? An estimate of £6,000 would have been provided for just the same. "Never venture, never win." If they were going to take an interest in the town, which they presumed was going to prosper, they should have electric light. Smaller towns had it. No town had ever turned it down once it was installed. After the plant was started, they would get another 25 per cent. of consumers easily. People coming through Beaufort said it was the darkest town in the State. The streets were only half-lighted at night for six months in the year, and with electric light they would be illuminated every night in the year.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—Could not they add £50 more for street lighting?

The chairman—They had estimated it for the whole year. They had not taken into consideration that new industries might be established here and increase the revenue, and that present ones such as chaff-cutting might take power. A £7 average per consumer was within the mark. Contrary to what some people thought, the electrical engineers did not want to go on with the scheme unless it was going to pay. Mr Christie had told him that if they got 120 consumers it would be quite safe to go on with it. He (the chairman) sincerely hoped they would not turn it down.

Mr D. F. Troy—His name did not appear on the list of consumers, but he did not say it would not. At the same time he thought they would have to go cautiously. He was not an expert, but had gone carefully into the figures. On a £5,000 outlay Beaufort showed an annual profit of £25. The speaker quoted figures (which he previously gave at a shire council meeting) in regard to outlay, revenue, profit and loss, and cost of wages and fuel in various country towns; the same having been abstracted from official balance-sheets.

The chairman—I think we are on a really good footing.

Mr Troy—The point was whether it was wise to go on with the scheme or wait a little while and see whether they could save much. They would have to alter it considerably to save £1000, and in saving £1000 they would only save £100 per year interest and sinking fund. That would be £4 per tenement. The estimated revenue of £700 he would assume was correct. If the prospect of others putting it in were realised, it would then be alright. A great many of those who promised to take the light would not use anything like the estimated average.

The chairman—On the other hand a great many would use more.

Mr Troy—A lot of householders would not pay more than £5 per year, but would buck and go back to kerosene. If the scheme were gone on with, it would get all the support he could give it, as he would instal the light at his private house, and it would probably be put on at his firm's shop, but he did not feel satisfied in his mind that they should go on with it.

The chairman—People would never put it out once they had it in.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—He had thought it out and felt that if they put it off like a water supply scheme in the past they would never get it. The only thing that seemed wrong to him was that supposing some who had promised dropped out, all those who were loyal to the scheme might have to carry the baby and be slated properly, and might consider pulling out, too. The only thing for the shire to do if such a state of things came about, would be to sell the plant and close the thing up. He did not think that would be done, but it was wise to think well over it. He would be only too pleased to light their place with it, and did not think they would regret going on with it. When those who had promised got it on, others would be so pleased with it that they would get it on, too, like they did with the acetylene gas and the telephone. He moved that they go on with the scheme.

Mr Troy—Before the motion was seconded, he desired to draw attention to a minute on the books of the shire that the light had to bear its own cost, the consumers having to pay for it. Unless the rest of the ratepayers clearly understood that, there would be trouble.

The chairman—They had already let them know that.

Mr Troy—If it came to the state of the few refusing to carry the baby, who was going to bear the cost?

The chairman—You are meeting a difficulty before it arises.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—They might well let that fly stick to the wall. There were a few who always hung off any new undertaking, and afterwards came right into it.

Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson, in seconding the motion, said his opinion was that a town the size of Beaufort without electric light, if not asleep, was in a trance. He had been in many places when on the railways, and the towns with electric light looked alive as far as business was concerned, whilst those without it seemed to be dead. For that reason alone, it would pay business men to pay more for it, as the outlay would be returned in other ways. They had put £60 on to the estimate for wages and increased the cost of depreciation, sinking fund, and interest, which brought the expenditure up to £1,145, against £1,251 in receipts, allowing for an extra 20 subscribers at an average of £7. The railway station paid £1 per week for lighting. The £100 put on for town pumping should bring the receipts £101 above the expenditure for the first year. The machinery was coming from England, and as a member of the Forests Commission had told him that coal miners there were going for £20 per week, he did not think there was much chance of prices coming down. He had worked out the cost for his house and found it cheaper, but for the sake of convenience and safety, he would be prepared to pay a higher rate for it than for the light he was getting now. If it went to 1/3 or 1/6 per unit he would be satisfied.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—The tenders had been extended to Jany. 10th. If they cancelled them and called for fresh ones, they would have to pay a jolly sight more money. There had been a big rise in wages last month in all trades. The extra cost would be nearly from 10 to 15 per cent.

Mr Muntz—Speaking as a resident of the town—he had nothing to do with the estimates and was not here in his official capacity—he knew that these engineers had based their estimate on what they had done other work for. That £7 seemed high, but they had installed dozens of plants and estimated the receipts on what they were getting at other places. They took the actual figures, and he thought they were reliable. The proper procedure, he thought, was that, as the council had employed a firm of engineers, they had to consider whether they could promise them 120 consumers. He thought they could say they would give them another £100 out of the water supply. They could submit these figures to the engineers and accept their advice as to whether they should go on with it. It seemed to him that they could practically offer them another £200 per [illegible] in revenue.

Mr A. H. Sands—He w[illegible] going on with the scheme [illegible] they would be most [illegible] if they did not have it. [illegible] Townspeople's League we[illegible] establish some new industries and one of the initial steps was the electric light, as the inducement of power offered would be a big factor. [illegible] they got electric light here, his firm would go in for power, and perhaps others would too. No doubt a certain amount of power would be used, and it might be the means of establishing industries they little thought of. He had no doubt it would pay.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—It would pay people like Mr Troy and himself with chaff-cutting plants to buy a motor and put it in. The running cost of electricity in Melbourne was cheaper than oil. He was in the Tarrant Motors establishment the other day and saw them dismantling their motors and adjusting the belts to run the machines by an oil engine. The engineer told him it would cost them £1 per day to run on oil, against 2/ or 3/ by electricity. The Eureka Pottery and Tile Co. was running on electricity, and found it would not pay them to run the machines by steam or suction gas, the cost of electricity being fully one-third cheaper. That was a fact that wanted bringing out.

Mr S. Young—About 12 years ago a petition was put on the council table concerning electric light. Only two signed it—Mrs Jackson and himself. He was still in favor of it, and if they had had it 12 years ago they would not have been here talking about it to-night. If they did not decide to put it in to-night, they would be here in another 12 years talking about it.

The motion was then put, and unanimously carried.

The chairman—Thank you. I am very pleased.

## MIDDLE CREEK.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The first load of the new season's wheat was delivered at the local railway station by Mr W. Roberts, [illegible] on Thursday, 4th inst. The grain is of good quality, and was received by Mr E. A. Fay, local agent under the local Government scheme, for the co-operative wheat group.

A heavy fall of rain occurred here on Saturday night, and continued until Sunday afternoon, about three inches being recorded. It has had the effect of hindering harvesting operations, which were in full swing here, and has also damaged some of the stacks which were partly built. The fall is not welcomed by graziers generally, as the grass which will shoot now will be burnt off later on by the hot weather which is sure to follow.


**FAMOUS PAINLESS DENTISTRY.**

WONDERFUL NEW IMPROVEMENTS. Artificial teeth and extractions. L. W. E. Thomas personally visiting—Wednesday, 19th Jany.


The annual meeting of the Beaufort Bush Fire Brigade is to be held on Monday evening.

The monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council will be held on Monday. Tenders are invited for several contracts.


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




## BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

**BOXING DAY SPORTS.**

Officials:—President, Mr A. E. Crick; vice-presidents, Messrs J. A. Bates and J. T. Glover; judges, president, Messrs Bates, W. J. Stevenson, D. Stevenson (cycling and footracing), and D. R. Hannah (woodchopping); referee and timekeeper, Mr R. A. D. Sinclair; starter, Mr T. Williams; assistant-starter, Mr W. O'Sullivan; bellman, Mr T. Dickman; stewards, Messrs W. R. Glover, P. Grant, R. Pitcher, A. Boyd, H. Cuthbertson, J. Day, and G. H. Cougle; protest committee, president, referee, and Mr D. Stevenson; handicappers, Messrs A. James (V.A.L. footracing), E. W. Robinson (woodchopping), W. R. Glover and J. Bates (cycling), W. R. Glover (trot); committee to arrange logs, Messrs D. Stevenson, A. Boyd, and W. H. Halpin; ticket seller, Mr W. Stevens; gatekeepers, Messrs H. Norman and C. Loe; secretary, Mr A. Parker.

The cool, fine weather experienced at Beaufort on Boxing Day was very welcome after the trying heat of the preceding week, and the rain which fell on Sunday allayed fears of bush fires. Therefore there was a good attendance of residents of the town and district, together with a sprinkling of visitors from other parts of Victoria, at the local Athletic Club's 48th annual sports carnival, held in the Park. The gate money amounted to £64, against £76/8/2 at the 1919 meeting. As a loss of £26 was incurred by the 1919 sports, the prize money for 1920 was reduced from £140 to £100, but this retrenchment did not appear to adversely affect the popularity the club has enjoyed for many years among athletes and the public. The fact of there being a big counter attraction at Ararat took the Middle Creek and Buangor contingent to that town, and made some folk dubious as to the success of the Beaufort sports, but, happily, their fears, did not materialise, for 24 pedestrians accepted for the Sheffield handicap for £27 in prize money, against 28 last year for prize money amounting to £50. This year there were also 21 acceptors for the Sprint, and the long-distance races, too, attracted good entries. The open woodchops and cycling, however, were not up to the standard of previous years, far too few entries being received. This fact is hard to account for, as fair prizes were offered. As these are the most popular forms of sport with the public, the club cannot afford to dispense with them, despite the fact that the discouraging response to their efforts to cater for axemen and cyclists would seem to justify their doing so. In the majority of events on the programme (including the local novice chop), the number of entries was satisfactory, and an enjoyable day's sport was provided. No accidents or disputes occurred. The park caretaker (Mr H. Norman) had the cycling and running tracks in good order, and visiting pedestrians were loud in their praises of the latter, which they regarded as equal to the Stawell track and among the best out of Melbourne. The handicappers showed good judgment in regard to competitors' marks, with the result that quite a number of close and exciting finishes were witnessed. Keen interest was taken in the principal event (the Sheffield Handicap), the winner being F. E. Field, of North Melbourne, who also won the Sprint. Field is a strong runner and finishes in dashing style. He is an artificial eye manufacturer by occupation, and carries a sample of his own goods in his head, having lost an eye when on active service abroad with the A.I.F. He was severely wounded in the war, and did not expect to be able to run again. The local cyclist, J. L. McErvale, also won a double (the mile and half-mile), his successes being popular. The Beaufort axeman, A. E. Crick, won the underhand woodchop after a keen tussle, but in the standing block contest he was beaten by his brother, C. T. Crick, after a splendid exhibition, by the narrowest possible margin. The club has always been fortunate in having a hard-working and enthusiastic team of officials, and they discharged their allotted tasks with the same energy and cheerfulness which characterised them in past years. Messrs A. E. Crick (president), J. A. Bates and J. T. Glover (vice-presidents), and A. Parker (secretary) comprised the club's "general staff," but the responsibilities of leadership were reduced to a minimum by the hearty co-operation of the loyal band of workers who filled the minor positions. As starter Mr Thos. Williams got the fields away promptly, and was both strict and fair in the matter of penalties. Mr Robt. Taylor, was lessee of the publican's and soft drinks booths, and the luncheon booth was in charge of Mr Les. Miles (who provided a tasty lunch for the committee). Mr A. J. Saph conducted the fruit stall. The holiday spirit being abroad, all the boothholders did brisk business. The crowd was a very orderly one, and Senior-constable Ellis (Beaufort) and Constable Pawley, of Lexton, had no unpleasant duties to perform. No bookmaker was present, so that the only betting done was of a private nature. A side-show helped to amuse the public. The footracing was particularly good, and several leading pedestrians took part, but, as usual, the bicycle-racing, wood-chopping, and equestrian events proved the more interesting and exciting to the crowd outside the chains. There was no band in attendance this year, and those fond of music had to be content with what little was provided by the feathered tribe in the trees. The Societies' Hall was packed at night, when the Amusu Picture Co. provided a [illegible] entertainment for the benefit of the club. Two enjoyable films were screened, the star picture being "[illegible] Wives" (featuring Dorothy Dalton). The gross takings were nearly £30, of which the club will receive about £18. There were 1318 admissions by ticket to the sports, and 396 to the pictures. There will probably be a small loss of about £3 on the meeting.

Appended are details of the various events:—

Sheffield Handicap, 130yds.—£20, £5, and £2.

First heat—E. J. Muntz, junr., 11½ yds. Time, 13sec. Won comfortably by about 3yds. Two starters.

Second heat—F. E. Field, 5½yds. Time, 13sec. The winner caught the others half way, and won easily. Three starters.

Third heat—J. Meuleman, 7yds. Won by 2yds. in 12⅘sec. Three starters.

Fourth heat—W. A. Stanley, 8yds. Time, 13sec. Won by less than a yard. Three starters.

Fifth heat—J. F. Gooden, 10yds. Time, 12 4-5sec. Won comfortably by a yard. Three starters.

Sixth heat—R. W. Cadzon, 10yds. (also penalised a yard for breaking). Won by about 6in. in 13sec. Three starters.

Seventh heat—W. Hunt, 8½yds. (walkover). Time, 14 4-5sec.

First semi-final—Field, 1; Meuleman, 2. Time, 13sec. Won by a foot. Three starters.

Second semi-final — Stanley, 1; Gooden, 2. Time, 13sec. Won by half-a-yard. Three starters. Cadzon was penalised a yard for breaking.

Third semi-final—Hunt (walkover).

Final—Field, 1; Stanley, 2; Meuleman, 3. Time, 12⅘sec. A fine race. Won by a yard and a half, with 2yds. separating second and third. Four starters. Gooden did not start. The winner's performance was a creditable one, as he cut out the distance in half-a-yard under even time.

Sprint Handicap, 75yds.—£5, £2, and £1.

First heat—F. E. Field, 2¼yds. Time, 8sec. Won easily by between three and four yards. Three starters.

Second heat—H. H. Roddis, 4¼yds., and C. Oman, 5½yds., dead heat. Time, 8sec. A splendid finish. Only starters.

Third heat—A. J. Eyckens, 8yds. Time, 8sec. An exceedingly close finish; almost a dead heat. Three starters.

Fourth heat—E. J. Muntz, junr., 6¼ yds. Time, 7 4-5sec. Won by about six inches. Three starters.

Fifth heat—I. H. Hay, 5¾yds. Time, 8sec. Won by a yard. Three starters.

Sixth heat—J. F. Wotherspoon, 6¾yds. (walkover).

First semi-final—Field, 1; Eyckens, 2. Time, 7⅘sec. Won by half-a-yard. Four starters.

Second semi-final—Hay, 1; Muntz, 2. Time, 8sec. A good finish; won by inches. Three starters.

Final—Field, 1; Hay, 2; Eyckens, 3. Time, 7 4-5sec. A fine finish; half-a-yard separating each of the placed men. Four starters. Field was penalised half-a-yard for his win in the Sheffield.

One-mile Bicycle Race—£5, £2, and £1.—J. L. McErvale, 40yds., 1; E. Fisher, 90yds., 2; R. Martin, 80yds., 3. Time, 2min. 24sec. Five starters. Won by two lengths, with a length separating second and third.

Underhand Woodchop (15-inch logs)—£10, £3 and £2.—A. E. Crick, 20sec. bhd. scr., 1; C. T. Crick, 18sec. bhd., 2; J. J. Dunn, 4sec. bhd., 3. Time, 1min. 28sec. Won by a few blows after a splendid exhibition; the third man finishing several seconds later than C. T. Crick. Four starters.

Half-mile Bicycle Race—£3 and £2.—J. L. McErvale, 20yds., 1; E. Fisher, 45yds., 2. Time, 1min. 6sec. Five starters; a good race; won by a length; about the same distance between second and third. V. Martin (45yds.) finished third. Keen interest was evinced in this event; McErvale being heartily cheered.

Standing Woodchop (14-inch logs)—£7, £2, and £1.—C. T. Crick, 20sec. bhd. scr., 1; A. E. Crick, 25sec. bhd., 2; J. J. Dunn, 12sec. bhd., 3. Time, 1min. 6sec. Three starters. Won by the smallest possible margin—less than a second; Dunn being several blows behind A. E. Crick.

District Novice Woodchop (12-inch logs)—£3, £1, and 10/.—Jas. Connor, 5 sec. bhd. scr., 1; Gil. Smith, scr., 2; A. R. Boyd, 15sec. bhd., 3. Time, 40sec. An exciting contest with a very close finish. Won by a blow; two blows separating second and third. Eight starters.

Fiery Creek Handicap, 220yds.—£5, £2, and £1.

First heat—F. E. Field, 6yds., 1; A. J. Eyckens, 17yds., 2. Time, 24sec. Won by two yards. Four starters.

Second heat—J. Meuleman, 7½yds., 1; R. W. Cadzon, 11½yds., 2. Won easily by a yard. Time, 24 4-5sec. Four starters.

Third heat—W. A. Stanley, 9yds., 1; C. Timms, 11yds., 2. Time, 24sec. Won easily by three yards. Four starters.

Final—Stanley, 1; Meuleman, 2; Cadzon, 3. Time, 24sec. The winner gained the judges' verdict by a yard and a half; only inches separating second and third. Six starters.

Flag Race on Horseback—£1 and 10/.—R. Lilley, 1; James Fraser, 2. Twelve competitors. This event aroused keen competition and was watched with great interest; the horsemanship of the youthful rider who obtained second place being much admired.

Handicap District Trot (20 miles radius), one mile—£3/10/, £1, and 10/.

First heat—W. Corbett's Tom Harold, 60yds. bhd. scr., 1; A. McPhie's Tiny, 60yds. bhd., 2; W. I. Halpin's Jean, 25yds. bhd., 3. Nine starters. Won easily by over a length.

Second heat—Miss L. Bell's Lexie, 100yds. bhd. scr., 1; W. McErvale's Bill, 50yds. bhd., 2; J. Rodgers' Rocket, 30yds. bhd., 3. Won by a couple of lengths. Five starters.

Final — Corbett's Tom Harold, 1; McPhie's Tiny, 2; Miss Bell's Lexie, 3. Time, 3min. 2sec. Six starters. Won by from four to five lengths, with a couple of lengths between second and third. Lexie was three-fourths of a lap behind the leading horse when the last round commenced, but she quickly shot ahead, and passing several horses in turn with the greatest ease, finished third.

Beaufort Handicap, 440yds.—£5, £2, and £1.—J. F. Gooden, 25yds., 1; F. H. Martines, 27yds., 2; T. B. Bates, 28yds., 3. Time, 51 4-5sec. Six starters. Won comfortably by 3yds., with 2yds. between the other placed men.


**FAMOUS PAINLESS DENTISTRY.**

WONDERFUL NEW IMPROVEMENTS. Artificial teeth and extractions. L. W. E. Thomas personally visiting—Wednesday, 19th Jany.

KAY'S "[illegible]," for Coughs and Colds, [illegible]


A meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club, to pass accounts connected with the Boxing Day sports, is to be held on Monday evening.

## RAGLAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A concert and ball were given on the 22nd ult by the young people, on the occasion of the return of the hall piano, which had been through the hands of Messrs Woodward, of Ballarat, for repairs. It proved to be in splendid order, and gave every satisfaction. The concert was a creditable effort on the part of the young people, the various items being nicely rendered. The choruses were especially good. The accompaniments were played by Miss Doris Tucker in excellent style. Unfortunately, the evening was very warm, and this resulted in the attendance being less than usual. The programme was as follows:—Chorus, "Take me Back to Bingville," company; violin solo, G. Gillingham; song, Mr W. J. Parson; song and chorus, "If I had Been a Girl," Mr C. Smith and company; song, "The Stowaway," Mr C. Stevenson; song, Mr P. A. Panther; song, "I'd Like an Egg for Tea," Mr G. Cuthbertson; chorus, "Your Girls," men of company; song, "You're in Style," Miss I. Grant; song, W. D. Smith; song, "Pal o' Mine," Mr S. S. Smith; song, Miss S. Grant; violin duet, Miss S. Grant and G. Gillingham; song, "Every Cloud has a Silver Lining," company; song and chorus, "The Only Girl I Love," Miss I Grant; duet, Misses A. Stevenson and I. Grant; song, "Smiles," Mr C. R. Stevenson; song, "I Wonder if the Girl," Miss I. Grant; song, "Bubbles, Blow," Mr S. S. Smith; song, "Dreaming of You," Miss I. Grant; song, "I'm Tired," Mr P. A. Panther. The ball was not as successful as usual, the weather being too warm for dancing. The music was supplied by Misses Alison, I. Grant, Cuthbertson, Messrs P. Panther, C. Stevenson, and Messrs G. and N. Gillingham and J. Stevens (violins). Messrs W. D. and S. Smith shared the duties of M.C.

## GOOD PRACTICES TRIUMPH.

**VALUE OF FERTILISERS.**

In the year 1920 an interesting stride was made in our knowledge of wheat growing in Victoria. It showed beyond possibility of doubt that it pays to increase the amount of superphosphate used in sowing the crop. Heavier allowances have proved that they put money in the pockets of the farmers. Following upon the information gained in 1919, that in the dry year also heavy allowances pay, this result is specially instructive. Up to the early spring 1920 was a comparatively dry year. Then abundant rains fell, and continued at intervals throughout the remainder of the growing period of the crop. Reports received from different parts of the State indicate that those farmers who were liberal with the manure have reason to bless their generosity. Thus we get from practical farmers corroboration of results obtained on Government farms. As usual, where the climatic conditions were so favorable to growth, the difference between large and light dressings varied. They were abnormal, and a good soil, reasonably well supplied with fertilising material, had a chance to develop to the utmost of its yielding capacity. Nevertheless, it can be confidently stated that on the average 100 pounds of super. to the acre paid better than 60 or even 80, and that on the average the farmer who did not spare the manure bill made more money than the man who did. Even the variation mentioned was noted where no fertiliser was used. In such a season a poor soil frequently yields as heavy as a fertile. But that fact does not convince the observant man that the former, in the average year, can be as confidently relied upon as the latter. Western Wimmera wheat growers are as keenly observant as any in Australia. The crop competitions annually held there have concentrated attention upon the methods which produce the best results. Almost to a man they have demonstrated the value of heavy dressings. An interesting example of the system followed is provided by Mr G. J. Glatz, of Dimboola. For the past four years he has been applying 100 pounds of super. to the acre, and obtained such encouraging returns that the tendency is to apply still heavier dressings. Mr Glatz, in the season just closed, reached a maximum of 112 pounds, but his crop returns are not yet available to show the added yield. In the Wimmera late sowing is increasing in popularity, hence the dressings are not more liberal for the last seeding. Nowadays, the late sowings crop as good as, if not better than, the early. Mr Glatz is convinced as to the value of heavy dressings, not alone in regard to the wheat crop, but also because of the more liberal showing of feed in the stubbles. With him heavy manuring has got beyond the experimental stage; it has come to stay.

Tenders are invited for remodelling, &c., Beaufort State school.

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR.

# OUR GREAT XMAS. FAIR.

Christmas, the Gift Season, comes but once a year. Make this one a time of joy. Show your goodwill by bestowing gifts on your friends.

**That vexing question, what shall I buy?**

Need not trouble anyone who visits our Store.
See the wonderful range of Presents in great profusion.
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Whatever you do, **do not miss our Xmas. Fair.**

**Our Xmas. Fair commences on Wednesday, Decr. 8th, 1920.**
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**BEAUFORT** (ALSO AT BUANGOR).


**ANNUAL MEETING BEAUFORT BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**, Shire Hall, Beaufort, on MONDAY, 10th inst., at 8.30 p.m. Business—Election of officers; general.
J. P. ROGERS, Captain.
W. H. HALPIN, Secy.

LOST, 9 Comeback Ewes, 1 Lincoln Ram (not branded), 6 woolly Lambs, top notch. Seen on back road to Lake Goldsmith. Finder rewarded. Apply W. H. HALPIN.

Department of Public Works,
Melbourne, 5th January, 1921.

TENDERS will be received until Twelve o'clock on Thursday, the 27th instant, for Remodelling, &c., State School No. 80, Beaufort. Deposit, £5. Security, £5 %.

Particulars and Conditions may be learnt at Public Works Office, and at the Police Station, Beaufort, and Inspector of Works, Ararat.

**SHIRE OF RIPON.**

TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing 5 per cent. each deposit (minimum deposit £1), will be received up to 11 a.m. on Monday, 10th January, 1920, for the following works:—

Contract 1/21, East Riding.—Supply of 500 cub. yds. quartz in Hope's Lane.

Contract 2/21, West Riding.—Supply of 300 cub. yds. spalls on the Beaufort and Stockyard Hill road.

Contract 3/21.—Supply of 300 cub. yds. spalls on the Beaufort and Streatham road.

Plans and specifications may be inspected at Shire Hall, Beaufort; also at Mechanics' Institute, Skipton.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

E. J. MUNTZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer.
Shire Offices, Beaufort, [illegible]

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**

**CLEARING SALE BY AUCTION.**

SATURDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1921,
At WATERLOO, at 2 p.m.

14 acres LAND, on which is erected an 8-roomed HOUSE, BUGGY SHED, STABLES, etc.
10 head CATTLE, 2 PONIES.

KELLY & McDONALD have been favored with instructions from Mr. ARTHUR KEWLEY to Sell by Auction as above. Full particulars next issue.
KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneer, Beaufort.

**SALE BY PUBLIC COMPETITION**

At SCOTT'S HOTEL, COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE.

FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1921,
At 11 a.m.

HOMESTEAD PORTION of the well-known TRAWALLA ESTATE (formerly owned by late Admiral Bridges),

Situated within 3 miles of Trawalla Railway Station and 8 miles of Town of Beaufort,

Comprising 8000 acres, in a compact area, in the Parishes of Trawalla, Brewster, and Lillirie, together with commodious mansion and all buildings necessary for proper working of the area. Immediate possession.

Terms— £11,000 Cash;
£12,000 on 14th July, 1921;
£12,000 on 14th July, 1922;
£12,000 on 14th July, 1923;
£12,000 on 14th July, 1924;
Balance on 14th July, 1925.

Interest at 6 per centum per annum will be charged on the unpaid balance of the purchase money.

The Trawalla Estate has been for many years noted for the production of the finest merino wool.

Plans may be obtained on application at Closer Settlement Board or Inquiry Room, Lands Department, Melbourne.

Auctioneers—Messrs Baillieu, Allard Prop. Ltd.

A MEETING of the Lady friends of the members of the Beaufort Bowling Club will be held in the Mechanics' on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

Business—To make arrangements for afternoon tea in connection with the opening ceremony.
A. L. WOTHERSPOON,
Hon. Sec. Beaufort Bowling Club.

**BEAUFORT BOWLING CLUB.**

THE OFFICIAL OPENING of the Beaufort Bowling Club will take place on SATURDAY, Jan. 15th.

A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to be present.
A. L. WOTHERSPOON, Hon. Sec.

**BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.**

A GENERAL MEETING of the above club will be held at the Mechanics' Institute on MONDAY evening next, at 8 o'clock, to pass accounts in connection with the Boxing Day sports.
A. PARKER, Secretary.

**BEAUFORT PUBLIC CEMETERY.**

APPLICATIONS are invited till 6 p.m. on Thursday next, 13th inst., for position of SEXTON. Salary, £24 per annum, with grave fees and quarters. Particulars as to duties on application to
A. PARKER, Secretary.

LOST, Gold Bangle, on Boxing Day. £1 reward. Apply this office.

LOST, Buggy Whip. Reward. Apply this office.

**AUCTION SALE.**

**630 ACRES LAND, HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, HARNESS, ETC.; ALSO VALUABLE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY.**

THURSDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1921,
At 1.30 p.m., at the residence of the late MRS. J. HOLDSWORTH.

W. H. HALPIN & SON and KELLY & McDONALD (Auctioneers in conjunction) have been favored with instructions from the Executors in the Estate of MRS. J. HOLDSWORTH, deceased, to Sell, on above date, as follows:—

LAND.

Lot 1. All those pieces of Land, being Allotments 15A, 15B1, 15B2, 16A, and 17B2, containing 278 a. 1 r. 31 p., Parish of Woodnaggerak, County of Ripon, adjoining the properties of Messrs J. McDonald and T. E. White. The improvements on the above property consist of 8-roomed House, 2 portable Rooms (8 x 10), detached Cottage (3 rooms), Dairy, Cart-shed, large Barn, and other Outbuildings. The property is well subdivided, with good fencing, and is permanently watered by springs and the Middle Creek running through the property. Title, freehold.

Lot 2. All that piece of Land, being Allotment 3B2, Parish of Eurambeen, County of Ripon, containing 323a. 2r. 26p. This property is well-fenced and situate on the Stockyard Hill road, about 4 miles from Beaufort. Title, freehold.

Lot 3. All that piece of Land, being Allotment 9F, Parish of Eurambeen, county of Ripon, containing 29a. 1r. 15p., adjoining the property of Messrs. J. Bates and D. Stevenson. Leasehold.

Lot 4. All that piece of Land, containing 1 rood (or thereabouts), being Allotment 6, Section 34, Township and Parish of Beaufort, adjoining the Mechanics' Institute, on which is erected Shop and Dwelling, containing 8 rooms and bathroom, also other Outbuildings, comprising Building, 18 x 12, iron roof; Shed, 36 x 15, iron roof; Stable, 27 x 15, iron roof; Buggy Shed, iron roof.

Lot 5. All that piece of Land, being Allotment 1, Section 14B, Township and Parish of Beaufort, County of Ripon, containing 1 rood (or thereabouts), situated opposite Mr J. Cochran's, on Main Lead road. Exceptionally good building site.

Lot 6. Allotment of Land, about 1 rood, opposite Railway Station, on which is erected 5-roomed House and other Outhouses.

STOCK, ETC.

20 head Mixed Cattle, including Springers, 2-year-old Steers, and Yearlings; 70 2-tooth Comeback Ewes and Wethers; 8 Buggy Horses, 1 Draught; set Single Buggy Harness, set Double Harness, 9 Collars, large quantity sundry Harness; Phaeton, Spring Dray, Trolly, 2 Hand Chaffcutters, about 500 Fencing Posts, about 400 Droppers, and a lot of other Sundries.

As this Sale is being held to wind up the Estate, everything is for positive sale. Intending purchasers will be shown over the property by the Auctioneers.

GEORGE GOE TONG (Ballarat's recognised leading Chinese Herbalist) visits Beaufort every two weeks, and may be consulted at the Camp Hotel.
All diseases skilfully treated.
Advice free.
Next visit to Beaufort—Thursday, January 20th.


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**E.P. WARE, CARVERS,**
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## THE SPECTRE OF WYDCOMBE GRANGE.

By ARTHUR W. MARCHMONT.

Chris Quennell sat in a corner of the third-class carriage in the Midland express as it tore its way northward. She was enjoying her journey across the winter landscape, and a magazine and some papers lay on her lap unheeded as she gazed out of the window.

She was gifted with a great share of her ancestor's beauty, and the charm of her present surroundings both interested and amused her. Now and again a smile flitted across her pensive, expressive features as she tried to picture the kind of reception in store for her, and her chief impression was amusement.

Her mother had made no enthusiastic response when she had written to announce her intention of visiting her husband's relations. Chris had gathered from her letter that the family, through a lamentable tragedy, had lost their heir. Mr. Quennell's death—"My dear Margaret, I wish you added one word of regret to help you, and I am going to do it now, that is, if you like the motion. Kiss—no!—this was his late wife—Sheila's stamp of a brother whom, like a woman, she imagined he loved. He died years ago, and left a bigger stamp of a son—Maurice Gresham—and Eleanor, when she died, asked me to help him if I could. People seem to look on me as a sort of amateur relieving officer. This young fellow has now done what his father's son was sure to do—ruined himself—and, like most men in that condition, concludes it is time he married. It's a sour remedy sometimes, and generally useless, but it may pay in this case. If you like to send your eldest daughter, Christabel—I choose her because I like the name—up to me for a month, I'll have the scamp here; and if they hit it off for the sake of the money, and she thinks she can cure him, I'll give them ten thousand pounds to live on, and do more when I die and don't want it myself. If after a month she deems the scamp too dear at the price, I'll give her five hundred pounds as a reward for her prudence. I've never seen the fellow, so she must judge for herself. But she stands to win anyway. If she decides to come, just wire me, and pack her off as soon as possible. If she decides not to come, write."

"I shall go, mother, of course," said Chris, promptly, the moment she heard the letter. "Not to marry the scamp, dear, but to earn that five hundred pounds."

"You're an idiot, child," said the mother, a sour-what hapless woman, whom the struggle with the world had worn out.

"Things, dearie? What things shall I want, shut up in a rambling, ramshackle old hall house in Cumberland? I'll just take such frocks as we can make possible in a day's sewing. And I'll start to-morrow. Think what lots of things five hundred pounds will do for us all."

"I wish you could win over your Uncle Gregory," said the mother weakly; adding, a little nervously, "I wonder what this young Gresham is like?"

"Don't think I'm going for that, mother," said the girl quickly.

But the question was not absent from her thoughts as the train rattled north and finally put her down at the junction, where a slow "stopping train" picked her up again and carried her to the small station from which there was a seven-mile drive to her uncle's house, Wydcombe Grange.

The drive was made in an old-fashioned chaise, up and down hills, over moors, and through wild lanes; and when she reached the long, many-gabled, illkept house, the winter night had closed in, and all the place looked desolate and weird.

The house was not much pleasanter inside—ill-lighted, dismal, and bare of comforts, while the girl's first reception was the reverse of cheerful.

A gaunt, bony, forbidding-looking woman received her with a rude stare and scarcely returned the pleasant greeting which Chris gave.

"You can't expect much here, you know," she said, bluntly; "but if you don't like it, you can go back the way you came."

The girl having heard a north country brusqueness, took this as a specimen of it, and made no answer, following the woman. She opened a door, and, putting her head in, said to someone, "Here's the other," and then made way for Chris to pass into a room, very large and very barely furnished, save for a couple of roomy easy-chairs by the fire, in which two men sat talking. They rose as the door opened.

"You should be more civil in your tone, Hudson," rapped out the sharp grating voice of an old man; and at the rebuke the woman grunted angrily.

"Come and shake hands, Christabel and let me look at you. You're not very pretty, but you've a taking face—for a girl." The, he shook his head. "Too good, I think, to be wasted on such a scamp as this good-for-nothing. You don't need any introduction—you two. You know what you're here for, so you may as well take stork of one another."

Chris laughed, and having not the least thought of looking on the man as a prospective husband, she was quite unembarrassed. But she was glad to see that her companion for the little comedy was pleasant, to look upon.

"An unconventional meeting, Cousin Chris," he said, in a baneful voice, with a smile that made his face very bright—"but I am very glad to see you."

"A scamp, he was very much like his father, his face belied him, for to-her his eyes seemed especially frank and honest, and they lingered on her quite long enough for her to see them clearly.

"I hope we shall be good friends," she answered. "I have had a long journey, and I'm glad to be my home?" she asked, and then the giant woman was called in again to show her the way.

When she returned to the drawing-room, having taken off her hat and jacket, she took her seat, and was talking pleasantly to the old man, when it tend such obvious signs of weariness, and the young man was invited in for Chris to eat, the former went out of the room, saying he would go and do what his mother had asked. As he passed Chris, he paused and slipped a substantial book, and a pen, into her lap.

"Put my name on the page where you like," said her uncle, as the door closed on the retreating figure. "Hudson's a good creature, and then he's about her mother, Sheila, and I can't think of dropping a name merely because there was money to be made by doing so.

"Different man wouldn't sell himself either," he returned, laughing heartily. "But you see I'm not a different man, so I'm here. And so, for the matter of that, are you. Why are we here?"

"Uncle Gregory told me that if I came for a month, till Christmas, and made his scheme failed—if I declined to turn reformer—I should have a sum of five hundred pounds. Is that right, Uncle?"

"Good! Lovely!" he cried, laughing again. "That's why I come. I've got the money, and I promise. I wanted to tell you, but I didn't know how. But I'm really not such a brute as I seem, and I'm no hand at my uncle's money. I'm bad, but not so bad as that. I'm awfully glad you spoke of it. Truth is, I was trying to drive you into saying something of the kind. As we understand each other, we shall be friends, as well as cousins and conspirators."

He stopped and held out his hand, looking down into her eyes with such a frank, honest look that she gave him hers, and they shook hands cordially.

"Now we've got to get through a month together, and I propose that we do the pleasant, so we can make the time a jolly one," and with that he began to chatter away on a hundred subjects, drawing her out, listening to her when she spoke, telling her anecdotes of all kinds, and proving himself such an entertaining companion that when they got back to the Grange she was flushed with the exercise, pleased with the bracing air, and told herself she had spent one of the jollest mornings she had ever had in her life.

The days slipped away in this fashion. If her cousin was the rascally scamp her uncle declared and he himself confessed, he found the change to the hills entirely to his liking. Seven a-thought did he appear to give to his billiards or his drink. When the days were fine the two went for walks, when wet they read together, and Gresham found an old volume in the dusty library which told him the history of the family and of the house.

"I'm glad there's a ghost here," he said one afternoon when they had been reading about one and sat back in the great armchairs by the fire to rest. "It'll come in handy for Christmas. But she, seems an aimless sort of spectre, as small, and pitiful as a sheet, and moans and sighs and groans about the place for the most part. Should like to see her. I'd have a pot at her with my revolver."

"She only comes when death's about," broke in the harsh tone of the housekeeper, who had entered the room unobserved. "If you'd seen her you wouldn't laugh."

"Have you seen her?" asked Chris.

"I know what I know," was the reply. "But if you were to shoot, the bullet would lodge in your own heart, if you paid attention."

"If we catch a sight of her it'll be a good title to carry back to town," said Graham, laughing. "You've less than a week now to be shut up here" he added.

Chris said nothing, but sat gazing into the fire and surprised herself by having to repress a sigh of regret.

"You'll be glad to be back with your people, I suppose?" His voice was a little eager, and when she gave no answer he picked up the poker and lunged rather viciously at the logs, send a blaze of sparks up the chimney. "It's been awfully dull here for you, of course." He looked across at her in the leaping light of the flames, but she hid her face and said nothing.

He waited for an answer, and when it did not come he got up and pushed back his chair, exclaiming, "It's a beast of a place," and went out of the room, leaving her very thoughtful and a little sad.

Three nights later, on the day before Christmas Eve, they went out together—they were always together—into the hall ghost-hunting. It was a long broad passage, and through the windows the brilliant moonlight flooded, making the shadowed corners glooming and dark by contrast.

She opened one of the casements and stood by it gazing out.

"Looking homeards?" said Gresham, at length, in a low voice that was almost like a crem.

"I wonder what they are all doing?" she replied, after a pause.

"You've only three days more of prison."

"Prison?" echoed Chris, lifting her eyes to his. "It has been no—Ah, you mean you are weary of the company and miss those things you can't have here. I forget, but you have played your part so well I"—She sighed but finish.

"I have felt my part," he answered, gently. "And when the curtain is rung down I shall—May I make a confession to you?"

"Another?" she asked smiling.

"Yes, and the worst of all in one sense, and yet the best. When the curtain rings down it will be on the sweetest act of my life. I hate this deception, and I'm glad it is going to be the signal for that curtain to fall. I know you will hate me for what I'm going to say."

But it was not from hatred that her heart was beating too quickly for her to trust herself to speak.

"I've been a cad a scrub, pitiful scoak. All that other confession of mine was a lie. But this one's true, and I can't bear that you should go away with it unsaid. I'm not Maurice Gresham at all! I'm Tod Talbot, his younger brother. Uncle Gregory doesn't know it, and I come down here to cheat him out of the money for Maurice's sake. And now—well, I'm punished enough for my fraud. I love you, Chris, with all my heart and soul; and you'll never speak to me again, I know. I'll tell Uncle Gregory the hit about I met and he kicked out of the house. I suppose. Try not to say too hard things, Cousin Chris, for I shall remember them all my life, and I'm a cowardly begger when I think of that. I'd have told you before, if I tried, when I found I loved you, though that was the first day, and I don't pretend to be a saint. Tears trembled in the girl's eyes, dimming the landscape, and making the moon grin and the wide sweep shimmer and glisten. But she had nothing to say.

His desperation was infinitely delightful to her, and while her judgement told her he had behaved abominably, his heart whispered that nothing he could do could kill her love for him, or make the thought that he loved her other than sweet and delicious.

Being unused to the ways of women he did not understand her silence, but feared to speak again.

Thus they stood a long time in silence, until a weird sound commencing in a low croon and swelling to a wild, mournful moan, broke the stillness of the night.

Chris started and shivered, and then clung to her companion, who felt her hand grasp his and put his arm round the trembling girl.

"It's the spectre of Wydcombe Grange," she said, when the sound died away; and he did not contradict her. He could forgive any spectre that brought Chris into his arms.

After a moment's interval, the sound was repeated.

"There's some derelment here," he said, after the second cry, to which both had listened very critically. "I heard a man's voice in a sort of guttural whisper between the two."

"So did I," said Chris, who, with a return of her common sense, gently disengaged herself from her companion's arms.

At this point a door at the further end of the hall was rattled violently, and then sang open without any apparent cause.

"I wish I had my revolver," said Gresham, running to the place and searching it, but without result.

Soon afterwards Hudson, the housekeeper, came in from the kitchen crying and holding her apron to her face. She was almost hysterical, and asked them if they had heard the moaning, and said that it meant death; that her dear old master had been taken ill and would surely die.

"Whose man's voice was that I heard?" said Gresham, sharply.

At the woman was more agitated than before, and cried and moaned and waved her arms about.

"I didn't hear it. I hoped it wasn't there—this time. Oh, poor dear master! When that is heard, it's sure death." And more than that she could not be got to say.

Thus, in the confusion that followed, and the trouble caused by the old man's illness, the explanation between Chris and his cousin could be carried no further.

The evening was a gloomy one. The uncle ruilled, but remained in his bedroom—which was on the ground floor—and whether of the injuriant to him, he told them not to stay.

The next day Gresham was sent off to bring the doctor, and when he returned he had to ride back again for the medicine.

Thus Chris and he scarcely exchanged a word during the day, and as the old uncle was very ill, they took table, was present at dinner, which for once was in the evening, it was agreed mutually, but without words—as young people in such circumstances can agree—to postpone telling him the truth about Gresham's deception until he should be better.

Late that evening the crisis came. Chris had been in her uncle's room, and needing something from the kitchen, she had reached the door of communication between the kitchen and the rest of the house when she was startled by hearing a man's voice on the other side of it. Instantly the suspicion of the previous evening occurred to her, and jumping to the conclusion that there was going to be a repetition of the spectral moaning, she resolved to fathom the mystery.

Realising that if she opened the door she would probably disclose the intruder, she ran upstairs and along the passages, and down by a second staircase, which took her nearer to the kitchen. She listened intently as she went, but heard nothing, and found the way clear as she crossed an open space and entered the kitchen, which was empty.

Crossing this, she heard the voices again—Hudson's and a man's—speaking in a very low tone. Unable to hear what was said, she stood a minute irresolute, and then, to her consternation, a door just outside the kitchen which led up from the cellars was opened cautiously, and Chris had barely time to dart back across the room and hide when Hudson and the man entered.

She would have fled but was afraid lest she should make a noise and be caught; and she stood listening, with fear-quickened pulses.

She soon learnt the whole story. The man was the housekeeper's son, and had been concealed for some days in the cellars, having been asked to the place by the woman to help in carrying out a horrible purpose—the murder of her old master.

The latter had made a will greatly benefiting Hudson, and believing now, from the manner of the woman, that his scheme to bring the cousins together in marriage was likely to be successful, he had told the woman that his will would be altered. She resented this ungrity, and determined to poison him before he had time to make the alteration. The first dose of poison had been given on the previous night, and they meant to complete the deed that night. None of the other servants knew the man was on the house, and they had been sent out purposely by Hudson, to be out of the way.

Further than that, Chris learnt that Gresham had been drugged, and she heard the two discuss what was to be done in regard to herself—that she was also to be drugged.

The deliberate callousness of the plot turned the girl cold and sick with fear, while the helplessness of her position appalled her. She was alone in the house with the murderers, save for the man, who had been drugged, and another, who, old and ill, was to be the victim.

She tried to get away, but as she moved a board creaked.

"Curse the old place!" exclaimed the man, starting nervously at the sound. "One might think it was haunted, really.

"It's only rats or something," answered Hudson, with a laugh. "Don't be scared. Get your shot on and go and give the old man another fright. It nearly killed him last night, and I took care to tell him that it meant his death-day, and told the doctor, too. The old man believes he is dying. So he is—but not as he thinks. Give that young Lummon gell a good fright, too. And if she tries to get bedroom and make a row, and find some way of quietening her, while you stop in and carry that young fool up to his room, and lock him in. Then the place is be still, and we can do our best and attempt to touch her drew away instinctively. In doing this, she trod on the sheet, and heard the sound of something that had fallen to the ground, and the improvised spectre stood revealed as a tall, pale, but resolute girl, with one arm grasping the plastol, and murmuring prayers for rescue.

The man uttered a gruff oath, his rage all the greater because of the cowardice he had before shown, and rushed towards the girl to seize her.

"Back, or I'll fire," she said, levelling the revolver.

"No more of your tricks wi' me, you young hussy," he scowled, without stopping.

In the quick succession three shots rang out, waking the echoes through the still house, followed by a cry of pain and a wild scream; and when the smoke cleared, the man was lying bleeding and moaning on the floor, and the woman had disappeared.

Chris ran to her uncle's room, and found he was still apparently unhurt, though unconscious.

The preparations which the two had made to kill him remained by the side of his bed.

She swept them into the fireplace, and having made sure that the woman was not concealed in the room, she locked the door, and ran upstairs to her cousin's room.

Hudson was the first to present from her terror, and came out slowly and cautiously, holding a light in one hand and a revolver in the other. In the dim light she saw the man under insensible her belongs. Then

With a dramatic gesture she pointed to the door, exclaiming:

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"This is rather a curiosity," remarked an artist the wife of a visiting a lady in her studio.

"Is she?" she replied in a tone of "I was out in the country one day," he went on, "and had all my materials with me except a canvas. But I found the prettiest little scene that I took out my handkerchief, stretched it upon my case, and painted the picture."

"Dear me!" exclaimed the lady. Then a look of horror came over her face as she went on: "Didn't you'll ever be able to wash all that paint out of it?"

Horror! A burglar! Miss Tabitha Tomkins raised her nightcaped head from her pillow, her short old body from her bed, but undaunted.

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

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**MARRIAGE.**

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**IN MEMORIAM.**

SUMMERS.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, who died January 15th, 1913.

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—Inserted by her loving daughter, J.Y.

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**LOCAL LAND BOARD.**

SCHEDULE of application, &c., to be dealt with at the Court House, Beaufort, on Thursday, 27th January, 1921, at 2 o'clock:—Parish and town of Beaufort—Saml. Young, 3 acres, allot. 29 and land adjoining Sec. 31A. To show cause against forfeiture:—Parish of Raglan—R. G. Lilley, 34 acres, allotment 4D, Sec. 63A.

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### Accident.

Mr Thos. Dickman, of Beaufort, sustained an injury to the shoulder on Wednesday through being thrown from a horse.

### Snake Seen in Town.

On Sunday night Mr J. Whitfield saw a snake in Neill street, Beaufort, near the Methodist Church. One had previously been seen on several occasions in a vacant allotment in the same locality which is used by Messrs Stevenson Bros. for storing old timber. Some weeks before Xmas. a snake was killed on the street in the vicinity, and on Wednesday another was killed on the Ararat road within the town boundary.

### Personal.

Mrs Alan Goode, of Beaufort, has been in indifferent health for some time past.—Mr W. P. Schlicht, a well-known local business man, was seriously ill during the Xmas. holidays, and was an inmate of Nurse Bellas' private hospital for a number of days. He is now convalescent.—Mrs W. Anderson, of Beaufort, was taken to the Ballarat Hospital by motor ambulance a fortnight ago, and it was understood that an operation for appendicitis would be necessary.

### Beaufort Athletic Club.

A meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club was held on Monday evening. Present—Messrs A. E. Crick (president), Bowe, Hannah, Cuthbertson, Parker, and Kelly. The secretary submitted an approximate statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the Boxing Day sports, the former amounting to £186/16/11 and the latter to £189/9/6, leaving a debit balance of £2/12/7. Accounts amounting to £63/3/8 were passed for payment. On the suggestion of the secretary, £1 was voted to Mr Norman for marking out the scratches on Xmas. Day. Mr W. Stevens was appointed auditor at a fee of £1/1/, on motion of Messrs Hannah and Bowe. The fixing of date of final meeting was left in hands of president and secretary.

### "Electricity and Progress Dead."

The action taken by the Ripon Shire Council on Monday in deferring the Beaufort electric lighting scheme for 12 months occasioned great surprise in the town, and the unexpected setback to what was regarded as a foregone conclusion was the subject of much comment by townspeople interested in the movement. The council, when the estimate of £5000 was exceeded by £1000, convened a public meeting, at which expression was given to the willingness of the people to bear the extra expense. In face of this fact many cannot comprehend what they regard as a sudden change of front by the council, who previously indicated that they would instal the light if the residents of Beaufort were prepared to contribute a rate per unit sufficient to make the scheme a payable concern. This, of course, applies to only one section of the community, a number of other people being of the opinion that the council was perfectly justified in its action, as the scheme was too expensive in view of the hard times ahead and the certainty of big reductions in prices later on. The flag on Cr. W. H. Halpin's office was flying at half-mast on Tuesday morning. When asked who was dead, that gentleman (who has taken the leading part in the proposal to electrically light the town) sadly replied, "Electricity and progress," and added that as the adoption of the scheme would have meant increased prosperity and it would have been a paying concern, he could not understand why the council turned it down.

### Beaufort Cemetery Trust.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Cemetery Trust was held at the Shire Hall on Thursday night. Present—Messrs Muntz (in the chair), O'Sullivan, Stevenson, and Parker (secretary). The resignation of John Johnston as sexton was accepted, to take effect on 31st inst. and William Fitspatrick was appointed to the position. The secretary reported that during the past year there were 16 interments and 9 sales of ground: the revenue from both sources amounting to £46/15/6. This is a decrease of £31/10/ on the previous year. The fencing is now in fair order, having been repaired and strengthened during the past year. When funds are available, the lodge and entrance gates might be painted. Naturally, in such a season as this, there is a large quantity of high grass in the cemetery; and it would be advisable to consider the best means of removing it, so as to prevent the danger of fires. The paths are in fair order. The Catholic portion of the cemetery has been greatly improved as the result of the recent working bee by members of that denomination. If the other denominations were to follow this example, a vast improvement would be made in the appearance of the cemetery. The sexton, after a service of a little over seven years, has resigned his position, and applications have been called with a view to filling the vacancy. The balance-sheet now presented to you shows that the receipts for the past year amounted to £80/15/8, and the expenditure to £69/12/, leaving a Cr. balance of £11/3/8, as against £34/0/2 at the beginning of the year.—Received. The accounts having been examined and found correct, the detailed statement and abstract were adopted, and the secretary was instructed to forward same to Board of Public Health.

### Beaufort Fire Brigade.

There was a fair attendance of members at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade on Monday night; Mr George Gordon (foreman) occupying the chair. It was decided to send a team to the annual demonstration, to be held in March at Warrnambool.

### A Silly Joke.

Some mischievously-disposed person with rather a warped sense of humor amused himself early in the week by hoisting a bough to the top of the flag pole on Camp hill, and running another branch up to half-mast. As considerable expense was incurred in placing the flagstaff there, anyone who is caught at these kind of tricks will not escape punishment.

### Bush Fire Brigade.

Owing to a deadlock being reached at the annual meeting of the Beaufort Bush Fire Brigade on Monday night (which is reported on page 1), the trustees (Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair, H. M. Stuart, and J. B. Cochran) met on Wednesday afternoon and decided to call a public meeting to consider the advisability or otherwise of winding up the affairs of the brigade. In the meantime, if the fire-cart and appliances are required, they can be had on application to either of the three trustees.

### Heavy Hailstorm.

On Sunday an unusually heavy hailstorm was experienced in the vicinity of Derry Farm, Lake Goldsmith, the property of the Ward family. It lasted about 10 minutes, and hailstones as large as pigeons' eggs fell. The ground was covered in a white mantle, and the locality looked as if were snow-clad. The disturbance must have been an isolated one over a very small area, as none of the neighbors had a similar experience.

### Beaufort Bowling Green.

Beaufort bowlers and their lady friends are looking forward to spending a pleasant afternoon on Saturday, when the local club's green in Neill street will be officially opened. The rinks look fit for the most ardent and fastidious woer of "Kitty" to play on, thanks to the careful attention given them by the caretaker (Mr Mair). Visiting bowlers will be present from various clubs in Ballarat and Ararat. Meetings were held by the club on Friday night, 7th inst, and Tuesday last, at which arrangements were completed for opening day, on which a gymkhana will take place. A varied programme of games was compiled, and stewards appointed to organise and get off same. Details in connection with the hiring and erection of a marquee were also attended to. It was reported that the membership of the club is increasing, about 40 members having been enrolled up to the present. The popularity of the game is plainly indicated by the large muster of enthusiastic players at the green every week-night and half-holiday, and their only complaint is that the curtain of darkness is dropped too early. At a well-attended meeting of the lady friends of the bowlers on Monday night, it was decided to provide afternoon tea at the opening function on Saturday, and as the coffers of the club are not overflowing, a charge of 1/ per head is to be made.

After several days of sultry weather, there was a cool change at Beaufort on Sunday night, when five points of rain fell. This week the weather has been cool. There was light rain again on Thursday, four points being recorded.

Considerable interest was taken by the many friends of the contracting parties in a wedding which took place at the Beaufort Methodist Church on Wednesday, when Mr William West, a Sailor's Gully returned soldier, was married to Mrs Gilles (a soldier's widow); the bride being the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Brown, of Beaufort.

The attendance at the Amusu Picture Co's. entertainment at Beaufort on Saturday night was not as good as usual, owing to the oppressive weather. The star films were the fine drama, with a strong love interest, "Heart of Youth" (featuring Lila Lee), and the powerful and vigorous American photoplay, "Waggon Track," in which Bill Hart figured in the leading role. To-night (Saturday) a splendid series of films will be screened.

PERFECT VISION.—MORRIS & MARCHANT, Opticians, of 298 Lit. Collins St., will visit Beaufort on Tuesday, Jan. 18th (morning only), and may be consulted at the Mechanics' Reading Room. Appointments made by Mr Bennett.

Messrs W. H. Halpin & Son and Kelly & McDonald (auctioneers in conjunction) announce the sale of 630 acres of land, horses, cattle, sheep, harness, etc., also valuable township property, at residence of Mrs J. Holdsworth, Beaufort, on Thursday, 20th inst., at 1.30 p.m.

Messrs. Kelly & McDonald hold a sale of 14 acres land, 8-roomed house, buggy shed, stables, 10 cattle, and 2 ponies, a/c. Mr A. Kewley, at Waterloo, on Saturday, 22nd inst. They will also offer for sale, a/c. Mr R. Holdsworth, at their office, Beaufort, on Thursday, 10th Feb., at 3 p.m., 320 acres land.

A wonderful opportunity of obtaining from W. E. THOMAS the new strong TRUEBYTE and ANOTOFORM TEETH, most suitable in the world for various shapes of the human face (square, tapering, or oval), also for biting and chewing food. They are of exquisite shade, the colour being most natural. Last a lifetime. This latest system, with new way of making plates, is the secret which gives satisfaction. Patients also obtain the advantage of our large stock of teeth, bought before the recent hundred per cent. rise in price. The latest in Painless Extractions, 1/- (equal to 5/-). Call first visit Beaufort, Wednesday, 19th inst.

During the Xmas. holidays Miss Ida Johnston, a young school teacher, had a fortunate escape from drowning at the Beaufort swimming baths, and incidentally the value of the lifebelts placed there was demonstrated. Miss Johnston, who is not a good swimmer, jumped off the springboard into 8 ft. of water and got into difficulties. She was noticed by Mrs J. R. Wotherspoon, who had the presence of mind to throw her a lifebelt. Miss Johnston had gone down twice and was sinking for the third time when she grasped the lifebelt, and kept herself afloat until rescued.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

### A NUISANCE.

To the Editor, *Riponshire Advocate.*

Sir,—Residents of the northern end of Beaufort, near the railway line, are occasionally subjected to a good deal of annoyance by the prolonged and seemingly purposeless blowing of a steam-engine whistle at Mr J. A. Harris' old aerated water factory, where a saw-bench is now worked. They were treated to another long, ear-splitting performance last Saturday afternoon, and as this kind of thing is becoming intolerable, and has been mistaken by residents in other parts of the town for a signal from a railway train in distress, it is about time the inspector of nuisances was approached and asked if he has any power to check this unreasonable noise.—Yours, &c., "FED-UP."

## RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1921.

Present — Crs. Hannah (president), Elder, Halpin, Russell, Beggs, McDonald and Roddis; Cr Stewart also attending after lunch.

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

An apology for his absence was received from Cr. Sinclair.

The president said that since last meeting, as councillors were aware, Cr Sinclair had lost his father, and the sympathy of his colleagues went out to him. He had lived to be a very old man, and in the natural order of things could not expect to live much longer. But death was always sad, no matter at what age it came. He moved that a letter be sent to Cr. Sinclair, expressing their sympathy for him in his bereavement. Seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From secretary to Forests Commission, notifying that commission will visit Beaufort on 9th Decr., re Mt. Cole State forest, and would be glad to meet representatives of the shire and other interested parties.—The president said that Cr. Sinclair and other residents had met the commission in conference. They promised to let the council know their decision, but as nothing had come to hand, they would have to wait until they heard from them. The commission had given them the idea that they had no intention of opening it at the present time. They had been on the mount for two days, and it should be left to them, and the council abide by their decision. The letter was received.

From Hon. J. Drysdale Brown, M.L.C., to same effect.

From Analytical Laboratory, intimating that seven samples of foodstuffs forwarded by Inspector Kelly for analysis complied with the standards.—Received.

From Public Health Department, intimating that the following remuneration of medical officers is recommended by the Commission of Public Health:—For boroughs and shires, a minimum of £50 per annum for a population of 5,000 or less and some allowance for travelling to be agreed to between medical officer and council, and that the salary should be increased at the rate of £10 per 1000 of the population over 5,000.—Received; the president expressing the opinion that they would have to do away with one of their health officers.

From Public Health Department, drawing attention to requirements of Commission of Public Health respecting the proposed Roman Catholic Hall, Beaufort, communicated to architects, and asking for report by shire engineer on completion of building.—Received.

From Education Department, re engineer's report that drain at boys' urinal at Beaufort State school is of faulty construction, stating that Public Works Department has been asked to furnish a report on the matter.—Received.

From State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, asking if council has any objection against the granting of the application of F. J. Carland for lease of 36a. 22.18p. of water reserve, south of allot. 24, sec. 1, parish of Raglan.—The engineer said there was a great deal of opposition to it in years gone by. It was just an ordinary shire dam on the back road from Carland's to Chute. To lie on table for a month, on motion of Crs. Halpin and Russell.

From Shire of Nunawading, asking whether council is willing to contribute towards cost of an appeal to the High Court as to whether land used by charitable institutions for trading operations and making money is really land used solely for charitable purposes and so free from rating.—Received.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, asking whether council desires this association to act for them in regard to wages awards for municipal laborers, workmen and artisans, the current award having expired on 31st ult.—To be left in hands of Municipal Association, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Beggs.

From G. F. Baldwin, Trawalla, complaining of stock belonging to Anderson & Son and Jas. Rodgers wandering on the roads, and asking council to get them shifted, and stating if they are not kept away he would get legal advice on the matter and sue for damages, as the council seems to foster them.—The president said Mr Baldwin had his sympathy, but some people wanted the council to do what they would not do themselves. Cr. Russell said a landowner could not impound stock unless he owned land on both sides of the road. Cr. Beggs said that undoubtedly it was a nuisance. It was not allowed in a civilised country, and it was time the council took it up. He moved that Mr Baldwin be informed that it is not illegal for stock to wander on roads, but that if they injured his fence he could take action. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

From W. J. Shannon, Skipton, W. R. Glover, Beaufort, and D. Thomas, Beaufort, applying for renewal of slaughtering licences.—Granted under usual conditions, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Halpin.

From Shire of Colac, re Closer Settlement Board paying rates on properties acquired for soldier settlement while in its occupation, considering that as the amount paid by the board would be allocated among and be made a charge against the successful applicants for the land, it is not in favor of taking action as suggested.—Cr. Russell said that was not the point they asked about. They wanted the Government to pay the rates, but not to make it a charge on the returned men. No reply had been received from Grenville Shire, although they had decided to give their support, especially in regard to Mt. Bute. Cr. Roddis said Grenville had appointed its president as a delegate on a deputation. The president did not think it would be of much use this shire and Grenville going. Cr. Russell said it was going to affect this shire a good deal. He did not know how long it would be before Trawalla was settled, but it was quite on the cards that it would be six months; and the loss of the rates for that time would make a big hole in the revenue of the shire. If Grenville agreed to support them they should not let it drop, but should write to the Closer Settlement Board, and if they did not show them any consideration, then they should send a deputation to the Minister. Cr. Roddis thought they should send a deputation. Cr. Halpin said it was altogether different to the ordinary thing, as a vendor paid rates up to the time a buyer took possession. The Government appeared to be doing something altogether unusual, and he thought their parliamentary representatives should be asked to wait on the Closer Settlement Board and point it out. Not only did they propose to put the charge on to the soldiers, but there was also the loss of revenue to the shire. He moved that their parliamentary representatives be asked to interview the Closer Settlement Board, and if there were to be a deputation to the Minister, that the president be appointed. Cr. Russell, in seconding the motion, said the Government was not losing either land or income taxes. The secretary, in reply to Cr. Halpin, said that the owners of Trawalla would pay rates to the 1st inst. Cr. Elder said there was bound to be a lot of other shires similarly affected. Cr. Russell was sure that Colac would come in if it were pointed out to them that the idea was not to make it a charge on the soldiers, but to get the Government to refund the rates lost by the shires. On the suggestion of the president, the motion was altered to read—That the whole of the shires be circularised re a deputation to the Minister on a date to be fixed, and that their parliamentary representatives be asked to arrange a deputation. The engineer suggested that the Government be asked for a grant equal to the amount of rates due on these estates. Cr. Russell thought it should also be pointed out that no shire in the State could afford to lose rates, and that they did not want the rates refunded at the expense of the soldiers, but it should be made good from the general revenue. The motion was carried.

From A. W. H. Rowley, inspector of nuisances, reporting that M. Shannon's slaughteryard at Skipton is well-kept and clean and in a satisfactory condition, and that a yard in which 3 pigs are kept, 30ft. distant, is also in a satisfactory state.—Received.

From Constable J. M. O'Brien, Snake Valley, reporting that Mr Geo. Snell's slaughteryard was clean, well-drained, and fit for slaughtering purposes. He keeps swine, and the provisions of the Health Act have been complied with. A renewal of the licence was recommended. Sutherland and Kilfoyle did not go on with their premises, having gone out of the business soon after lodging their application.—Received.

From Senior-constable J. T. Ellis, Beaufort, reporting that slaughteryards of W. R. Glover, D. Thomas, and W. Holdsworth were clean and in good order; that he had arranged to have a little limeing and general cleaning up done, and would visit the slaughteryards regularly through the summer months to see that they were kept in a sanitary state. Mr Holdsworth had not carried on the noxious trade establishment for some years.—Received.

From V. J. Parson, Raglan, intimating that at a public meeting on Tuesday, 4th inst., it was decided that the council be asked to expedite the carrying out of the work recently approved of round the Raglan Hall, and to have the guard rails on culverts between Raglan and Beaufort put into proper order.—Referred to North Riding members, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Elder.

From same, stating that at the same meeting Messrs Jas. Stevens, Edmund J. Tiley, James Tiley, Percival Panther, and Wickliffe Dobie Smith were nominated as trustees of the Raglan Public Hall.—Received.

From J. P. Turnbull, Streatham Road, Skipton, asking council to form road from Turnbull's corner to Banongil bridge.—Referred to West Riding members, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Halpin.

From Victorian Railways, forwarding pamphlet re railway freight service.—Received.

A petition was presented by Cr. Beggs from 85 ratepayers, asking that present regulations dealing with wandering cattle be modified, as they considered the present means far too drastic in bringing respectable residents to a court of law to decide such a trifling issue. They pointed out that parents with five or six children had been compelled to sell their cows through not being in a position to pay probably a second fine.—The engineer stated that 61 of the ratepayers who signed the petition lived in Beaufort and 23 outside the town. The president remarked that this was something knotty to deal with. Cr. Halpin, speaking as a ratepayer, said that some cases were too drastic, and that others were not drastic enough. He was absolutely against wandering stock being allowed in the town, but did not believe in the way some people had been treated. He knew of several cases where residents paid commonage fees for their stock in the Common paddock, and owing to the gates being left open or the fences cut, their stock had been let out and they had been prosecuted through no fault of their own. If a cow were registered, and the herdsman saw it out of the paddock, it was his duty to put it back. He thought the petitioners meant by modifying the regulations that wandering stock should be impounded. The president—They know as well as you do that we tried that and found it useless. Cr. Halpin said that when the fence was cut it should have been reported to the police. The president—You are a Common manager. Cr. Halpin said he did not know how he stood, it being months since they had a meeting. If a cow were found in the town he thought the householder owning it should be given an opportunity to explain why it was there, and not be summoned. He did not hold a brief for anyone, as councillors knew that he was absolutely against wandering stock being allowed in the town. Those paying commonage fees should be given consideration. The summoning had had this effect, that very few wandering cattle were found in the town. It was mostly young stock. Some made a practice of turning their stock out and not paying commonage fee—those were the ones they wanted to deal with. It was pretty hard that people had to get rid of their cows. The president said now that they had a new herdsman he might show better discretion. He could say a lot, but perhaps the least said the soonest mended. Summoning was the greatest weapon they had. If they did anything they should remove the by-law altogether. He would say, don't modify it, but wipe it out altogether if the people and the council want the cows in the streets, as it would only be playing into the hands of those who defied the council to modify it. He was right against the idea of not prosecuting offenders. Cr. Beggs thought the fences should be kept in order. The secretary said the new man had been spoken to about keeping the fences in order. Cr. Halpin said Mr J. Glover had repaired the gate and would not take anything for it. The president said that as there was no road there should not be a gate. Cr. Halpin said the gate was wanted for people who were using the paddock. The fence had been cut half-a-dozen times to his knowledge, and half-a-dozen wires were down now. Why prosecute men who put their cows there in good faith when there was so much laxity on the part of the Common managers, himself included, although he had reported it? But if it were reported to the police it would be an easy thing to find out who was carting from there. The secretary said that one of the duties of the new herdsman was to repair the fences. The president said that Cr. Halpin was the chairman of the Common managers. Cr. Halpin—Not now; the whole council are the managers. Cr. Roddis thought it was time it was put on a proper footing, as under the new system they had no report. They were getting their necks in a noose. They had appointed a man at last meeting, and now they had a petition, and now found that the fences were cut. It should have been reported to the council straight away, as this was only making a fool of the council. He thought the North Riding members had been very lax in their duties. Cr. Halpin—Talk sense; you can't teach us our duties. Cr. Roddis retorted that the Common managers had not had a meeting for years. Cr. Halpin said he was not going to sit there and be insulted by Cr. Roddis. The president said it was not right for Cr. Roddis to criticise his colleagues. Cr. Roddis said if it were not the Common managers' fault it was the council's fault for not having a meeting. The president said there was something in what Cr. Roddis had said as to the management, but that was not the fault of the North Riding members, as the whole council was responsible. The very fact of the wires being cut and cattle getting out of the paddock showed that the management was lax. He was hoping that under the new management things would alter, and that the fences would be kept in proper repair. The herdsman should either attend the council meetings or send a report to let them see how things were going. Cr. Halpin said he was not going to take any blame for lax management. When he knew the fences were down or cut he had reported it to the office, and if it had not been attended to he was not to blame. The president replied that he was not blaming Cr. Halpin personally. Cr. Halpin retorted that it was downright impudence on the part of Cr. Roddis to blame the North Riding members. Cr. Elder then moved that the petition be received and no action taken. Seconded by Cr. McDonald, and carried. Cr. Halpin—On behalf of the ratepayers signing the petition I thank you for receiving the deputation.

REPORTS.

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

1. Land applied for by Mr Guyatt includes most of the land in the centre of the town formerly occupied by cottages held under miners' rights. Provided that land required for children's playground is reserved, there seems no reason why it should not be selected. As this practically abandons Waterloo as a township, the question of maintenance of water supply will come in later.—Cr. Halpin said that Mr Guyatt was leaving the district and was not going on with the application. The engineer said it was a very good job, as it practically took in the heart of the township. If Waterloo revived it was just the place where houses under miners' rights would be put. It was decided, on the motion of Crs. Beggs and Halpin, that the council has no objection to a grazing license being issued, but considers the land should not be permanently parted with in view of the possibility of its being required for residential purposes.

2. Mr Bradshaw is proceeding with earthwork on his contract, but is not ready for crusher. I suggested that he should interview the council to-day. I anticipate considerable difficulty in getting team for crusher.—Action of president and Cr. Elder in getting a guarantee from Contractor Bradshaw that he would start crushing on Monday was endorsed, on motion of Crs. Roddis and McDonald.

3. The Beaufort water supply is holding out very well this year, thanks to the frequent changes. Jonathan's reservoir is still practically full.—Received.

4. Mr J. Nothnagel is still unable to resume work.—Received.

5. I have called tenders for three contracts, returnable to-day. Owing to shortage of men, competition is not likely to be keen.—Received.

6. Two places on the Lake Goldsmith road have been damaged so frequently by water that I propose as soon as possible to back them up with spalls.—Received.

Cr. Elder drew the engineer's attention to a culvert near Keating's property on the back Streatham road being broken through.

The treasurer (Mr E. J. Muntz) reported that £1419/9/1 had been received and banked since last report; that £672/16/6 had been paid by cheque and £77/8/9 in interest and bank charges; that the overdraft was £1363/17/8, as against £2033/1/6 at last report; and that the Cr. to the vermin destruction a/c. was £59/9/11.—Received.

The secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) reported that the financial position of the ridings was as follows:—North, Dr. £1337/7/5; East, Dr. £42/16/4; West, Cr. £272/14/4; Beaufort water supply, Dr. £448/11/3; trust a/c., Cr. £178/15/; total Cr. balances, £451/9/4; Dr. balances, £1828/15/; net Dr. balance, £1377/5/8.—Received.

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the finance committee:—A. Parker, £16/15/6; Arnall & Jackson, £25; salaries, £58/10/10; Mrs Evans, £2/10/; H. Norman, £15/15/; Senior-constable Ellis, £3/15/; Constable Rowley, £1/5/; Constable O'Brien, £1/5/; secretary's petty cash, £2; engineer's petty cash, £4/6/; Cr. Hannah (president's allowance), £15; U. O. Thomas, £2/15/10; W. L. Fay, £3/16/9; Victorian Government—water supply loan interest £81/0/10, redemption £7/14/6; G. A. Gellie, £2/5/; C. Morvell, £24/5/; A. and R. Jagwerser, £1/5/3; A. J. Skene, £6/3/; Yeoman Bros., £2/14/3; J. P. Rogers, £19; Troy Bros., £4/1/11; Jas. Ryan, £4/14/6; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., £3/8/1; L. Baker, £2/11/; R. Ward, £3/8/4; Hawkes Bros., £27/6/10; T. Cleveland, £3/8/; W. Lucardie, £7/2/; J. Nothnagel, £12/7/9; T. Nugent, £18/10/; J. Gillespie, £17/5/4; H. M. Stuart, £3/6/; vouchers, £58/13/4, £18/9/, and £18/18/; G. Carver, 15/; municipal association, £4/4/; Postmaster-General, £1; State Accident Co., £3/11/; trustees I.O.R. Lodge, £100; Victorian Government (vermin destruction), £52/17/6; total, £615/19/4.

The following Country Roads Board a/cs. were recommended for payment:—H. Dawson, £3/5/; Shire of Ripon, £4; W. Riley, £19/10/; voucher, £3/2/8; total, £29/17/8.

TENDERS.

Contract 1/21, East Riding.—Supply of 500 cub. yds. quartz in Hope's Lane.—J. W. Nunn (accepted), £93/15/.

Contract 2/21, West Riding.—Supply of 390 cub. yds. spalls on the Beaufort and Stockyard Hill road.—John Carmichael, £101/5/, referred to West Riding members.

Contract 3/21.—Supply of 300 cub. yds. spalls on the Beaufort and Streatham road.—John Carmichael, £101/5/, referred to West Riding members.

The engineer said his estimate was £90, but the reason the tenders were referred to the West Riding members was so that they would agree whether the work should be done and decide on the quantity.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The matter having been discussed in committee, Mr Muntz was, on the motion of Crs. Roddis and McDonald, granted permission to act as consulting engineer to the Shire of Grenville for 12 months; Crs. Beggs and Russell voting in the negative.

Cr. Richardson, president of Grenville Shire, on behalf of Cr. Rowe and himself, thanked the council for the consideration shown to them, and said they had come to an arrangement with Mr Muntz which he thought would be to their mutual satisfaction.

Cr. Halpin, in view of the sad calamity that had happened at Warrnambool, moved that instructions be given to the caretaker to see that the boats used on the lake at the Beaufort Park are seaworthy, are not allowed out unless in charge of a capable person, and are not overloaded, especially when children are in them. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried; the engineer assuring the council that the boats were perfectly safe.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The president, who had been unable to attend, reported that the public meeting of ratepayers of Beaufort had unanimously decided to recommend the council to adopt the electric lighting scheme. Cr. Halpin gave a resume of the proceedings (which have already been published), and urged the council to accept the tenders (postponed till this meeting). He gave the assurance that not only would the 120 consumers required to make the scheme pay be obtained, but that fully 25 per cent. more would be secured.

Cr. Beggs was of opinion that it should be held over until prices fell. He did not think they would get an average of £7 per year from the consumers, it being more likely that a number of people would not take it on account of the higher price. He was told that only 11 people were at the meeting. The report said 14, and he was not going to say it was not correct. The speakers were from the larger establishments, and were prepared to pay for it, but it did not follow that they would get the great bulk of the people to take the light. It would be running the shire into a vast expense at a time when everything was in a bad position. He maintained that it was the wrong time to enter into big public expenditure, and that they should not spend £6000 on a scheme when perhaps £4000 would do in 12 months' time.

Cr. Halpin replied that most of the points mentioned by Cr. Beggs had been discussed the other night, and the opinion was expressed that the electric light would not be any cheaper in 12 months. He ventured to say that if fresh tenders were called they would not get it at the present price. Men who had spoken similarly to Cr. Beggs turned right round and were unanimous in deciding on adopting the scheme.

Cr. Beggs wanted to lay stress on the fact that people in a large way wanted the light and were prepared to pay the increased cost, but he would like to know what those who were less well off were prepared to do. Would they have to pay if the current passed their house? Cr. Halpin—Not unless the light were installed.

The president mentioned that an owner of a cottage had told him that it cost him £5 per year for kerosene, and adding the cost of glasses, it would be cheaper for him to have the electric light, and he would go for it.

After the luncheon adjournment, Cr. Halpin moved that tenders be accepted for the electric lighting scheme. Replying to Cr. Stewart, who said the public meeting was very poorly attended, he maintained that it was a very representative gathering. If there had been any objection by poorer people, it would have been made to the council. He could not understand anybody turning it down. They should be progressive. Only the consumers would have to pay for it. He hoped they would carry the resolution, and thought it would be a reflection on the ratepayers if they turned it down.

Cr. Elder maintained that Beaufort had not gone ahead, and that there was nothing in the district to keep it going. The riding was in a poor position now, and there was nothing to finance it. They were not justified in going on with the scheme. He moved that the matter be deferred for 12 months.

The president asked if there were any seconder to Cr. Halpin's motion.

Cr. Russell said he would second it to test the feeling of the council. He was very keen on seeing the electric light in Beaufort. He did not know whether this was the proper time to get it, but would not like to see it shelved. It would be a real good thing to get the electric light.

Cr. Roddis believed it would be a good thing for Beaufort, but when he read to-day that the North Riding had a deficiency of £1300 he could not see how Beaufort was progressing. They would have to depend on the outside ridings for the interest on the loan, and it would be better to defer it. As other ridings would have to carry the burden on their shoulders, they should have a guarantee from the people here that they would bear the burden.

The president replied that they had sufficient guarantee in the fact that the East and West Ridings had six councillors to 3 in the North, and would jolly well see that they were not burdened with the expense of the electric light.

Cr. Roddis seconded Cr. Elder's amendment.

The engineer pointed out that the scheme showed a profit of £150 for the first year, and that the revenue had been based on that of other places where the light had been installed by their electrical engineers. He did not think it was possible to do the work cheaper in 12 months, as the duty was the cause of the increase, and that would probably go up. He was sure they would get more than £25 a year for power. If tenders were called again he was sure that prices would be considerably higher. As the revenue would cover the cost, why turn it down? Replying to Cr. Elder, Mr Muntz pointed out that Beaufort was much more solid to-day than it was 10 years ago, as proved by the better quality and larger number of residences.

The president thought that if they postponed it for 12 months it would kill it altogether. It was not wise to wait till they could finance it, as they might wait till they were old men. Councillors should have sufficient confidence in the district to instal the plant. The ratepayers of Beaufort had been consulted twice, and in each instance had given a unanimous yes, and said they were willing to pay for it. As an outside representative he had sufficient confidence in the town to vote for electric lighting to-day.

Cr. Beggs again expressed the opinion that the time was inopportune, and would like to postpone it till the financial crisis had passed, so that they would know where they were.

Cr. Halpin gave notice that in the event of his motion being defeated he would move that the matter be postponed for three months.

The motion was negatived by five votes to three; the president and Crs. Russell and Halpin voting for the motion, and Crs. Elder, Stewart, Beggs, McDonald, and Roddis for the amendment.

Cr. Halpin [illegible] proceed with the further amendment. He said he was very sorry his resolution was not carried, and [illegible]

## BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, JANY. 10TH, 1921.

(Before Mr W. W. Harris, P.M.).

BAR DOOR OPEN.

Supt. A. Nicholson, licensing inspector, v. Marianne Halpin, licensee of Camp hotel, Beaufort, having her bar door open on Sunday, 31st Oct., 1920, at 10.30 a.m.

Supt. Nicholson, who said the case had previously been heard on 6th Decr. and adjourned, outlined the evidence.

Constable A. G. Evans gave evidence that at 10.30 on Sunday morning, 31st Oct., he went through the main entrance of the Camp hotel to the bar parlour. There he saw Mrs Halpin and two men. The bar door was open. A moment later Mr Halpin came from within the bar. In reply to questions, Mr Halpin said he was getting change for Mr Cushing. Witness asked Messrs Meehan and Cushing their reasons for being there, and they said they had come in for breakfast. Witness went into the bar and saw a considerable number of inverted glasses on a tray. They were wet, and in reply to a question, Mr Halpin said he had not washed them that morning. Later he told witness that he had forgotten that he had washed the glasses used the previous day. Witness explained to the licensee what he had done, and she would not come and see for herself. She said she was preparing breakfast for these two gentlemen, and did not know what was going on.

To the P.M.—The two men on the premises lived about eight or nine miles out.

The P.M.—Is the licensee not here?

Mr Halpin—May I appear for my wife?

The P.M.—How can you? She should be represented by a solicitor.

Mr Halpin—If I had known I would not be allowed to appear, I would have employed Mr Young, but I appear for her generally.

The P.M.—You have no standing whatever. You have been neither called nor summoned by defendant as a witness.

In answer to the P.M., Supt. Nicholson said he had no objection to Mr Halpin giving evidence.

William Henry Halpin, husband of the licensee, stated on oath that he was in the bar when the constable came in. Messrs Cushing and Meehan were sitting on the bar parlor sofa, and the former paid for meals for Mr Meehan and himself. Witness was getting the change out of the till for a cheque for £1. Mr Cushing remarked, "Why don't you close the bar door? Constable Evans is coming down the street." Had witness been serving drinks or intending to get them, he would have locked the bar door. In regard to what the constable said about the glasses, witness meant to infer that he did not wash any that had been used that morning. He washed glasses every morning, and there were 30 odd on a tray that he had washed that morning. The counter was perfectly dry and there was no sign of any trading.

The P.M.—The licensee is not charged with trading.

Witness, in answer to Supt. Nicholson, stated that the men paid for their meals before receiving them.

The P.M.—You knew the bar door should be closed. Why did not you close it? It is funny you should have to go into the bar every time to get change.

Witness—He would make this appeal, seeing it was a technical offence—

The P.M.—It is an absolute breach of the law. There is no technicality about it. Defendant would be fined £5.

Supt. Nicholson asked for 7/6 costs, which were allowed.

COLLECTOR'S LICENCE.

Mitchell Welsh applied for renewal of a collector's licence, which was granted.

TRUANCY CASES.

Senior-constabe J. T. Ellis, summoning officer of Education Department, v. James Grant for neglecting to send his daughter, Isabel, to school the required number of days. The prosecuting officer gave evidence that the girl was aged 13 years and nine months, and lived a mile and a half from the school. The excuses were given that she was wanted on one half-day, that on another half-day she went to Beaufort, and that she was home a full day owing to a sore throat. In answer to the P.M., Constable Evans said the parents were not poor people. Defendant was fined 5/, in default 24 hours' imprisonment.

Same v. Mary Johnston, on a similar charge in regard to George Tiley (of whom she is guardian). Defendant said she thought she kept the boy home one half-day and a whole day. Senior-constable Ellis gave evidence that the boy resided a quarter of a mile from the school, and had attended six out of eight half-days. Defendant—She was the child's guardian. The P.M. said he would take that into consideration, but defendant must send the boy to school on all possible occasions. She would be fined 2/.

ALLEGED OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Constable A. G. Evans v. William Nicholas King, using obscene language in a public place at Beaufort on 30th Decr., 1920.

Same v. Thos. Frederick Grantley, on a similar charge.

King pleaded guilty; Grantley's plea being not guilty.

Supt. Nicholson, in outlining the evidence, said a sale was held at the Commercial hotel on the date in question; a number of women being present. These two young men had a dispute, and used filthy and disgusting language in the presence of the whole company. A man named Webb told them they ought to be ashamed of themselves for using such language.

George William Webb, laborer, Beaufort, stated on oath that he was at the Commercial hotel sale on 31/12/20. He saw the two defendants there. They were having an argument, and used a little bit of rough language. There were two things he took exception to. In his opinion one defendant was as bad as the other. He heard Grantley use one expression he did not care too much for. The bad language written on the piece of paper (produced) was used by both defendants. Witness walked up and drew their attention to where they were, and he heard no more. He was in and out of the gate from this on until the sale finished.

To the P.M.—Witness could not say what time in the afternoon it was, but he was there from 2.30 till 4. Neither of defendants had liquor in his opinion, but both were very excited.

Grantley—He did not remember Webb coming to them and asking them to stop the language.

Webb—He spoke to both, and knew both slightly.

King—I never heard Webb say anything.

Webb reiterated that he spoke to both.

King—I never heard you speak to us, and never saw you, in fact.

Constable A. G. Evans, Beaufort, gave evidence that at about 3.30 p.m. on 30th Decr., the defendant, Grantley, came to him and complained of something that happened at a sale at the Commercial hotel. Witness went with Grantley down the street and saw King. He asked Grantley to repeat in King's presence the words that he complained of King using to him. Grantley did so. They were the words appearing on the paper (produced). King said to Grantley, "You used some language to me, and your language was just as obscene as the language I used to you." Grantley said he would give King in charge. Witness said he would enquire into this, and if there were anything in what King alleged, he would summon both of them.

To the P.M.—King alleged that Grantley said to him, "You are nothing but a b——d." Grantley said that he only replied by saying "ditto" to anything King said to him, and that he did not actually use the words. Grantley stated that he had been called "a dirty rotten b——d," "a low-down cur," and "a cowardly ——," by King."

Grantley—I never used the words complained of at all, and did not say anything about b——d. It is a practice I never make use of.

William Nicholas King, Beaufort (who was called by Supt. Nicholson), sworn, stated that he remembered going into the yard of the Commercial hotel at 3.30 on the afternoon of 30/12/20. He saw Grantley there, and told him he wanted to see him. He then asked Grantley what he meant by a word he said to him the night before. Grantley said he did not mean it for him at all, and he then asked Grantley to come away from the crowd and settle it, but Grantley said he would stand where he was. He (King) then lost his temper and abused him. Whenever he said anything, Grantley said "ditto," but used the word "b——d." When he called Grantley one, Grantley turned round and said he was one, but any other time said "ditto." Defendant never saw Webb to his knowledge. Grantley promised defendant he would meet him.

In answer to the P.M., Grantley said he had no questions to ask.

Thomas Frederick Grantley, Beaufort, who elected to give evidence on his own behalf, stated that he was at the sale on 30th Decr. King called him out to speak to him. Defendant went with him, and King asked him what he meant by a word he used. Defendant told him what he meant, and one word led to another. After they had had a few words, King wanted to meet him to settle it. Defendant was not in a fit state to do anything at present, and came for Constable Evans to do the rest. As to using bad language himself, it was a thing he did not do. He did not, to his knowledge, say that King was a "b——d." He had not had time to get witnesses, as he only got the summons on Saturday.

The P.M.—If you like, I will adjourn it.

Defendant—It does not matter.

To Supt. Nicholson—Webb did not speak to him. Defendant was perfectly sober. There was a good number about.

To the P.M.—There were others using language, but it had nothing to do with defendants.

The P.M.—He was just wondering whether Webb had been misled about it. Both Grantly and King said they never saw him.

In announcing his verdict, the P.M. said there was only the evidence against Grantley of one word, which King said he used and the other said he did not. The language King used was more than obscene, being nothing else but pure filth. He could not understand why King should challenge this man, and when he did not come out, use this bad language. He was not satisfied with the evidence of obscenity in the language as far as Grantley was concerned, and would alter the charge to insulting language. He did not know what to do with King, the maximum penalty being £10. He could not understand him using these expressions in cold blood in the hearing of other people, which was like throwing a lot of dirty water over them. King would be fined 40/ with 8/2 costs, or 14 days' imprisonment. Grantley was fined 5/; with 8/2 costs. He was making Grantley's penalty lower, because it was an insulting expression, but not one that was obscene to the public hearing. The other's expressions were just filth.

Grantley asked to be allowed till next morning to pay it.

King also asked for time to pay, as he had lost a week's work and had to get back.

The P.M. granted Grantley's request, and gave King a fortnight in which to find the money.

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Business.—Compile Prize Schedule and General.

W. H. HALPIN, Secretary.

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OPENING DAY, to-day, at 3 p.m. Anybody wishing to join in the various competitions on the green is requested to bring suitable shoes, as nobody will be allowed on the green wearing boots.

A. L. WOTHERSPOON, Hon. Sec.

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At WATERLOO,

SATURDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1921, At 2 p.m.

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R. A. D. SINCLAIR, Trustee.

**AUCTION SALE.**

630 ACRES LAND, HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, HARNESS, ETC. ALSO VALUABLE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY.

THURSDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1921, At 1.30 p.m., at the residence of the late MRS. J. HOLDSWORTH.

W. H. HALPIN & SON and KELLY & McDONALD (Auctioneers in conjunction) have been favored with instructions from the Executors in the Estate of MRS. J. HOLDSWORTH, deceased, to Sell, on above date, as follows:—

LAND.

Lot 1. All those pieces of Land, being Allotments 15A, 15B1, 15B2, 16A, and 17B2, containing 278 a. 1 r. 31 p., Parish of Woodnaggerak, County of Ripon, adjoining the properties of Messrs J. McDonald and T. E. White. The improvements on the above property consist of 8-roomed House, 2 portable Rooms (8 x 10), detached Cottage (3 rooms), Dairy, Cart-shed, large Barn, and other Outbuildings. The property is well subdivided, with good fencing, and is permanently watered by springs and the Middle Creek running through the property. Title, freehold.

Lot 2. All that piece of Land, being Allotment 3B2, Parish of Eurambeen, County of Ripon, containing 323a. 2r. 26p. This property is well-fenced and situate on the Stockyard Hill road, about 4 miles from Beaufort. Title, freehold.

Lot 3. All that piece of Land, being Allotment 9T, Parish of Eurambeen, county of Ripon, containing 29a. 1r. 15p., adjoining the property of Messrs. J. Bates and D. Stevenson. Leasehold.

Lot 4. All that piece of Land, containing 1 rood (or thereabouts), being Allotment 6, Section 34, Township and Parish of Beaufort, adjoining the Mechanics' Institute, on which is erected Shop and Dwelling, containing 8 rooms and bathroom, also other Outbuildings, comprising Building, 18 x 12, iron roof; Shed, 36 x 15, iron roof; Stable, 27 x 15, iron roof; Buggy Shed, iron roof.

Lot 5. All that piece of Land, being Allotment 1, Section 14B, Township and Parish of Beaufort, County of Ripon, containing 1 rood (or thereabouts), situated opposite Mr J. Cochran's, on Main Lead road. Exceptionally good building site.

Lot 6. Allotment of Land, about 1 rood, opposite Railway Station, on which is erected 5-roomed House and other Outhouses.

STOCK, ETC.

20 head Mixed Cattle, including Springers, 2-year-old Steers, and Yearlings; 70 2-tooth Comeback Ewes and Wethers; 3 Buggy Horses, 1 Draught; set Single Buggy Harness, set Double Harness, 9 Collars, large quantity sundry Harness; Phaeton, Spring Dray, Trolly, 2 Hand Chaffcutters, about 500 Fencing Posts, about 400 Droppers, and a lot of other Sundries.

As this Sale is being held to wind up the Estate, everything is for positive sale. Intending purchasers will be shown over the property by the Auctioneers.

**AUCTION SALE.**

BUILDINGS FOR REMOVAL.

DELICENSED FIFESHIRE HOTEL, WATERLOO.

SATURDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1921, At 12.30 p.m. sharp.

W. H. HALPIN & SON have been favored with instructions from Mr. B. MARTINSEN to Sell, on above date, as follows:—

Lot 1. 1 acre Land and Fencing, held under Miner's Right.

Lot 2. Main Building, 36 x 24, containing four rooms and verandah.

Lot 3. Building, containing two rooms and verandah.

Lot 4. Skillion, 36 x 15.

Lot 5. Skillion, 36 x 9.

Washhouse, 12 x 10.

Buggy Shed, 25 x 15, partly iron roof.

3-stalled Stable and Chaff House, 24 x 15, iron roof.

Fowl House and other Outbuildings.

Bar Fittings and Counter, Spring Dray, Double-seated Buggy, Buggy Horse (perfectly quiet), set Buggy Harness, quantity Corn Sacks, 600-gal. Iron Tank, 400-gal. Tank, quantity Firewood, 2 Wheelbarrows, Sawn Timber, Tubs and Barrels, quantity Cases, large quantity Carpenter's Tools, Picks, Shovels, etc.

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The buildings are solid and can be easily removed. Furniture, etc., is in first-class order. As Mr Martinsen is leaving the district, everything is for positive sale.

W. H. HALPIN, Auctioneer.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**

LAND SALE BY AUCTION,

At KELLY & McDONALD'S OFFICE, BEAUFORT.

320 ACRES SPLENDID GRAZING AND AGRICULTURAL LAND.

THURSDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1921, At 3 p.m.

KELLY & McDONALD have been favored with instructions from Mr. ROBERT HOLDSWORTH to Sell by Auction as above.

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# SUSPECTED

BY F. P. RATHBUN.

PART ONE.—CHAPTER I.

WHAT LAY BEHIND THE LOG

William Clayton and Robert Wincraft, amateur visitors in the settlement of Brooksdale, but not as strangers in the village, halted and speaking acquaintance had entered in the June afternoon when, and from opens, they had strolled from the hotel to the edge of the village. Clayton gave a nod to the village, and were watching the stream for a glimpse of the speckled trout, slightly, if not famous, when suddenly the attention was aroused by a strange cry, which came from the crest of the hillside.

To Wincraft it was—to carry no intelligence, but the attitude became on the spot, and not long. It was the fire projected from speed, pass and resolution and he appeared for no bribe to be looked at the direction from which the sound had come. He had recognised in that cry, the Masonic appeal for aid in deadly peril. The elevation from which the alarm had come extended for miles down the valley. Almost at top it was heavily wooded, but on the side next to the limit it was covered with growth of tall bushes. Here and there a few trees interspersed, which would sound many devious paths.

It was from this hillside labyrinth that the mystic alarm had been sounded; and Clayton stood more less while it was twice repeated, trying vainly to fix the exact spot the wilderness of bushes whence the summons came.

"What in the world is the matter?" demanded Wincraft.

"Hark!" said Clayton, speaking rapidly, and holding up a hand to Wincraft for silence. "Help me locate that voice!"

And then, straining at once the sense of hearing and of sight, the two stood still. For a moment there was no sound save that made by the rippling of the waters over the shallows.

Directly there came down to them a new cry which, if possible, made Clayton's heart throb still faster, for it was the shorter, sharper cry of an Odd Fellow in distress.

This like the first, was repeated, it was now evident to both that the voice came from a small cluster of oaks two-thirds of the distance to the top of the hill. Wincraft was about to point out the place when Clayton asked:

"Are you a—a member of any secret society?"

"No."

"Well," said Clayton, speaking hurriedly, "up there in those oaks is some one in deadly peril, being murdered, perhaps. I am going to the chief. Will you help me?"

"Yes," Wincraft answered, with a convex promptness and earnestness. At a bound they crossed the small cream side by side, and started for the hill at a pace which was a killing one, considering the nature of the ground before them. At first they attempted to follow a straight course through the thick growth of saplings and bushes, but soon finding that impossible, they took to the paths which seemed to run in every direction but the right one.

And so the two—trained men, enter the first path which promised to take them nearer the place they sought, run, now this way, now that, never quite in the direction they wished, but always drawing nearer to oaks. They had not lost breathed the hill before their breathing became so laboured as to be painful. But without a halt they followed the devious way, encouraged occasionally by a view of the oaks from places where the bushes were sufficiently low for them to see over their tops. At last, after having traversed twice the distance a straight route would have been, they entered a path, at the farther end of which, and just far away, they saw the oaks. Making a dash, they arrived, panting, at the end of their race to their surprise, they found the place deserted. And looked about in astonished disappointment for an explanation of the cries they had heard. Beneath the oaks the ground was free from any bushes, and the view unobstructed except by the trunk of a fallen tree which lay near the opposite side of the grove. All this they marked while they looked about them. They saw nothing to indicate that they were not the first persons who had recently visited the place. They had expected to find some one there injured or dead, but there was not even the evidence of a struggle to be seen.

Clayton attempted a halloo. Wincraft repeated it, and they listened for an answer; but none came. Wincraft was the first to rally sufficiently from the effect of the run to attempt an investigation.

"We must make a search," he said, and started to walk through the grove. He had nearly reached the fallen tree which has been spoken of, when he stopped short with the exclamation, "Great Scot! Here's a dead woman!"

Clayton hurried to his side, and saw, but a few feet distant, what he had taken concealed from view by the tree trunk, the prostrate form of a woman. The pallor of the face was sufficient to tell him that she was looking at a corpse and at a victim of Odd Fellow in distress.

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**DEATH.**

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**Police Court.**

There was a clean charge sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday.

**Driving Mishap.**

Last week Mr N. S. McLeod, country traveller for Messrs. J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., met with a mishap when driving at Raglan. Owing to one of the gig wheels striking a stump, he was thrown out and slightly injured in the back.

**Gates Smashed by Train.**

The passenger train from Stawell to Ballarat, which passes through Beaufort at 7.30 p.m., smashed one of the gates at the Raglan road railway crossing on Monday evening. The gatekeeper (Mrs Willis) had opened one gate, and the other was swinging open when the engine caught it. She was fortunate in escaping injury from the flying splinters. Mrs Willis, who was waiting for the train, did not hear it approaching until it was within a short distance of the gates.

**Thrown From Vehicle.**

Owing to the pony being frightened by a bicycle lying on the ground, and plunging suddenly, Miss A. Topper was thrown from a vehicle at the rear of Mr C. Morvel's residence, Beaufort, on Monday. Miss Maggie Prentice, who was with her, jumped out in order to assist her companion. The pony bolted, but was caught before it damaged the vehicle or harness. Miss Topper sustained severe bruises and abrasions, and was taken to Nurse Bellas' private hospital. Miss Prentice escaped with a shaking.

**The Pictures.**

The Amusu Picture Co's. weekly entertainment at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, was well attended on Saturday night. The programme was a diversified and interesting one. J. Barrymore figured in the leading role of the star picture, "The Test of Honor," and Dorothy Gish was featured in "Out of Luck." The accompanying films were also enjoyable. Patrons can look forward to another excellent programme to-night (Saturday).

**"Liquidating" a Debt.**

Ex-Lieut. J. M. Prentice, an old Beaufort boy who has had varied experiences as a soldier and traveller since he shook the dust of his home town from his feet and sought "fresh fields and pastures new," was one of the speakers at the opening of the local bowling green on Saturday. After humorously touching upon the selfishness he was afraid bowling would give rise to, he hinted at a pleasant method of "liquidating" the debt by telling of one bowling club with a large deficit, the members of which held a caucus and decided to have a bar in connection with the club. In a very little time they drank themselves into a state of solvency. (Laughter). He congratulated those responsible for the green. It was a great pleasure to come back and discover that the town was prosperous enough to warrant the expenditure of £500 on something of this nature.

**"His Darkest Hour."**

At the opening of the Beaufort bowling green on Saturday, Cr. W. H. Halpin was subjected to a good deal of good-humored chaff in regard to the failure of the proposal to electrically light Beaufort. Mr R. Hare (vice-president of the Ballarat bowling association) set the ball rolling by remarking that he had noticed that a flag in the town had been flying at half-mast owing to the electric lighting scheme having fallen through. That meant they would lose the night bowling which they would have had if they had been allowed to electrically light the green. Later, he presumed, a pavilion would be built and hedges grown around the place. Until these improvements were completed, the ladies could look upon it as a safe green, and see their husbands coming home in good time. (Laughter). In calling upon Cr. Halpin to speak, Mr J. R. Wotherspoon (president of the club) said many of them had read the story, "His Darkest Hour." It had been Cr. Halpin's darkest hour for the past week. (Laughter). He had taken upon himself the work of trying to get the electric light for Beaufort. He was laughed at when he first mentioned it at a meeting of residents, but they had seen him gradually infusing his own enthusiasm into everyone. The enthusiasm got hotter, and after the council had decided on having it, the estimate was exceeded and the position placed before a public meeting, which unanimously decided to have it. That was alright, and when it was again brought before the council they thought it was only a formal matter, but they came a "thud." (Laughter). Cr. Halpin was much grieved and hoisted his flag at half-mast because the electric light had "gone dead." He was going to join the club even though they did not have the electric light. Cr. Halpin, in reply, said it was refreshing to see that a certain section were progressive. The green was a decided acquisition to the town. At last council meeting one councillor had had the audacity to say that Beaufort had not gone ahead for the past 10 years. He (Cr. Halpin) maintained that there were few better country towns in the State at the present time. They had a park second to none for a country place, and all that was wrong with Beaufort was that it was not sufficiently advertised, and that the conservatism which characterised a certain section ought to be wiped out. He was sorry the electric light had "gone dead." It was his pet subject, and he would really like to see the town have it, as he believed the prosperity ahead of the place warranted it.

**Accident.**

A young man named Lilley, a resident of Raglan, and the youngest son of Mr and Mrs D. Lilley, accidentally cut his right foot with an adze a few days ago. The wound was a deep one, and required stitching.

**Alleged Disobedience of Maintenance Order.**

For alleged disobedience of an order for maintenance of his wife and child, made against him by the Carlton Court, Thomas Frederick Grantley, who resided at Beaufort for several months, was arrested here by the local police on Monday, 10th inst. The alternative being three months' imprisonment, accused was taken to the Melbourne Gaol.

**Citizen Force Training.**

Captain A. H. Ross informs us that citizen force training recommences at Beaufort drill hall on Monday evening, when the 1899, 1900, and 1901 quotas are required to attend a compulsory parade. On Saturday, 29th inst., a half-day parade of all quotas will be held at 2.30 p.m. From 9th to 16th April an eight days camp for continuous training of the 1902 quota will take place at Broadmeadows. The Beaufort trainees are attached, under the new organisation, to the 8th Battalion. They were formerly members of the 2nd 39th Battalion.

**Bowls.**

A competition for "colts" for a 10/6 trophy (gift of Mr A. Betheras) is at present in progress on the Beaufort Bowling Club's green. Following is the draw:—J. W. Harris v. W. J. Stevenson; A. H. Cougle v. G. H. Cougle; Dr. G. A. Eadie v. Dr. S. E. Humphreys; W. H. Halpin v. D. Stevenson; H. B. Seager v. J. T. Lillis; J. A. Harris v. A. W. [illegible]; D. R. Hannah v. A. L. Wotherspoon; J. R. Wotherspoon v. E. H. Emery; P. Kelly v. T. W. Bowe; N. B. Acton v. A. M. Parker; L. Watkin v. J. Day; T. Stewart v. R. Halpin; E. J. Muntz v. A. Parker; L. Miles v. J. G. McCaughey; J. F. O'Brien v. G. C. Bennett. The first round must be completed by Wednesday next, defaulters to lose their games. One game was played on Thursday evening, P. Kelly being beaten by T. W. Bowe, who scored 21 to his opponent's 5.

**Overworked.**

Although the fact that the operating staff at the Beaufort railway station is overworked was brought under notice in the press some weeks ago, nothing has been done by the Commissioners to afford the men relief. It is rather too much to expect men to carry out this responsible work for 10 and 12 hours at a stretch on a main line station, when the appointment of an additional operating-porter or an assistant station-master would obviate the necessity for such long shifts. The revenue at the Beaufort station is greater than it was a number of years ago, when a larger staff was employed, and when the 35,000 acres of Trawalla, recently purchased by the Closer Settlement Board, is settled by the 80 odd soldiers who intend to apply for blocks, the local railway revenue must be substantially increased.

**A Veteran Bowler.**

Speaking at the opening of the Beaufort bowling green on Saturday, Mr W. Raine, of Learmonth, mentioned that there had been a bowling green at Learmonth for 50 years. He was the only living member of the original bowling club.—[A voice: Give him a rally. Applause]. They had not many members, but could raise three rinks and hoped to have the pleasure of friendly competition with the Beaufort club for many years to come. There was no more social game than bowling in the world. Another speaker (Mr Mitchell, of Stawell) stressed the point that bowling was a game for the younger men as well as the older men, and pointed out that the younger men became keener than the veterans, and the more they played the keener they got. Mr R. Hare (vice president of the Bowling Association and representative of Ballarat and Wendouree Clubs) mentioned that Mr Raine, of Learmonth, was the first president of the Ballarat Association and practically commenced the game in Ballarat. There were now 700 or 800 bowlers in Ballarat, and a good deal of that was due to Mr Raine. He was pleased to see him here.

**The Weather.**

Warm weather was again experienced at Beaufort this week, the shade temperatures being as follow:—Tuesday, 78 degrees; Wednesday, 88; Thursday, 89; Friday, 90.

**Special Wood Trains.**

On Wednesday and Thursday a special train of firewood was sent away from the Beaufort railway station.

**Beaufort's War Trophy.**

A communication has been received from the War Trophies Committee, stating that if the trustees are willing to send the large machine-gun allotted to Beaufort on to Rainbow, a bigger trophy (a trench mortar) will be sent here. The trustees will meet as soon as possible and consider the offer.

**Obituary.**

Mrs W. R. Glover, of Beaufort, suffered a bereavement on Saturday, her father, Mr John Murphy, passing away at his residence, Ballarat. Deceased left a widow, four sons, and three daughters to mourn their loss.

**Departing Residents.**

Mr Arthur Kewley, of Waterloo, is selling his property and leaving the district. The departure of Mr and Mrs Kewley and family will be regretted by a wide circle of friends.—Mr Bernard Martensen, for many years proprietor and licensee of the delicensed Fifeshire hotel, Waterloo, is selling out and migrating to another part of the State. By reason of his jovial nature and happy knack of spinning amusing yarns about his seafaring days, Mr Martensen was very popular as a publican, and his many friends will be sorry to lose him.

## AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Eight members of the Beaufort Agricultural Society were present at a general meeting held at the Shire Hall on Monday night to revise the prize list; Mr Percy Kelly (president) occupying the chair. Mr D. R. Hannah apologised for the absence of Messrs R. Halpin and G. C. Bennett, and said the latter intended to donate 10/6 to the society. A circular was received re Dookie Agricultural College. The revision of the prize-schedule was then proceeded with. The special class for sheep was adopted without alteration. In the class for horses, the prizes for team of four draught horses were reduced from £3 and £1 to £2 and £1. The words "must be in foal or with foal at foot" were added to the sections for pony brood mare and mare suitable for breeding remounts. It was resolved to stipulate that exhibitors of best turnout must be prepared to sign a declaration that exhibit is their property. Pony mare or gelding 14.2 h.a.u. was amended to pony 14 h. The prizes for pony, 14.2 h.a.u. and pony mare or gelding, 14 h., were cut down from £2 and £1 to £1 and 10. The prizes for best rider, boy or girl, were reduced from 15 and 5/ to 10 and 2/6. The prizes for pair buggy ponies 14.2 h.a.u., were reduced from £1/10/ and 10 to £1 and 10, and the section for pair of ponies, 14.2 h.a.u., deleted. The prizes for lady's hackney were reduced from £1 10 and 10 to £1 and 10. The second prize for best lady rider was struck out. The prizes for pony hunter were reduced from £2 10 and £1 to £2 and £1. The height of the jump for hunter to carry not less than 12 st. was reduced from 4 ft. to 3 ft. 9 in. The prizes for hackney over hurdles were reduced from £2 10 and £1 to £2 and £1. It was decided to cut out the time test trots for horses and ponies, and to make the other two trots for horses and ponies (formerly district events) open and unregistered, last two years' performances to be asked for and competitors handicapped, the prizes to be £2 and £1, and distance five laps. District trots for ponies and horses were added; the prizes to be £1 and 10/, and the radius 20 miles, the height of ponies to be 14 h. The prizes for the flag race were reduced from £2 and £1 to £1 and 10. It was resolved to run the trots and other horse events between 3.30 and 4 p.m., and to get the judging in the ring started before lunch. The secretary said Mr T. W. Hannah had given a special prize for sparrow eggs. He mentioned that Mr Hehir wished to run a buck-jumping and boxing show, but it was resolved not to allow same, on motion of Messrs Halpin and Hannah. Mr A. Betheras suggested posting a list of events in the order in which they were to come off. Mr Troy drew attention to a prize of £25 given by the ex-Governor-General for growers of cereals at the Royal show, who must first compete in their own country shows, and suggested that the secretary bring it under the notice of exhibitors. The class for grain, roots, and hay was left as at present, as were also those for fruit and vegetables and dairy produce. It was decided to give £1 1 as a prize for best collection of vehicles, in addition to the prize of £1 1 for best collection of farm implements, all the other sections in class E (agricultural implements) being struck out. The class for poultry was not altered. A prize for best collection of sparrow eggs (donated by Mr T. W. Hannah) was added to the miscellaneous class, and it was resolved to stipulate that roses, dahlias, and cut flowers shown be grown by exhibitors. The classes for dogs and swine were passed without alteration. In the cattle class the prizes for dairy cow were increased to £3 and £1; cows to be judged by butter test. Mr Hannah suggested that the conditions re parade of prize-winners be dispensed with, as the parade had not been held for years. The matter of obtaining a band for show-day was left in the hands of the president and secretary; it being suggested that an endeavor be made to get the Ballarat Orphanage Band to come up. The same officers were also authorised to arrange for an entertainment for show-night, it being considered that a picture show would be the most payable. Messrs D. R. Hannah, P. Kelly, W. Lynch, and D. F. Troy each promised to donate £1/1/ towards the expenses of a band. The meeting for the purpose of appointing judges and stewards was fixed for Saturday night, 29th inst., at 8.30 p.m.

Two of the members of the Federal Country Party in the House of Representatives, Messrs Gibson and Stewart, who had hitherto refused to accept the increased pay of £1000 a year which members of the Commonwealth Parliament voted themselves, have changed their minds, and have agreed to take the higher remuneration.

Engineer-Commander H. P. Mackenzie, who has purchased portion of the Trawalla Estate from the executors of the late Rear-Admiral Bridges, retired from the Royal Navy after 19 years' service. During the war he was appointed to the building of two important units of the Royal Navy—the battleship H.M.S. Royal Oak and the light cruiser H.M.S. Dunedin, and it was his good fortune to be in action with the Royal Oak in the historic Jutland fight three weeks after the completion of the ship, and with the Dunedin in the Baltic Sea. Captain Mackenzie was for some years serving on the Australian station, firstly on H.M.S. Powerful in 1905, and at Westport, New Zealand, from 1912 to 1915, where he was Admiralty Inspector of coal for the supervision of coal supplies for the Navy. He was recently placed on the retired list at his own request. It will be interesting to learn that the new owner hopes to continue the famous Trawalla merino stud, having retained the services of Mr T. P. Gibson, manager of Trawalla for the late Rear-Admiral Bridges. "Captain" MacKenzie in 1915 married the younger daughter of the late Mr William Weatherley, of "Wooloongoon," Mortlake. He is proceeding almost immediately to England on private business, and on his return will, with Mrs Mackenzie, enter into residence at Trawalla.

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Messrs. Kelly & McDonald hold a stock sale at Warrak on Friday, 28th inst. and also at Lexton on Wednesday, 2nd prox.

## BEAUFORT BOWLING GREEN.

### OPENING DAY.

A long-felt want among those who do not indulge in the more strenuous forms of sport has been filled in Beaufort by the formation of a bowling club. Judging by the interest and enthusiasm already being shown in the game by residents of the town and district, the ancient pastime has come here to stay. A green has been laid down in Neill street at a cost of about £500, and as improvements will be added as the years go by, it will no doubt become an ornament to the town. The opening function took place on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large attendance of local people and visiting bowlers from clubs in neighboring towns. Eighteen car loads of people came to Beaufort for the occasion. The enclosure was gaily decorated with flags. The weather was gloriously fine, and most of the ladies wore their summer raiment, thereby lending to the scene the dash of colour necessary to give it a gala-day appearance. The drab attire of the men generally presents a striking contrast to the lighter and more daring shades in vogue among the fair sex. On this occasion, however, the latter did not have the usual monopoly, their domain being trespassed upon by the bowlers, whose colored blazers made quite a brave show. Dainty and appetising afternoon tea was provided in a large marquee by the lady friends of the members of the club, and partaken of by most of those present; the proceeds going towards the funds.

Mr J. R. Wotherspoon (president), who introduced the various speakers, heartily welcomed the representatives of the Ararat, Stawell, Learmonth and Ballarat clubs, Mr W. G. Gibson, M.H.R., and all the other visitors. The green had cost £500, but he would not say how much had been paid off. A good deal had been paid, but the club was out after more members and was looking after the cash as well. They must get the idea out of their heads that it was an old buffers' game.

Cr D. R. Hannah (president of Ripon Shire) said it was a great honor to come here to-day to declare this green open. It was rather fortunate for him to be in the position of chairman of the council during the year the green was opened. If anyone had told him six months ago that this green would be opened about the middle of January, he would not have credited it. He had not been at all sanguine about the possibility of the Beaufort people establishing a green. He was pleased to see that they had come to the beginning of their bowls, and that the green was about to be opened under most favorable circumstances. He was one of the people interested in the green and also a member of the shire council, and anything that was done to beautify the town always had his support, and should be supported by the local council. He hoped they would have many enjoyable games on the green. Although the whole £500 expended had not been paid, a big proportion of it had been. In looking round and noting the interest taken by the local people and visitors in the opening of the green, he felt quite sanguine that it had come to stay. He was sure the Beaufort people would see that it was kept in a condition equal to that of any green in Ballarat, Ararat, or elsewhere in the district.—[A voice: And Mildura. Laughter.]—The president had been complimented by the visitors upon the magnificent green. Of course it was not as good as greens that had been laid down for some years, but he believed they would eventually have one equal to any in the State. He had not come here to make a long speech, and had great pleasure in declaring the green open for play. (Applause).

Mr W. G. Gibson, M.H.R., said it was a pleasure to be with them at the opening of their green. He was sure they would never regret having put the green down. They might have some people who had a set on bowls, but they only needed to start them bowling to remove it. He was certain this green would be a hugh success, and a green in any town was one of the beauty spots. Every man had a sporting strain in him, and Australians were essentially a sporting people. The older generation wanted some form of sport also. There were games suited to men of all ages. There were the strenuous games of cricket and football for winter and summer, but when a man reached the proportions of Mr J. R. Wotherspoon—(laughter)—he could hardly be expected to run between wickets and play football. The older men must have some game, and bowls just suited them for the summer and golf for the winter. He was certain that there was sufficient sporting spirit in the town to make the club one of the best in the place. After a day at the counter or business, there was nothing like trying conclusions with a friend or fellow townsman in the pleasant evening or on a half-holi day. He thanked the committee for the invitation to be present, and apologised for the absence of the Hon. D. S. Oman (Minister of Lands), who had intended to accompany him, but was prevented owing to a railway trust meeting. Mr Oman's and the speaker's sympathy was with them, and he hoped that their debt would soon be paid off, and that they would have many a pleasant evening on the green.

Messrs W. Rain (Learmonth Club), King (vice-president Ararat Club), Mitchell (Stawell), and R. Hare (vice-president Bowling Association and representative of Ballarat and Wendouree Clubs), conveyed the congratulations of their members upon the opening of the Beaufort green, extended their best wishes for the success of the new club, and hoped to meet the Beaufort bowlers many a time in inter-club matches.

Ex-Lieut. J. M. Prentice and Cr. W. H. Halpin also spoke; the former's remarks being in a humorous strain.

Mrs J. R. Wotherspoon (wife of the club's president) bowled the first jack, and the first bowl was sent along the green by Mrs D. R. Hannah (wife of the shire president). Both ladies made good attempts for novices, and were heartily applauded.

The caretaker (Mr Mair) had the rinks in good order, and all were in use. Two competitions—driving the kitty and drawing the shot—were then proceeded with. Entries were numerous, and the contests were keen and interesting. A number of ladies participated. The winner was Mr T. M. Johnston, of the Williamstown Club, who scored 5—5, and carried off the trophy. The members of the committee acted as stewards. The secretarial duties were capably discharged by Mr A. L. Wotherspoon, who received valuable assistance from the president and the other officers. The profit on the function amounted to about £20. Several photographs were taken by Messrs G. C. Bennett and J. M. Prentice.

The secretary of the Beaufort Agricultural Society acknowledges with thanks a donation of £10 from Mr P. Russell, of Mawallok.

## BEAUFORT BOWLING CLUB.

Twenty members of the Beaufort Bowling Club attended a meeting at the Mechanics' Institute on Monday night. Mr J. R. Wotherspoon (president), who occupied the chair, welcomed three new members. It was reported that the overdraft was £121, that the club had been registered with the Bowling Association, and the caretaker (Mr Mair) made an honorary member. Letters were read from a number of clubs and bowlers, wishing the new club every success; these congratulatory epistles including one from Mr C. H. Troy, an old Beaufort boy. Accounts amounting to £5/15/6 were passed for payment. The president said he was very pleased with the success of the function on opening day, and if it were any omen, they had a good time ahead of them. Mr A. L. Wotherspoon (secretary) submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with opening day, which showed that the former totalled £23/19/ and the latter £4/2/10, leaving a Cr. balance of £19/16/2. The president mentioned that donations of 10/6 and £2/2/ had been received from Messrs C. H. Taylor and Gibson respectively. The secretary made a verbal report in regard to a disputed account from a contractor. Mr A. Betheras said Mr McCallum, of Blythvale, intended to join the club. In answer to a question, the secretary said they had now about 46 members (including six who had promised to join). Mr Betheras offered a trophy of 10/6 for a "colt's" competition, and suggested that singles be played. The president said he would give a 10/6 trophy for the old players. Mr Betheras suggested that Mr Wotherspoon give his trophy for a pairs' competition to be played at the close of the other, in which all members could take part. Mr Percy Kelly moved that Mr Betheras' offer be accepted with thanks, and that the entrance fee be 1/. Seconded by Dr. S. E. Humphreys, and carried. It was resolved that the first round be played off by Wednesday, 26th inst. The draw for the first round was then proceeded with, and appears in another column. The secretary and Messrs W. H. Hains and Betheras were appointed to draw the subsequent rounds. It was decided to post the draw at the green, and mark the results of games and scores on same. Mr Kelly said the caretaker watered too many rinks early in the evening. Mr Betheras said he had been since told not to do it too early. He mentioned that a member of the club was providing a scoring board. He was sorry Mr Hains was absent from the opening ceremony on account of the illness of his daughter, whom the members were glad to hear was progressing favorably. On motion of Dr. G. A. Eadie and Mr J. Day, it was decided to insert an advertisement in the local press thanking all the ladies of Beaufort and district who had assisted to make opening day a success. The matter of erecting a pavilion was discussed at some length, the president stating that the matter had been gone into by Messrs Muntz and Stevenson Bros., and that a 24 x 12 building, with a 9ft. verandah and tiled roof, would cost £120 without ceiling and floor. It would be painted white, the estimate including cost of door and windows. They might look round and get a second-hand place for half the money. During the winter the caretaker would plant flowers, and with a pavilion the place would look complete. His brother and he and Mr Betheras would each take a £5 debenture. Dr. Humphreys and Mr G. C. Bennett expressed the opinion that they should wait and see how the finances were going. Mr Betheras urged the erection of a pavilion as soon as possible. They should go into ways and means. There was no necessity to clean up their debt in a year. An offer of a second-hand building was made by a member present, and Mr Bowe moved that it be accepted and a sub-committee appointed to inspect it. The general opinion, however, was that a building of attractive appearance should be placed on the green, rather than a second-hand one which the club might not be proud of. It was eventually decided to bring the matter forward again at next meeting, in order to give members an opportunity of talking it over in the meantime. The secretary mentioned that Mr Williams, an expert Ballarat bowler, was going to Nhill during the second week in Feby. to give a lecture on the best methods of play, and would be willing to give one at Beaufort about the same time. The secretary was instructed to get in touch with Mr Williams.

## BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Cattle—A fair yarding of cattle to-day, 132 head being penned. Quotations:—Best bullocks, lightweights, £18 to £19/5/; useful, £14 to £17; best cows, £17 to £18/17/6; good, £14 to £16; useful, £10 to £12. Calves—40 penned. Best made £12/7/6. Sheep—A smaller yarding to-day, 4925 being the number penned. Competition was keen throughout, prime sheep selling from 2/ to 3/ a head better than last week. Stores were in good demand at improved rates. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 34/ to 39/; good, 27/ to 32/; useful, 23/ to 25/; prime crossbred ewes, 32/ to 37/10; good, 26/ to 28/; useful, 22/ to 24/. Lambs: 3287 penned. Sales opened to a good demand, and for prime quality last week's rates were maintained, but as sales progressed prices slackened, and the market closed at reduced rates. Quotations:—Woolly—Prime, 29/ to 35/; good, 23/ to 26/; useful, 18/ to 21/. Shorn—Prime, 26/ to 33/4; good, 21/ to 24/; useful, 17/ to 19/.

District sales:—69 crossbred and comeback ewes, Mr D. Stewart, Wongan, to 27/1; 5 cows, Mr R. F. Roberts, Skipton, £18/17/6 and £16/5/, 75 comeback ewes 20/1, 68 lambs 28/7 to 23/10, averaging 25/9.

## RAGLAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A meeting of the Raglan Patriotic League was held on 15th inst. to wind up affairs of the League. Mr J. Stevens (president) occupied the chair. The secretary (Mr G. Cuthbertson) presented the balance-sheet, which showed a cash balance of £3/10/, also a £10 war bond. After audit, the balance-sheet was adopted. Considerable discussion took place as to what should be done with the funds. It was finally decided unanimously, on the motion of Mr H. Tucker, seconded by Mr Cuthbertson, to hand the funds over to the Beaufort Repatriation Committee. The secretary was instructed accordingly.

Harvesting is nearing completion. Carting-in will be finished generally during the current week. The crops on the whole are satisfactory, and should yield well up to the average.

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## BUSH FIRE BRIGADE.

### ASSETS TO BE HANDED OVER TO COUNCIL.

Twelve residents of the town attended a meeting of landowners at the Shire Hall on Tuesday night, convened by the trustees of the Beaufort Bush Fire Brigade, to consider the advisability or otherwise of winding up the brigade and disposing of the property.

Mr R. A. D. Sinclair (who was voted to the chair) said the matter had been discussed by the trustees (Messrs H. M. Stuart and J. B. Cochran and himself), who had decided to give the people an opportunity of saying whether they would carry on. The attendance was very disappointing. The outside people did not seem to take any interest in it. Personally, he thought that unless anyone was willing to carry on and take the various positions, it would be better for all concerned to wind it up. There was a sum of £13/2/ to the credit of a fund for a new fire-cart, and £2/1/9 to the credit of the general account. The greater part of the £13 for the new fire-cart was given by councillors.

Mr J. B. Cochran—He was very sorry to see such a small meeting. He had been connected with the brigade since its inception in 1907. They looked to the owners of the land to take an interest in it, and for the past few years the lack of interest had been very disappointing to the few who had carried on the brigade. It would be a pity to let it drop, as three men, a fire-cart, and a horse were a brigade. He had distributed notices of this meeting far and wide.

Mr W. H. Halpin—He was sorry there was not a larger attendance. It showed that the people were not very much interested in the brigade. At the same time it was absolutely essential that there should be a brigade in Beaufort. They had a cart, and he hoped some arrangements would be made to carry on, if only by three or four. Although he would not take any office, he would do his utmost individually. He was prepared to take the cart out or lend a horse. He sincerely hoped it would not be wound up to-night. A lot of farmers were harvesting and could not get in, but there were a number of landholders living in and close to the town—little sardine-tin cockies like himself—who were only graziers, and might have been here. Mr Rogers and he had seen that the cart was put in perfect order.

Mr H. M. Stuart—He did not think it should be wound up. Even if the brigade did not start again, the fire-cart should remain in the trust of the same three men for service when required. If they sold it, what were they going to do with the money? He was the first lieutenant of this brigade, and captain of the old volunteer fire brigade for 20 years. He had done what he could, and was now too old to take a leading part. He considered that a bush fire brigade had a right to make a claim on the Government for work done in the State forest, and instanced a bush fire in the State forest many years ago, at which the old volunteer brigade had successfully claimed £6 from the Government for horse hire.

Mr Cochran rose to a point of order, as this matter had no connection with the present issue.

The chairman ruled that Mr Stuart could proceed.

Mr Stuart, after further touching on the point of claiming expenses at forest fires, said if they could not keep the brigade going other men might come along who could. The firecart was a big acquisition to the town.

The chairman—His idea was not to sell the property, but to hand it over to the council.

Mr D. F. Troy—They all knew what Mr Cochran had done and honored him for it. He was sorry there were not more here. As a firefighter he recognised that everyone would go out practically independent of the brigade. Where the brigade came in was with the firecart and three men. They must get the thing going, and what the chairman had suggested would fill the bill, remove all the worry from one or two, and have the same effect as in the past. The whole of the property and money should be handed over to the shire, and the North Riding councillors asked to see that when the fire alarm sounded the fire-cart turned out with two men and a horse for the protection of the property of the ratepayers in the North Riding. The most essential things were a fire-cart and water. He moved that the assets, including the money and cart, be handed over to the North Riding councillors, with the request that when a fire alarm sounded, the cart turn out with a horse and two men.

Mr Stuart—Will the council agree?

Mr Troy—A deputation could wait on the council.

Mr H. Cuthbertson seconded the motion.

Mr J. George thought it would be far better to keep it apart from the council, as it would be used when it should not be and would be out of repair. He did not think it a fair thing to ask the council to pay the expenses of men on the Beaufort cart, as there were carts at Raglan and elsewhere. He moved, as an amendment, that the property be left in the hands of the three trustees and an effort made to re-organise the brigade. There would be no trouble in getting business people to close altogether for a fire.

Mr Halpin—There had been a lot of trouble to get them to do it. They never closed till a fire came down close to the town.

Mr George—They close for the Middle Creek fire.

After further argument on this point between Messrs Halpin and George,

Mr Cochran seconded the amendment. With all due respect to the council, he was not in favor of handing the property over to them. There was too much of the Government and local Government taking the affairs of the country in hand. They would have another extra rate on them, and if the council controlled the cart, when and where would it go? The cart would be anyone's property, and would never be there when wanted. It would be taken out any time, and when they wanted it, it would be out of repair.

The chairman—The council had permission from the brigade to use the cart for watering the trees in the honor avenue.

Mr Cochran—Not that I know of.

Mr Troy—The employees of the council were always let off in the event of fires. Their time would thus not be taken up any more than at present, and there would be no cost to the ratepayers. The few pounds they would hand over would keep the cart in repair for a considerable time. They would save horse hire, as that would cost the council nothing. There would be a horse on the spot, and also the men and the cart. A secretary and captain had the worry of finding some men willing to provide a horse at a moment's notice unless they struck a good-natured man like Mr Rogers, which was pretty hard to do. If the North Riding councillors accepted the task, it would get over that difficulty.

Mr Stuart—How would it be with the other brigades? If a rate were struck, would the West Riding come under it?

The chairman—No rate would be struck. Instead of going out in the ordinary way, the surfacemen would merely take the fire-cart and horse.

Mr Stuart—If a fire took place, they would again establish as good a brigade as ever.

Mr Cochran—There will only be one fire if it does start.

Mr Stuart—It will be a good one. If they left it a little while longer they would establish a brigade alright. They could not get a Briton up to the mark till he saw something coming.

The chairman—As a trustee I am not going down there to grease that cart.

Mr Cochran—No one wants you to.

The chairman—A man would have to be paid to look after it.

Mr Cuthbertson—Would the distance be limited in the event of the cart being handed over to the shire?

The chairman—If it were wanted at Stockyard Hill, for instance, he thought it should go there.

Mr J. P. Rogers—When the brigade was formed, the limit was 10 miles, but they had gone further. A 10-mile limit practically took in Middle Creek, Stockyard Hill, and all the outside places.

Mr Cochran—The limit would be less now, as there were other brigades outside, but if the cart were wanted, it should go.

Mr Rogers—If the trustees had the cart, would it be necessary to hunt all over the town for a trustee in order to get permission to take it? Because he did not accept the captaincy, he did not say he would not be one of the first to go to a fire.

Mr Troy—If the trustees retained the cart, how were they going to get it out? By the other method the thing would arrange itself automatically.

Mr George—Seeing they had a bigger meeting now, they should try and form a brigade first.

Mr J. Day apologised for the absence of Mr A. Hayward, who told him he would give 5/ as usual if the brigade were formed.

Mr Troy—A captain might be at one end of the fire and the cart at the other. He thought shire control a better system.

Mr Cochran said it seemed to him that the present generation did nothing but grab, instead of doing their best to help their fellow men, like men of past generations did.

Mr Stuart gave notice to move as a further amendment that the brigade be re-formed.

Mr George's amendment was then put and lost, only three voting for it. Mr Troy's motion was carried, only three votes being recorded against it.

In accordance with notice, Mr Stuart moved that the brigade be re-organised, officers elected, its affairs to be carried on in the usual way; the property to remain in the hands of the brigade. He contended that they would never have a brigade if it had no property. Seconded by Mr George, and lost; only three voting in support.

The chairman—If a fire occurred instructions would be given to the shire officers to send the cart out with the men and a horse until the matter was decided at next council meeting.

Mr Cochran—Does that relieve the trustees of their duties?

The chairman—Yes.

On motion of Messrs E. S. Buchanan and Day, Messrs Troy and Rogers were appointed to wait on the council as a deputation from the brigade and request that they take over the fire-cart and money, as decided by the meeting.

The chairman thanked those present for their attendance. The thing had been wound up satisfactorily.

Mr Cochran—To some.

The chairman—Not to me. I would rather have seen a brigade, as it will mean more abuse for councillors.

In answer to Mr Rogers, the chairman and Mr Halpin said small outstanding accounts would be paid and the balance of the money handed over to the council.

The chairman—As far as he was concerned, he would see the cart was kept in order and made available as quickly as possible when required. It had been reported at last meeting that the brigade's reins were lost because the room where the cart was kept was open in the winter. It should only be unlocked during the summer.

Mr Rogers—The council objected to my locking it, as it was their property.

The chairman—You were quite right. That will have to be attended to.

Mr Cochran mentioned that there was a pump at Messrs Middleton and Morris' belonging to the brigade that had been taken off the fire-cart and replaced by a new one.

Messrs W. H. Halpin & Son announce the sale of township property, on a/c. Mr R. Noble, on Thursday, 3rd prox.

Dr. John Hobbs, who is well-known in Beaufort and is a nephew of the Misses Greenwood, has left for Western Australia to practise in a remote part of that State.

An important land and clearing sale was conducted at Beaufort on Thursday by Messrs. W. H. Halpin & Son and Kelly & McDonald (auctioneers in conjunction), on a/c. of the executors of the late Mrs. J. Holdsworth; Mr W. H. Halpin wielding the hammer. Miss E. Holdsworth purchased 278 acres of grazing and agricultural land, situated at Middle Creek, at £10/19/ an acre, which is a record price for land in that locality. A bush paddock of 323 acres was knocked down to Mr R. B. Beggs at £2/15/ per acre, and Mr A. H. Holdsworth paid £3/15/ per acre for 29 acres, held under a Crown lease. He also purchased a 6-roomed house in Havelock Street for £225, and a 4-roomed one in Burke Street for £146. Miss E. Holdsworth paid £26 for a vacant allotment on the Raglan road. Cattle brought good prices, cows ranging from £12/12/6, to £17/2/6, and heifers from £8 to £13. A line of 2-tooth wethers realised 25/3. The clearing sale following was very successful.

People in the country centres of Victoria are beginning to realise that there is a better chance of starting industries in their districts by their own businesslike efforts than by relying on Government wet nursing.

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

## A JOCKEY'S DEATH.

General regret was expressed in Beaufort at the sad death of Mr Anselmo Martinez, the jockey who was fatally injured at Flemington on Monday. The deceased was well-known and respected in Beaufort and district, and was a son of Mrs Martinez, of this town. He was recently employed by Miss Lewis, of Stoneleigh Estate, as a chaffeur, and was 32 years of age. Deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives. Deceased will be remembered chiefly on account of his success in the Grand National Hurdle Race of 1915 on the Ballarat horse Rathfarnham, which was then owned by Mr R. Cowley, of Ballarat East, and trained by Mr H. J. Smerdon, of Redan. After having been connected with Mr Smerdon's stables for some time Mr Martinez took up his residence in Queensland and revisited Victoria expressly to ride Rathfarnham. Subsequent to his Grand National win he met with a serious accident at a Ballarat meeting owing to his mount falling. On recovering he decided to abandon riding and returned to Queensland. But the love of the sport was revived in him and he became attached to W. Burke's Flemington stable, for which he had lately been doing a good deal of riding on the tracks. The racing public will deeply regret his death at so early an age. On the morning of his death the late jockey was riding Stage Manager, and accompanied by Irish Rufus (P. Robertson) and Cantilier (W. V. Burn), set out to jump hurdles. At the second obstacle Stage Manager fell at the take-off side of the hurdle. Mr Martinez was thrown with great force against the obstacle. He was immediately conveyed by Mr J. Foster, caretaker of the tracks, in the racecourse ambulance to the surgery of Dr. P. J. Flanagan at Moonee Ponds. Dr. Flanagan found that Mr Martinez had sustained fracture of the base of the skull, together with laceration of the brain. The jockey was removed to the Melbourne Hospital, where he died at 10 o'clock the same morning. There was a representative gathering of citizens at the Ballarat Western Station on Thursday to attend the funeral of the deceased. The cortege proceeded to the New Cemetery after the arrival of the forenoon train from Melbourne, which conveyed the remains to Ballarat. Among several wreaths placed on the coffin was an exceptionally fine one sent by the deceased's employer, Mr James Hodgins, who was unable to attend the funeral owing to his absence in Sydney. Among those present were the deceased's mother, three sisters, and a brother. The service at the grave was read by the Rev. L. T. Maund. The pall-bearers were Messrs R. J. Smerdon, W. H. Halpin, J. Glover, and R. Dooley (Beaufort), J. G. Kerr, A. A. O'Dea, H. Julien, P. Grenville, P. J. Miller, P. Sharp, T. L. Flannagan, J. Ross, L. McLeod, E. Chamberlain, L. Matthews, and J. A. Berriman. The coffin-bearers were Messrs V. Landells, R. Stanistreet, Neil McLeod, and L. Sheehan.

**BEAUFORT RAINFALL.**

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| Jan. | 181 | 113 | 255 | 60 | 149 | 462 | 107 | 8 | 61 | 80 | 21 |
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| Mar. | 274 | 407 | 188 | 158 | 149 | 73 | 96 | 357 | 89 | 180 | 187 |
| Apr. | 239 | 329 | 461 | 12 | 406 | 71 | 144 | 58 | 369 | 18 | 252 |
| May | 195 | 451 | 151 | 94 | 229 | 330 | 335 | 342 | 205 | 336 | 375 |
| June | 414 | 350 | 361 | 355 | 301 | 404 | 298 | 339 | 125 | 309 | 238 |
| July | 99 | 100 | 158 | 103 | 565 | 180 | 850 | 258 | 317 | 126 | 143 |
| Aug | 277 | 408 | 289 | 194 | 117 | 325 | 159 | 197 | 302 | 240 | 673 |
| Sep. | 180 | 237 | 410 | 250 | 397 | 132 | 383 | 361 | 114 | 384 | 176 |
| Oct. | 281 | 131 | 261 | 20 | 295 | 329 | 278 | 465 | 113 | 291 | 141 |
| Nov | 252 | 91 | 50 | 7 | 340 | 213 | 76 | 462 | 180 | 173 | 165 |
| Dec. | 10 | 81 | 88 | 665 | 387 | 16 | 246 | 42 | 429 | 70 | 117 |
| Ttls., | 2672 | 2713 | 2675 | 2188 | 3538 | 2876 | 2698 | 2983 | 2410 | 2260 | 2769 |

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1912.—January, 26; February, 40; March, 259; April, 228; May, 154; June, 208; July, 155; August, 176; September, 613; October, 119; November, 257; December, 278.

1913.—January, 75; February, 193; March, 362; April, 192; May, 204; June, 189; July, 162; August, 346; September, 317; October, 112; November, 268; December, 119.

1914.—January, 86; February, 11; March, 91; April, 200; May, 153; June, 74; July, 210; August, 48; September, 83; October, 55; November, 142; December, 361.

1915.—January, 145; February, 31; March, 60; April, 188; May, 215; June, 278; July, 166; August, 277; September, 484; October, 205; November, 122; December, 24.

1916.—January, 340; February, 111; March, 6; April, 230; May, 54; June, 314; July, 327; August, 328; September, 616; October, 437; November, 374; December, 440.

1917.—January, 97; February, 160; March, 141; April, 156; May, 379; June, 207; July, 230; August, 485; September, 296; October, 341; November, 258; December, 122.

1918.—January, 126; February, 99; March, 269; April, 257; May, 379; June, 289; July, 298; August, 400; September, 235; October, 214; November, nil; December, 125.

1919.—January, 18; February, 264; March, 149; April, 38; May, 234; June, 211; July, 236; August, 168; September, 259; October, 155; November, 68; December, 221.

1920—January, 30; February, 24; March, 106; April, 97; May, 215; June, 332; July, 259; August, 674; September, 348; October, 187; Decr., 85.

Totals.—1909, 29.69; 1910, 29.54; 1911, 36.01; 1912 25.18; 1913, 25.39; 1914, 15.14; 1915, 21.95; 1916, 35.77; 1917, 28.22; 1918, 26.91; 1919, 20.16; 1920, 26.56.

STACK MEASUREMENT.—To find the contents of an oblong stack with perpendicular ends, multiply the length by the average width (between bottom and eaves) and the product by the height from the ground to the eaves. For the top multiply the area at the eaves by half the height to the right. The weight may be ascertained very accurately by measuring the cubic contents of a truss, and from this calculating the height of a cubic foot.

The Australians won the third test match at Adelaide by 119 runs. They have now won each of the three test matches played.

THE Committee and Members of the Beaufort Bowling Club wish to thank the Ladies of Beaufort and district who attended to the afternoon tea, and all who in any way helped to make the opening day such a success.
A. L. WOTHERSPOON, Hon. Sec.

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**LOCAL LAND BOARD.**

SUPPLEMENTARY schedule of application to be dealt with at the Court House, Beaufort, on Thursday, 27th January, 1921, at 2 o'clock p.m.
Parish and Town of Beaufort.—Hugh McDougall, 3 acres in Section 31A, at corner of Gregory and South Streets, south of and adjoining land applied for by S. Young.
CHAS. J. JOY, Land Officer.
District Land & Survey Office, Ballarat, 20/1/21.

**IMPRESS ON YOUR MEMORY**
**The Date of our**
**SPECIAL SUMMER DRAPERY SALE,**
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**LAND SALE.**

A SALE of Crown Lands in Fee Simple, at the Court House, Ararat, on Tuesday, the first day of February, 1921, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Auctioneer: Messrs. Young Bros.
BUANGOR, in north-east of township, fronting Ballarat-road. Upset £4 per lot. Area 1r. 34p., allotment 35A.
Upset £3 per lot. Area 29 perches, allotment 37A. Area 28 perches, allotment 38A. Valuation £4 (Meadows).
Deposit on fall of hammer:—One-eighth of purchase money together with £1 Survey Fee. Balance of purchase money payable in half-yearly instalments with interest added at the rate of 4 per cent. Plans and all information may be obtained at Crown Lands Office, Melbourne, Auctioneers (when Auctioneers appointed), or Local Land Office (if any).
D. S. OMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey.

**AUCTION SALE.**
TOWNSHIP PROPERTY.
THURSDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1921,
At 2.30 p.m., on the Premises,
WILLOBY STREET, BEAUFORT
(Near Railway Station).
W. H. HALPIN & SON have been favored with instructions from Mr. RICHARD NOBLE to Sell on above date as under:—
All that piece of Land, being Allotments 1, 2, and 3, Sec. 54, Township and Parish of Beaufort, having a frontage of 66ft. or thereabouts to Willoby Street by a depth of 141ft. to Pratt Street, on which is erected 6-roomed W.B. House (54 x 30), 12ft. walls, verandah back and front, large Bathroom (Enamel Bath and Bath Heater), Laundry, Pantry, Cellar, fixed Overmantels, Tile Fireplaces.
The property has all the latest improvements, lath and plaster, and papered with most expensive paper, detached Washhouse (15 x 10), Washing Troughs, Copper built in; also Motor Shed (24 x 24), 300 gallons G.I. Tank. Title, freehold, and may be inspected at Mr Young's office, Beaufort. This is an exceptionally nice home, beautifully finished inside, and in perfect order. Rare opportunity to obtain a perfect home. As Mr Noble has left the district, the property is for positive sale, and may be inspected at any time.
W. H. HALPIN, Auctioneer.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
LAND SALE BY AUCTION,
At KELLY & McDONALD'S OFFICE, BEAUFORT.
320 ACRES SPLENDID GRAZING AND AGRICULTURAL LAND.
THURSDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1921,
At 3 p.m.
KELLY & McDONALD have been favored with instructions from Mr. ROBERT HOLDSWORTH to Sell by Auction as above.
Full particulars later issue.
KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneer, Beaufort.

**Australian Natives' Association**
THE Fortnightly MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on TUESDAY Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp.
W. J. BRUCE JOHNSON, Secretary.

**STOCK SALE.**
FRIDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1921,
At 2 p.m.
WARRAK.
Mr. LEN. McGUINESS' YARDS.
1000 CROSSBRED, COMEBACK AND MERINO SHEEP.
KELLY & McDONALD will Sell by Auction as above.
Full particulars,
KELLY & McDONALD, Beaufort.
LEN. McGUINESS, Warrak.

**LEXTON STOCK SALE.**
WEDNESDAY, 2nd FEBY., 1921.
1000 CROSSBRED, COMEBACK & MERINO SHEEP.
20 HEAD MIXED CATTLE.
KELLY & McDONALD will Sell by Auction as above.
Full particulars,
KELLY & McDONALD, Beaufort.
THOS. SMITH, Lexton.

**AUCTION SALE**
BUILDINGS FOR REMOVAL.
DELICENSED FIFESHIRE HOTEL, WATERLOO.
SATURDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1921,
At 12.30 p.m. sharp.
W. H. HALPIN & SON have been favored with instructions from Mr. B. MARTINSEN to Sell, on above date, as follows:—
Lot 1. 1 acre Land and Fencing, held under Miner's Right.
Lot 2. Main Building, 36 x 24, containing four rooms and verandah.
Lot 3. Building, containing two rooms and verandah.
Lot 4. Skillion, 36 x 15.
Lot 5. Skillion, 36 x 9.
Washhouse, 12 x 10.
Buggy Shed, 25 x 15, partly iron roof.
3-stalled Stable and Chaff House, 24 x 15, iron roof.
Fowl House and other Outbuildings.
Bar Fittings and Counter, Spring Dray, Double-seated Buggy, Buggy Horse (perfectly quiet), set Buggy Harness, quantity Corn Sacks, 600-gal. Iron Tank, 400-gal. Tank, quantity Firewood, 2 Wheelbarrows, Sawn Timber, Tubs and Barrels, quantity Cases, large quantity Carpenter's Tools, Picks, Shovels, etc.
FURNITURE.—Linoleums, Sofas, Sewing Machine, Safe, 6 Forms, large number of Pictures, Mats, Horsehair Suite (6 pieces), Tables (including Dining and Kitchen), Tapestry Table Cloth, Carpet (12 x 10), 6 Washstands and Ware, Fenders and Irons, Curtains, Blinds, Overmantel, Dressing Tables, Baskets, 2 large Chest Drawers, 8 Looking Glasses, 6 Double and Single Bedsteads, also Spring and other Mattresses, quantity Sheets, Blankets, Quilts, Pillows, Bolsters, Pillow Slips, and other Bedding, Cheffonier, Sideboard, quantity Coir Matting in good order, large number of Diningroom and other Chairs, 3 Rockers, Fire-screens, Hanging and Table Lamps, Clocks, Cruets, Glassware, Crockery, Cutlery, Glasses, Jugs, Ornaments, Trays, Boilers, Saucepans, Scales, Kettles, Teapots, and lot of other Kitchen Utensils and Sundries.
The buildings are solid and can be easily removed. Furniture, etc., is in first-class order. As Mr Martinsen is leaving the district, everything is for positive sale.
W. H. HALPIN, Auctioneer.

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## SELECTION OF SITE.

## PREPARATION OF SOIL FOR ORCHARD.

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The ideal location for an orchard is an elevated, retentive yet well drained soil, having more or less lime in its composition. Frost trees, and the apple especially, will not stand sour soils or wet feet for any length of time.

The elevated location on account of its superior air drainage has the advantage of a greater freedom from blossom and frost damage, the trees, under ordinary conditions, maturing better, and fruit being more highly coloured.

Other things being equal, a moderate north or northeast slope would have some decided advantages in soil and atmospheric conditions not obtained otherwise. As the sun's rays would be less direct we naturally would expect a greater degree of humidity and cooler conditions, which are favorable factors to production and the longevity of the orchard. On the other hand, fruit in such a location will not mature as early or have the colour.

If anything, these elevated locations are not to be lacking in the basics, and plenty of humus, together with a retentive subsoil, is, in my estimation, the greatest soil factor to consider when planting the orchard. Otherwise any soil that will produce an average crop of maize is plenty good enough for orcharding without adding fertility until the trees come into full bearing.

Humus and retentive are relative terms. A soil containing plenty of humus will retain from 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. more moisture than otherwise possible. This can most easily be obtained by ploughing under the green crop, such as rye or clover.

On the stiffer clay subsoils I would also use a subsoil plough the day before planting; working up the soil thoroughly with a disc and smoothing harrow early in the season as the conditions are favourable.

Thorough preparation in anticipation one year previous to planting, and getting the right sorts set early and firmly in good soil is the greatest step towards a successful orchard.

# THE DAIRY

## HAY TEA AND YOUNG CALVES.

"Hay tea has its uses and abuses as a substitute for milk in calf-feeding. Very often a farmer finds himself short of milk in the winter and early spring, and is loth to knock a fine calf on the head.

In such a case he may resort to the old-fashioned substitute of "hay tea," and if he does so he will be wise if he bears the following suggestions in mind.

"Hay tea" to be of much value should be made from "yolling hay," that is to say, from hay saved from yolds, or in the yolding side. Coarse hard hay does not make good hay tea. Hay with plenty of clover in it, is the best. Then it is no use just pouring boiling water on the hay and straining off. The hay should be left in the water until all the nutriment in it is boiled out. It will then be more concentrated.

It is as well to gradually accustom the calf to this new food by mixing some milk with it at first, and by degrees give more "hay tea" and less milk.

As the milk is reduced and the hay tea increased, add a little good meal. Any reliable brand of 'calf meal will do, or linseed meal boiled to a jelly will answer the purpose almost as well. Prepare the calf meal added according to the directions given with the tin. As the calf gets older the meal can be given dry to the calf after it has had its "hay tea." There is thorough digestion of a meal when an animal has drunk it dry because there is thorough mastication. The animal must masticate very thoroughly before it can swallow a dry food.

A very little meal will then suffice a calf, and it is less trouble than making a "mash" for the calf reared entirely on "hay tea" is not much of a specimen as a general rule—big bellied, long legged, and lantern jawed.—"New Zealand Dairyman."

## POULTRY ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Too many chicks spoil the brood.

A chick in the nest is worth two in the mind.

The less the hale the stronger the chicks.

The proof of the hatching is the chirp of the chicks.

The chick will never grind with the grit it never gets.

Grit is a virtue in man and fowl. The latter the hen the smaller the profits.

Prudence may be golden, but not in a hen.

Smile awhile, and while you smile another smiles; and soon there's miles and miles of smiles—and life's worth while because you smile.

It is hard to realise that Mr. Bute is the chairman of 1st, and changed from a sheep run to a community of 1, let us hope, thriving farmers. Over 1000 acres cut up the Bute holding range, at the extreme south-east of the great Western Plain, station holders have greatly improved the sheep carrying capacity of their properties by cutting up some one-third of which they applied good dressings of super. They attribute the increased wool match to the landings up of the land as to the super. Results almost as good might have been obtained if the nutmeg applied at the right time, had been distributed broadcast on the grass without cultivation. The last four years' results out Mr Bergin's farms are illuminating and significantly indicate what policy he should adopt. In 1916 he applied 112 lbs. an acre of super on 115 acres of fallow and 85 acres of stubble, harvesting 5,250 bushels of wheat, or better than 34 bushels to the acre. In 1917 the same allotment was applied to 200 acres of fallow, from which 10,225 bushels of 32 lbs. to the acre, was obtained. The same allotment in 1918 gave 3,825 bushels from 200 acres of fallow, or 29,58 bushels to the acre, while in 1919 (semi-drought) they yield from 275 acres of fallow, well worked, and given 112 lbs. of super, was 5,750 bushels, or 20.15 bushels to the acre. The grand aggregate for four years, with 112 lbs. of super to the acre from 875 acres, was 27,063 bushels, or 32.40 bushels to the acre. Surely this should convince every farmer as to the value of heavy dressings.

## CHUTE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

A tennis club has been formed at Chute, and is giving much to popularise the game locally. Mr Gilbert Smith is the president. On Saturday, 15th inst., the Beaufort St. Andrew's Club sent a team to Chute, which defeated the locals rather easily. The match was much enjoyed, and the Chute players hope to set the game a-going in the near future.

On Wednesday evening, 19th inst., a second-hand euchre tournament was held at Chute in aid of the funds of the Tennis Club. The prizes were donated by Messrs G. C. Bennett, Troy Bros., J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., and Kelly & McDonald, of Beaufort. In the ladies' division first prize was won by Mrs Gilbert Smith, and second by Miss Ellen Boyl. Mr Wm. Newey annexed first prize in the men's division, and Mr J. McKenzie obtained second. Mr P. Tregone and Mr Frank Carland carried off the "booby" prizes.

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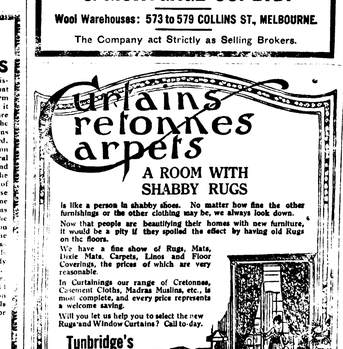

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GEORGE.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother (1171), Driver S. E. George, who died of influenza in Monte Vidio Camp Hospital, England, February 1st, 1919.
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Of our dear boy gone to rest.
And those who think of him to-day
Are those who loved him best.

GEORGE.—In loving memory of Driver S. E. George (Ern), who died 1st Feby., 1919, at Monte Video Hospital, Weymouth.
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If ever forgotten in the hour of care.
You are never forgotten in the hour of prayer.
Inserted by Ivy.


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SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1921.


### Personal.

Mrs Smith, senr., of Chute, has been in ill-health for some time, and early in the week she was seriously ill.

### Beaufort Methodist Circuit.

At the quarterly meeting of the Beaufort Methodist Circuit, held at Raglan on 29th ult., six members were present. The circuit stewards were re-elected. As no conference representative was available, none was elected. It was reported that the sum of £29/17/5 had been raised for foreign missions.

### Beaufort Fire Brigade.

The Beaufort firemen, who brought home a set of trophies from last demonstration, have commenced practising for the Country Fire Brigades' annual competitions, which will be held at Warrnambool next March. A trophy donated by Mr G. McCaughey is to be competed for in the interim. As the members of the brigade acquitted themselves so well last year, perhaps other local residents will come forward and give them a little encouragement. They certainly deserve it, for no self-imposed duty is more unselfish than the country fireman's.

### The Pictures.

Although the weather was extremely oppressive, there was a fair attendance at the Amusu Picture Co's. usual entertainment at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Saturday night. It takes a good deal to stop the ardent patron of the cinema. The star films were "The Spirit Dance" (featuring E. Clytona) and "The Lost Insurance," in which the popular Brian Washburn had the leading part. A good accompanying programme was screened. The company advertises another excellent show for to-night (Saturday).

### A Good Harvest.

Most of the farmers around the Beaufort district have had a bountiful harvest. The best of the oat crops have yielded from 50 to 60 bushels per acre, and the highest returns from the wheat fields are from 8 to 10 bags per acre. If fortune favors the soldier settlers who intend taking up blocks on Trawalla Estate with a season or two like this, the new farmers will get a flying start. For the sake of the men themselves and the future of the district, it is fervently hoped that a few years of plenty will be granted them at the outset of their pastoral and agricultural ventures, in order that they may get fairly on their feet before the lean years come again.

### A Sign of Distress.

An amusing incident occurred at the opening of the Beaufort bowling green on Saturday, 15th inst. Noticing that a Union Jack was flying at half-mast, a visitor drew the attention of the club's secretary (Mr A. L. Wotherspoon) to it, and jocularly asked if it were a signal of distress, mentioning that this was what the good old flag signified when flown upside down at sea. The genial "A.L." has always had a good deal of the wag in his composition, and he promptly answered, "Yes; we are in distress. We owe about £400." Whether the visitor showed his practical sympathy with those in "distress" we know not, but the secretary could not have given him a broader hint.

### Presbyterian Picnic.

The annual picnic in connection with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school was held in the Beaufort Park on Saturday, and the children had a very enjoyable outing. Boating, swinging, and ring games were the chief forms of amusement. The usual programme of children's races was got off, and aroused keen competition among the budding pedestrians of both sexes. Substantial mid-day and evening meals were provided, the catering arrangements being in the hands of Messrs Les. Miles and J. E. Wallish. The members of the teaching staff carried out the arrangements under the leadership of Mr A. L. Wotherspoon (Sunday school superintendent). A fair number of parents were also present.

### The Weather.

From Sunday until Tuesday the residents of Beaufort experienced something in the nature of a heat wave, and perspired more freely than they had previously done during the present summer. All unnecessary undergarments were relegated to the clothes-basket, and almost everyone developed a surprising thirst, and quenched it, according to his or her taste, with soft drinks, ice-cream, or something stronger. On Sunday the shade temperature was 96 degrees, and on Monday the mercury rose to 98 degrees. On Tuesday it dropped to 94 degrees, and a thunderstorm was threatening all day. Once or twice a few drops of rain fell, but the longed-for cool change arrived during the night, and the populace retired to rest with the comforting thought that another "brickfielder" would not have to be faced next day.


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The fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., on Tuesday night lapsed for want of a quorum.

### Snake in Town.

During the week a tiger snake was seen in the town near Mr T. D. Bailes' residence.

### A.W.N.L. Organiser.

Mrs McLean, an organiser in connection with the Australian Women's National League, has been visiting members of the Beaufort branch during the week.

### Scouts' Visit.

The Ballarat St. Peter's troop of Boy Scouts arrived in Beaufort on Friday, and will camp at the local Park for the week-end. Scoutmasters E. S. Bailes and Foster are in charge.

### A Snakekiller Bitten.

A fox-terrier, owned by Mr Geo. Wilson, of Beaufort, met its death by snake-bite on Tuesday. The animal had earned a reputation as a snake-killer, and many a reptile had come to its end owing to the dog's pluck and skill. The terrier had accounted for no less than six or seven snakes recently, but like every animal which pits its skill at dodging against the lightning-like rapidity of the snake at striking, it was sure to be fatally bitten sooner or later. Unfortunately, Mr Wilson was unable to take necessary measures in time to save the dog's life.

### Walking Across Australia.

Aidan de Broune, who is attempting to walk from Freemantle to Sydney in 85 days, passed the South Australian-Victorian border at Serviceton on Friday, 21st inst., at 5 p.m., and expects to reach Melbourne on Sunday or Monday. At present he is somewhat behind his schedule, and will have to improve on his average of 33 miles a day to reach Sydney within the prescribed time. The following details of the walk are of interest:—Freemantle to Kalgoorlie (387 miles), 10½ days; across Western Australia, 24 days; across Nullabor Plain, 11 days; across South Australia, 34 days; total mileage to Nhill, 1,946 miles. He reached Beaufort about 11 a.m. on Friday, and left shortly afterwards for Ballarat. After a short stay of a few hours in Melbourne, he will enter on the last stage of his journey.

### Agricultural.

Mr Samuel Boyle, of Lake Goldsmith, carted in the first load of new season's wheat to the Beaufort railway station. The grain was bought by Mr George Pringle (local agent for the Victorian Producers' Co-operative Co. Ltd.), on behalf of the co-operative wheat group. It is anticipated that anything between 5000 and 6000 bags of wheat have been grown in the district this season. The yields are good. The largest grower is Mr Geo. Topper, Beaufort, whose area under wheat is 300 acres, and will average about nine bags to the acre. Messrs Cushing Bros., of Lake Goldsmith, have a splendid crop of 120 acres, which is averaging about 10 bags to the acre. The grain is of the best quality, and as a result of the late rains is very well filled. As far as can be ascertained, this year should constitute a record for the largest amount of wheat grown in the district. It represents a tremendous increase on last year, when only 300 bags were sent away. Oat crops this year have also been bountiful, and threshing operations indicate a return from the best crops of from 50 to 60 bushels per acre, and an average yield of fully 50 bushels to the acre.

A wonderful opportunity of obtaining from W. E. THOMAS the new strong TRUEBYTE and ANOTOFORM TEETH, most suitable in the world for various shapes of the human face (square, tapering, or oval), also for biting and chewing food. They are of exquisite shade, the colour being most natural. Last a lifetime. This latest system, with new way of making plates, is the secret which gives satisfaction. Patients also obtain the advantage of our large stock of teeth, bought before the recent hundred per cent. rise in price. The latest in Painless Extractions, 1/- (equal to 5/-). Call first visit Beaufort, Wednesday, 2nd February.

Messrs W. H. Halpin & Son announce the sale of township property, on a/c. Mr R. Noble, on Thursday, 3rd prox.

Messrs. Kelly & McDonald hold a stock sale at Lexton on Wednesday, 2nd prox.

Mr G. J. McCaughey, hairdresser and tobacconist, Beaufort, advertises a change of hours and his new price-list.

Mr Geo. Goe Tong, Chinese herbalist, Ballarat, will visit Beaufort fortnightly in future on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays.

In order to bring up the universal training scheme to the maximum state of efficiency, drills for cadets classed as non-efficient will be held to enable them to make up deficiencies.

About 6,500,000 slips are being issued in connection with the Commonwealth census on 4th April.

The Warrnambool Council, by a majority of one vote, has decided to adopt the unimproved land values system of rating.

Alfred Heller, of Gilgandra, who has broken more limbs than any other man in Australia, has made a further break. He fell out of a sulky on Thursday and broke his arm. This is his 44th break.

As far as it goes, Sir Joseph Cook's circular to the heads of Federal departments, directing that economy must be observed, is a welcome sign that something will be done.

During the past few days American wool buyers have been in Geelong making extensive purchases for export. The buyers desire to land the wool in America to escape the import duties to be imposed shortly.

Shipowners have written to the maritime unions demanding assurances in regard to job control, and a continuity of industrial peace.

Work was resumed at the Wonthaggi State coal mine on Thursday. There will be no relief from the train restrictions for the week-end.

## BEAUFORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

### SHELTER SHED, &c.

A meeting of the Beaufort school committee was held at the Shire Hall on Friday night, 21st inst., Messrs Muntz, Sinclair, W. J. Stevenson, E. S. Buchanan, A. L. Wotherspoon, and Seager being in attendance. Mr Seager presided until the chairman (Mr Sinclair) arrived. Mr H. J. Buchanan and Mrs J. R. Hughes were present as representatives of the Beaufort Thistle Club. To provide a shelter shed, the sum of £60/9/ has been raised locally by the school committee, school children, and Thistle Club. The club set out to raise £25, and obtained £32, of which £24/18/ was collected by Mrs J. R. Hughes and Misses M. Thurman, J. Stevens, and S. Hughes (the three last-named being members of the school teaching staff). The Education Department is adding pound for pound up to £60. A departmental design of a shelter shed divided into two 20 x 10 compartments was inspected. After some discussion as to the lack of protection from driving rain on the western side, and as to whether two separate 20 x 10 sheds would not be more suitable, the design submitted was adopted, on motion of Messrs Seager and Stevenson; Mr Muntz pointing out that two sheds would mean that they would have to raise another £30 or £40, without assistance from the Department. Mr Buchanan considered that the shed should open toward the school instead of east and west. Mr Muntz said it would increase the wall by 20 ft. and cost another £20. After further discussion as to the best type of shed to erect and the most desirable part of the school ground in which to place it, it was arranged to meet at the school ground on the following Monday night and come to a decision as to a site. The Thistle Club representatives then withdrew, and were thanked by the chairman for their attendance and assistance. The ordinary business was then proceeded with. The correspondent (Mr Muntz) is to write and ask Sir A. J. Peacock (Minister of Education) to at once look into the matter of new fencing, as the former Minister (Mr Hutchinson) had promised Mr Sinclair that the fence would be renewed. Mr Sinclair said he would be in Melbourne the following Friday, and would also speak to the Minister himself. Mr Muntz suggested that Sir A. J. Peacock be also asked to have the school ground enlarged. Some of the ground they wished to take in was vested in the Ballarat diocesan trustees, and another part was practically a reserve. Mr Sinclair said he thought the Church of England was agreeable to hand its part over for the use of the children. Routine correspondence in reference to the teacher's residence, the election of Mr A. L. Wotherspoon as a committeeman, and the University appeal for assistance in raising £100 000 for developmental work, was received. In reply to a question, Mr Muntz said he did no know what had been done in regard to establishing higher elementary classes at the school. He did not think it wise to do anythiug further until Mr Evans returned from his holiday. As with the school residence, the trouble was that the Department did not deal with the committee, but through the head teacher. Mr Stevenson—They should draw attention to that. All the correspondence about the school residence had gone to the schoolmaster. He was not finding fault with the teacher, but the Department. Mr Sinclair—They should request the Department to correspond with the school committee. Mr Stevenson—They were making the school committee feel small. Mr Sinclair—It was the same with the old board of advice. They had no power. It was resolved that the Education Department be written to and asked to send all correspondence dealing with their business direct to the correspondent of the committee. Mr Seager—Nothing had been done since the building had been dumped on the Departmental site, beyond calling for tenders. Accounts amounting to 35/ were passed for payment. In answer to Mr Wotherspoon, Mr Muntz said the committee had never received a red cent from the Department. They were allowed £10 a year to spend, but did not handle any of it. Mr Wotherspoon said he understood that at Mildura the committee got an allowance every month for a meeting. It was resolved to meet every two months in future, on the third Monday; the correspondent and chairman to call special meetings at any time, if necessary. It was mentioned that Mr Evans (head teacher) was eligible for promotion and transfer at any time. Mr Stevenson—Would that affect the proposed higher elementary classes here? Mr Muntz—No; but we need to get them established before he goes. Mr E. S. Buchanan—Mr Evans had told him it would be quite alright. Mr Stevenson—If the Department were as long over it as the school residence, the committee would need to shake them up. The Government was getting worse every day. Mr Sinclair—So it will till it comes a crash. Mr E. S. Buchanan suggested that Mr Muntz interview Mr Evans, and if things were not going alright with the higher elementary school proposal, get the committee to meet. The suggestion was adopted. Mr Wotherspoon asked if there were any prospect of a sloyd class being started at the school. Mr Muntz—The Department would provide teachers, but the parents had to supply the material.

The coming of new farmers to the Albury district has had an important educational effect in the direction of demonstrating to farmers of the old school the suitability of the Murry flats for the cultivation of the valuable new fodder, Sudan grass.

According to Mr G. H. Knibbs, the Commonwealth statistician, for the month of December, 1920, there was a general decrease of 1.2 per cent. in prices of food and groceries (46 commodities) compared with the preceding month. All the States, except West Australia, show decreases. The decrease was greatest in Tasmania (3.6 per cent.), followed by Victoria (1.7 per cent.), Queensland and South Australia (1.4 per cent.), and New South Wales (0.9 per cent.) There was a slight increase of 0.6 per cent. in West Australia.

The South Australian Commissioner of Public Works, Mr Hague, announced on Tuesday that the Government had accepted the tender of the Perry Engineering Co. for steel and iron work of regulator gates at Lake Victoria water conservation basin, River Murray. It is understood the contract amounts to more than £5000.

On the Foundation Day holiday on Monday, country post and telegraph offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for all classes of postal and telegraphic business, except money order business. The first letter delivery only will be effected, provided such delivery is usually made not later than 10 a.m. Mails usually closing after 10 a.m. will close at that hour, and be despatched as on ordinary days.

## BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, JANY. 24TH, 1921.

(Before Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon and L. T. G. Smith, J's.P.)

STOCK OWNERS FINED.

Senior-constable J. T. Ellis, prosecuting officer for the Shire of Ripon, proceeded against James A. Harris on a charge of being, on 13th Jany., the owner of three horses found in Burton street, Beaufort, without any person in charge.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Senior-constable Ellis gave formal evidence.

Hugh McDougall, herdsman for the Shire of Ripon and town ranger, stated on oath that on the morning of Jany. 13th, he found three horses belonging to Mr Harris in Burton street; no person being in charge. He put them in the court yard. Later a man named Webb took the horses and said they belonged to Mr Harris. Witness interviewed defendant, who said they were his property, and that they had got out of his paddock.

Defendant—What time did you get them?

Witness—5.30 in the morning.

James A. Harris, the defendant, gave evidence that he left the horses in charge of Wm. Welsh. His paddock was properly fenced, and he kept them there at night. Welsh put them in, and securely barred the opening. He would refer their worships to section 222 of the Local Government Act.

Senior-constable Ellis—Did I understand you to say the horses were put in the paddock? What was the date?

Defendant—The night before the 13th, at about 7.30. I was away at the time.

The senior-constable—What size is the paddock?

Defendant—About ¾ of an acre. He had five animals there, and there was a little grass in it. He fed his horses there every night, and did not graze them at all. The rails were in the posts with barbed-wire on top. The sliprails were wired on top, as the horses might knock them down; the barbed-wire being put there so that they could not get out.

To Mr Wotherspoon—Welsh told him the sliprails were down next morning.

Senior-constable Ellis—Is there not any other way of securing a sliprail?

Defendant—There was none better than the way he did it.

The senior-constable—Don't you think you could bore a hole through the rails at the end and peg them in?

Defendant—He had holes bored at both ends, which Mr McDougall saw.

In answer to the bench, the senior-constable said he was asking witness whether a sliprail could be made secure by taking a little trouble.

Defendant—A peg was put in at each end of the sliprails every night. He had adopted another plan of making it a four-wire fence.

The senior-constable—Can you understand how the horses got out if the peg were in properly?

Defendant—I cannot, but they got out.

The senior-constable—I hold that if the peg were put in properly, the horses could not get out.

Defendant—Part of a horse's mane was on the barbed-wire. He had shown it to the herdsman.

Mr Wotherspoon—If the horses got out of the yard they were wandering.

Defendant—It was unfair for a man to be prosecuted who was really not guilty at all. There was no wilfulness. It seemed he was always getting into trouble.

Mr Wotherspoon—The horses were wandering, and there was nothing else to do.

Senior-constable Ellis—They were dealing with the 13th schedule. Defendant was not charged with wilfulness. If Mr Harris' excuse were taken that the rails were knocked down, any person might come along with the same excuse, and they would have no means of keeping cattle off the streets.

Defendant—He thought section 222 overcame that.

Mr Wotherspoon—Common sense said, "Put a gate there, and lock it." If anyone were maliciously inclined to let horses out, they could not do it if it were locked.

Senior-constable Ellis—Under the Police Offences Act wilfulness had to be charged, but that had been knocked out here.

Defendant—Does not section 222 overcome that?

The senior-constable—The Council adopted the 13th schedule and by-law No. 11. They had nothing to do with section 222 at all.

After reading section 222, which refers to a wilful act, Mr Wotherspoon said they were not dealing with this at all. It was merely the machinery.

Subsequent to the two magistrates holding a consultation for a few seconds, Mr Wotherspoon said the bench considered they had no option but to fine defendant 5/ for each horse, with 6/ costs.

Harold George, who was similarly charged in regard to a cow found wandering in Cummins street on 13th Jany., also pleaded not guilty.

Formal evidence was given by the prosecuting officer.

Hugh McDougall, sworn, stated that on 13th Jany. at 5 a.m., he found a cow in Cummins street; no person being in charge. He put it in the court yard, and later Harold George took possession of it and said it was his property.

Harold George, the defendant, stated on oath that he put the cow in a paddock next to his home on the evening of the 12th Jany. The gate was barred when he put her in, but when he got up in the morning, she was missing. He looked all over the common for her, and when he came up here he found her in the court yard. Mr McDougall was coming down from his home, and defendant asked him what time it was when he got the cow, and he said, "Four o'clock in the morning." He then asked the herdsman where he got it, and Mr McDougall said, "Against your back gate at home."

To Mr Wotherspoon—He did not know whether she got out, but she was shut in there the previous night.

Mr Wotherspoon—You don't suppose anyone would open the gate? You are charged with being the owner.

In answer to Mr Smith, defendant said he put wire on the gate, and around both parts of it.

Mr Wotherspoon—The bench had no option but to fine defendant 5/. with 6/ costs.

James Patching, who did not appear, was charged with being, on 13th Jany., the owner of a cow found in Walker street, without any person in charge.

In answer to Mr Wotherspoon, the prosecuting officer said the summons had been served. He also gave formal testimony.

Hugh McDougall stated on oath that on 13th Jany. he found a cow in Walker street, with no person in charge. He put it in the court yard and interviewed Mr Patching, who said the cow was his property.

Mr Wotherspoon said that, considering it was defendant's first offence, the bench had decided to fine him 2/6, with 6/ costs.

## IS THE EARTH ROUND?

It will scarcely be believed that the question of the shape of the earth could ever have disturbed the peaceful atmosphere of the Law Courts.

Yet in 1870 the question, in [illegible] ly, indeed, did come before three learned judges, and the case excited a good deal of interest and amusement. The circumstances were as follows:—

The plaintiff, one Hampden, entertained the opinion that the world was not round, and issued an advertisement, in a paper called "Scientific Opinion," challenging philosophers, divines, and scientific professors to prove the contrary from Scripture, reason or fact. He deposited £500 in a bank, to be forfeited to anyone who could prove to the satisfaction of any intelligent referee that there was such a thing as a convex railway, canal, or lake.

The challenge was taken up by no less a person than the late Professor Alfred Russell Wallace, who proved to the satisfaction of the referee the curvature to and from the Bedford Level Canal between Witney Bridge and Welsh's Dam (six miles) to the extent of five feet more or less, and the £500 was paid over to him.

But he did not keep it. The plaintiff apparently began to see that he was making a fool of himself, and brought an action, and recovered back his deposit, on the ground that the whole affair was a wager, and therefore illegal.

## SURROUNDINGS THAT INSPIRE

It has been stated recently that drugs become a necessity to some people when seeking inspiration.

Some of our famous novelists, however, have less harmful methods of stimulating imagination.

Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, for example, when thinking out a new plot wanders from room to room, apparently deeply interested in the clocks with which his house is provided.

Mr. E. F. Benson finds his ideas come more readily when playing or listening to music. Mr. W. W. Jacobs cannot work unless his desk is in apple-pie order, pens and pencils in symmetrical rows, and so on. Most of Mr. R. S. Hichens' novels are written in large hotels, the bustle of which he finds exhilarating.

When "composing," Mrs. C. N. Williamson must have pretty things to look at, which once induced a gallant interviewer to remark that he presumed she kept a mirror on her desk.

There was a horse fair on in the village, and, as usual, all sorts and conditions of horses were being offered for sale. Every old crock in the county seemed to be there.

The auctioneer stood ready to begin business — which looked like being pretty bad. An old farmer came up with an aged steed, thin, gone in the knees, and walking on three legs.

"How much?" queried the auctioneer, looking at the steed disgustedly.

"Fifteen pounds!" came the stolid reply.

The auctioneer looked pained and surprised.

"I want to know your price — not the weight of the animal!" he remarked.

## USEFUL READY RECKONER.

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

One quarter equals 28lb.
Two quarters equal 56lb.
Three quarters equal 1bus. 24lb.
One cwt. equals 1 bus. 52lb.
Two cwt. equal 3bus. 44lb.
Three cwt. equal 5bus. 36lb.
Four cwt. equal 7 bus. 28lb.
Five cwt. equal 9bus. 20lb.
Six cwt. equal 11bus. 12lb.
Seven cwt. equal 13bus. 4lb.
Eight cwt. equal 14bus. 56lb.
Nine cwt. equal 16bus. 48lb.
Ten cwt. equal 18bus. 40lb.
Eleven cwt. equal 20bus. 32lb.
Twelve cwt. equal 22bus. 24lb.
Thirteen cwt. equal 24bus. 16lb.
Fourteen cwt. equal 26bus. 8lb.
Fifteen cwt. equal 28bus.
Sixteen cwt. equal 29bus. 52lb.
Seventeen cwt. equal 31bus. 44lb.
Eighteen cwt. equal 33bus. 36lb.
Nineteen cwt. equal 35bus. 28lb.
One ton equals 37bus. 20lb.
Two tons equal 74bus. 40lb.
Three tons equal 112bus.
Four tons equal 149bus. 20lb.
Five tons equal 186bus. 40lb.
Six tons equal 224bus.
Seven tons equal 261bus. 20lb.
Eight tons equal 298bus. 40lb.
Nine tons equal 336bus.
Ten tons equal 373bus. 20lb.
Eleven tons equal 410bus. 40lb.
Twelve tons equal 448bus.
Thirteen tons equal 485bus. 20lb.
Fourteen tons equal 522bus. 40lb.
Fifteen tons equal 560bus.
Sixteen tons equal 597bus. 20lb.
Seventeen tons equal 634bus. 40lb.
Eighteen tons equal 672bus.
Nineteen tons equal 709bus. 20lb.
Twenty tons equal 746bus. 40lb.
Twenty-one tons equal 784bus.
Twenty-two tons equal 821bus. 20 lb., and so on.

Mr D. C. McGrath, M.P., speaking on Wednesday night at the annual meeting of the Ballarat branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, protested against the application of military titles to men who were not professional soldiers. He had not one word to say personally against the citizen soldiers to whom the military titles were applied. He said it was about time that they in Australia dropped military titles, no matter whether they concerned brigadier-generals, colonels, captains, lieutenants, warrant officers, sergeants or corporals. The remarks of Mr McGrath were well received by the meeting.

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



## RETURNED SOLDIERS' LEAGUE.

Twenty members of the Ripon branch, R.S.S.I.L.A., were present at the monthly meeting at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Saturday night. Mr Gilbert Smith (president) occupied the chair.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Ballarat district council, re supplying copies of minutes of State and district council meetings. The president reported that same had been brought up at a special council meeting. On motion of Messrs S. Young and E. S. Buchanan, copies are to be obtained.

From War Service Homes Commission, re applications for advances, and suggesting how applicants' interests could be protected in event of a refund being necessary. Received.

From headquarters, re issue of a second length of defence tweed to members, and stating that maximum amount for widows and mothers of fallen soldiers was 5 yds., the maximum for a soldier being still 4 yds.—The secretary said the ballot for the 1920 issue had to be completed yet. The president—They should arrange to-night for another ballot. The matter was left in the hands of the committee, on motion of Messrs I. McErvale and G. Wilson.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Accounts amounting to £3/17/6 were passed for payment, on motion of Messrs W Kay and R. Dooley.

The president said that at the last council meeting in Melbourne, it was proposed to call in the large badge and issue a smaller one of very neat design.

The secretary said he had had half-a-dozen enquiries as to whether the branch was getting any more tea.

Mr McLeod—If they took his advice, they would let tea alone at the present time.

The president—They had a slight loss on it last time, and the distribution was some trouble.

On motion of Messrs A. Vowles and H. McDougall, junr., the secretary was instructed to inquire, and if the price were satisfactory, obtain two more chests of tea.

The secretary—In the event of Mr Wallish not taking on the distribution, he would distribute it from his place if a working bee were held to pack it.

This offer was accepted with thanks, on motion of Messrs McDougall and Vowles.

Mr Kay—Were the two jobs of looking after Trawalla given through the league?

The appointment of two caretakers of the estate by the Closer Settlement Board's inspector was then discussed in camera at considerable length.

The president—To show they should support their league, their objection to the proposed private sale of Trawalla had carried weight, and it had been put under the hammer, although it did not realise quite as high a price as they expected.

Mr Vowles—Would it be too late to put a few firebreaks around the estate?

A voice—If a fire started, they had better get out and not wait to put it out.

The president—It would go. They should urge that the estate be surveyed as soon as possible.

Mr Young—There had been two men up already, and another was coming up next week to roughly plot out the blocks.

The president—Have you any idea of the size of the blocks?

Mr Young—He would say 800 for grazing and 400 for agriculture.

The president—He had had two enquiries for land from old district boys at Pimpino and Donald.

Mr H. McDougall, junr.—The inspector reckoned soldiers would be on the blocks inside three months.

Mr I. McErvale—Several returned soldiers could not get woodstands on the Beaufort station. A few men owned the lot. A man with one waggon held several stands, and could not keep more than one filled.

The president—He had had experience of this, but got the stands re-allotted after making representations about it.

Mr McErvale—Several men owned stands who had not carted for 12 months, and even their cutters owned them.

The president—He understood Mr McErvale had to dump his wood in the yard and cart it again to the rails.

Mr McErvale—The S.M. told him he could do nothing. They paid for their stands.

Mr Young suggested that the commissioners be waited on and asked to allot four stands to local returned soldiers.

Mr McGregor—It was said one man owned seven stands.

Mr McErvale—One owned seven or more. That was Mr Bert Crick. He was not frightened to mention names.

Mr Young moved that a deputation wait on the commissioners and ask that sufficient stands be allotted to returned soldiers on the north side of the Beaufort railway woodyard. Seconded by Mr I. McErvale, and carried.

Mr McErvale—They did not pay for stands on the south side; the wood being left there at their own risk.

It was understood that the president and the Melbourne secretary would wait on the commissioners as soon as possible.

The president congratulated Mr W. West, on behalf of the members, on his recent marriage, and wished him every happiness.

Mr West briefly responded, and provoked laughter by asking who would be the next member to follow the president's example.

Prior to the meeting closing, the president said the secretary had the official clips in hand for members who desired to make their subscriptions good for the coming year.

Those of military age will be interested to learn that camp training for members of the Citizen Forces will be resumed shortly, when the trainees of the 1902 quota will be assembled in the camps of the various States. Most of this training will be concentrated in the months of February, March, and April, and it will embrace members of the Light Horse, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, and other arms. In each of these months there will be several camps in progress. A commencement has already been made with staff courses, musketry courses, and schools for officers and non-commissioned officers. These will continue simultaneously with the Citizen Force camps.

The police patrol at Circular Quay, Sydney, early on Tuesday saw four Chinese leaving the steamer St. Albans. The Chinese were stopped and searched, with the result that opium valued at nearly £700 was found on them.

During the past 12 months the average of the deposits of the private banks trading in New South Wales has increased from £74,356,657 to £81,770,956, or an increase of £7,414,299, whereas advances have increased from £67,149,076 to £85,594,273, a growth of £18,445,197.

Capt. Huxley, with Mr J. W. Boatwright as a passenger, made the trip from Cressington to Hobart, 120 miles, by aeroplane on Tuesday in an hour and a half.

## RAGLAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

There was a good muster of members at a meeting of the Raglan sports committee on Saturday night. It was reported that a good entry for all events had been received, and that, given fine weather, a good day's sport was anticipated. Mr R. Taylor's offer for the publican's booth was accepted, and Mr J. A. Blay's for the fruit and lolly stall. Mrs W. Johnston agreed to take the luncheon and afternoon tea booth. A company of Ballarat artists was engaged to give an entertainment in the evening, and it was decided that a ball and supper would follow.

## RAGLAN SPORTS.

The following are the handicaps for the Raglan sports, to be held on Monday, 31st January:—

| | 130 yds. Hdcp. Yds. | 220 yds. Hdcp. Yds. |
|---|---|---|
| A. R. Leech | 6 | 19 |
| H. Smith | — | 20 |
| A. McPherson | 8 | 24 |
| Reg. Robinson | 9 | 23 |
| A. Cougle | 10 | 25 |
| N. P. Dromey | 11 | 22 |
| I. Laney | 12 | 26 |
| E. Pitcher | 13 | 26 |
| C. Stevenson | 13 | 26 |
| J. Fisher | 13 | 25 |
| S. Carey | — | — |

J. A. BATES, G. CUTHBERTSON, Handicappers

| | Underhand Secs. | S. Block Secs. |
|---|---|---|
| J. J. Dunn | — | scr. |
| W. Anderson | scr. | 3 |
| J. Crick | 12 | 15 |
| E. Broadbent | 12 | 15 |
| D. May | 15 | — |
| W. Stokes | 25 | 25 |
| H. Boyd | 20 | 25 |
| E. George | — | 25 |
| Gil. Smith | 25 | 25 |
| R. Gardiner | 25 | 25 |
| J. Connor | 20 | 25 |
| C. Broadbent | — | 25 |
| H. Smith | 20 | — |

| | Youths' Chop. Secs. |
|---|---|
| Jack Davis | scr. |
| Reg. Herbert | 10 |
| W. Connor | 10 |
| H. Dunn | 15 |
| E. Boyd | 18 |

W. CONNOR, GEO. R. BOYD, Handicappers

| One-mile Bicycle Race. | Yds. |
|---|---|
| J. L. McErvale | scr. |
| H. F. Smith | 45 |
| V. Martin | 100 |
| R. Lilley | 100 |
| R. Martin | 120 |
| B. Crocker | 230 |
| J. S. S. Smith | 230 |
| J. L. Crick | 230 |

GEO. R. BOYD, HUGH F. SMITH, Handicappers.

## BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Cattle—184 head of cattle were yarded for to-day's market. Competition was keen, and prices ruled at about equal to late rates. Quotations:—Prime bullocks, £20 to £22; good, £17 to £19; useful, £13 to £16; best cows, £16 to £17/10/; good, £13 to £15; useful, £10 to £12. Calves—41 penned, mostly middling descriptions, a few nice quality; best made £13/2/6. Sheep—A fair yarding, 5434 being penned. For prime quality competition was irregular, and prices eased a little, but for middling trade descriptions the demand was good, and for such prices were a shade better than last week. Stores sold well to a good demand. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 33/ to 37/7; good, 28/ to 32/; useful, 24/ to 27/; prime crossbred ewes, 32/ to 35/; good, 27/ to 30/; useful, 23/ to 25/. Lambs—A short supply, 1621 being the number penned. Owing to the scarcity, competition was keen, and prices showed an improvement on last week. Quotations:—Woolly—Prime, 29/ to 35/; good, 24/ to 27/; useful, 19/ to 21/; shorn—prime, 26/ to 30/; good, 22/ to 24/; useful, 17/ to 20/.

District sales:—111 sheep, Mr F. M. Ball, Raglan, crossbred wethers 28/10, crossbred ewes 24/10; 100 comeback wethers, Messrs Oman Bros., Streatham, to 34/10, averaging 33/2; 68 ewes, Mr R. F. Roberts, Skipton, crossbreds 29/4 to 22/, comebacks 25/9 to 21/4, 71 lambs (shorn) 26/10 to 24/1, averaging 25/9; 39 crossbred ewes, Mr J. Greenbank, Snake Valley, 21/10 to 20/7, 58 shorn lambs 26/1 to 23/10, averaging 25/; 10 crossbred ewes, Mr L. Greenbank, Snake Valley, 23/1, 40 shorn lambs 28/7 to 24/10; cow, Mr H. F. Thompson, Skipton, £11; 4 woolly lambs, Mr D. Stewart, Wongan, 27/7.

## BOWLS.

Keen interest has been taken in the first round of the Beaufort Bowling Club's singles competition for "colts" for Mr A. Betheras' trophy. Several of the games were well contested, and particularly those between G. C. Bennett and J. F. O'Brien, and W. H. Halpin and D. Stevenson, in which the winners beat their opponents by a very narrow margin. Following are results of the games:—

T. M. Bowe beat P. Kelly, 21—8; L. Watkin beat J. Day, 21—12; G. C. Bennett beat J. F. O'Brien, 21—20; R. Halpin beat T. Stewart, 21—11; D. R. Hannah beat A. L. Wotherspoon, 21—15; Les. Miles beat G. J. McCaughey, 21—10; J. T. Ellis beat H. B. Seager, 21—14; Dr. G. A. Eadie beat Dr. S. E. Humphreys, 21—4; W. H. Halpin beat D. Stevenson, 21—20; N. B. Acton beat A. M. Parker, 21—9; E. J. Emery beat J. R. Wotherspoon, 21—6; E. J. Muntz beat A. Parker, 21—8. W. J. Stevenson, G. H. Cougle, and T. W. Schlicht each had a walk-over, their opponents (J. W. Harris, A. H. Cougle, and J. A. Harris) forfeiting their games by non-attendance.

The draw for the second round is as follows, and all games must be played by Wednesday next:—E. J. Muntz v. W. J. Stevenson, T. W. Schlicht v. J. T. Ellis, W. H. Halpin v. L. Miles, D. R. Hannah v. Dr. G. A. Eadie, L. Watkin v. E. J. Emery, R. Halpin v. N. B. Acton, T. M. Bowe v. G. C. Bennett, G. H. Cougle, a bye.

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## DEATH IN A TRAIN.

An old and well-known resident of the Beaufort district, in the person of Mrs Johanna Fitzpatrick, of Nerring, passed away suddenly on Thursday under very sad circumstances. She had been spending a month's holiday in Melbourne with one of her daughters, and was returning by the train which reaches Beaufort at mid-day, intending to break her journey at Burrumbeet and visit one of her sons (Mr Martin Fitzpatrick), who resides there. When the train was at Ballarat, the late Mrs Fitzpatrick (who had previously apparently been in good health) became suddenly ill, but revived and continued the journey. Later she again became very indisposed, and word was sent to Dr. G. A. Eadie, who was on the Beaufort platform when the train arrived. The patient however, was beyond all human aid, having died between Ballarat and Burrumbeet. The body was removed to the residence of Mr Wm. Fitzpatrick (a son of deceased). The late Mrs Fitzpatrick, who was 86 years of age and a remarkably active woman for her years, was a native of Ireland, and came out to Australia as a young woman. She was the relict of Mr Martin Fitzpatrick, who pre-deceased her some years ago. The deceased resided at Nerring for many years, and was a colonist of over 50 years' standing. She was of a generous, good-natured disposition, and made many friends, who will sincerely regret her death. She leaves a grown-up family of three sons and three daughters, for whom deep sympathy is felt. The death was reported to the Beaufort police, and by them to the district coroner (Mr W. W. Harris, P.M.), who referred it back to a local justice of the peace. Being satisfied from enquiries made by the police and his own personal knowledge that death was due to natural causes, Mr J. R. Wotherspoon, J.P., signed an order for burial. The remains of the deceased were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery yesterday (Friday) afternoon.

STACK MEASUREMENT.—To find the contents of an oblong stack with perpendicular ends, multiply the length by the average width (between bottom and eaves) and the product by the height from the ground to the eaves. For the top multiply the area at the eaves by half the height to the right. The weight may be ascertained very accurately by measuring the cubic contents of a truss, and from this calculating the height of a cubic foot.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute will be held on Monday evening, 14th February.

The position of High Commissioner for Australia in London still remains vacant. Mr and Mrs Fisher have been officially farewelled by the Australia House staff.

Judged by the experiences of the present season, the outlook for orchardists in Australia is not very promising unless new and more effective methods of marketing are devised.

Although the shipping stewards have declared the strike off, the resumption of coastal shipping trade is still delayed, the owners seeking assurances that the "job control" system will be definitely abandoned. The Morwell coal mine is re-opening, and the Government is prepared to pay the employees 13/8 a day. The restrictions on train and tram services will not be lifted for the present.

It is expected that the National War Museum will be opened to the public next month. The classified relics, exhibits, paintings, and photographs of memorable incidents in which the A.I.F. figured conspicuously will be temporarily housed at the Exhibition building, Melbourne, but it is proposed to ultimately establish the museum at Canberra.

Victoria Cross winners realise the great value their experience will be, and have "joined up" under the reorganised Defence Force scheme. Capt. Albert Jacka, V.C., M.C., will be with the 24th Battalion at Box Hill, Capt. R. Grieve, V.C., with the 37th Battalion at Caulfield, and Lieut. W. Dunstan, V.C. (formerly of Ballarat), with the 6th Battalion at North Melbourne. Many other officers and non-commissioned officers are joining the units nearest their places of residence. A strong appeal will be made for the active co-operation of former members of the A.I.F., whose services with the new units will be invited. It is hoped to build up the units on the traditions and with the help of active service men. In Victoria it is reported that every successful commanding officer on service has willingly accepted the command of a unit.

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard. Consider her ways and be wise," wrote Solomon. But that was a long time ago. People now who take the ant and the bee and all the other familiar exemplars of forethought and provision against bad times as their models are apt to find the Government following the example of certain other members of the animal kingdom and robbing the store. There are some bakers, for instance, who have bought flour largely, as a business precaution, but they now find themselves confronted with a demand from the Government for another £3 per ton on what they hold over five tons. It is all very confusing; but now that we are paying so high for Parliamentary talent, and presumably getting the best brains in the country, then it would be presumption to question the wisdom of it.

MISSES JACKSON have resumed tuition (violin and piano) at their residence, Stuart Street, Beaufort.


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## BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

GENERAL MEETING of the above will be held in Shire Hall. SATURDAY, 29th January, at 8.30 p.m.

Business—Appoint Judges, Stewards, etc., and General.

W. H. HALPIN, Secretary.

## AUCTION SALE.

TOWNSHIP PROPERTY.

THURSDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1921, At 2.30 p.m., on the Premises, WILLOBY STREET, BEAUFORT (Near Railway Station).

W. H. HALPIN & SON have been favored with instructions from Mr. RICHARD NOBLE to Sell on above date as under:—

All that piece of Land, being Allotments 1, 2, and 3, Sec. 54, Township and Parish of Beaufort, having a frontage of 66ft. or thereabouts to Willoby Street by a depth of 141ft. to Pratt Street, on which is erected 6-roomed W.B. House (54 x 30), 12ft. walls, verandah back and front, large Bathroom (Enamel Bath and Bath Heater), Laundry, Pantry, Cellar, fixed Overmantels, Tile Fireplaces.

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W. H. HALPIN, Auctioneer.

## LAND SALE BY AUCTION.

THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1921, At 3 p.m., AT KELLY & McDONALD'S OFFICE, BEAUFORT.

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Full particulars, KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneer, Beaufort.

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WEDNESDAY, 2nd FEBY., 1921.

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# SUSPECTED.

BY F. P. RATHBUN.

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS PARTS.

William Cayton and Robert Wincraft, summer visitors in the little town of Brookside, had met as strangers in the village hotel, and a spasmodic acquaintance had ensued. When our story opens they are strolling along enjoying the scenery, when suddenly their attention is aroused by a strange cry, which Cayton recognises as a secret signal for aid. Making a search they discover the dead body of a young woman beside a fallen tree. Lying near her dress is an Odd Fellow's badge. Leaving Wincraft in charge of the body, Cayton hurries away for help. Five miles from Brookside is the city of Seaboard, which dwells Mr. Millroe and his wife. The latter is very much younger than her husband and is jealous to see that she does not keep regard for Walter Waywood, her husband's private secretary, and she is much disturbed when informed that Waywood is about to be married to a certain Miss Ranlee. The reader is then introduced to a pair of village vagabonds who, after a night of drinking, are to find themselves in an old barn on the outskirts of the town. Peeping through a crack in the wall to see if the way is clear, one of them, Daniel Webster, utters an exclamation of surprise, and calls his friend, Sandy, to his side. They see a young man whom they recognise as one Eugene Murtis; he is carrying a gun, and from his actions they conclude he is up to no good. On reaching the town Dan and Sandy hear of the murder, and are sure in their own minds that Murtis is the assassin. They therefore determine to levy blackmail, and with that object in view Dan interviews Murtis. Mr. Murtis, thinking that the fellow is alluding to an exploit of his, quite foreign to the murder, gives Daniel Webster a couple of dollars to keep his mouth closed.

PART THREE.

CHAPTER V.—(Continued.)

Dan went from Murtis's room to Sandy, who was anxiously awaiting him, and made a formal accounting by giving him half of the money and all of the abuse and threats which he had received.

At first Sandy was inexpressibly disappointed at what he considered the disproportion of the money to the threats and abusive language, and was strongly inclined to suspect his coadjutor of giving him what he termed "the double cross." Indeed, he so charged him, in a phraseology which left no reasonable doubt of his sincerity.

However, Dan soon satisfied his suspicious friend that he was not only "square," but had been most judicious.

"In the first place, Sandy," said Dan, when his judgment as well as his honour had been questioned, "let me tell you that when that there Murtis is riled he's the savagest brute you ever see. He wouldn't think no more of fixing you an' me if we spoiled his game than he did of fixing somebody else" (Dan did not quite believe this, but in the interest of the integrity of the secret, he desired that Sandy should); "and he ain't the kind of a feller that you can bulldoze and make dance to your tune. I guess you'd ha' thought so if you'd ha' been up in his room. It looked one spell if he was goin' to make me walk turkey. His cheek! But, anyway, here's the point. I didn't want no big money NOW. You know it wouldn't lasted us a week, an' then we'd be broke again. Now, we can go to him any time an' get a dollar or two. Don't you see that in the end we'll git ten times as much, and we'll git it along as we need it."

Sandy began to see and approve.

"Oh, I ain't called Daniel Webster for nothin'," Dan resumed, boastingly. "I've fixed it so that we'll have money just about when we want it after this—see? I know Murtis; he is a big-hearted feller naturally; always tipping everybody what does anything for him, an' now we're fairly solid with him we'll git a dollar any time; an' when he's a little lushy 'long late in the night, as all the sports git now an' then, why, we'll get a 'V' just as easy as a plunk. You'll see!"

But all at once Sandy saw a new objection.

"Hold on!" he exclaimed. "You've run it all into the sand, after all. Can't you see he'll leave here in the fall, like all the rest, an' we won't see no more of him."

"There you're off again!" Dan returned, confidently. "I've thought of all that. He'll come back. I've heard him say at the Sundown more'n a score of times that Brookside had saved his life an' that he'd be here every summer unless he got cured, an' he didn't ever expect to see that done. You see," Dan explained, "he's got somethin' ailin' his lights, or his liver, or some darn tender thing or 'nother in him."

Sandy's last doubts were now removed, and he apologised for those he had raised. He fully ratified all of Dan's proceedings, and partook of that worthy's confidence in their well-provided future.

"It's just exactly," said Dan, "like gittin' a pension. It's a sure thing, all velvet, an' dead easy. Why, I know men that went to war, slept outdoors in the mud for three or four years, and only git four dollars a month. We'll git more'n that, an' without goin' to no blanky war, neither."

CHAPTER VI.

AT THE INQUEST.

The body found by Cayton and Wincraft at the oak grove was, on the morning after its discovery, identified as that of Marion Ranlee, a resident of Seaboard, an irreproachable maiden, who had left her father's house on the forenoon of her death, with no thought, as far as was known, of going out of the city, the same Marion Ranlee of whose marriage engagement to Walter Waywood a rumour had come, two weeks before, to disturb the serenity of Mr. and Mrs. Millroe.

On the day fixed for the inquest, the coroner's inquest on the remains, the little town hall of Brookside was filled to its full capacity by an anxious crowd of people, who were in waiting to the evidence. There were a number of persons present from Seaboard, some who had been subpoenaed by the coroner to testify, and others who were there as friends of the deceased. Among the latter class was one who, when the relation which he had borne to the dead girl came to be whispered about, became the object of general observation. This was Herbert Glenmont, who had been the accepted lover of Miss Ranlee, until he had been discarded by her to favour the suit of Walter Waywood.

He was a well appearing, earnest-looking man, apparently thirty-two or thirty-three years old, considerably older than Miss Ranlee, and the senior of his rival by a half dozen years. He was rather tall and large-boned, with no superfluous flesh. His complexion was dark, and his eyes so dark that at a little distance they looked to be black. He was an earnest, thoughtful-looking man, and quite the opposite, in appearance, of his rival, who was of light complexion, medium height, had blue eyes, and a tendency to be stout. To increase the difference between the men, Glenmont was somewhat careless of his dress, while Waywood was particular of his. Although they both appeared to be agreeable gentlemen, yet their dissimilarity was so striking that it was difficult to conceive upon what theory of selection the same woman, within one year of her life, could have loved each of them.

Glenmont seemed much affected by the occasion, and listened to the evidence with strained attention, and, either from indifference or unconsciousness, did not appear to notice that he, more than another, was an object of interest to those about him.

The hearing was dragging itself slowly along while the circumstances already before the reader were being put in evidence. Cayton had testified to the facts within his knowledge, and returned to his seat, where he was feeling somewhat bored by listening to a repetition of his own testimony by Wincraft, who was then on the witness-stand when, at the suggestion of Frank Lenfair, who had accompanied him from Seaboard, and between whom and himself there existed a close friendship of long standing, he and his friend left the crowded and ill-ventilated hall for a short walk in the open air.

Lenfair, who had very little of his companion's sedate and dignified appearance, was somewhat younger than Cayton, was, like him, a bachelor, and also, like him, a merchant, although one of only moderate means, and hence doing a business which in volume was insignificant when compared with that done by Cayton's firm. As they walked they fell into a conversation concerning the men who had been lovers of the dead girl, a part of which is given here for what light it may furnish the reader in forming conclusions touching two persons of the first importance to this narrative. The subject was introduced by Lenfair, who said:

"Will, carefully recall the appearance of the two lovers, the accepted and the rejected one, and tell me which of them takes this murder the most to heart."

"That is a difficult thing to do," Cayton returned. "It is hard to judge of the depths of a mourner's sorrow by his conduct at the funeral, the visible evidence of grief is so much a matter of temperament.

"True," Lenfair rejoined. "But this is not quite a funeral, nor are the motives which may be supposed to control the behaviour of these two persons identical with those influencing a mourner at a funeral. For these lovers might be expected, it seems to me, to repress their feelings while in the presence of a miscellaneous crowd, who are more inclined to criticise than to sympathise; especially should this be true of the rejected one. So that, as there is no apparent reason to suspect a forced appearance of grief, there seems to be a fair opportunity to judge of their sorrow by the differences with which the two men are affected by the murder of the woman they loved. What a pity it is, Will, that every woman who has to decide between two lovers could not possess a sort of second sight that would enable her, before making her decision, to see the effect which her sudden death, were it to occur, would have on them. So many men of twenty-five and upward love for the fun of the thing, or for convenience, or for almost any insufficient reason, or even for no reason at all; just loaf along into it, as you might say, without knowing or caring much why or wherefore. But what do you say? Did the dead girl most love the lover who loved her most?"

"Well," Cayton answered thoughtfully, "I don't know. It affects them very differently; that is quite sure. It seems to me that the one whom I should expect to feel it the least—the discarded one — really is the more deeply grieved."

"I agree with you," Lenfair responded. "His appearance here at all—I understand he is not a witness—involving a willingness to face this crowd in the role of a cast-off suitor, is pretty good evidence that the sentiments he professed actually existed, don't you think so?"

"It surely is," said Cayton. "And now, how about the successful wooer, Lenfair?"

"Well," Lenfair began, somewhat doubtfully, "he seems to feel bad, of course, and wears a lugubrious countenance, but his sorrow seems perfunctory. There is an entire absence of the acute interest in the proceedings so conspicuous in the manner of the other. Waywood, in short, acts as though he were here from necessity instead of choice and would be glad it it was all over."

"Then," said Cayton, inquiringly, "your opinion is that——"

"The girl made a mistake."

"I am afraid so," Cayton assented. "But, however that may be, Mr. Glenmont must need be a brave man, morally as well as a sincere one, to pursue the course he takes; and I honour him. I shall be glad if, before he goes away, we may have the opportunity to let him know that at least one man in the world understand and respect him."

The contrast in the behaviour of the two lovers was, indeed, striking. While both, evidently, were deeply affected Waywood seemed the more distressed, and—unlike Glenmont, who, apparently oblivious of himself, keenly watched the legal proceedings—was passive, and appeared to be conscious that he was unpleasantly conspicuous before the people.

Cayton and Lenfair soonest returned to the hall and again became part of the audience. The hearing consumed nearly the entire day, only to result in general disappointment; for its object—the detection of Marion Ranlee's slayer—was not attained.

It was proved that on the day of her death she left her home in Seaboard at half past ten o'clock in the morning, with the avowed purpose of spending the remainder of the day with a lady-friend of hers, who lived in a distant part of the city; but that for some unexplained reason, she never reached her friend's residence. She had not been recognised upon the streets of either Seaboard or Brookside; nor could it be ascertained by what means she had reached the place of her death. Inquiries had been made of every known friend of hers. Railroad trainmen and street-car conductors, who ran between Seaboard and Brookside, as well as every livery stable keeper in each of those places had been examined — all to no purpose. So far as the evidence showed, she might have been transported to the scene of her death by magic. No person could be found who had seen her alive after the moment when the door of her home was closed behind her in the morning; from that instant she seemed to have become invisible.

This mystery, however, was no greater than that in which the motive of her slayer was involved.

It was shown by the evidence of the surgeons, who were sworn as experts, that death had resulted from a stab or wound in the heart, inflicted by a poniard or by some other sharp instrument. As her watch and money and such other valuables as she had when she left home were on the body, the theory of robbery as a motive for the crime was disapproved; and, as she had not a known enemy in the world, the mystery of her death was as dark when the jury retired to frame their verdict that Marion Ranlee had died at the hand of some person or persons to them unknown, as it was to Cayton and Wincraft when, looking over the fallen tree in the oak grove, they saw the corpse of a young woman lying on the leaves.

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At the close of the hearing, Glenmont approached Wincraft and, having introduced himself and explained that he had been a friend of Miss Ranlee, said that he would like to be allowed to ask a question or two about the alarm which led to the finding of the body — a subject concerning which the witnesses had not been pressed at the inquest. Wincraft who, like Cayton and Lenfair, had heard of Glenmont's relation with the deceased, and, who, like them, felt interested in him, cheerfully offered any information he possessed; and when, after some little conversation, Glenmont expressed his intention to visit the scene of the tragedy, and asked for directions by which he could find the place, he volunteered to serve as guide.

This proposal having been promptly accepted, they started to leave the room, when Wincraft stopped and suggested that perhaps Mr. Cayton would accompany them. Glenmont answered that as his purpose was to gain information, he should be glad of the presence of the other witness to the finding of the body, if he were inclined to take so long a walk to oblige a stranger. Whereupon Wincraft made his way to the place where the two friends were sitting with others who were waiting for the verdict, and, having addressed Cayton on the subject, found him very willing to go—as a mark of the consideration he felt and had expressed to Lenfair for Glenmont. Lenfair having accepted an invitation to join them, the four walked out of the village by the route taken by two of them on the day on which the story opens.

Cayton and Wincraft conducted the party along the familiar trout-stream even stopping to explain the manner in which they had amused themselves on the former occasion by watching the flight of the frightened trout; and when they arrived at the point at which they had heard the cry for help they halted and repeated the story. They told of their uncertainty of the place from which the sound came, and of their excitement while fearing that they should be too late to render assistance; then, pointing out the oaks far up the hill, they led the way, as nearly as their recollection permitted, along the same tortuous paths by which they had made the ascent.

At last the grove was reached. Cayton showed the exact place where the body lay, briefly told how he and Wincraft had arrived, exhausted by running; where they had stopped for a moment to rest, and how they had first seen the dead girl lying on the ground. Although Glenmont had heard at the inquest a detailed account of the finding of the body with no exhibition of emotion, now that it was repeated on the spot where Marion's tender form was found, still warm and bleeding, and while he was surrounded by the objects in the presence of which the terrible tragedy was acted, he became painfully agitated. For a time he struggled against the surging current of his feelings, but at last he sat down upon the fallen tree and wept. But even then he bore himself as he had done at the inquest; that is, without seeming to consider or to care whether his behaviour was the subject of ridicule or sympathy. He was not disconcerted, as the man usually is who is betrayed into tears in the presence of those not affected by the subject of his grief. Nor did he apologise for his weakness; but when he dried his eyes he simply said:

"Gentlemen, I should not mention it, did I not suppose that you had already heard the story, but it is true that I was once the accepted lover of Marion Ranlee. It may surprise you to hear that I loved her even after she discarded me; but I did, and now that she is dead I regard her memory as sacred, and this spot as consecrated ground. I shall do what I can to solve this mystery and bring her murderer to justice. I admit that the undertaking seems most difficult, but at least it may be attempted."

Curious to know what his theory of the crime was, Lenfair inquired what he supposed the motive of the assassin to have been.

"I don't know," he answered. "All the usual motives for murder seem to be absent. It could not have been robbery, for no valuables were taken. She had no enemy known to her friends. It is impossible to imagine her as engaged in a quarrel in which her opponent used a knife. Moreover, you say there was no evidence of a struggle excepting that furnished by the broken watch-chain, and the chain, as you have seen, is a delicate affair which might have been broken by accident or by her fall after she was stabbed."

"How do you imagine," Lenfair again asked, "that she could have got to this place without being seen by many people, some one of whom could have been found to testify to the fact before the coroner?"

"Why, I suppose she must have come by one of the usual routes—either by train or street-car. At this time of year people are coming and going by every train and car in considerable numbers, singly and in parties. Brookside is full of strangers, and a woman with nothing conspicuous in her appearance or behaviour would attract little attention. It is simply that, whether alone or not, she did not happen to be noticed."

"Yes," Cayton said, "I believe you may be right. A stranger thing is the motive for the murder: and the strangest of all is that her murderer should have been so insanely indiscreet as to pin upon her dress his own society emblem, and then, by the most powerful means known to language, summon aid, both acts imperiling his own safety. I earnestly hope that some day the truth may be known. But, gentlemen," he added, "we must think of returning; it will very soon be dark."

At this they started to leave the grove, with Glenmont a step or two in the rear of the party and Lenfair next in front of him. They had walked a dozen yards, and were passing along the path close to the bushes by its side, when Lenfair, having his attention attracted by a rustling in the leaves behind him, looked back and saw Glenmont standing a yard or so inside of the thicket and holding something in his hands.

"What have you there?" he asked in surprise.

"It is a dagger—a poniard!" exclaimed Wincraft, who had looked back when Lenfair spoke. "That must be the weapon," he added, in some excitement, "with which the murder was committed. Where did you find it, Mr. Glenmont? Mr. Cayton and I hunted this ground all over, but we didn't see it."

Glenmont stepped back into the path, while they all gathered around him. He held up for their inspection a small poniard. The blade was diamond-shaped, though of so very flat a pattern that it had but two edges. It was handsomely made, but the glitter of its steel was dulled by some dark substance which had dried on its surface. They knew it was blood.

"I saw it through an opening in the bushes," Glenmont explained, "by the merest accident, as I was walking along, and thought I would see what it was, but I didn't think of its being this."

It was, indeed, the weapon that had caused that unfortunate girl's death. It had been overlooked in the search made by Wincraft and Cayton, to be thus discovered by Glenmont. After a little they resumed their way, discussing the crime with awakened interest, and canvassing the probabilities of the identification of the murderer through the possession of the poniard.

When they arrived at the village Glenmont left the others before they reached the hotel where they were to stop until train time. His companions shook hands with him cordially, and wished him success in his self-imposed task of avenging the dead girl; and as he walked away from them Cayton declared:

"There goes an honest, manly fellow!" A sentiment to which the others heartily assented.

It is necessary at this point to return for a few minutes to the inquest, and observe the proceedings of Dan and Sandy, who, before the close of the hearing, believed they had made a discovery of importance.

The cronies occupied good places in the hall, and attended to what was being said and done with an interest no less intent than that of their more respectable neighbours. They critically examined all those who seemed to have any connection with the deceased, and compared the results of their observation in cautious tones. All at once Dan became unusually alert. He looked sharply at one of the strangers from Seaboard, and then nudging Sandy with his elbow, said to him, in an excited whisper:

"Look at the rooster by the window that is watchin' the witnesses so sharp."

"Bull-fighter?" Sandy asked, referring to a gentleman wearing a red necktie.

"No; next to him."

"All right," Sandy answered. "I've got him."

"It's his Nibs—with Murtis!" Dan whispered.

"Sure's—you—live!" Sandy returned, now equally excited.

"He's shaved off his moustache and changed his clothes since we see him on the Lake Road," Dan added, "to disguise himself."

Sandy looked and was satisfied that his friend was right. His astonishment was too great to find expression in a whisper, and as he couldn't very well swear where he was, he sat staring at the man and nodding his head affirmatively, but unconsciously.

"Stop that noddin'!" Dan whispered. "Do you want the whole blessed town on to us?" A second later he added: "I should have known him at first, if he hadn't been and gone and disguised himself. I knew I'd seen him somewhere, though I couldn't tell where; but I spotted him finally. He's the man, sure!"

"Let's ask the deputy-sheriff at noon who he is," Sandy suggested.

"Oh, yes, we'll ask the sheriff," returned Dan, ironically, "an' have 'im firin' questions at us. Next thing'll happen we'll get s'poen'ed as witnesses, an' then you'll see our pension go to Hades" (Dan didn't say Hades but that is what he meant) "I should think yer 'ead 'ud ache, Sandy, after gittin' up such a beautiful scheme as that to ruin us!"

Sandy meekly admitted his friend's superior acumen, and withheld any further advice for the time.

At the noon adjournment, Dan followed the crowd along the street, looking for some one from whom to get the wished-for information concerning "his Nibs." Seeing a young man of Brookside, who was a frequenter of the Sundown, he stepped to his side and asked respectfully:

"Mr. Brace, who's the duck ahead there—him in the black clothes—walkin' alone?"

"He was one of the dead girl's lovers, Dan," was the answer, "and his name is Herbert Glenmont."

A moment later Dan was with his friend Sandy.

"Sandy," said he, "this thing is gittin' interestin'. His Nibs' name is Herbert Glenmont, an' he was the dead girl's lover."

"Why, what," Sandy demanded in amazement, "is he killin' her for?"

But Dan did not know.

By this it will be seen that the opinion of Cayton and his friends concerning Glenmont would not have been endorsed by Dan and Sandy. It is evident that one party or the other was mistaken. As it was exceedingly easy to be mistaken on a question of the identity of persons, very likely it may have been Dan and Sandy; but, then, too, as it is not difficult to misjudge character, it is just as likely to have been Cayton and his friends.

CHAPTER VII.

A WOMAN WITH REGRETS.

Mrs. Millroe did not like to leave the country for so long an absence as her trip abroad was to embrace, without having once more seen a very dear and confidential friend of hers who lived at a distance. Therefore, at her invitation, two weeks before the date fixed for her departure, and about the same time after the death of Marion Ranlee, she was made exceedingly happy by the arrival of Mrs Clara Bellwin, who had come for a visit for a week, to wish her good-bye.

As Clara Bellwin will be an important figure in the events to follow, she is fairly entitled to enough of the readers time to permit her acquaintance to be made. She was, then, at the time of this visit, a resident of a distant city, but all her life prior to her marriage had been spent in Seaboard. She and Mrs. Millroe had been school-friends, and that friendship, unlike most of its class, had out-lived their school-days, and had continued down to this time.

Clara Bellwin at twenty had married for love, had been married now for four years, and the deduction that she drew from her married experience was that she had most decidedly made a mistake—a mistake that she felt fully determined not to repeat if she should unfortunately be left a widow.

The circumstances which led to the mistake were that a wealthy man—no less a person, indeed, than the reader's acquaintance, Mr. William Cayton, who had had his romance, as would hardly be suspected—had fallen in love with Mrs. Bellwin, when she was Miss Stetson, and had offered her his name and fortune. It so happened that at the same time, John Bellwin, a young man of prepossessing appearance, but with no wealth, who was then in the city, studying for the profession of dentistry, had also become enamoured of her, and, as she could readily see, was just on the point of offering her his hand and the fortune he expected to make.

Miss Stetson returned the student's passion, and very properly believing that love in a cottage was by all odds preferable to life in a palace where love was not, refused the rich man, and was rewarded the very next day by Mr. Bellwin's proposal, which she promptly accepted, and was glad of the chance.

Immediately upon their marriage they removed to their present home, where Mr. Bellwin had since practiced his profession with indifferent success. As humourists have it, his business "looked down in the mouth" in more senses than one, and his wife became satisfied that love in a cottage had its drawbacks. It had been a love-match, but the love had not, somehow, lasted in her case, while the match had.

Such were Mrs. Bellwin's situation and sentiments when she came all the way to Seaboard to take an affectionate farewell of her friend and confidante, who was about to intrust herself to the perilous embrace of perfidious Neptune. As she looked about her and saw the many luxurious appurtenances with which the rich man's wife was surrounded and compared them with the equipments of her own modest home, she became envious; and it aggravated her envy to think that her friend had exercised what she now believed to have been superior judgment in marrying, while she herself had been such a ninny.

"Really, my dear, an absolute ninny!" she declared to Mrs. Millroe, to whom she did not hesitate to confide her dissatisfaction, the two being deep in each other's confidence, for in this particular, too, their relations had not materially changed since their schooldays. "Just to think," she lamented, one day, as she sat in her friend's parlours, where the rich surroundings made it difficult for her to keep her mind from the subject of her youthful error—"just to think of my refusing Mr. Cayton, with all his money, to marry John, without a dollar! Oh, dear, what a fool a girl can be at twenty."

"But you have one consolation, Clara," said Mrs. Millroe, who, herself being comfortable and well satisfied, could easily act the philosopher's part, "and one that must go a very great way toward making you contented—that is: John is a kind and considerate husband."

"Oh, yes," Clara replied, "he is as agreeable as a man can be expected to be who is always pressed for coin. There is a great difference, Jessie, in the temper of a man who is rich, has everything he wants and is the envy of half the world, and one who, if not actually harassed by creditors, is obliged to live within very limited means, or he would be, and who must deny himself and his family a thousand and one things which they want and, perhaps, need. I know there must be an immense difference, yet I have no complaint to make against John; he is a bear half the time, of course; but so, I suppose, are all of the men."

"It is too bad, Clara, that you are unhappy, and I am very sorry," her confidante said, sympathetically.

"If I only could have had your sense, Jessie!" Clara continued regretfully. "But I thought I loved John. Of course, I did, and do yet, for that matter, and could never care for anybody else. Where I was a fool was in not knowing that I could have liked Mr. Cayton just as well as I do John. Why, I supposed we should always be just crazy for each other as we were then; that I should go through life clinging to John—actually clinging, you know; that he should always want to have his arms around me, just as he did then, and that we should be as happy as two kittens. Yes, I did! I imagined that I should count the minutes when he was at his office, and that he would nearly break his neck in hurrying home at the close of business hours. Oh, dear! I had it bad! And I didn't know much, did I? Don't laugh, Jessie; I was in earnest, if ever a girl was in the world. But I have one satisfaction, and that is, most of the girls are no wiser. You were an exception; you knew something. But, then, you were older when you were married."

"Why, Clara," said Mrs. Millroe, remonstrating against the inference which was to be drawn from her companion's closing remark, "I loved Mr. Millroe, else I shouldn't have married him."

"Of course, I know that," was the apparently sincere answer (in her heart she didn't believe a word of it). "And he is nice. But—now you won't be offended, Jessie?—with the difference in your ages, while you could and do like him and respect him and think lots of him and all that, yet you couldn't go crazy over him and just want to smother him. Could you, dear? Now, honestly?"

"Clara," Mrs. Millroe asked, evading the question, "how you talk! Did you want to smother John?"

"Of course, and I nearly did. But, goodness, the poetry all got knocked out of things in a little while! Jessie, love seems to be a kind of mental excitement or disturbance, a good bit like a fit of sickness—only you don't feel so bad, unless things go wrong, then you feel worse—which you get over in time. When I was married I didn't know a good many things which I have since found out. This is why I thought that there was such a great difference, so far as the personal relations were concerned, between marrying John, whom I was bewitched after, and Mr. Cayton, whom I only respected and admired."

"Clara, with your opinions, you are a dangerous woman. I am almost afraid of you," her friend returned, jestingly.

"Because I tell the truth? Oh, well I only tell it to you, you know; and as you are married, it can do no harm."

The foregoing conversation serves to show what the relations were between Mrs. Millroe and her guest, and what the sentiments of the latter were, as well as what they were likely to be in the case of her being widowed—an event which was to happen. But it must not be supposed that she talked to any one else so unreservedly of her private affairs and convictions. On the contrary, she was ordinarily discreet. It was an old habit of hers to confide in her friend Jessie, as did Jessie largely in her; for their faith in each other's ability to keep a secret had been justified in the past. Mrs. Bellwin's visit passed off pleasantly, and just before her friend was to sail, after a tearful parting, she returned to her humble home.

(To be Continued.)

Save the vinegar left over from pickles. It is better than ordinary vinegar for salad dressing.

To curl feathers, allow them to become almost dry, then shake before a fire till the fronds curl.

## PAINT ON THE FARM.

One who speaks from experience says:—"The trouble with many is that they look upon the use of paint on the farm as a luxury. They say they do not care to bother with mere ornaments. They have not yet realised that paint is an absolute necessity. It brightens up everything about the place, but that is only one of the benefits. It is sanitary. The use of paint adds to the cleanliness of everything it covers. Painted surfaces are much easier to keep clean, and the coating of paint keeps out disease germs that imbibed themselves in unpainted wood. It is a preservative, too."

Paint adds years to the life of everything on which it is used. A little money, time, and labour expended in painting the buildings and implements of the farm is an investment that pays. The average life of a new barn is about 25 years, whereas by the use of good paint it can be preserved twice that time. So may the life of a waggon be increased from six to sixteen years by painting it regularly and keeping it under cover when not in use. Harvesting machinery, such as binders, seldom run longer than about seven years. The reason for this short life is that the average farmer never thinks of painting it to preserve the wood from decay and the iron from rust, and often leaves it out in all kinds of weather.

The actual cost of the paint is the least item. The labour is the most. Hence it is poor economy to spend money, time and labour in putting on a cheap paint that will soon come off. Poor paint will crack and scale, making unsightly blotches and leaving the wood exposed to the weather. Poor paint may be cheap at first, but proves mighty expensive in the end. Brushes should have good care. Some keep them from drying out overnight by wrapping in several thicknesses of paper, while others keep them in oil, and some even in water. If the brush is not to be used for several days the paint should be well washed out. This can be done best with turpentine, but as this is pretty expensive, coal oil may be used and followed with soapy water. The brush should then be well shaken out and hung up to dry.

Brush the paint in thoroughly. Work it into the pores so that it will take hold and hang. Merely glossing over the surface is not sufficient.

Keep the paint in the bucket well stirred. Be sure to get enough paint. Any left over will keep if covered with oil, and there is always use for a little paint around the farm.

Do not try to paint when the surface is damp, dirty or greasy. It should be clean, dry and smooth. Putty up nail holes, cracks and other places just after applying the priming coats. It is better to put on two thin coats than one thick one.

## THE DAIRY

### BETWEEN ONE COW AND ANOTHER.

Two cows stand side by side in the stable. To both cows the same ration is fed; yet one will extract from that food as much again butter-fat as the other. The butter product of the food is 100 per cent. greater with one cow than the other. This fact is seen in too great frequency in all herds of cows.

What is that inner quality whereby one cow can produce so much more than the other from the same food? It is hard to find the right name for it, but it may be called "dairy quality."

Now, certain breeds of cattle are distinguished for this quality. They have the power to accomplish this work in greater proportion and perfection, by reason of having been bred to that purpose from long lines of ancestors of like quality.

One would think that there would not be a dairy farmer in the land who would not be keenly alive to the necessity and economy of using such cattle for dairy purposes. As soon, we think, he would cut hay with a reaper and call it the best way.

But the so-called "general purpose" notion has destroyed in not a few men the power to look into this question in an economical way. They seem to be unable to take the same advantage in their choice of cow machinery that they do in choosing their mechanical machinery.

They cannot be fooled into taking a plough for a cultivator; yet thousands of farmers will spend their lives in trying to make cows of bad breeding do dairy work. If they were close students of "cause and effect," they would not be beguiled this way.

Why should not a farmer be a close student of cause and effect?—Hoard's Dairyman.

TO CLEAN A DISCOLOURED COPPER KETTLE.

Wash the kettle in strong soap suds with soda, and let it stand in this for a couple of hours. Then take some fine coal ash (sift the ash) mixed with paraffin into a paste, and with it scour the kettle. This treatment will soon make the copper as bright as when new.

TO KEEP MIRRORS CLEAN.—Wash the mirror over with a soft rag dipped in very blue water. If this is done once or twice a week, the glass will always be unspotted and clear.

A VERY GOOD FLOOR POLISH.—Half a pint of turpentine, two ounces of beeswax and half an ounce of soft soap. Shred the beeswax into the turpentine and stand overnight. Then pour in half-pint of boiling water, and stir till nearly cold. This will keep well if kept in a closed tin.

When knitting stockings or socks it will be found that they will last twice as long if a strand of silk or thread be knitted into the toes and heels together with the wool.