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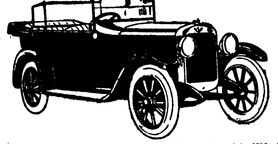

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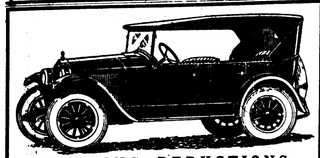

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WEDDING.

McERVALE—McCALLUM.

Miss Rose Adeline (Queenie) McCallum made a charming bride on Wednesday, 12th August, when her marriage with Mr. James Leslie McErvale (late A.I.F.), second youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. McErvale, of Chute, took place. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Walker at St. Andrew's Kirk, Ballarat. The bride (who is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCallum, of Lange Kal-Kal, Trawalla), was beautifully gowned in ivory brocaded crepe de chine, trimmed with a deep silk fringe, and draped and caught at left side with pearl cabochon. The handsome veil, loaned for the occasion by Mrs. Norman, of Beaufort, was arranged cap fashion with a coronet of orange blossoms, together with a beautiful bouquet (the gift of the bridegroom), completed a charming toilet. The bride was attended by Miss Hilda Foreman, who was beautifully gowned in pale blue crepe de chine, with overdress of georgette, and trimmings of ostrich feather. She wore a black georgette hat, finished with blue posies and streamers, and carried a handsome shower bouquet (the gift of the bridegroom). The bride was given away by her father. The bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr. Jack McErvale. As the bride entered the church lucky horseshoes were placed on her arm by Mrs. L. Smith and Mrs. McCallum, of Trawalla, and similar tokens were presented to her on leaving the church by Mrs. W. Skene (of Beaufort) and Miss Molly Rowe (of Ballarat). A wedding breakfast was partaken of at the Wattle tea rooms, the Rev. J. Walker presiding. The tables were centred by the beautiful cake made by the bride's mother, and the usual toasts were honored. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a grey wallet, and to the bridesmaid a string of pearls; and bride to bridegroom a travelling case. The bride travelled in a grey English semi-fitting tweed costume, hat en suite. Their future home is at Brewster (Trawalla soldier settlement).

COMMONWEALTH LOAN.

Mr George Crowley, chairman of the City Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd., recently said:—"I cannot understand why the Commonwealth Loan has not been fully subscribed already, and can only account for it by assuming that a number of holders of our stock in question do not understand that by converting at present they immediately obtain the benefit of 1 per cent increase in the yield. I pointed out at the annual meeting of this society a few months ago that there was no security in the world better than that of Australian stock, backed by the magnificent resources of the Commonwealth, and the rate, 5½ per cent., was exceedingly tempting one. We are taking independent actuarial advice as to the wisdom of reducing the valuation rate of 5½ per cent. [illegible]

FISH NICKNAMES.

[illegible] at the seaside, you [illegible] sell not a fish market, you will [illegible] many queer names bestowed on fish.

A sea trout, for example, is known variously as the "peal," "sea [illegible]," "white trout," "finnock," and "herling." A salmon changes its name with its age, being known at various stages of its growth as "[illegible]," "parr," "smolt," and "grilse." Not until it is fully grown is it called a salmon.

Another fish with a series of names is the dogfish. Sometimes it is called "mother's dog." On the East coast of England "tope" is the name most often heard. Further north the name "whitehound" or "topey" is applied. "Penny dog" and "rig" are other names by which this fish is known. When dead it is often marketed as "flake."

The common "dab" is frequently called a "flatter," while the mullet is sometimes known as the "sea woodcock." Another fish, the skate, has the nickname of "thornback."

FOREST'S FIREPROOF CARPET.

Agricultural experts in Algeria have found a new method of preventing forest fires. It consists in carpeting the ground under the trees with a hardy creeping plant that will not burn. Only plants that do not dry up and that spread rapidly even in the shade are being planted.

Two sole are the plants incombustible, but they have an additional value in conserving the moisture of the soil. Weeds are also choked by the thick obscuring foliage. The plants used are a species of ground ivy.

WORMS HAVE MEMORIES.

It was shown by a recent experiment that the earthworm has memory and can be trained.

Worms were introduced into a passage shaped like a letter T, and covered with a glass plate so that the movements of the little creatures might be observed. When they came to the junction about half the number turned one way and the other half the other way.

Then the apparatus was arranged so that the worms that took the left-hand passage received a mild but presumably disagreeable electric shock. At first the worms did not know what to make of this, but after they had been through the experience about two hundred times, they nearly all took the right-hand turn.

When the electrodes were then moved to the right-hand passage the worms learned to shift to the other passage after only sixty-five trials, evidently showing something more than the operation of chance.

Earthworms have no brains in the [illegible]

PROFITS ON THE PRAIRIE.

An interesting experiment was made by some of the farmers of Alberta, Canada, recently.

Instead of disposing of their crops of wheat individually, they decided to form a pool to sell our produce. The result was that the syndicate made a profit of a little over a penny a bushel more than all the other producers in the province.

This may not sound much, but as a total of thirty-eight million bushels passed through their hands, a quantity equal to one quarter of the whole crop of Alberta, the extra profit really amounted to a good thing. This is the more striking as the consolidation came into effect until late in the season, and so only the whole of the output could not be handled.

The farmers of Manitoba and Saskatchewan have now joined the pool, and within the next few years the organisation hopes to have the handling of the whole of the wheat output of the prairie provinces, which produce ninety per cent of Canada's wheat. In future the pool will deal with grain grown over eleven million acres.

BRITAIN'S BIGGEST DOME.

What is the largest dome in Britain? Most people would plump for St. Paul's; but they would be wrong.

The dome of the Reading-room of the British Museum is thirty feet greater in diameter. It contains 50,000 square feet of glass, and it weighs 4,200 tons. Beneath it are housed two and a half million books and manuscripts on fifty miles of shelves and in countless presses.

Here is found the largest collection of Bibles in the world. There are 27,000 volumes in Chinese, 12,000 in Hebrew, and 13,000 in other Oriental languages. The largest book in the world, an atlas measuring 5ft. 10ins. by 3ft. 2ins., is to be found here, also an encyclopedia of Chinese literature which cost the nation £1,500. It consists of 5,000 volumes.

White, who was small and puny, had offended Brown, who was a tall powerful fellow, six feet in height, and who had, in consequence, declared roundly that he would thrash White whenever he met him.

Some time after ill-fortune threw them together, and, true to his promise, the big man gave poor White such a buffet on the face as almost knocked him down. Recovering himself, the victim exclaimed:

"Confound it, sir! What's that for? Do you mean that in jest or earnest?"

"In earnest," replied the other, placing himself in a fighting attitude.

"Oh, very well," said White. "If it's in earnest there's nothing more to be said, but if it had been in jest I should not have liked it at all."

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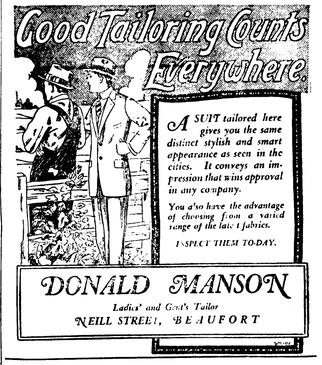

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THE ORIGIN OF DOGS.

ALWAYS MAN'S FRIEND.

The so-called Alsatian wolf hounds, so popular nowadays as pets and protectors of human life and property, are not, as a great many of their owners and breeders believe, the result of a cross with the wolf.

Science is able to trace this breed's line to the faithful dogs which primitive man used thousands of years ago to guard his first flock of sheep, and at no point in the genealogy is there any evidence of any interbreeding with a wolf or other wild animals.

It is true that the wolf hound, like every other variety of dog, sprang from the same mammal-like reptiles of millions of years ago that gave the world wolves, foxes, jackals and other wild creatures belonging to the great animal family known as Canidae.

The Germans and French use these wolf hounds as sheep dogs. Miss Anne Tracy, who is an authority on them, claims that "It is the height of unreasonableness to suppose that anything of a wolf can be a reliable sheepherder, and, as has been shown, the pillars of the breed were almost all working dogs. Many scientists have, in the past, endeavoured to cross the various Canidae, but the result has always been the same—a hybrid curiosity lacking the good qualities of either parent and fit only for confinement in a zoo.

"Buffon succeeded in breeding four generations of such hybrids, but he found that they would never domesticate. His experiments and experiences have been repeated time after time.

"While there is a great similarity of osteology (bone formation) between the wolf and the dog, there are several radical differences. The most convincing to a lay student is in the tracks.

"The two middle claws in that of the wolf are close together and in the dog's are separated. The wolf's claws go deeper and the impression is more hairy. The imprint is longer and narrower and the ball of the foot more prominent.

"If we go back and study the history of the various civilisations of the world, at no time do we ever find the names used for dogs confounded with those used for the wolf, and a thorough philological study would assuredly show that in no language and at no period did man positively confound the wolf, jackal or fox with a real dog.

"One has always been a menace to man's flocks and the other has for just as long a period been a domestic and eminently useful animal.

"The few breeders and dealers who have advertised their stock as carrying wolf blood did so either from ignorance or from a misguided but alas! well founded idea that it would increase the interest of the lay fancier and thereby the financial value of his dogs.

"No authenticated case is on record and no dog registered in the German studbook can be traced back to a wolf."

The earliest known beasts of prey, the Creodonta, were probably the primitive ancestors from which all dogs are indirectly descended. We first hear of them in the Eocene period. Wolves did not appear until later.

With the exception of some islands, there are few parts of the world where we cannot find evidences that dogs in some form existed as an aboriginal animal.

"As the dog alone of all brute creation voluntarily associates himself with the conditions of man's existence," says Professor C. Hamilton Smith, "it is fair to presume also that he was the first of man's companions and that to his manifold good qualities the first hunters were indebted for their conquest and subjugation of other species."

Primitive man, according to Miss Tracy, doubtless considered dogs from a purely utilitarian standpoint and by the process of elimination established strains adapted to his needs. The men of the Old Stone Age apparently had house dogs, probably as watchdogs, for deposits in Denmark and Switzerland prove that dogs were already domestic animals in the Neolithic and Bronze ages.

We can get an idea of the type of dog kept by the Neanderthal man from the wild dog of Ecuador, which probably bears a strong resemblance to his Neolithic prototype.

Canis poutiatini is the earliest of the true dogs of which we have knowledge, and his remains are found in deposits of the Stone Age. The remarkable similarity between the skulls of this Stone Age dog, the Bronze Age dog and the Alsatian dog is taken by authorities as unquestionable proof of their close relationship. In fact, it is doubtful whether any other race has maintained its characteristics with such constancy over so long a period.

A significant fact is that everywhere the appearance of the Bronze Age dog is coincident with the development of the sheep industry and often heralds the appearance of a new breed of sheep. It is evident, contends our authority, that his existence has been connected with flocks and herds since the earliest days, although probably not so much as a herder as charged with guarding his master's riches.

"Have you heard about Julia's hard luck?"

"No; what is it?"

"She took the engagement ring Percy gave her back to the jeweller's to be valued."

"Well, there's nothing very terrible in that."

"Yes; but the jeweller refused to give it back to her. He said Percy hadn't paid for it!"

DIFFERENT IN AMERICA.

We sometimes refer to the American language, but it is a fact and not merely a joke that a good many things and people are called by names with which we are not familiar.

Where we say "shop-walker," for instance, they say "floor-walker" in New York; where we say "shop" they say "store," where we say "station" they say "depot," and where we say "motor-car" they say "automobile."

Similarly, in America no one asks for a "reel of cotton" but for a "spool of thread." Biscuits are called "crackers," blouses "waists," and braces "suspenders."

There are no towns in America, but simply "cities," and the causeway is called the "sidewalk" and the front door the "porch."

Another curious word used in America is "chores," which means housework.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

There are 173 packs of foxhounds in England and Wales, and ten in Scotland.

People who suffer from sleepy-sickness may find, on recovering, that their characters are adversely affected by the disease.

Thiepval, one of the hottest corners of the Somme battles, is so devastated that any idea of reconstructing it has been abandoned.

Playing grand opera and other music by ear is the accomplishment of a four-year-old Welsh boy, who is regarded as a prodigy on the piano.

If a porter, in slamming the door of a railway carriage, crushes the fingers of a passenger, the latter cannot claim damages; his fingers should not have been there.

Out of the sixpence paid for a packet of cigarettes in London, 1½d. goes to the wholesaler and retailer, 2½d. to the Government as duty, and 2½d. to the manufacturer.

The Seed-scatterers are a world-wide organisation of men, women, and children, more than half a million strong, pledged to scatter at least one packet of flower-seeds along the country roads every year.

The most popular name for a public-house in London seems to be "King's Arms," which appears forty-eight times in the directory; it is closely followed by "Prince of Wales" which appears forty-six times.

Although only fifteen years of age Edward Hardy has mastered seven languages; he arrived in England a year ago with a degree of B.A. and five languages, and has now gone home to America an M.A. with two more languages. His mother speaks fifteen languages.

A test of over 3,000 American school-children is said to have proved that the boys and girls whose fathers are professional men are most intelligent. The scale descends through clerical workers, skilled artisans, salesmen, and day labourers, to farmers, who are at the foot of the list.

The Government of Ohio has a wonderful laboratory on wheels, which it sends around the country to help farmers with their soil troubles. Hundreds of samples of defective or worn-out soil are examined and analysed, and advice given as to the kind of fertilizer to use or the kind of crop to grow. The value of a service like this can hardly be estimated.

BANNING BABY'S CARRIAGE.

Recent court cases have revealed the little-known fact that perambulators have no more right on the pavement than motor-cars or horses. This comes as rather a shock for nursemaids and fond mothers, but the law is firm on the point.

The word "perambulator" comes from "per" and "ambulare," meaning to walk through or over, a derivation which few people except those in charge of King Baby will be disposed to dispute.

It was in 1780 that the first "pram" was built for the baby daughter of the fifth Duke of Devonshire, Georgina Dorothy Cavendish. Altogether there are about three million perambulators now in Britain.

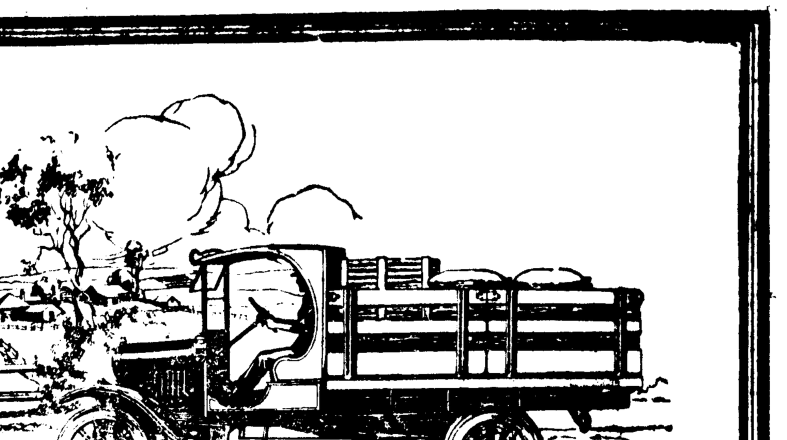
SANTA CLAUS, PAWNBROKER.

The trade sign of pawnbrokers is the familiar three brass balls. Few, however, know that the balls have a Christmas origin, and owe their existence as a "loan" symbol to Santa Claus or St. Nicholas, Russia's patron saint.

He was a very rich young man, and among his possessions were three bars of gold, given to him by his parents and treasured accordingly. One night, just before Christmas, he was passing a nobleman's house, and through the open window heard him tell his three daughters that misfortune had come on him, and that the house and all in it must be sold, and that they would have to beg their bread in the streets.

Nicholas' heart was touched, and, knowing that money would be refused, he conceived the idea of secretly placing one of the bars of gold in the house. This he did, and it was found and looked on as a gift from Providence. He left another bar the next night, and was about to do the same on the third night, when the nobleman discovered him. Nicholas pressed him to accept the golden bars and after a time the nobleman agreed to take them as a loan, to be repaid when better times came.

The story—a legend of course—spread, and gradually those who lent money took the three bars as their trade sign. Later they were changed to the "three balls."



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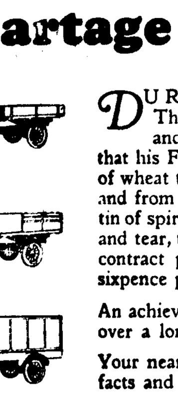

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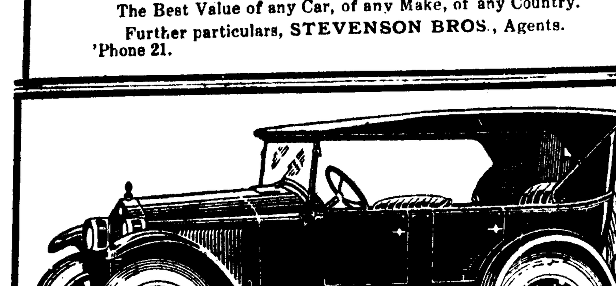

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RIPON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

GRIEVANCES VENTILATED.

The wind-up meeting of the Ripon Football Association was held at Mr S. Young's office on Saturday night. Mr Young (president) presided, and the following delegates were present:—Messrs C. Flynn (Waterloo), W. Corr, P. A. Panther (Raglan), J. Buckingham, L. McGuinness (Warrak), W. R. Glover, W. Gray (Beaufort), and A. E. Neate (Buangor). Amphitheatre was not represented. Mr G. W. Green (secretary) also attended. The disputes and protests tribunal reported that Ivan Grant, of Raglan, had been disqualified for six matches in the 1926 season on a charge of kicking H. Norman during the Raglan—Beaufort final match at Buangor.—In reply to a question from Mr P. A. Panther, Mr Glover stated that Grant was disqualified from playing with any association affiliated with the Victorian League during that period. Mr Panther—That was pretty hot. The president—The matter could not be re-opened here, or they would be discussing it all night.

The secretary read the balance-sheet for the past season, which showed that receipts amounted to £88/14/3 and expenditure to £15/10/6, leaving a credit balance of £73/3/9. The amount available for distribution among the six clubs was £65/8/1; Beaufort taking £15 for the premiership trophy.

Mr Flynn—He thought Mr Eustice's charges for umpiring had been unsatisfactory.

Several delegates endorsed these remarks.

Mr Flynn—The association had told Mr Green the fee would be £3/3, and expenses.

The president suggested that the money be forwarded to the Ballarat league in future, and that the league pay the umpire.

Mr Flynn moved that the secretary write to the Ballarat league and ascertain why Mr Eustice's charges varied from match to match. Seconded by Mr Panther, and carried.

The president moved the adoption of the balance-sheet, and said it was very satisfactory, and the secretary deserved to be congratulated for keeping down expenses. Seconded by Mr Flynn, and carried.

Mr W. R. Glover said he would like to refute a statement that was going about the town. When they played the final at Buangor before, Beaufort chartered the special train. He left Amphitheatre before the Raglan-Amphitheatre semi-final was finished. When he heard what the result was, he rang up the railway station to engage a train. He got a reply that it would be alright, and that the guarantee would do on Monday morning. It had been going round the town that Mr Gray and he came home and tried to jump in before the association in regard to this special train. As far as the association was concerned, it had had no meeting and no authority was given to any man to engage a train. The secretary engaged it. There was not a great deal of profit on the train—only about £2/10/. There had been nothing underhand on his (Mr Glover's) part. It had been said he went into the room with the captain and mutually agreed that the association was to engage the train, and then jumped into a car and come ahead and tried to jump in first for a train. The S.M. told him on Monday that Mr Green had also asked for a train, and he said he did not want to engage a train now that the association had stepped in. He refuted the statement that he tried to jump in before the association. If he had gone on, there would have been two trains, and one would have been run at a loss.

The secretary—He orderd the train under rule 23 of the association, which stated that the association should control financial arrangements for all matches after the third round.

Mr Glover—You ordered it on the recommendation of the Raglan captain.

The secretary—He was asked by so many others to get a train that he applied at once. He was rather pleased he had done so. They did not get very much out of it, but he thought the thing was in proper order.

Mr Corr—It was the first he had heard of it as far as the footballers were concerned, and there was no reason why Mr Glover should take notice of anything said by anyone outside.

Mr Glover—When it was discussed in a club-room, it was time someone took notice.

Mr Corr—He was sure it had not been discussed at a delegates' meeting or committee meetings of the other clubs. He thought it was a small matter.

Mr Neate—If he was asked who was to order a train, he would certainly say the secretary of the association.

The president—In the past the Beaufort club had taken the risk of this train, and the association secretary, without any authority from the delegates, engaged a train, and there was a possibility of a loss. Supposing a loss had occurred, some of the delegates might have said, or they might have been unanimous in saying, "Well, Mr Green, it is your funeral." He thought perhaps it would be better for the association to take the risk if the clubs thought so, but certainly with the authority of the delegates. He was not chastising Mr Green, who had done the thing for the benefit of the association. He had acted in an emergency, and apparently at the request of some of the players or men interested in some of the clubs. He said he acted under the financial arrangements rule, but that applied to the takings. It was an experiment, and he supposed Mr Green did not feel too happy on the Saturday morning.

Mr Panther—He thought the association should run the train, and he knew for a certainty that the secretary of the association would not have been at a loss.

The president—As far as he knew, Mr Green would have been at a loss. They probably would have stood by him, but he would have to be careful in future, as it was better to get the authority of delegates. The matter had been ventilated, and next season the delegates could go into it.

Mr Flynn—He had not heard anything about the train till Mr Glover spoke. While on complaints of this kind, he would like to mention one regarding the sale of a booth at Waterloo for the grand final. On the Monday morning Mr Bates rang up and said that the grand final was to be at Waterloo. Mr Bates had bought the right to the booth at Waterloo for the season, and asked if he would have to buy it again for the grand final. He (Mr Flynn) said the Waterloo club could not expect any more, but the association controlled all arrangements, and he told Mr Bates to see Mr Young or Mr Green. He (Mr Flynn) did not know there were two men on the ground, but got abused by the man Mr Green sold the right to.

The secretary—Mr Flynn had said the man he sold the right to, but he did not sell any right, because he did not get any money from Mr J. T. Parker.

The president—In future it would be a good plan for the association to call public tenders for the right to booths at the semi-final and final matches. He believed both boothholders did well, and neither paid the association anything. It was really a matter between themselves. He did not know the association ever got any money for booths before. As they knew, Beaufort had won the minor and major premiership. Mr Green would hand over the £15 to them for the full premiership, and in handing over the president's trophy for the minor premiership, he congratulated the club on their success. Perhaps it was a pity it had not gone round to someone else, but it had been a hard-fought contest, and evidently the four leading clubs were very even. It was the first time for a long while that there had been so many semi-finals and finals. In connection with the association, matters had really gone smoothly. Unfortunately, the tribunal had been called together on three occasions. Only one offender had been dealt with. He was sorry to learn from various members of the public and the press that during the last few matches evidently the games had been rather rougher than they had been used to in the past, but altogether they were free from troubles in this association, judging by what they saw in the papers in regard to other associations. He desired to refer to a thing that had occurred three times this year, and that was clubs sending messages to officials of the association that they would not play if certain umpires were appointed. As long as he had anything to do with the association, and he was sure delegates must have the same feeling, no club would have any right to dictate as to who should umpire a game for them. The umpires were really appointed by the Ballarat league, and not by this association. He was sure the delegates supported the secretary in not taking any notice of such messages. He was sorry that the Beaufort club, when it came to the final, sent a message that they would not play unless a certain Raglan man was reported. The same thing might have been the other way, and he did not think that kind of thing was sportsmanlike at all. The association took no notice of it, and he was sorry to have to refer to it. If umpires were unsuitable and not giving satisfaction, there was a constitutional method through the association at a delegates' meeting to get rid of them. In regard to the attendance of delegates, he suggested that the distant clubs—Amphitheatre, Warrak, and Buangor—appoint local men to represent them at unimportant meetings. If they had important business, their chief delegate could attend. In arranging semi-finals and finals, they would like the assistance of all the delegates, as important matters were brought up with regard to the appointment of officials. He hoped that next season would be just as prosperous a one for the association as the past one.

Mr McGuinness—Evidently there had been a mistake somewhere. He had only had one notification of a delegates' meeting. He was not saying Mr Green did not send it to their secretary.

Mr Neate—Mr McLean had attended regularly for Buangor earlier in the season.

Mr Glover, on behalf of the Beaufort club, thanked the association for the cash being handed over to them. He thought that right through the season Beaufort had tried to play the game. After the match at Buangor, Eustice told several members of the club that Grant was to go up. When they met and heard there was no report in from Eustice, they thought it time the club took some action. When a man said he was going to report a man and had not done it, that gave no satisfaction to anyone. That was why Beaufort [illegible]. In the early part of the season they were in a [illegible] way in regard to the umpires they were getting, and every club in the association had [illegible] complaint. There had been some good games throughout the year, and he considered Beaufort had played as well as any team in the association. The honors had eventually come their way. To his mind, the best game was the semi-final between Beaufort and Waterloo, which was played in the best spirit. He congratulated the clubs on the games they had given Beaufort during the year. In the future there was no saying whether the present Beaufort team would be in the association, but perhaps a second team would be formed, and the present team would go into another association.

Mr Flynn, in congratulating Beaufort on behalf of Waterloo, said the premiers had lost only one match for the season, which was a very fine performance indeed.

Mr Panther congratulated Beaufort on behalf of the Raglan Club. They had had a very strenuous game, and had thought Raglan would win. He was sorry the Beaufort Club had asked the umpire to report that man.

Mr Glover—We at [illegible] did not ask him to do so.

Mr Panther—It was nice to keep the man up to his work.

Mr Corr—It had come up in due course, anyhow.

The president—Beaufort was the club who always wanted Eustice in the past. For all Mr Green or he knew, Eustice might not have given satisfaction at Buangor.

Mr Gray—He did not think the association was threatened.

The secretary—On the Wednesday morning a man named French gave him a message. He said that the Beaufort match committee had had a meeting and sent the message, "If Eustice has not reported Ivan Grant for last Saturday's match at Buangor, understand that Beaufort refuses to strip under Eustice in next Saturday's match." He (Mr Green) had no report them.

Mr Flynn—There was no reason why Beaufort should know anything about Eustice's report.

Mr Gray—They would have lost the match and gained nothing by it.

The president—They would have been fined and debarred from playing in the association.

Mr Gray—He agreed that no club should dictate as to who should be umpire.

The president—Next year the delegates should consider the question of distribution of the gate receipts now that there were more than four clubs. It seemed unfair that a club like Raglan should be put to extra expense over the finals, and that the other clubs could sit back and take the same money.

On the motion of Messrs Flynn and McGuinness, the secretary was voted a bonus of £5/8/1, and heartily congratulated upon the efficient way in which he had carried out his duties.

Mr Green suitably returned thanks.

Each club received £10 from the pooled gate receipts.

The president referred to the support given to the association by the local press, and on the motion of Messrs. Glover and Flynn, the press was accorded a vote of thanks, which was duly acknowledged.

On the motion of Messrs. McGuinness and Flynn, supported by Mr Green, the best thanks of the association was tendered to Mr Young for his valuable services as president, and the great assistance he had given the delegates. This was carried by acclamaton.

In responding, Mr Young said that anything he had tried to do was meant for the good of the association, and not for the benefit of any particular club.

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Kelly and McDonald report:—Cattle: 2 cows from Warracknabeal; 1 bull from Warrenheip, at £2; 16 heifers from Sheep Hills; 7 calves, Mr C. Taylor, Brim, to £13, topping the market. Sheep: 735 merino ewes, Mr G. Topper, Pleasant Bank, Beaufort (outside); 300 comeback ewes and wethers, Mr J. Stevenson, Eurambeen (outside); 130 comeback weaners, Mr H. Harrop, Nerring (outside); 140 comeback ewes, with lambs at foot, Mr T. H. Burns, Streatham (outside); 90 lambs, Mr T. Hayward, Trawalla (outside); 139 shorn ewes, with lambs at foot, Mrs Denholm, Napoleons, at 39/5; 31 comeback ewes and wethers, Mr F. McHugh, Fourello, wethers to 45/10, ewes to 35/.

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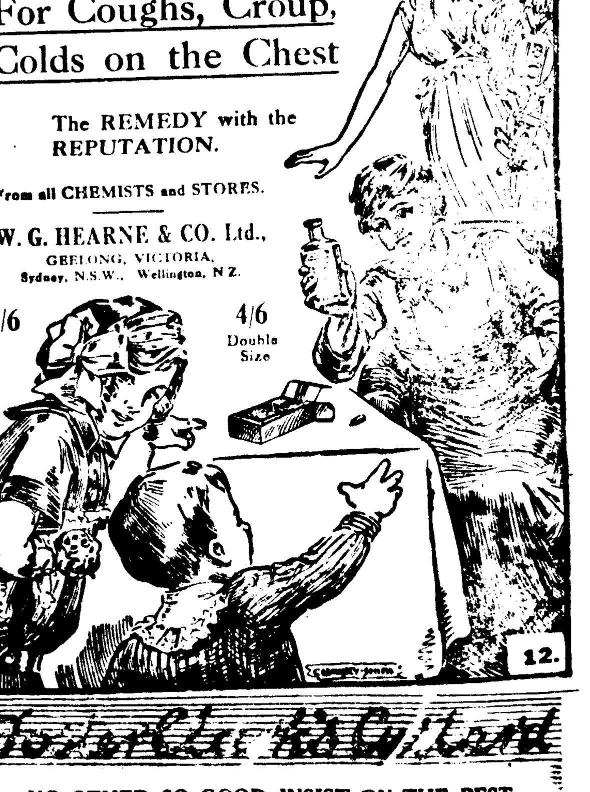

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PASSING 'PLANE.

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IN MEMORIAM.

CHIBNALL.—In loving memory of our dear husband and daddy, Cpl. W. H. Chibnall, killed in action 12-10-1917.
Tho' gone from sight,
To memory ever dear.
"Thy will be done."
—Inserted by his loving wife and children, Billy and Joan.

CHIBNALL.—In sad and loving memory of our dearly beloved son Walter, who fell at Passchendale, reported missing on 12th October, 1917.
In looking back across the time-worn pages,
On the book of life one face we always see;
A face that alters not or ages,
The same dear loving face to me.
His sorrowing father and mother, Beaufort.

CHIBNALL.—In fond and loving memory of our dear brother Walt, who was killed at Passchendale on October 12th, 1917.
Fond is the tie that is broken,
Dear is the brother who has gone;
In memory we will ever keep him,
As long as the years roll on.
Dearly loved, sadly missed.
Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Pearl and Les. Miles.

CHIBNALL.—In ever loving memory of our dear brother Walt, who fell on 12th October, 1917, at Passchendale.
We hear no sound of a much loved voice,
No sound of his footsteps near;
Only a heart's sad longing
For a brother we loved so dear.
His loving sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Jack Glover, Beaufort.

CRICK.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Sgt. A. Crick, killed in action in France, 12th October, 1917.
A tender chord of memory is sadly touched to-day.
—Inserted by his loving widow and little daughter Elsie.

CRICK.—In loving memory of our dear son, Sgt. Arthur Crick (58th Batt.), who was killed in action at Polygon Wood, 12th October, 1917.
Dearly loved, sadly missed.
Inserted by his loving mother and father, Parker Street, Beaufort.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.
"He only confers favors generously who appears, when they are once conferred, to remember them no more."

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S VISIT.

The new chief commissioner of police (Mr Blamey) paid a visit of inspection to the Beaufort police station on Monday. He was accompanied by Supts. Warren and Hood.

METHODIST TENNIS CLUB.

The Beaufort Methodist Tennis Club has re-formed for the present season. Rev. W. Allsop was elected president, Mr P. T. Stevenson vice-president, and Miss G. Holdsworth secretary.

FIREMEN'S SOCIAL.

There was a good attendance at the Beaufort firemen's social on Wednesday night, and the winners of the euchre tournament were Mr R. Vowles and Mrs J. Day. Miss R. Roberts and Mr E. Wilson supplied the dance music, and Mr J. Kelly officiated as M.C. Mrs J. R. Hughes supervised the supper arrangements.

SOCIAL AT BREWSTER.

On Wednesday night a successful and enjoyable social was held at Brewster in aid of the school funds. About 30 couples attended. The euchre tournament was won by Mr J. Miles and Miss Bertha Foreman. Mr W. Martin supplied the dance music, and Mr T. O'Hehir acted as M.C. The ladies provided a very tasty supper.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB.

The Beaufort Golf Club championships—three rounds of 18 holes each—were concluded on Saturday, under favorable weather conditions, and aroused considerable interest. Miss E. Coates was the winner of the ladies' championship with a score of 96—100—103—299. Other leading scores—Mrs S. Young, 101—97—114—312; Miss W. Wotherspoon, 102—115—112—329; Mrs J. A. Harris, 102—116—112—330; Mrs N. B. Acton, 109—111—119—339. The men's championship was won by M. E. L. Watkin, 81—85—81—247. Next on the list were—F. J. Martin, 87—81—87—255; J. Campbell, 84—83—93—260; F. Williams, 83—89—89—261; T. M. Bowe, 101—84—86—271; H. J. Troy, 92—97—89—278; S. Young, 83—96—100—279; D. F. Troy, 99—91—97—287. Handicaps for ladies and men were played over 18 holes for half-guinea trophies, donated by Mr Philip Lewis. Results—Ladies' Handicap—Miss B. Schlicht, 117—36—81; Miss E. Lewis, 111—30—81; Mrs L. Watkin, 110—28—82; Mrs J. A. Harris, 112—30—82. In the play-off Miss B. Schlicht defeated Miss Lewis. Men's handicap—H. J. Troy, 89—24—65; T. M. Bowe, 86—14—72; M. E. L. Watkin, 81—8—73; G. C. Bennett, 102—28—74; J. W. Harris, 103—28—75.

FOOTBALL.

There was a fair attendance at a football match between Carngham and Beaufort, played on the latter's ground last Saturday. In the first quarter the game promised to be a well-contested one, but thereafter Beaufort completely outclassed their opponents and won easily by 56 points. The visiting team was augmented by a number of Linton and Waterloo men, and two Skipton players and two men from other clubs were included in the Beaufort combination. Granland umpired satisfactorily, and the goal umpires were J. French and Martin. The final scores were:—Beaufort, 14 goals 11 behinds (95 points); Carngham, 5 goals 9 behinds (39 points). The tallies at the end of each term were:—First quarter—Carngham, 2 goals 6 behinds; Beaufort, 2 goals 3 behinds. Second quarter—Beaufort, 6 goals 6 behinds; Carngham, 2 goals 7 behinds. Third quarter—Beaufort, 8 goals 9 behinds; Carngham, 3 goals 8 behinds. Fourth quarter—Beaufort, 14 goals 11 behinds; Carngham, 5 goals 9 behinds. Beaufort's best players were N. Lardner, A. Elder, McRae, W. Haggis, G. Crimmins, F. Meyer, W. Pearson, W. Gray, I. Cheeseman, F. Jaensch, R. Miller, and F. Fagg. For Carngham good form was shown by Stevens, J. Rutherford, I. Laney, Martin (2), Boyle, Millington, Black, Bolte, Bone, and Snell. Goal-kickers:—Beaufort—Meyer (4), I. Cheeseman (2), Haggis (2), Elder (2), Miller, Jaensch, N. Lardner, and Porter. Carngham—Bone (2), Laney, Stevens, and Bolte.

RIPON WAR MEMORIAL.

A meeting of the Ripon War Memorial committee was held on Friday evening, 2nd inst., at which tenders for the proposed monument were received. As the prices were all considered too high, it was decided to make a slight alteration in the specifications and ask tenderers to submit fresh prices.

FIREMEN INSPECTED.

On Thursday night Mr T. S. Marshall, chief officer of the Country Fire Brigades' Board, paid a visit of inspection to the Beaufort fire station, where a fair number of firemen paraded.

CATHOLIC MISSION.

During the week the Rev. Father McManus, one of the Redemptionist fathers, has been conducting a mission in the Beaufort Roman Catholic Church, with the assistance of the Rev. Father Leyden. The services have been well attended both by Catholics and non-Catholics.

BEAUFORT TOWN BAND.

At a general meeting of the Beaufort Town Band on Wednesday night, it was reported that liabilities exceeded the funds [illegible]. It was [illegible] to ask the [illegible] Highfield [illegible] on the 15th inst. The band arranged to play in the Memorial Park on the 18th inst. A fuller report is held over.

TENNIS.

The tennis season opened at Beaufort on Saturday with a match between Beaufort and Ararat Brigade teams, in connection with the competition for the Leoni-Kel-Kal Cup. The visitors won easily. Results: Ararat 7 rubbers, 11 [illegible]; Beaufort, 2 [illegible].

AMERICAN TEA.

On Thursday afternoon an American tea was held at St. John's Parish Hall, Beaufort, in aid of the forthcoming Anglican strawberry fete. There was a good attendance, and the takings amounted to £5 10/. The hall was nicely decorated with gumtips and wildflowers, and the tables with cream primroses. Songs were contributed by Mesdames A. L. O'Brien and Percy Kelly and Miss E. Muntz. Miss E. DeBaere acted as accompaniste. The organiser of the function was Mrs N. B. Acton.

BEAUFORT FIRE BRIGADE.

Lieut. Mansen occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade on Monday night; seven members attending. Routine correspondence was dealt with. It was stated by the chairman that there was a chance of the Country Fire Board holding a meeting here shortly. The secretary reported that he had booked the hall for 19th Oct. for a concert and dance in aid of the brigade [illegible] programme to be given by a party of artists from the Conservatorium of Music, Melbourne.

PARK IMPROVEMENT.

At a public meeting held at Beaufort on Thursday night, in connection with the movement to improve the local Park it was decided that a combined effort be made on Monday, 28th Decr.; the Athletic Club to run sports inside the arena and other societies to conduct sideshows outside, with the object of raising £100 or more to put a picket fence around the oval. The Athletic Club, Agricultural Society, Thistle Club, Football and Cricket Clubs (combined) are to be asked to each nominate a queen and conduct a queen competition, and business people are to be requested to observe the holiday. A park improvement committee was formed, with Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair as president and Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson as secretary. A fuller report is held over.

BEAUFORT CRICKET CLUB.

Mr A. J. Saph was voted to the chair at the annual meeting of the Beaufort Cricket Club, held at the Mechanics' Institute on Friday evening, 2nd inst., and there was an attendance of 10 members. The balance-sheet for the past year showed that receipts amounted to £25 1/6 and expenditure to £23/13/3, leaving a credit balance of £1/8/3. Subscriptions amounted to £11/5/- and donations to £13/16/6. The balance-sheet, which was regarded as satisfactory, was received and adopted, on motion of Messrs T. Williams and H. V. Martin. As there is a fair amount of material on hand, very little will have to be purchased this season. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr T. Williams; vice-presidents, Messrs A. J. Saph and D. M. Rogers; secretary and treasurer, Mr V. W. Pringle; general committee, Messrs Williams, Rogers, Saph, V. W. Pringle, N. L. Miller, H. V. Martin, and R. F. Fagg. The newly-elected officers suitably returned thanks. It was decided that the match committee consist of the captain, vice-captain, and one other member, to be chosen prior to the first match being played. Messrs Martin and Williams were appointed as delegates to the Ripon Cricket Association. The members' subscription was fixed at 5/, and the matter of getting necessary printing done was left in the hands of the secretary. Subject to the permission of the Ripon Shire Council being obtained, the secretary was authorised to arrange with Mr H. Norman to chip a pitch at the Beaufort Park.

PERSONAL.

Mr J. Green, of Murtoa, has succeeded Mr H. M. Ware as teller at the Beaufort branch of the Bank of Victoria.

Mr A. Elder, who has for the past few years been acting as assistant to Mr E. J. Muntz, engineer of Ripon Shire, has been appointed assistant engineer of Hampden Shire. His many friends in the town wish him a successful career in his profession.

Mr and Mrs A. Fraser, of Lake Goldsmith, will celebrate their silver wedding and the 21st birthday of their eldest daughter in the near future.

Miss Hilda Allsop, of Beaufort, is now out of the hospital and convalescent, and will be returning home within a week.

On Wednesday Mr F. Blay, of Murtoa, and Miss M. Thomas, of Beaufort, were married at the Beaufort Methodist Church, and a good deal of local interest was shown in the happy event.

Miss Johannsen has been appointed head teacher of the Trawalla school, and Miss Hill has taken charge of the school at Brewster.

Mr W. Bell, a Beaufort soldier settler, was recently successfully operated on at Caulfield Military Hospital for the removal of a piece of shrapnel from one of his lungs.

Mesdames I. Richards and W. Smith are the guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs H. Jaensch, of the Camp hotel, Beaufort.

Miss Butler, a former resident of Beaufort, is visiting the town.

Misses Duncan and Stewart have been visiting relatives at Beaufort.

Mr and Mrs Barrett, of Bacchus Marsh, have been visiting their Beaufort relatives.

Mr E. J. Muntz, junr. (formerly of the staff of the Bank of Victoria, Beaufort), has been transferred from Kyneton to Murtoa.

CORANGAMITE ELECTION.

LABOR CANDIDATE'S VIEWS.

Mr W. H. Nicol, the selected Labor candidate for Corangamite, addressed a meeting of about 70 electors at the Public Hall, Beaufort, on Tuesday night, and received a very attentive hearing.

Mr H. M. Stuart, who occupied the chair, introduced Mr Nicol as a practical farmer, who would be as good a representative as any in the Country party.

Mr Nicol, who was received with applause, said that as the selected Labor candidate for Corangamite, he came before them making no apology whatever for contesting the seat against the retiring member. Under ordinary circumstances the people would not have been faced with an election till March next year. It was a set of circumstances Australia had no control over—he referred to the shipping strike—and Mr Bruce saw fit to seize the opportunity to go before the country. The Nationalist Government of this country had entered into vile misrepresentation of the Labor party, upon which they, together with the daily press, were making a scandalous attack in order to inflame the minds of the electors and decoy them away from the real issue. He referred to the action of the press and the Nationalist Government in attempting to associate the Labor party with communism. No party had ever taken the stand that the Labor party had against communism and Bolshevism. It had ruled that these should not enter its ranks, and prevented them from becoming associated with the party. The Labor party at the last State election in N.S.W. came out on the public platform, and fought the communists. It [illegible] about for the Government to try and condemn the Women's Christian Temperance Union for being allied with the liquor trade as to associate the Labor party with communism. The Labor party stood for constitutional government, and was opposed to direct action and communism in every shape and form. He did not intend to answer the vile, scandalous attack and misrepresentation made by the press, because they had got right down to the gutter, and he did not want to descend to such a level. Labor controlled five governments out of six in Australia, and that showed that they were supported by the majority of the people of Australia, and for that reason he was going to stand on the policy of the Labor party and allow the electors to decide the issue on that. There was no communism in the State governments controlled by the Labor party, and there were no revolutionaries. Things were carried on in order. In 1910 the Liberal party had a bogey; Mr Scullin being accused of being desirous of breaking up home life and the marriage tie. This was worn out, and at every election since they had had a bogey of some description, because they did not go before the electors with their policy and depend upon it to carry them through. All this misrepresentation poured forth by the press was not only an insult to an honorable, straightforward candidate carrying the banner of the Labor movement, but to the intelligence of the electors of Australia. Mr Bruce had mentioned that it was necessary to go to the people to get a clear mandate in order to carry out responsible government and law and order. The Nationalist Government at present had a majority in both houses of parliament. If they were not in a position to carry out the affairs of this country and deal with any person who broke the law of the land at the present moment, would they be in a better position to do it after 14th November? They already had all the powers necessary to deal with any question that arose in connection with law and order and constitutional government. If they were incapable of carrying out constitutional government, it was time they were relieved of their positions. He had carefully read the Prime Minister's policy speech, and it was absolutely one of the most barren policies he had ever had time to read. He failed to find anything that was going to be of benefit to the people of this country in the next three years. It coincided with the legislation brought forward by the Nationalist Government for the last 3 years. Mr Bruce told them that the Nationalists and Farmers were going before the country with a united front. There was no necessity to make that statement, as they were absolutely one party under two names, with a view to catching votes in order to get a majority. The policy speech was a clear admission that the actions of the Nationalist Government could not be looked into, because they had not done anything. That was the reason why the people were being asked to decide this election on communism. With the exception of a foreign strike, at the present moment there was not one strike among the Australian workers in this land. Where was the necessity for the Government to go before the people to get a mandate to carry out law and order? Mr Bruce said that was the paramount issue.—[A voice: Send him back to Flinders Lane.]—The Prime Minister had ample power to deal with any extremists, and he had any amount of extremists on his own side who should be in gaol at the present moment. When Mr Bruce was asked to intervene and bring about a conference between the Australian seamen (who were on strike over the deregistration of their union) and the shipping company, he turned his back and refused to mediate. These people went back to Sydney and put the thing before Mr Lang, and he brought about a conference and settled the trouble. Now when the British seamen came out on strike in this country he said Walsh and Johannsen were fomenters of strife, and immediately he called into being his Deportation Bill. Mr Charlton and other Labor leaders appealed to the workers to keep quiet and not bring about a general strike and accept a battle ground chosen by Mr Bruce. The workers immediately recognised the position, and there was no upheaval. They cut the ground under Mr Bruce's feet. Yet this man said the Labor party did not express an opinion. What action did Mr Bruce take to bring about law and order? He did the very thing that was going to bring about strife in this country. Now when he was defeated in that direction he came along with this communistic stunt. The Commonwealth Bank had been placed on the statute book by the Labor party, and had stood the test of time. It had now been placed under the control of five directors selected from Flinders Lane, the banking institutions, insurance companies, shipping combine, and pastoral interests of this country. No representative was selected from the people to act on their behalf. The bank had been handed over body and soul to the financial interests of this country. The action of the Nationalists in connection with the Commonwealth woollen mill should be sufficient to condemn them for all time. That mill saved the country £3,000,000 in supplying material to Commonwealth Departments, and made a profit of £190,000. High grade tweed and materials were manufactured by these mills from 5/6 to 8/6 per yd., and at the present time Flinders Lane was supplying the same materials from 15/ to 25/ per yd. Immediately Mr Bruce got into power, the Government handed over the surplus from these mills to Flinders Lane. They knew they had to get control or compete against it on the open market. They were taking from 10/ to 15/ from material that they had no claim to. These were the people who were keeping back the progress of Australia. Mr Gibson had made the statement that he could shoot the exploiters of Flinders Lane from Parliament House, and referred to the Nationalists drawing huge fighting funds from the manufacturers. What was Mr Gibson's position to-night? He was sitting behind the Nationalist Government as a Cabinet minister. He had made that accusation against that party, yet these exploiters were going to fight for his return. They ought to ask him why he was doing what he accused the Nationalist Government of doing some years ago. Mr Gibson, as one of those they were fighting for, when he got back into Parliament would have to do as they told him. There were 466 persons in Australia who owned £92,000,000 worth of property. This election was a vital concern to these people, and they were pouring out their money, knowing it to be their last chance. If they lost control, they could never get it back again. The Commonwealth woollen mills made a profit of £103,000 during the last two years. They cost £81,000 for the buildings and £150,000 for the plant and machinery at pre-war prices, and were sold for £155,000. Mr Scullin got a valuation taken, and allowing for depreciation, the buildings were worth £112,000 and the plant £180,000. These people were robbing them politically, and they ought to keep this in view when they went to the ballot box on the 14th Novr. If the Labor party was returned on the 14th Novr., they would resume this mill under the same conditions as the Nationalists sold it to their friends (Applause). The Nationalist Government boasted of having done something for the old age pensioners, but they had recently prepared another political sop by raising the pensions to £1 per week, after having politically robbed the old age pensioners for the past three years of 2/6 per week. Three years ago Mr Charlton, the Labor leader, moved that the pension be increased to £1 a week, but the motion was defeated. The speaker criticised Mr Bruce for his action in letting a contract for two cruisers to John Brown & Sons in Great Britain, and making the excuse that he was saving £800,000 by doing so. The building of those cruisers would have given employment to 10,000 men in Australia, and God knows they wanted it badly enough when they had 30,000 unemployed at the time. Mr Bruce was more concerned about the manufacturers of Great Britain. They could have been built at the Cockatoo Island dockyard, where the Brisbane and Adelaide had been turned out, but Mr Bruce preferred the work to go overseas. According to Mr Earle Page's budget speech, their imports were £150,000,000 per annum. How were they going to populate this country if they were going to employ the labor of workers overseas? There had been a strike in this country since 1917 that they did not see anything about in the papers. He referred to the land tax evasion by the landlords and pastoral companies. Mr Bruce endeavored to amend the act in order that these people be allowed to escape. Mr Scullin looked into the matter, and when he asked for the papers to be laid on the table of the House the Government refused. He obtained information and brought forward a no-confidence motion, and the Government side-tracked him by bringing on a Royal Commission to consider it. He held the report of the Royal Commission here, and it made disclosures that would startle the people of this country. These people owed the Commonwealth £2,000,000 and refused to pay it, and Mr Bruce's Government was too weak to make them pay it. Talk about agitators and extremists, if that class of people ought to be in gaol, then these ought to be also. Twenty eight of them owed £159,000.—[A voice: All the fat sows of Australia.]—This was the way the National Goverment legislated in the interests of the industrial workers and primary producers. A farmer at Werribee, who had not sent in a return, was fined £134. Why was he fined and these people let off? This was the class of people who financed the National Government and told them what kind of legislation to bring in. These were the things they ought to judge this Government by. That was what they had to wake up to. There was another strike of financiers, which was now over. He referred to the present Commonwealth loan. When Earle Page called for a loan from the financiers, they told him they would not finance it until he raised the interest from 4½ to 5½ per cent. These were the people who took the platform and asked that the manhood of this country be conscripted. The Government should have told them that this country could not afford to pay 5½ per cent. free of taxation, and did not intend to do so. He was absolutely opposed to deportation of any men from this country. (Hear, hear). The bill was a disgrace and a blot on the Statute book of this country. Mr Hughes had told Mr Bruce it was unconstitutional. The bill was costly, and not worth the paper it was written on. Supposing it was constitutional, and Walsh and Johannsen were deported, two Australians could be appointed to these positions, and they could only deport people born outside Australia.—[A voice: They would bring in another bill to deport them.]—If bill after bill was brought in to deport people, what sort of a country were they going to have? Why had British seamen gone out on strike in other countries? The reason was that these men's wages had been reduced by the British shipowners from £10 per month to £9 per month. The shipping companies made £11,000,000 last year, and could afford to pay a fair, living wage. The allotment each man's wife got was 22/6 per week. The question was not Walsh or Johannsen, but the conditions under which these men were living. Mr Bruce was using the argument that the strike would interfere with the industries of this country, but that did not cut much ice with the primary producers. When the war broke out, Australia had to get her produce overseas and had no shipping at all. Mr Bruce had some shipping to-day. If the National Government was so concerned about the primary producers, it could utilise the Commonwealth's £11,000,000 worth of shipping, half of which had been rusting in the harbors for 12 months. Why was that not utilised? Because Mr Bruce and the Government did not want to interfere with the private enterprise of Great Britain. The Prime Minister had not endeavored to settle this trouble. He (Mr Nicol) could not anticipate the policy of the Labor party, which was to be announced the following Friday night. He claimed that the policy of the Labor party represented 80 per cent. of the people. He had experience throughout the electorate, and had been engaged in the pastoral and agricultural industries. He had been associated with the Labor movement all his life, and if returned, he was not going to turn it down. He refused to allow people to make any assertions of communism and Bolshevism against him. He appealed to them to vote for the Labor candidates for the House of Representatives and Senate. If returned, he would do the best he could in the interests of the whole of Corangamite. (Applause).

After the candidate had answered several questions, the chairman appealed for aid to get aged electors to the booth on polling day, and two electors present promised to lend their motor-cars for the purpose.

BEAUFORT RAILWAY CROSSINGS PROBLEM

SOLUTION SUGGESTED.

Two leading officers of the Railway Department—Messrs Canny (general superintendent of transportation) and Ashworth (assistant chief engineer of ways and works)—visited Beaufort on Wednesday afternoon to endeavor to solve the local problem in regard to railway crossings. They were met at the Shire Hall by Crs. R. A. D. Sinclair (shire president) and six representative ratepayers.

The shire president (who acted as chairman) said that Messrs Canny and Ashworth were present to hear the ratepayers' views and then to visit the crossings.

Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson—Owing to the dangerous nature of the Lawrence street crossing, several narrow escapes, and the fatal accident that had occured there recently, the A.N.A. had approached the council asking that they request the department to have a gate placed there. As far as he could understand, it had got to the point that the railways stated that if the townspeople were agreeable to the other gates being removed, they would gate Lawrence street; but a counter petition went in for the other gates to remain. The point was whether the safety of human life was of greater importance than the cost of maintaining gates at Lawrence street. He had observed the Lawrence street crossing closely during the eight years he had been in the town, and for four years he was a humble servant of the department. His house was opposite that crossing. Several things had happened there that had not come under notice. When Mrs Carland was killed there, everyone recognised the danger immediately. Three weeks after that Mrs McKenzie, of Eurambeen, was nearly caught the same way. Two trains were in A and B sidings and the mid-day train dashed through. She just had time to turn her horse off. He had four children going to school who crossed four times daily. He nearly lost one child at the crossing; the train being so close that it touched her hand. Those standing on the platform and watching thought she was caught. He thought a child's life was worth more than the £300 or £400 a year it would cost to gate the crossing. Fifteen or sixteen children crossed every day on the way to school. Closing the Havelock street crossing would cause great inconvenience to certain business men in the town. If one crossing had to go, then Lawrence street was undoubtedly the most important crossing. The other crossing served Raglan, but the Lawrence street one was on the main road through Waterloo and Lexton to Maryborough. A great deal of motor traffic was going through there that did not go to the other crossing. He would say emphatically that most of the carting was done through the Lawrence street crossing, although if the other crossing was closed down, it would make it awkward for those carting in by that road. The co-operative store would no doubt feel it inconvenient, because the Havelock street crossing was the main route to the station of all their carting. He thought if the gates were closed and a footbridge put there, the co-operative's customers would be able to get to the store by the same way as at present. The point had been raised that if a gate was put at Lawrence street, people would have to wait longer, but it was the rule now that no gate must be kept closed for more than five minutes. If the commissioners decided to have one crossing, it would be better to close the Havelock street one than the one at Lawrence street.

The chairman—On account of the buildings on one side and the S.M.'s residence on the other, you think Lawrence street the most dangerous crossing?

Mr Johnson—They certainly obscured the view. If people saw an engine there, they thought it was going to move, and did not notice another train coming. He had seen three engines—one at the crane, one at B siding, and one on No. 3 or 4 road.

Mr J. B. Cochran—They did not want to close the Havelock street gate. They should make the crossing at Lawrence street secure by putting gates there and locking them, and then anyone coming along shifting a house could give notice to the S.M. to let him through. The road through the Havelock street crossing had been there 70 years. He had been here 73 years, and was the oldest resident and ratepayer in the district. He was out for safety and to save money. People could go round to the Havelock street gate.

Mr W. Dixon—When it was rumored that the Havelock street gate was to go in the first place, everyone was waiting for someone to move. The B. and W. Co-operative store represented about 400 shareholders in the district. The people were all telling them that it was in the interest of their place to move. They moved and got a petition signed by about 200 people, who were practically all ratepayers. That petition they put in was representing their shareholders. From Raglan, practically all Chute, Main Lead, and part of Eurambeen, all the traffic went through that gate. Through the other crossing there was only the local traffic to Waterloo and the Waterloo end of Chute. Not a great deal of traffic from Lexton came this way. He had been speaking to several Waterloo shareholders, who claimed that if any crossing was closed the Lawrence street one should be, and that if a track was made through the common paddock to the crossing a mile down the road they would be just as close to the town. The heaviest wood traffic went through the Havelock street gate to the siding that side of the goods shed. Practically all heavy carting went through that gate, including a big percentage of the grain brought from Stockyard Hill. That petition was small to what they could have made it. Had they had a week he guaranteed they could have got 700 names to that petition. That 200 names represented practically two days' canvassing.

Mr W. J. Stevenson—It was a dangerous crossing at the Lawrence street end. He had nearly been caught there himself. It was most dangerous from the Waterloo side. Owing to wood at the station and two houses at the corner, one could not get a view of a train coming from a distance. When he was coming round the corner there happened to be an engine taking water and sheep trucks blocking the view, and he did not know that the incoming train was there till it was almost on top of him, and he just missed it. The average person was apt to be caught the same way. Mr Cochran's idea to put a gate at Lawrence street and lock it would protect the traffic to the town there. Most of his firm's stuff came through the crossing past the co-operative store. It was no good their dictating to the department. He was rather inclined to favor the Havelock street gate for safety, and it was the most convenient gate for his firm.

Mr P. George—He thought both crossings necessary. Regarding his firm, one gate was just as convenient to them as the other. The Havelock street gate was convenient to their customers from Raglan, &c., who would find it awkward if they had to go round.

Mr W. McCurdy—He would like to see the Havelock street gates left as they were. He was dairying, and had land on both sides of the road. He had to take cows night and morning through this gate. It would be a big inconvenience to him to go to Lawrence street, and not only to him, but to other people of the town. Forty or 50 cows went through the Havelock street gates night and morning. People also preferred to take stock through these gates to the station, because it was nice and quiet. Otherwise they had to take the animals through the town when trucking or unloading, and they could not get them through quietly. He would leave the matter of dealing with the Lawrence street crossing to the council and the commissioners. He did not use it.

The chairman—You don't care a darn as long as they don't close the gate up your end. (Laughter).

Mr Cochran—He was not here for the convenience of customers, but public safety.

Mr Johnson—He did not advocate closing Havelock street gate. It would be a pity to see it closed. His opinion was that if one crossing must go to make for safety, they should close the Havelock street crossing before the one at Lawrence street.

Cr. D. F. Troy—It would be a very serious thing to close the Havelock street gate. What Mr McCurdy said in regard to stock was perfectly correct. He was interested indirectly in a property at St. Enoch's from which they shifted stock to Ballarat. Although the Lawrence street crossing would save some hundreds of yards, people preferred to go through the Havelock street gate in quietness and get the stock there without exciting them too much. He had been a business man till about two years ago, and this question was vital to the great majority of the people out Raglan way and in that district. The railways were out for business like all trading concerns, and he could assure them that if they blocked the Raglan and Chute people's entrance to the town, they were going to embitter the whole of the people of that part of the district against them. To put all the traffic through the Lawrence street gate was going to cause congestion at times that would be awkward. There were ways and means of making the Lawrence street crossing safe. The main thing he wanted to impress on them was on no account to close the Havelock street gate.

The chairman thanked the ratepayers for their attendance. When the matter was previously placed before Mr Clapp he was very emphatic in saying that if they wanted safety first, they were going to have one gate. If they did not care about the safety of the public, things would remain as they were. As far as Cr. Troy and he were concerned, they were going to try and persuade these gentlemen, on behalf of the majority of the ratepayers of the shire, to allow this gate to remain and to try and see if they could find a solution to the problem of making the other crossing safer than it was at the present time. Ratepayers generally would be caused great inconvenience by closing the Havelock street gate up. After these gentlemen had visited the crossings, he thought something would be done that would give satisfaction to the whole of the ratepayers of the shire.

Mr Canny—Wherever they had level crossings in connection with a railway system they had points of danger. The more level crossings there were, the more points of danger. They had here two crossings within practically a stone's throw of each other. They were a quarter of a mile apart—20 chains. Why did they want two crossings in a town of these dimensions? They had had them for some years and did not like to part with them. Some vested interest was at stake. Take away either crossing, and they were going to effect someone. Someone had to give something up in the interest of others. They could not sit down and get everything they wanted. He was looking at it quite impartially, but was glad of their views on it. It was an important matter, and Mr Ashworth and he might be able to show a solution to them. Whenever anyone was killed or maimed on a crossing no one felt it more—he was speaking sincerely—than the railway officials themselves. They got the report first of all, and it hurt them to hear that someone was maimed or killed. But there were other considerations, and they had to put their heads together and see what was the best thing to do in the interest of the particular community concerned. If it was a matter for them to come to every place and say they would spend so many hundred pounds per annum, the people would have to dip into their pockets and pay more income tax at the end of the year. They had to run the railways as a commercial proposition. At the same time he assured them that they would not neglect the human side for one moment. That was the very reason Mr Ashworth and he were here, and they hoped to be able to come to some tangible solution before they left. If they could decide on a solution agreeable to all they would be pleased, but wanted them to understand that it was not a matter of sitting back and saying they were going to stick to what they had and wanted something more. They did not always get that, and were not likely to get it to-day. He thanked them sincerely for the kind reception they had given Mr Ashworth and he. Their visit to Beaufort so far had been a pleasure.

Mr Ashworth concurred with what Mr Canny had said.

After inspecting the crossings and railway yard in company with Mr Ashworth, Crs. Troy and Sinclair, and the shire secretary (Mr N. B. Acton), Mr Canny stated that after looking round, it seemed to them clearly that the Lawrence street crossing was a very dangerous one, and should be removed in the interest of the safety of the public. That was from a vehicular point of view. Pedestrians had the opportunity of seeing oncoming trains by exercising watchfulness, and if the crossing was shut up, it would be quite possible to put in a proper pedestrian crossing with a suitable gate at each side of the line. The only way to get a vehicle crossing, so far as they had been able to observe, was to put a crossing for public use about a mile on the Melbourne side of the Beaufort station—the crossing to the common. That might necessitate the construction of a road, and he also understood that provision would have to be made for a bridge across the creek. They had asked the shire president to be good enough to get out an estimate of the cost of what would be involved, and to submit the matter for further consideration to the commissioners. Failing that, Mr Ashworth and he would come up again, because it was their intention to meet the council and get this thing fixed up.

Cr. Sinclair said he submitted the idea of getting a crossing nearly opposite his place, but the officers could not see that it would be any advantage. There would be more rails to cross—three tracks instead of two—and it was too close to the other one. The scheme suggested by the officers would be submitted to the council at next meeting, and if any of the people felt they had a grievance, they had an opportunity of attending the Shire Council meeting on Monday.

Mr Canny—They would not do anything further in the matter till they heard from the council.

There is certain to be considerable local opposition to the closing of Lawrence street crossing, and a petition protesting against its being done away with, as the bulk of the traffic to the railway station goes through it, is being extensively signed.

SHIRE ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The following report by Mr E. J. Muntz, B.C.E., will be considered at Monday's meeting of the Ripon Shire Council:—

1. Re Carngham—Ballarat road, I would recommend that the following works be carried out this year:—About 40 chains gravelling in four different lengths between Bignell's corner and Carngham bridge; 200 cub. yds. metal, Carngham; 400 cub. yds. quartz between Thomas' and boundary, with two nine-inch pipes at former place.

2. Beams of bridge at Watson's, Snake Valley, are in poor condition, and the whole bridge is liable to collapse at any time. Approaches have always been troublesome with rabbits, and netting seems only cure.

3. There should be no objection to title being issued for 20 acres at Main Lead, formerly held by W. Dickman, junr., providing right-of-way is granted along dry race; but I think the council should try and get all land left added to forest area.

4. I have inspected road applied for by Mr J. Gardiner, Carngham. There is a fair amount of traffic along it, and I do not think some of allotments have any other access, so that it could not be permanently closed. Under these circumstances request should be refused. Landowners would probably not object to a little temporary inconvenience.

5. I do not think drain opposite the hotel, Snake Valley, will cause any trouble if it is kept properly cleaned out, and I have given instructions for this to be done. Fencing may be necessary to keep cattle out.

6. I have given a great deal of consideration to the question of substituting quartz for bluestone on the first section of the Trawalla developmental road, and believe that it will cost approximately £1000 less than bluestone. I do not think a satisfactory tender could be obtained, but by employing waggons, &c., it could be done by day labour. Careful organisation would be required, and some form of mechanical loader should be obtained to get the best results.

7. It is a pity to leave formation at the Burrumbeet end of the Trawalla settlement in its present state, and I would be glad if the council would authorise an expenditure of say not more than £15 to improve it.

8. In reference to land applied for by Mrs Phillips on the Shirley road, if the road is kept open there should be no objection from the council point of view.

9. Flume at Musical Gully, Beaufort water supply race, is in bad condition, and should be re-lined or re-built.

10. I have not succeeded in getting contract, Livingstone St. and Warburton St., Beaufort, under way. The contractor has been trying to get some one to carry on the work, but apparently has not succeeded. It should be forfeited and re-advertised.

11. Crushing has been going on for the last ten days—not very fast, owing to wet weather. Work has now been stopped to carry out work ordered on the plant.

12. Fair progress has been made with contracts started. Details are submitted separately; several contracts have been advertised and re-advertised.

COMING EVENTS.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club, to adopt sports programme and elect office-bearers, &c., will be held on Monday evening.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Croquet Club will be held on Wednesday evening.

The footballers' return ball to the ladies will be held at Beaufort on Wednesday evening.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society, to adopt prize schedule and appoint judges and stewards, &c., will be held on Thursday evening next.

Mr Theo. W. Schlicht will sell by auction on the property, Waterloo road, on Thursday, 15th inst., at 3 p.m., freehold land and residence lately occupied by Miss Witcombe.

Messrs Kelly & McDonald and Theo. W. Schlicht (in conjunction) will sell at Kelly & McDonald's office, Beaufort, on Thursday, 22nd inst., at 3 p.m., 91 acres of agricultural and grazing land in the estate of the late A. Wilkinson.

ANGLICAN SOCIAL.

A successful social, organised by Mrs. D. Jackson, was held at St. John's Parish Hall, Beaufort, on Monday night, in aid of the forthcoming strawberry fete. There was a good attendance, and an enjoyable time was spent.

ARM INJURED.

A young man named Gordon Maher who is employed on a stone-crusher in the Beaufort district, is suffering from a septic arm, the result of an injury received while at work.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT AND DANCE AT TRAWALLA.

One of the most enjoyable and successful euchre tournaments and dances held at Trawalla for several years took place on Friday, 2nd inst. The proceeds were devoted to the school funds. The winners of the euchre tournament were Miss Rose Roberts and Mr B. Smith. Dance music was supplied by Mr W. Martin, and the M.C. was Mr T. O'Hehir. The ladies provided supper. Mr W. Boyce acted as secretary.

WELL-DESERVED THANKS.

Mr H. M. Stuart, of Beaufort, has received the following letter from Mr N. R. Grose, secretary of the Country Fire Brigades' Board, which is dated October 2nd:—"On behalf of the members and officers of the Country Fire Brigades' Board, I am desired to convey to you an expression of their warm appreciation of the excellent services rendered by you to the Beaufort Fire Brigade as an officer for many years prior to the inception of the board, and as honorary turncock for the past 50 years."

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BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of members of the above Club will be held in the Mechanics' Institute on Monday night at 8 p.m. Business—To adopt sports programme for December 28th, elect office-bearers, and general.
W. J. BRUCE JOHNSON, Secy.

FOOTBALLERS' RETURN BALL TO LADIES.

WEDNESDAY EVENING NEXT, OCTOBER 14th, 1925.

THE RETURN BALL to the Ladies will be held in the Beaufort Public Hall on the above date. Good music. Excellent floor. Good M.C. Gents., 3/3; Ladies, basket.
G. C. BENNETT, President.
J. FITZPATRICK, Secretary.

BEAUFORT CROQUET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in Mechanics' Institute on WEDNESDAY evening, 14th October, 8 p.m.
E. McNAUGHTON, Hon. Sec.

BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held at the Mechanics' Institute at 8 p.m. on THURSDAY next, 15th inst., when a good attendance of members is urgently requested.
Business—Adoption of prize schedule; appointment of judges and stewards, and general.
GEO. PRINGLE, Secretary.

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THURSDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 1925,
at 3 p.m., on the Premises.

TOWNSHIP PROPERTY.

THEO. W. SCHLICHT, acting under instructions from Mr. WALTER JONES, will sell—
All those pieces of Freehold Land, containing 3 roods 12 perches, being Crown allots. 3 and 4, section 11, township and parish of Beaufort, good possessory title, situated on Waterloo road, between the properties of Messrs G. Jaensch and John Parker, upon which is erected a five-roomed Weatherboard Dwelling House in good order.
The above property will be offered first for sale as a whole. If not sold, the buildings will be offered for removal, and the land by itself. This was formerly the residence of Miss Witcombe for a number of years. The land is one of the most desirable little properties in the town. Water is laid on, and is augmented by a large cement underground tank, 12 ft. deep. Further particulars, apply Auctioneer.

LAND SALE BY AUCTION AT BEAUFORT
(KELLY & McDONALD'S OFFICE).
THURSDAY, 22nd OCTOBER, 1925,
At 3 p.m.

91 Acres of Agricultural and Grazing Land.

KELLY & McDONALD and THEO. W. SCHLICHT (Auctioneers in conjunction) have been favored with instructions from the Executor in the Estate of the late A. WILKINSON to Sell by Auction as above:—
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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.

Religious Services.

SUNDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 1925.

CHURCH OF England.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Trawalla, 3—Canon W. C. Wood.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Chute, 11; Waterloo, 3; Beaufort, 7—Rev. W. Allsop. Beaufort, 11; Raglan, 3—Mr W. H. Benson.

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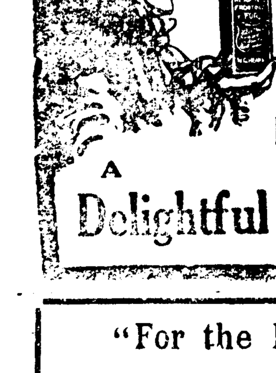

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

At the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, before Messrs H. P. V[illegible], P.M., and G. Lancey, J.P., the [illegible] case of the Beaufort Butchery v. Nancy McKay, claiming £2 1 6 for goods sold and delivered, was heard. There was no notice of defence filed, and the bench gave an order for the amount claimed, with 2[illegible] costs.

DEFENDED CLAIM FOR RATES.

The president, councillors, and ratepayers of the Shire of Ripon sued Alexander L. Crocker for the recovery of £12 12 3 for arrears of municipal rates and interest. This case had been previously adjourned.

Defendant—He did not admit the [illegible]. He was sued for water on a property that was Crown property [illegible] five years previously, and at the time the rate was made. He did not contract any debt with the council for water but the £1 he had paid that morning.

Norman B. Acton, shire secretary and rate collector, produced the rate book and gave evidence that defendant was rated for £1 with respect to a house and £5 for a garden this year, together with £5 for last year's arrears and 1[illegible] interest. Notices had been served, of which he produced the duplicates. The notice for 1924 was posted on the 6th March, 1924, and the notice for the 1924-5 rate was posted on the 19th January, 1925. Defendant was rated the same for the previous year. There was no appeal against the valuation, of which defendant got notice.

Defendant—Did you not know that the ground was forfeited in 1919, and that the water was running on it then?

Witness—No. It was running before defendant bought it and when he took it over.

The P.M.—The rate was made under the joint water supply part of the by-law. This garden had two ¾-inch taps and one ½-inch tap. Special arrangements were made with the former owner, and carried on when the property was sold to defendant.

Defendant—Did I contract with you for water at any time?

Witness—When defendant took over the property the council continued the rate as in the other case.

Defendant—He did not take over the property, which was forfeited to the Crown.

Samuel George, sworn, stated that he was caretaker of the water race for the Ripon Shire Council. During the past two years the water had been running through these pipes, and had been doing so this year. He had not noticed whether it was running in the winter or not. The whole summer defendant had full use of the pipe. Defendant had been in possession of this garden about two seasons, and maybe three.

Defendant—You made the statement that the water was running continuously?

Witness—Yes, as far as he knew.

Defendant—Did I not block up the pipes at the end of last winter and never open them again?

Witness—He knew they were running last summer, and he thought they were whenever he was there.

Alexander L. Crocker, laborer, Raglan, gave evidence that he did not have possession of the ground at the time, as it was Crown property. He held the ground under the garden licence (produced) and dated 1st Jany., 1924. It had been occupied by a Chinaman as a garden for a number of years, and the former occupier had let the title run out in 1919. The Chinaman had used it, but had no licence. The Chinaman was in occupation at the time defendant bought it at the end of 1923. Defendant applied for it, and the licence was issued on 3rd July, 1924. He had never lived on it, as the house was unfit for occupation. He bought the Chinaman's title in 1923, but found he had none. The Chinaman led him to believe that he had a title in Ballarat. After selling it, the former occupier went to China. A fortnight after a notice appeared in the paper that the Chinaman's place was forfeited. Defendant appeared at the land board and was told he had spent his money on Crown land. He gave the Chinaman £62 for it, and was only running a cow on it now. He applied for it and got it on 3rd July, 1924. When the water was running in 1923-4, defendant could not stop it, because he had no authority to do so, as it was running on Crown land. People allowed their cows to go there, and he could not stop them, although he had paid £60 for it. People also went and picked the fruit, and he could not stop them. In 1924 he blocked the pipes up. He admitted that the water was there if he had liked to use it. He had paid no rates on it, and had never appealed against the rate.

The P.M.—He would like to know defendant's actual position. The land was in the area under the jurisdiction of the council. There had been no appeal against the rate or anything like that.

Defendant—He could not appeal the first year, as he did not have possession. He could not understand why the council did not know it was forfeited.

The P.M.—Did you make any search at the office of the council to see what rates were owing on it when the Chinaman sold it?

Defendant—He neglected to do that.

Norman B. Acton (recalled)—There was a special agreement between the council and the Chinaman, and this man took over the land and did not appeal.

The P.M.—There was no contract with defendant at all.

Witness—No, excepting that he was occupier. The Chinaman used the water for irrigation purposes.

The P.M.—The by-law mentioned water for domestic purposes. Where was the authority to charge defendant for these two ¾-inch pipes?

Witness—Only under special agreement between the occupier and council. Otherwise than for domestic purposes provision was made to charge by measure. The agreement was made with the Chinaman some years ago, and he paid right up to the end of 1922. There were £5 arrears to 1st October, 1923, and £5 to the end of last month. The pipes were laid from the race to the people's places. Notices had been served each year.

The P.M.—Defendant had erred apparently in making no appeal.

Defendant—The reason he did not appeal was that he did not have possession, and anyone could have ejected the property over him and he would have lost £60.

The P.M.—Why did you not do it this year when you got possession?

Defendant—One reason was that the water was not running.

The P.M.—The pipes were there, and you were rated for the land. You were not charged for the quantity of water you used.

Defendant—Last year he got a notice from the shire secretary that all pipes were to be taken out.

Mr Acton—In January last the council decided that all pipes from the race must have taps, so that they could be turned off, as too much water was being used. All the people with pipes from the race sent a petition, asking that the clause be not enforced. The council resolved to allow it to remain in abeyance till the end of September, when all pipes must have taps on them. Defendant signed the petition (produced), asking [that] the clause be not enforced.

Defendant—He signed the petition because he wanted water at his own house.

Mr Acton—The council intended now to enforce it.

The P.M.—Although there appeared to be no agreement with defendant, the trouble was they could not get behind the rate book. Could not any consideration be shown to defendant?

Mr Acton—They were not sure about the previous year as to whether defendant had a garden.

In answer to the P.M., defendant said he had no garden, but only ran a cow there. The garden was a wilderness when he took it over. The fruit trees were the only things there, and they were old. He did not make anything out of it last year.

In reply to further questions by the P.M., Mr Acton said it was a pity defendant had not made some arrangement with the council.

The P.M.—Defendant had made the mistake in not trying to make an arrangement.

Mr Acton—Perhaps they could make the concession of taking half for one year.

The P.M.—They could adjourn it to give him an opportunity of bringing it before the commission. Defendant had been rated and had put himself in this position by making no appeal.

Defendant—Every time he had to appear he lost a day's wages.

The P.M.—He thought defendant had received a fair amount of consideration. If the bench did what they were legally bound to do, they would make an order against him for the full amount, but Mr Acton had very kindly said he would bring the matter up with a view to getting some concession made. He thought that was the best thing they could do. No doubt the commission would be able to make a reasonable arrangement. If defendant had gone about things in a proper way, he would have been in a better position now.

Defendant—He could not stop the water the first year.

The P.M.—You were there some time before you got the licence.

Defendant—He was only there Saturdays and Sundays.

The case was adjourned.

FEDERAL LABOUR LEADER.

DISCUSSES THE £67,000,000 LOAN.

In a reference to the Federal Conversion Loan of £67,000,000 the leader of the Federal Labour Party, Mr M. Charlton, a few days ago expressed confidence that the bulk, if not the whole, of the amount involved would be converted before the date of redemption. The policy of the Labour Party was in favour of internal conversions of maturing war-time loans. Most of the small depositors were not business people, and the offer of a bonus of 1 per cent., as an inducement to arrange conversion before 15th December next, did not make any material difference to small investments. These people had placed their savings in war loans from motives of patriotism, and he was perfectly confident that most of them would renew their holdings for the same reason. If the amount of subscriptions and conversions reached such a total that the close of the loan was in sight, there would be a rush of these small investors to convert. It was in the interests of Australia that the conversion should be completely successful, and that the public who had holdings in the maturing loan respond freely to the invitation to turn over to the new issue, the terms of which were very advantageous to the depositor.

CORROBORATION.

Mr W. Cheeseman, of Lake Goldsmith, having denied that he made the statement, "people did not have much sympathy for him," in reference to Mr W. I. Halpin, when giving evidence before the Royal Commission on soldier settlement at Beaufort, we have obtained from the secretary to the commission the following extract from the official record of the proceedings:—"Mr. McGalliard: It was the mother of the soldier who had gone off the block? Witness: Yes. Mr. McGalliard: And do you know why he had gone off—was it illness? Witness: I would not like to say. Mr. McGalliard: There may have been a certain amount of sympathy for the man who went off? Witness: I do not think there was much sympathy for the man who went off, but I would not like to say. Mr. Wiltshire: What was the name of that man? Witness: Halpin."

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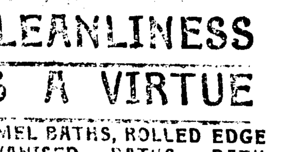

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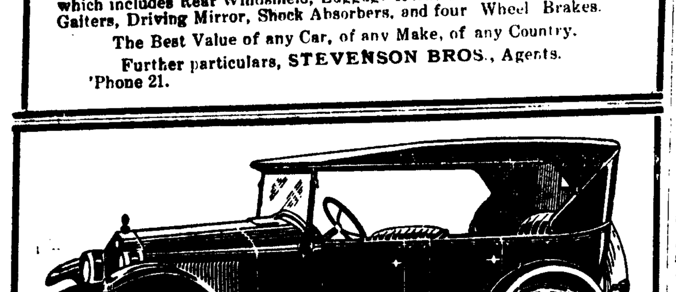

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PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND.

There was an attendance of 14 townsmen at a public meeting at the Shire Hall on Thurs[illegible], 8th inst., in [illegible] to [illegible]. Cr. R. A. [illegible] presided, [illegible] present from [illegible] Club, Agri[illegible] Club, and [illegible] Bruce Johnson [illegible] the resolution [illegible] the A.N.A. [illegible] Agricultural [illegible] half their [illegible] Mr H. J. [illegible] Club would [illegible] as they [illegible] proposal. Mr [illegible] all Club [illegible] then they [illegible] at their [illegible] Betheras [illegible] Troy (Golf Club) said the amusement had the sympathy of their clubs. Mr A. Betheras pointed out that the Agricultural Society recognised that any improvements made there would benefit them. Cr. D. F. Troy, as a member of the Athletic Club, said it struck him that the only club in the town making any sacrifice was the Athletic Club. It was a little lopsided. It boiled down to his original suggestion of each club using the park contributing a percentage of gate receipts each year. He thought a committee should be appointed and a fund built up and the park improved each year. Mr Johnson said the A.N.A. could not spend their funds, but they would take charge of something and run it for the movement. The chairman—He suggested that the Athletic Club run the sports, and the societies come in the same way as last year. Mr Glover endorsed these remarks. Mr Buchanan—One suggestion or the other should be adopted. Unless they could run on the same lines as last year, they could not raise a sufficient sum. Mr A. Betheras—What would it cost to put pickets around the arena? Mr Johnson—There had not been a sufficient attendance at the last meeting to formulate a proposal, and the societies were asked to discuss the matter among themselves and make suggestions. The chairman—It would cost about £100 to enclose the first portion of the arena with a picket fence. Mr A. Betheras—They should not only strive to enclose the whole arena in time, but to improve the accommodation in the buildings at the park. The chairman—He had only one thing in his mind, and that was the picket fence. Mr A. Parker—That was all they had scope for. They would like a grandstand, but it would cost £1000, and was out of the question at present. Cr. Troy—The percentage contribution would bring in £40 a year, and the revenue from a grandstand would pay the interest on the money. Under the present conditions, no improvements could go on. Mr Buchanan suggested that each society be asked to retain the amusement tax, which was going out next week, for Park improvement purposes. Mr Williams—They had to thank the old pioneers for the park. He thought it about time the public did something to improve the ground. Their object first of all should be to put a picket fence around the arena, which was a necessity. They could have a combined meeting. In reply to Cr. Troy, Mr A. Parker said the biggest profit the Athletic Club had had was about £90. Mr Pringle suggested a queen carnival. Mr Johnson moved that the bodies represented hold a combined effort and that the Athletic Club be asked to run the events inside the arena, and the other societies conduct the side-shows outside, the object being to raise £100 or more to put a fence around the oval. Seconded by Mr A. Betheras, and carried. Cr. Troy—He seemed to be about five years before the time, but he thought his words would come true, and that it would end in his scheme. It was decided on the motion of Messrs Pringle and Glover, to ask the Athletic Club, Agricultural Society, Thistle Club, and Football and Cricket clubs (combined) to each nominate a queen, and conduct a queen competition. Mr Glover—Each society running queens could be given the option of conducting one of the booths. Mr Johnson moved that the sports be held on Monday, 28th Decr., and that the business people be asked to observe the holiday. Seconded by Mr Buchanan, and carried. It was understood that a picture show would be held at night. All present formed themselves into a Park improvement committee, and Cr. Sinclair was appointed president, Mr Johnson honorary secretary, and Mr A. Parker treasurer, on the motion of Cr. Troy and Mr Glover. Cr. Sinclair—He would do what he could, and he hoped the result would be at least £100. The following were appointed as an executive committee:—Cr. Sinclair, Messrs Johnson, A. Parker, A. Betheras, W. R. Glover, and H. J. Buchanan. It was arranged to call a meeting of the Athletic Club on the following Monday night to adopt a sports programme.

Mrs Scott, of Melbourne, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Jaensch, of Beaufort, has been very ill.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

There was an attendance of nine members at the annual meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club, held at the Mechanics' Institute on Monday night. Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (president) presided.

A notice of the annual meeting of the V.A.L. was received, together with a copy of the balance sheet.

Accounts amounting to £3/1s. (including £2/2/ V.A.L. registration fee) were passed for payment, and the secretary was authorised to pay the cycling registration fees when they come due.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr H. V. Martin (Mr Martin suitably returning thanks); vice-presidents, Messrs T. Williams and A. Parker; secretary, Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson (whose annual salary was fixed at £20, and who was thanked for his excellent services in an honorary capacity last year); treasurer, Mr D. F. Troy; executive committee, Messrs Martin, A. Parker, T. Williams, W. J. Bruce Johnson, R. A. D. Sinclair, W. R. Glover, D. F. Troy, T. Williams, and A. M. Parker.

The president announced that Mr T. Williams had been elected an official starter of the V.A.L.

Mr A. Parker congratulated Mr Williams on his appointment.

Mr Williams briefly responded, and congratulated Beaufort upon having so worthy a representative on the league as Mr Sinclair.

The prize-money for the sports on Monday, 28th Decr., in aid of the Park Improvement Fund, was fixed at £90, and allotted as follows:—Footracing, £45; cycling, £40; woodchopping, £5.

The programme was adopted as follows:—Sheffield handicap, 130 yds.—£15, £5, and £1. Sprint handicap, 75 yds.—£5, £2, and £1. Fiery Creek Handicap, 220 yds.—£5, £2, and £1. Mile Footrace—£10, £2, and £1. Beaufort Wheel Race, 1 mile—£10, £3, and £2. Bicycle Flutter, half-a-mile—£5, £2, and £1. Amateur Wheel Race, 1 mile—Open orders for £3, £1, and 10/. Amateur Wheel Race, two miles—Open orders for £3, £1, and 10/. Five mile Scratch Race—Sweepstake of 5/. Lap prizes, with £3 added. District Underhand Woodchop—£4 and £1.

It was decided to start the first race at 1.30 p.m.

Mr James, of the V.A.L, was appointed handicapper of footracing, and it was decided to ask the L.V.W. and the Amateur Cycling Association to recommend handicappers. Messrs G. Boyd and D. Stevenson were appointed handicappers for the woodchop.

It was resolved to advertise the programme in the November and December issues of the "V.A.L. Calender," and the cycle races in the November "Wheelmen's Gazette." The Ararat Club is to be asked to put the date of the Beaufort meeting on their handicaps, and Beaufort is to reciprocate by advertising the Ararat meeting on the programmes. The secretary was also instructed to advertise the sports in the "Riponshire Advocate," "Globe," and "Ballarat Courier."

It was arranged to close the entries on 7th Decr.

The price of admission was fixed at 1/6, with 2/ for non-members' motor cars.

The members' subscription was fixed at 10/.

Mr Troy moved that the Beaufort band be engaged for the day at a fee of £5. Seconded by Mr Glover, and carried.

The president and secretary were authorised to arrange with Mr L. French to give a picture entertainment in the Public Hall at night, and they were also empowered to call next meeting.

The price of tickets for the queen competition was fixed at 3d each, and the president was asked to nominate the Athletic Club's queen.

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Kelly and McDonald report:—Cattle—2 cows, Mr Geo. Haintz, Newlyn, to £7/15/; 1 cow, Mr A. R. Dowler, Burrumbeet, £3/15/; 7 calves, Mrs M. Dobson, Burrumbeet, to £3 14/; 5 calves, Mr Geo. Haintz, Newlyn, to £2/15/. Sheep—800 merino ewes and wethers, Mr Ernest G. Austin, Borriyalloak Estate, Skipton (outside); 400 comeback wethers, Mr Thos. McNaughton, Beaufort (outside), 220 merino ewes, Mr Alec McIntyre, "Pretty Tower," Beaufort; 90 merino ewes, Mr Geoffrey Oddie, Lake Goldsmith (outside); 101 merino ewes and wethers, Mr J. Edwards, Tatyoon, at 30/6; 127 merino ewes, with lambs at foot, from Dimboola, at 30/; 101 merino and comeback ewes, with lambs at foot, Mr T. McKenzie, Dimboola; 91 comeback wethers from Nhill; 53 shorn comeback ewes, Mr J. E. Rae, Warracknabeal, to 25/; 35 merino wethers, Mr Thos. Barratt, Lexton, 23/7; 264 lambs, Mr J. H. Roberts, Warracknabeal.

Mr W. H. Nicol, the Labor candidate for Corangamite (who was in Beaufort last week), won the Warrnambool to Melbourne road race some years ago.

Mr P. Hennessy, of the Golden Age hotel, Beaufort, has been on the sick-list.

RIPON CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ripon Cricket Association was held at Saph's Aussie Cafe, Beaufort, on Saturday night. Mr T. Williams (president) presided, and the following delegates were present:—Messrs T. Williams and H. V. Martin (Beaufort), M. Flynn and G. W. Green (Buangor), and A. S. Neil and A. Renkin (Mt. Lonarch). Raglan and Waterloo were not represented.

The president welcomed the new Buangor delegate and the Mt. Lonarch delegates.

Mr G. W. Green (secretary) reported that there was a credit balance of £1 17 3 from last season. He had gone to a good deal of trouble to get a meeting of delegates.

The president—He thought Lexton would join in, and they would have to admit Raglan and Waterloo. If so, they would have a very fine association of six teams.

Mr Flynn—Buangor thought it a bit far to go to Lexton. Mt. Lonarch was not mentioned, but he did not think it too far from Buangor.

Mr H. V. Martin moved that the Ripon Cricket Association be again formed. Seconded by Mr Flynn, and carried.

Mr Green—Buangor would like to meet Lexton half-way.

Mr Neil—Mt. Lonarch Club would be prepared to meet any club half way, and to play Buangor at Raglan.

Mr Green moved that the association consist of six clubs:—Beaufort, Raglan, Waterloo, Mt. Lonarch, Lexton, and Buangor. Seconded by Mr Renkin, and carried.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr T. Williams; vice-president, Mr M. Flynn; secretary, Mr G. W. Green (who was eulogised by the president for his excellent past services). The newly-elected president returned thanks.

Mr Green moved that three rounds be played. Seconded by Mr Renkin, and carried.

The initiation fee was fixed at £1, on motion of Messrs Green and M. Flynn.

The following draw was arranged (the matches being on the grounds of the first-named clubs, with the exception of Buangor and Lexton, which will be played half-way at either Beaufort, Raglan, or Waterloo, to be mutually arranged.):—

FIRST ROUND.

Oct. 31st—Mt. Lonarch v. Raglan; Lexton v. Buangor; Waterloo v. Beaufort.
Novr. 7th—Beaufort v. Lexton; Waterloo v. Raglan; Mt. Lonarch v. Buangor.
Novr. 21st—Beaufort v. Mt. Lonarch; Lexton v. Waterloo; Buangor v. Raglan.
Novr. 28th—Buangor v. Waterloo; Raglan v. Beaufort; Lexton v. Mt. Lonarch.
Decr. 5th—Waterloo v. Mt. Lonarch; Raglan v. Lexton; Buangor v. Beaufort.

SECOND ROUND.

Decr. 12th—Raglan v. Mt. Lonarch; Buangor v. Lexton; Beaufort v. Waterloo.
Decr. 19th—Lexton v. Beaufort; Raglan v. Waterloo; Buangor v. Mt. Lonarch.
Jany. 9th—Mt. Lonarch v. Beaufort; Waterloo v. Lexton; Raglan v. Buangor.
Jany. 16th—Waterloo v. Buangor; Beaufort v. Raglan; Mt. Lonarch v. Lexton.
Jany. 23rd—Mt. Lonarch v. Waterloo; Lexton v. Raglan; Beaufort v. Buangor.

THIRD ROUND.

Feby. 7th—Lexton v. Beaufort; Mt. Lonarch v. Buangor; Raglan v. Waterloo.
Feby. 14th—Lexton v. Waterloo; Beaufort v. Mt. Lonarch; Buangor v. Raglan.
Feby. 21st—Waterloo v. Mt. Lonarch; Buangor v. Beaufort; Raglan v. Lexton.
Feby. 28th—Beaufort v. Lexton; Mt. Lonarch v. Raglan; Beaufort v. Waterloo.
March 7th—Mt. Lonarch v. Lexton; Beaufort v. Raglan; Waterloo v. Buangor.

It was agreed that all finals and semi-finals be played on the Beaufort ground.

The rules, as drafted last year, were revised and adopted. Mt. Lonarch were given a radius of six miles from their playing-ground, and Lexton a radius of five miles. It was decided that all matches start at 2.30 p.m. and finish at 6.30; the semi-finals and final to start at 2 p.m. The amount of money raised by the affiliation fees is to be given to the premier team.

In the event of Lexton, Raglan, or Waterloo teams not joining the association, the president, secretary, and Mr Martin were authorised to make a new draw.

The president, in closing the meeting, said he hoped they would have a successful year and enjoyable matches.

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G. GORDON, Captain.
H. MILLER, Secretary.

DEATH.

GRANTLEY.—At Caulfield Hospital, on 11th inst., Thomas Frederick, son of Catherine and William Howard, of Beaufort (late of Ballarat West, and 39th Battalion, Beaufort contingent). Aged 26 years. Interred at Footscray Cemetery on 13th October.

A comrade at rest.

Inserted by Thomas Haxton Home Service, Ballarat Camp, 1916.

BEREAVEMENT CARD.

MR. and MRS. JAS. MACDONALD and family desire to express their sincere thanks for the great kindness shown towards their late son and brother by the people of Beaufort during his last illness; also for all floral tributes, cards and letters of sympathy.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"It is more easy to get a favor from fortune than to keep it."

BEREAVEMENT.

Mr and Mrs Yawkins, of Fairfield (formerly of Beaufort), recently suffered a sad bereavement by the death of their little son.

ANGLICAN SOCIAL.

A successful social, organised by Miss Eva Nickols, was held in St. John's Parish Hall, Beaufort, on Monday night, in aid of the forthcoming strawberry fete. An enjoyable time was spent.

ALTERATIONS AT "BURN BRAE."

Extensive alterations are in progress at the homestead at "Burn Brae," Middle Creek, which was recently purchased by General Sir Brudenell White. Messrs Stevenson Bros., Beaufort, have the work in hand.

RIPON SHIRE'S FINANCES.

At the meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, in response to a request by Cr. Troy, the secretary reported that the council's loan indebtedness amounted to £12,380, exclusive of the water loan of £1478 and the bank overdraft of £5140, and that the annual charge for interest and redemption totalled £1315, excising the annual charge of £300 on the bank overdraft and the annual charge of £77/10/8 on the water loan. The report was discussed at considerable length, and the opinion was freely expressed that the only way to reduce liabilities was to give any new works very serious consideration, and to let only those that were absolutely necessary. The full report is crowded out of this issue.

LADIES ENTERTAINED.

On Wednesday night the Beaufort footballers entertained the ladies at a return dance in the Public Hall, which was attended by about 60 couples. Miss Rose Roberts and Mr E. Wilson supplied the dance music, and were assisted by Misses M. Roberts and M. O'Sullivan. Mr W. Cheeseman officiated as M.C. At the request of the president (Mr G. C. Bennett), who was absent at another function, Mr W. R. Glover (vice-president) thanked the ladies for the help they had given in connection with the back to childhood ball, on which there was a profit of about £30. The club, he said, was in a better financial position now than it had been at the end of any year since he had been connected with it. Supper, provided by the ladies, was handed round by the footballers.

A NEW STONE CRUSHER.

In a letter read at the meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, Jaques Bros., Melbourne, undertook to supply a new 16 x 10 Jaques patent roll-jaw stone breaker, delivered free of cost at Beaufort; the council to return their 20 x 12 crusher free of cost at Spencer street station, and the council to be credited with the sum of £50 and new crusher fitted on present crusher.—The offer was regarded by most of the councillors present as a good one. Cr. Stewart moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Cr. Russell. An amendment by Cr. Kirkpatrick, that applications be called for the supply of a crusher of the same size as the one offered by Jaques Bros. was not seconded. The motion was carried by eight votes to one. On the motion of Crs. Elder and Stewart, it was decided to ask Jaques Bros. to keep the new crusher in running order for 12 months. A fuller report is held over.

DANGEROUS CROSSINGS.

A petition was read at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday from W. J. Bruce Johnson, Beaufort, and 250 ratepayers, asking the council to urge that the Lawrence street railway crossing be retained, as the bulk of the traffic to the railway station goes through it. Standing orders were suspended to hear Mr Johnson, who spoke in support of the request. It was decided that the President (Cr. Sinclair) should present the petition to the Railway Department, making it distinctly understood that it was not desirable that either Lawrence street or Havelock street crossings should be closed, and also bring under notice that two houses obscuring the view of Lawrence street crossing could be purchased, and suggest that a flagman be stationed at the Lawrence street crossing when the East-West express and the mid-day train from Melbourne were arriving. A fuller report is held over.

WELCOMED HOME.

There was a large attendance at the Beaufort Fire Station on Thursday night, when Miss Chrissie Manson, who has returned from an extended visit to Scotland, was welcomed home by the members of the local Thistle Club and Fire Brigade. The building was nicely decorated. On the arrival of the guest the assemblage sang "Home, Sweet Home," and she was presented with bouquets by Mrs J. W. Miller and Miss D. Ward. A programme of songs and instrumental items was contributed by Mesdames H. J. Buchanan, J. R. Hughes, Misses Brown, S. Jackson, A. Holdsworth, and Jackson's Orchestra. There was also community singing. The accompaniments were played by Misses S. Hughes and S. and M. Jackson, and the dance music was supplied by Misses R. Roberts, D. Ward, S. Hughes, and Mr E. Wilson. A tasty supper was provided by the ladies. In the absence of the chief (Mr R. Ward), who was attending the V.S.U. conference at Bunyip, Mr H. J. Buchanan welcomed Miss Manson home in a few, well-chosen sentences on behalf of the Thistle Club. His remarks were heartily endorsed by Captain Geo. Gordon (on behalf of the Fire Brigade), and Mr R. T. Macdonald (secretary of the Thistle Club). A toast in honor of Miss Manson was drunk, with musical honors. Mr D. Manson suitably responded on his daughter's behalf. Games and dancing were indulged in till a late hour.

RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1925.

Present—Crs. R. A. D. Sinclair (president), D. F. Troy, H. P. Mackenzie, D. McDonald, P. Russell, A. C. Roddis, H. M. Elder, D. Stewart, and J. Kirkpatrick.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Country Roads Board, re floodway at Eurambeen bridge, replying that there will be no objection to the work being held over for the time being, as recommended. Received.

From same, approving of council's recommendation to invite fresh tenders for contract 141P 55 on Ballarat—Ararat road.—Received.

From same, approving of council's recommendation that a 30-inch reinforced concrete pipe culvert 24 ft. long be put in on contract 9M 22-22 on Skipton road. —Received. In reply to Cr. Stewart, the secretary said that was near the Lake Goldsmith school. Cr. Kirkpatrick—Some of the ratepayers thought the drain should go directly through. The engineer—It would mean four times the cost. Cr. Kirkpatrick—They thought it would still be a block. The engineer—It was now 24ft., and would be nearer 90ft. if the request was carried out. Cr. Stewart—The C.R.B. would not do it. The engineer—He did not think they would do this. He thought it would carry the water away. Cr. Kirkpatrick—It was to be hoped it would drain it, as it was no good as it was. The engineer—He thought it would be satisfactory. Cr. Kirkpatrick moved that the matter of putting piping directly across be submitted to the C.R.B. The engineer—That would cost about £70 extra. Cr. Troy seconded the motion pro forma. He said it would be better to spend £100 wisely than £25 unwisely. He suggested that the West riding members inspect it, and that the matter be held over till next meeting. Cr. Roddis—He thought Cr. Kirkpatrick's idea to convert the water into the lake the better one. Mr Muntz—If it would not do what he thought it would when he took the levels, he would report to the council. Crs. Kirkpatrick and Troy then withdrew the motion.

From same, approving of engineer's proposal to use quartz instead of bluestone on contract 141D/67 on Trawalla road, and asking whether council intends to invite fresh tenders for the work, or obtain an amended tender from the successful tenderers, Messrs Williams and Broadbent.—Held over till engineer's report was dealt with; fresh tenders having been called that day.

From same, stating that before specifications as submitted for contracts 522S 28 to 23 can be approved, it will be necessary for amendments (as submitted) to be made.—Received. In answer to Cr. Stewart, the engineer said the contractor could cut the fence, but had to put it right again. The letter was referred to the officers to report to the C.R.B. re sanitary clause and size of metal.

From Closer Settlement Board, agreeing to accept council's offer of £3 per acre for gravel reserves excised from Messrs Pascoe and Stevens' blocks on Trawalla Estate.—Offer accepted, on motion of Crs. Stewart and McDonald. Cr. Russell—It had been a long time coming.

From same, approving of contract 31 for supply of 2750 c.y. spalls, at an estimated cost of £906/5/, for road construction, Trawalla Estate, also approving of acceptance of Messrs Williams & Broadbent's tender at £906/5/ for the work, and to the spreading and rolling of the metal by day labor, subject to the direct supervision of the shire engineer.—Received. Cr. Troy—That was the Lillirie bridge business.

From Department of Public Works, stating that tender submitted for approval under grant of £500 to council for repair of flood damages is considered to be satisfactory, and that tender (£593) has been noted as a charge against the grant.—Received. Cr. Troy—Was the full amount to be spent? The engineer—He was instructed to carry out improvements to the full extent of the grant. Cr. Troy—Would they give them £500 if they spent money further up the creek? The president—The North riding members would discuss the matter later.

From same, requesting shire secretary to return a schedule showing occupiers, valuations, etc., of unused roads, etc., on Trawalla Estate.—It was stated that this had been referred to the Trawalla roads committee several times. The secretary was instructed, on motion of Cr. McDonald, to supply the information.

From same, intimating that Mr G. B. Black, of Melbourne, has been appointed to audit the accounts of the shire at a fee of £15, with travelling and personal expenses of 12/6 per day.—Received. The secretary—There was more work now, and it was a good bit below neighboring shires.

From M. J. Canny, general superintendent Victorian Railways, stating that Mr Ashworth, assistant chief engineer of way and works, and he would visit Beaufort on 7th inst. to discuss the level crossing question.—Received, having already been dealt with.

From Shire of Avoca, asking council to join in conveying their absolute disapproval of the action of the Government in closing all country receipt and pay offices and transferring the business to Melbourne to parliamentary representatives, urging them to voice the same on the floor of the House and demand the immediate restoration of the facilities which have been so unceremoniously removed.—The president—He understood that some cheques were sent direct, and that some of the business was done through the post office. Cr. Troy—When Ballarat could do nothing, they could not. The secretary—It saved the shire money on collecting money with H orders. The letter was received.

From Shire of Berwick, asking council whether it is in favor or not of requesting the Government to amend the existing law relating to trespass, so as to make it an offence for any person to enter any land owned or occupied by any other person in search of mushrooms, rabbits, quail, or other game without the consent of the owner or occupier.—Received.

From Dr. S. E. Humphreys, Beaufort, reporting two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis at Beaufort.—Received.

From A. Parker, registrar, Beaufort, reporting two deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis and chronic tubercular adenitis.—Received.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, forwarding copies of a report and statement in regard to a proposed superannuation scheme for municipal officers and employees to be considered at annual session of association on 14th and 15th inst.—Cr. Troy—While in favor of pensions to retired employees, he thought their own effort should be a factor as well as the effort of those employing them. He moved that the secretary prepare a rough estimate of what it would cost the council per annum to adopt schedule A. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, who said the suggestion originally came from Ripon Shire, having been brought forward by Ex-Cr. Young. The motion was carried. Cr. Russell—It was discussed last year at the conference, and had already been sent in by two other councils. It was decided that the executive formulate a report for this year. More than half the municipalities would have to come in to make the scheme a success. He moved that the council was in favor of some scheme for a superannuation fund. Cr. Kirkpatrick—Would the employees be enforced to come in? The president—He thought they could not compel them. Cr. Troy He thought they were going too fast. Any scheme would cost the council between £400 and £500. The secretary—The council had about 10 employees. The engineer—There was no reason why the scheme should be [illegible] employees. [illegible] but they [illegible] under it a [illegible] get the [illegible] would hav[e] [illegible] and the c[illegible] would not [illegible] council to. [illegible] that the [illegible] officers, as [illegible] the counci[l] [illegible] motion, wh[ich] [illegible]

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From C. [illegible] council would rent a one-roomed building in Snake Valley to him for a small shop. —The president—Is he going to start a baker's shop? (Laughter). Cr. Roddis, who said he wanted to start a barber's shop, moved that the request be not granted. Seconded by Cr. Troy, and carried.

From T. G. Beggs, St. Marnock's, Beaufort, drawing attention to the need for repairing the Streatham—Beaufort road from his gate for about half-a-mile towards Meadow's Lane, which was in a terrible condition, and practically impassable in wet weather, with some holes in it two feet deep.

From R. T. Macdonald, mail contractor, Beaufort, re same.—Referred to West riding councillors.

From F. J. Sheehan, Snake Valley, strongly objecting to application of J. Gardiner to lease a road adjoining allots. 1, 2, and 3, on west side, in parish of Carngham.—Dealt with in engineer's report.

From John Ball, Raglan, asking that scour at back of Lucardie's be attended to.—Referred to North riding councillors.

From V. W. Pringle, secretary Beaufort Cricket Club, asking permission to chip a cricket pitch in the Park.—Granted, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and Troy.

From George Topper, Beaufort, transferring his interest in Waterloo and Trawalla tramway bridges to council, conditionally that same be used for public purposes for shire utilities.—The president—He thought it was very generous of Mr Topper. Cr. Troy moved that the council accept it, and that Mr Topper be thanked. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick, and carried.

From Rose Meredith and W. Stollory, Beaufort, asking that water be laid on to their residences in Warburton street. —Referred to water commission.

From Melbourne and Suburban Master Bakers' Association, asking that pamphlet, showing viewpoint of manufacturers of Vienna bread regarding weight, contents, &c., be handed to representative at Municipal Association's annual session.—Received. Cr. Roddis—That would come before the Municipal Association.

From C. Morvell, Beaufort, applying for his annual holidays.—Referred to officers.

REPORTS.

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

1. Re Carngham—Ballarat road, I would recommend that the following works be carried out this year:—About 40 chains gravelling in four different lengths between Bignell's corner and Carngham bridge; 200 cub. yds. metal, Carngham; 400 cub. yds. quartz between Thomas' and boundary, with two nine-inch pipes at former place.—The engineer—He wished to add the re-decking of the Carngham bridge, which he forgot. In answer to Cr. Russell, the engineer said he thought gravel could be used instead of blue metal. Cr. Russell moved that the clause be adopted with that proviso, together with the re-decking of the Carngham bridge. Carried.

2. Beams of bridge at Watson's, Snake Valley, are in poor condition, and the whole bridge is liable to collapse at any time. Approaches have always been troublesome with rabbits, and netting seems only cure.—Referred to East riding members, on motion of Cr. Roddis.

3. There should be no objection to title being issued for 20 acres at Main Lead, formerly held by W. Dickman, junr., providing right-of-way is granted along dry race; but I think the council should try and get all land left added to forest area.—Cr. Troy moved that the clause be adopted, and that the engineer's recommendation be acted on. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

4. I have inspected road applied for by Mr J. Gardiner, Carngham. There is a fair amount of traffic along it, and I do not think some of allotments have any other access, so that it could not be permanently closed. Under these circumstances request should be refused. Landowners would probably not object to a little temporary inconvenience.—Engineer's recommendation adopted, on motion of Crs. Stewart and Elder.

5. I do not think drain opposite the hotel, Snake Valley, will cause any trouble if it is kept properly cleaned out, and I have given instructions for this to be done. Fencing may be necessary to keep cattle out.—Adopted. Cr. Roddis—He thought the surfaceman had neglected it, hence the trouble.

6. I have given a great deal of consideration to the question of substituting quartz for bluestone on the first section of the Trawalla developmental road, and believe that it will cost approximately £1000 less than bluestone. I do not think a satisfactory tender could be obtained, but by employing waggons, &c., it could be done by day labour. Careful organisation would be required, and some form of mechanical loader should be obtained to get the best results.—Cr. McDonald moved that it be deferred till tenders were opened. The engineer—He had a lot of information about mechanical loaders. In answer to Cr. Elder, the engineer said the cutting would not do anything like £1000 worth of damage to the road.

7. It is a pity to leave formation at the Burrumbeet end of the Trawalla settlement in its present state, and I would be glad if the council would authorise an expenditure of say not more than £15 to improve it.—Cr. Troy moved that that amount be expended on the road. The engineer—He would probably scarify it. The men who did that damage were responsible for it. Cr. Troy It had to be considered that it was their only outlet. After this summer, he did not think there would be any cause for complaint. The president—That road would never be any use till metalled. Cr. McDonald—The whole Trawalla grant was allotted, and any new works had to be charged against the ridings. Cr. Mackenzie seconded the motion, which was carried.

8. In reference to land applied for by Mrs Phillips on the Shirley road, if the road is kept open there should be no objection from the council point of view. —The engineer—If a track was put along the fence, there was no reason why she should not get the balance. In answer to Cr. Troy, the engineer said the road would be between the two blocks. Adopted, on motion of Crs. Stewart and Mackenzie.

9. Flume at Musical Gully, Beaufort water supply race, is in bad condition, and should be re-lined or re-built.—Referred to water commission.

10. I have not succeeded in getting contract, Livingstone St. and Warburton St., Beaufort, under way. The contractor has been trying to get some one to carry on the work, but apparently has not succeeded. It should be forfeited and re advertised.—The president—It had been a sore point in Beaufort. Cr. Roddis—He had had a lot of worry over it, too. Deposit forfeited and contract to be re-advertised, on motion of Cr. Mackenzie. The president—He hoped would not be left another 12 months.

11. Crushing has been going on for the last ten days—not very fast, owing to wet weather. Work has now been stopped to carry out work ordered on the plant.—Cr. Mackenzie—The crusher was apparently running well when it finished a contract at Mt. Emu, but he was still of the opinion that the jaws had something to do with the heating. He would be in favor of getting a smaller crusher. Cr. Elder—He was inclined to withdraw his notice of motion that crushing be let by contract. Cr. Kirkpatrick—Could they not get an outside crusher? The clause was received.

12. Fair progress has been made with contracts started. Details are submitted separately: several contracts have been advertised and re-advertised.—Received.

The treasurer (Mr E J. Muntz) reported that £455/6/1 had been received and banked, less £9/10/ cash in hand; that £1429/19/2 had been paid by cheques, and that the overdraft was £5147/1/7, as against £4162/18/6 at last report.—Adopted.

The secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) reported that the ridings account was as follows:—North, Dr. £2838/18/; East, Dr. £1214/5/2; West, Dr. £665/8/11; Beaufort water supply, Dr. £642/7/6; trust a/c, Cr. £211/2/.—Adopted. Cr. Sinclair—He urged the council to spend no more money than they could help for the month, as they were right up to the limit. It was rather remarkable that 58 years ago a letter was received by the council from the Bank of Victoria with respect to the overdraft amounting to £5,803, which was £1500 in excess of the guarantee, and suggesting that no time be lost in collecting rates. It was remarkable that on a 1/ rate they were allowed to go to that extent. An old newspaper containing this information had been found by Mr W. Stewart, of Beaufort, and he thought it might be of interest. That paper was older than most of the councillors sitting at the table.

The East riding councillors reported that at a meeting held on 14/9/25, Crs. Russell, Roddis, and McDonald being present, it was resolved:—That engineer Grenville Shire be written to re boundary road; that hill at McQuilliam's be gravelled; that 400 c. yds. spalls be put on at Mt. Emu and Chepstowe; that arrangement be made with Grenville shire re quartz Ballarat road; that Carngham bridge be reported on at next meeting; that bridge, Canico Creek main road, be repaired (two or three stones being out); that three bridges be repaired with concrete; that drain opposite Man o' Kent be reported on, and bridge and road near Geo. Martin's, on Snake Valley and Mortchup road; that repairs be effected Burdett's Lane.—Adopted.

The North riding members reported that at a meeting on 14/9/25, attended by Crs. Sinclair, Troy and Mackenzie, it was resolved:—That one tree at Miss Cochrane's be taken down; that drain, Cemetery road, be laid between trees and fence; that Brown's drain crossing and plates to crossing be put in; that J. A. Harris be allowed to remove two trees near his office; that earth drain be cut back of Fitzpatrick's, Beaufort, to creek; that water be laid to Miss Wood's residence, Leichardt St.; that metal be spread, Burke St.; that new tank be obtained for Park house.—Adopted. In answer to the president, the engineer said it was not correct that the council intended to remove the trees at Mr J. A. Harris' themselves.

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the finance committee:—"Skipton Standard," £1/4/; Cochrane & Tulloch, £4/8/; A. Parker, £6/7/; salaries, £77/9/2; A. E. Guvatt, £4/15/; W. F. Wookev, 2/6; E. Kelly, £1/7/6; B. Foreman, £2/14/3; J. A. Blay, £4/6/3; D. Daly, £5; Dr. Donaldson, £6/0/10; G. Williamson, £3/15/; V. Simpson, £1/5/; School of Mines, £1/2/6; H. Norman, £12/12/; H. T. Norman, £6/12/3; A. Baker, £4; R. F. Martin, 10/; R. C. Howroyd, £1/18/6; C. Morvell, £21/10/; T. E. Milliat, £2/16/; M. Roberts, £2; engineer's travelling allowance, £8/6/8; secretary's petty cash, £10; loan interest and redemption, £63; Municipal Association, £3/17/; J. Whitfield, £2; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co, £3/17/1; J. A. Harris, £24/2/1; G. Hayward, £7/12/6; Yeoman Bros., £7/14/9; T. Broadbent, £6/12/; Buchanan Bros., £3/10/3; H. M. Stuart, £10/5/; Danks & Son, £3/3/10; Armstrong & Holland, 18/6; Titan Co. Ltd, £1/14/3; J. H. George & Sons, £16/17/3; E. J. Lancey, £1; R. Ward, £2/6/3; W. J. Graham, £17/16/5; Jaques Bros., £3/3/; J. Cheeseman, £1; S. George, £15; Railway Department, £10/8/6; Brandt Bros., £5/1/6; British Imperial Oil Co., £4/9/2; G. Goudy, £1/10/9; vouchers, £196/5/6; L. R. Scott, £40; total, £603/8/; Country roads board payments - Vouchers, £53/13/9; Danks & Son, £8/7/; J. Carmichael, £110; Broadbent & Williams, £48/10/; H. Gardner, £4/8/; vouchers, £114/5/5; total, £339/4/2.

In answer to Cr. Troy, the secretary said it would be almost impossible to get out the treasurer's report with the notice of the meeting, without balancing much earlier.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The secretary informed Cr. Russell that no communication had been received from the C.R.B. re Cr. Mackenzie's suggestion to put men on the Western highway.

Cr. Mackenzie reported verbally in regard to an interview with the board. He moved that the council put a man, horse and dray on a length of the Western highway, and earmark so much from the £2099 allotted by the C.R.B.

Cr. Troy seconded the motion. They were committed to an expenditure of £1400, and the crushing would pretty well use up the balance. He would say they should put a man on from Beaufort to Burrumbeet, and another from Beaufort to the Middle Creek boundary.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Mackenzie moved that the C.R.B. be asked for a special grant to put a second man on the main road to end of June. Seconded by Cr. Troy, and carried.

Cr. Mackenzie—A deputation had asked him to bring up the matter of the difference in settlers' rates, and he referred them to the president's remarks at last meeting. He quoted several instances of how the ratings required revision. The deputationists thought a revaluation should be considered.

The president—The valuer said a fresh valuation was required in Beaufort.

Cr. Troy—There was a shortage of houses in Beaufort, and landlords were charging 15/ per week rent for houses that were honestly worth only 5/ per week rent. He agreed that the rate for a lot of land in the district was not uniform.

Cr. Mackenzie moved that the matter stand over till next meeting. Other councillors might hear similar complaints in the interval, and they could discuss the advisability of a new valuation at next meeting. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick (who was informed by the president that a ratepayer could appeal against a valuation).

Cr. McDonald—He was glad this matter had been brought up.

Cr. Roddis—Cr. Mackenzie would do better to move to-day for a re-valuation.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Russell asked the cost of a new valuation.

The engineer—They would not get it under £600.

TENDERS.

The following tenders were dealt with:—

Contract 141P, 55.—3175 feet re-construction Western Highway (Beaufort—Ararat road), including cutting, bank, metalling, culverts, etc.—Williams & Broadbent (recommended), £2208/15/6; Carmichael Bros., £2638.

Supply of 5000 cub. yds. quartz, or smaller quantity, on the Trawalla road, from Ballarat road to lodge, or alternatively.—Held over.

Contract 141M, 1.—Supply of 400 cub. yds. spalls, Lake Goldsmith.—R. Fitzpatrick (accepted), £80; Williams & Broadbent, £110; Crick Bros., £113/6/8.

Contract 141M, 2.—Supply of 400 cub. yds. spalls, junction of Skipton road with Stockyard Hill and Skipton road.—Crick Bros. (accepted), £113/6/8; Williams & Broadbent, £140.

Contract 141M, 3.—Supply of 400 cub. yds. spalls, N.W. corner Skipton Common.—Williams & Broadbent (accepted), £140

Contract 141M, 4.—Supply of 400 cub. yds. spalls, near Tait's corner, Skipton and Streatham road.—Williams & Broadbent (accepted), £150.

Contract 141M, 5.—Supply of 600 cub. yds. spalls, near Moorsmong gate.—Fresh tenders to be called.

Contract 141M, 6.—Supply of 400 cub. yds. spalls, near Alexander's.—Fresh tenders to be called.

Contract 1/26.—Supply of 200 cub. yds. of bluestone spalls on the Mt. Emu—Carngham road.—J. W. Nunn & Son (accepted), £62/10/.

Contract 2/26.—Supply of 200 cub. yds. of bluestone spalls on the Mt. Emu—Carngham road.—Jas. Roddis (accepted); £46/13/8; Alf. Nunn, £46/13/4; J. W. Nunn & Son, £49/15/. The successful tenderer beat Alf. Nunn by a penny.

Contract 24, Trawalla.—Erection of bridge, near Dooley's.—Carmichael Bros. (recommended), £561/4/; Crick Bros. & Dooley, £596/14/6.

Cr. Troy—Should they call applications for a man for the main roads?

The president—If a suitable man could be got near the work, he should be appointed.

Cr. Troy moved that applications be called for one man. Seconded by Cr. Mackenzie, and carried.

Cr. Troy—He moved that the necessary steps be taken to provide a camping-out house for the two men in the North riding before next winter.

The president—It was a matter for the North riding.

Cr. Mackenzie seconded the motion, which was carried.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—The men should not travel more than three miles to work, as otherwise they lost too much time.

The secretary reported that the valuation was £91,683, and that the estimated receipts for the year ending 30th September were:—North riding, £4734/12/8; East, £3508/6/1; West, £5512/15/; Beaufort water supply, £723; trust a/c., £211/2/; total, £14,508/14/4. In addition the estimated overdraft at 30/9/26 was £3993/16/10. The amount available for maintenance of roads and new works was £2899/1/10, made up as follows:—North riding, £507/6/8; East, £883/10/1; West, £1428/17/9 For the reduction of the overdraft by 3d in the £, £1166/0/9 was provided.—Adopted.

Cr. Troy moved—1. "That the valuation and return, as submitted by the valuer, be adopted." 2. "That the estimates of receipts and expenditure be adopted." 3. "That in order to raise the sum required, as shown by the estimates, the council do make and levy a general rate of 2/6 in the £ on the net annual value of each and every ratable property within the shire for the year commencing on the 1st day of October, 1925, and ending on the 30th September, 1926, and that the said rate be due and payable on the 30th day of October, 1925, and that the rate collector for the time being be duly authorised to demand and collect the same" 4. "That the undermentioned charges be levied by the council for the carrying out of the sanitary service in the following areas:—Beaufort, 30/ per pan per annum; Skipton, 30/ per pan per annum; that such charges be due and payable on the 30th October, 1925, and that the rate collector for the time being be duly authorised to demand and collect the said charge."

The secretary—The 3d in the £ earmarked to reduce the overdraft was provided in the estimates.

Cr. Roddis—A motion should be tabled that they earmark so much out of the 2/6 rate.

Cr. Kirpatrick—When did they start to save this money?

The secretary—He intended to make a monthly or quarterly statement, and draw the attention of the council to it if they exceeded it. He estimated arrears of rates in the shire at £800. A number of ratepayers on Trawalla settlement had promised to reduce their arrears as soon as possible, and others had not had the courtesy to reply to his letter.

In answer to Cr. Roddis, Cr. Sinclair said the secretary's instructions were that he had to look after the 3d of the rate earmarked to reduce the overdraft.

Cr. Troy—The motion was a formal thing.

Cr. McDonald seconded the motion, which was carried.

Cr. Mackenzie moved that Mr Keath be informed that the land he claimed was never included in his block, although he might think so, but the council had no objection to his making application, after the road was made, to fence in the corner. Seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried.

Cr. Troy said that on some new roads probably the formation had sunk, but it made nasty bumps at the culverts. In some cases the pipes were nearly bare. The engineer might have the approaches to the culverts built up on each side so as to get an easy run.

The engineer—There were some bad bumps, but the trouble was that he could not get the pipes down lower. He understood what was required.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—Could something be done to drain the water off the roads? A lot of roads were being destroyed by water. He could take them to roads where there were no side drains between the track and the water table. Could something be done to put drains there?

The president—You are getting on to new works straight away.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—They asked him at one place how to get over Mr Muntz's hurdles. He remembered the late Mr Jackson saying that half the upkeep of a road was keeping the side-drains clear and keeping the water off. Potholes formed in roads and got soft underneath. He thought if more repairing was done when roads were just starting to go, later they would not have to put on drays carting long distances. Near Fraser's four drays were on this year, and if that road had been attended to before they would not have had to pay so much for upkeep.

The engineer—The West riding particularly would not provide the metal. He had been at the council for years and they would not do a piece near Sheoak Hill.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—Can't you put gravel on?

The engineer—It was no good putting gravel in holes.

On the motion of Crs. McDonald and Elder, the engineer's action in commencing ploughing for the formation of a road at Trawalla was endorsed.

COMING EVENTS.

A concert will be given in the Beaufort Public Hall next Monday night by a talented party of vocalists and instrumentalists from the Conservatorium of Music, Melbourne, in aid of the Beaufort Fire Brigade. Dance to follow.

A meeting of ladies will be held at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday afternoon to make arrangements for the opening of the bowling green.

Messrs. Pearson, Rowe, Smith & Co. Pty. Ltd. hold a special sale of 1200 well-bred merino and comeback sheep in the wool at Lexton on Wednesday next.

Messrs Kelly & McDonald and Theo. W. Schlicht (in conjunction) will sell at Kelly & McDonald's office, Beaufort, on Thursday, 22nd inst., as 3 p m., 91 acres of agricultural and grazing land in the estate of the late A. Wilkinson.

WATERLOO.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT).

EGGS COLLECTED.

The Waterloo school children collected 17½ dozen eggs, and packed and forwarded them to the Ballarat Orphanage.

FANCY DRESS BALL.

A successful and enjoyable plain and fancy dress ball was held at the Mechanics' Hall, Waterloo, on Wednesday night, 9th inst., when the committee of the local football club entertained all members who had played in one game, together with their partners. About 80 couples attended. The tables were nicely decorated with the club's colors, and a dainty supper was provided. Great credit is due to the ladies who waited at the tables under the leadership of Mesdames Flynn and Meaney. Excellent music was provided by Messrs B. Panther and E. Wilson. Mr W. Kay capably carried out the duties of M.C. The following prizes were awarded for fancy dress:—Best set—Gipsies, Mesdames Wangler and Hauser, Misses Grace and Rene Fox and Ruby Davidson, and Messrs Wangler, Dunn, and A. Vowles; home-made costume—Miss Mavis Jones (Witch Soap); most original character—Mr D. Laney (Early Victorian); best sustained character—Mrs J. J. Dunn (Japanese gentleman). All the prize-winners kindly donated their prizes of 10/ each back to the club. Others in fancy costume were:—Miss A. Meaney (Sunflower), Miss J. Jones (Silver Star Starch), and Mr R. Gardiner (Sudar Goods). A competition was won by Sister Kirkham, of Ballarat. The judges of fancy dress were:—Miss McDonald (Clunes), Messrs C. M. Flynn, J. Nankervis, and T. O'Hehir. The president (Mr W. Lamont) moved a hearty vote of thanks to all who had attended and assisted to make the ball a success, which was carried by acclamation. The function terminated at 4 a.m. with the singing of the National Anthem. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr W. Jones.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred at the Caulfield Military Hospital on Sunday of Mr Thos. F. Grantley, son of Mr and Mrs W. Howard, of Beaufort. Deceased, who was only 26 years of age, served in the late war with the 39th Battalion, A.I.F. He was well-known in Beaufort, where he enlisted and resided for some years. His remains were interred at Footscray on Tuesday

AMERICAN TEA.

On Thursday afternoon an American tea was held at the Beaufort Presbyterian Sunday School Hall in aid of the home and foreign missions. The effort was organised by the ladies of the P.W.M.U., and the members of the Girls' Guild conducted a stall. There was a good attendance, and the takings amounted to £7/12/, independent of the receipts at the girls' stall (about £3/10/). Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., who presided, made a few suitable remarks about the general work of the P.W.M.U. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.

About 20 members were present at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., on Tuesday night; Mr A. L. O'Brien (president) presiding. One new member was elected, and accounts amounting to £8 passed for payment. An instructive medical lecturette was given by Dr. S. E. Humphreys, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair and W. J. Bruce Johnson.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

The divisional returning officer for Corangamite (Mr E. E. Allen) calls attention to the advertisement containing the nomination of candidates and the list of polling booths for the election on 14th November, 1925. The candidates are Hon. W. G. Gibson, P.M.G., and Mr W. H. Nicol, of Colac. Electors are again reminded that voting at the coming election is compulsory, and that a penalty up to £2 can be imposed on those who neglect to vote without valid reason. The settlers on Trawalla Estate will be glad to know that a polling booth has been arranged for Brewster.

BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The vice-president of the Beaufort Agricultural Society (Mr A. Betheras) occupied the chair at the opening of a general meeting held at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday night, and fifteen members attended. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs D. F. Troy, P. Kelly, J. George, and R. A. D. Sinclair. The president (Hon. Theo. Beggs, M.L.C.) arrived after the confirmation of the minutes and took the chair. A letter was read from the Beaufort Park Improvement Committee, asking the society to nominate a queen for the queen competition on 28th Decr. Mr G. Dunnet, Stockyard Hill, wrote promising to give special prizes of £1 and 5/ for foals by Heather Jock, and suggesting that prizes be included in the schedule for draught mare with foal at foot and for longwool sheep. A communication was received from the Victorian Trotting and Racing Association, re registration of trots. Engineer-commander H. P. Mackenzie, of Trawalla, wrote returning thanks for his election as vice-president. Mr D. R. Hannah, Ballarat, wrote stating he would assist at the show as usual. The secretary read the prize schedule, as revised at a meeting of the executive committee. Several trotting events and musical chairs on horseback were inserted. Mr Dunnet said £3 for draught stallions was a bit low, and it should be left at £4 the same as last year. The secretary pointed out that there were very few entries in those sections last year. Mr Dunnet—It did not follow that there would not be more this year. He moved that the prize for draught stallion remain the same as last year (£4). Seconded by Mr W. McKenzie, and carried. Mr W. J. Stevenson opposed the proposal to cut out the second prizes in the flower sections, as this portion of the show was one of the best last year. There should be more provision made for these exhibits than last year. Mr A. Betheras—A marquee was being provided for them this year. Mr Stevenson—A steward should take charge of the miscellaneous exhibits, and there should be more judges. He moved that second prizes of 2/6 each be given in the six flower sections. Seconded by Mr Betheras, and carried. Mr Dunnet suggested that a section be inserted for the best collection of articles made or grown by lady exhibitors. He also referred to the lack of longwool and merino sheep sections, and thought they should be left in, as people might exhibit from other districts. The president—It was thought to be too late to show merino sheep in the wool, and only the sections for fats had been left in. An exhibition of fleeces might have been arranged had it been thought of earlier. Mr Betheras—I think we had better start a special sheep show at the time Ararat and Ballarat were holding theirs. They would need covered pens. The secretary—The cost of making provision for it would be the trouble. Mr Stevenson—It was too big a thing for Beaufort. The housing for the sheep at Ararat cost over £400. Mr Bowe moved that the prize schedule, as amended, be adopted. Seconded by Mr Acton, and carried. The secretary said that subscriptions were coming in well, and that Mr R. G. Beggs, of Buln Gherin, had forwarded a donation of £3/3/. The following judges and stewards were appointed:—Sheep—Judge, Mr A. Holdsworth; stewards, Messrs D. McKerral and T. W. Hannah. Light horses—Judge, Major Alan Currie; stewards, Messrs D. R. Hannah, D. F. Troy, and D. Stevenson. Draughts—Judge, Mr McLeod; stewards, Messrs M. Notman and J. E. Wallish. Grain, roots, and hay—Judge, Mr Tweedie; stewards, Messrs J. Exell and R. A. D. Sinclair. fruit and vegetables—stewards, Messrs J. Exell and R. A. D. Sinclair; judge, Mr Tweedie; dairy produce—judge, Mr A. Elder; steward, Mr F. Filis; poultry—judge, Mr C. C. Phillips; stewards, Messrs G. Topper and C. Westbrook; miscellaneous—stewards, Messrs W. J. Stevenson and D. Stewart; judges, Mesdames Richardson and McColl; flower section—(the secretary empowered to secure a judge); stewards, Mr A. Betheras and Commander H. P. Mackenzie; dogs—judge, Mr Phillips; cattle—judge, Mr Richardson; educational section—judge, Mr Fairlie; stewards, Messrs Acton and Williams; swine—judge, Mr Westbrook. Messrs J. George and C. Cushing were appointed stewards for dogs, cattle, and swine. It was decided to stipulate that dairy cows must be milked the evening before the show. Mr C. Leo was appointed keeper of the lower gate, Mr T. Dickman bellman, Mr W. Fitzpatrick hot water attendant, and Mr H. V. Martin ticket-seller at the gate and concert. The matter of fixing the date of the sale of booths was left in the hands of the president and secretary. The executive committee was authorised to get necessary work done at the ground, and it was resolved to ask that a passenger train be attached to the goods train from Ballarat on the morning of the show. It was arranged to engage the Beaufort Town Band to play at the show. The secretary mentioned that the cattle pens would need re-construction this year, and it was understood that the executive would see that everything necessary was done. The secretary reported having arranged with the local picture show proprietor to give a show in the hall at night. It was decided to ask the business people to close their premises at noon on show day, and to apply to the shire council to proclaim a public holiday. The matter of hiring a marquee was left in the hands of the secretary. In answer to Mr Betheras, the president said he hardly thought they would get enough entries to hold a sheep show here. Mr Betheras—It seemed remarkable that they could not get a sheep show here in the centre of one of the best sheep-producing districts in the State. It was a matter of overcoming the initial expense for sheds, and he thought the society should consider seriously the matter of starting in a small way. Mr Bowe—They could get over the difficulty by holding their show in September. In regard to the queen carnival, in aid of the Park Improvement Fund, Miss Dorrie Ward, of Lake Goldsmith, was chosen as the Agricultural Society's queen.

FOOTBALL.

The Beaufort footballers took a weak team to Carngham on Saturday last, and were defeated by the locals by a margin of three goals.

BEAUFORT CEMETERY TRUST.

The quarterly meeting of the trustees of the Beaufort Public Cemetery was held at the Shire Hall on Tuesday evening. There were present—Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon (chairman), E. J. Muntz, D. Stevenson, and A. Parker (secretary). The secretary's financial statement showed that there were five interments for the quarter and three sales of ground, the receipts totalling £58/1/3. The expenditure for the same period amounted to £20/9/6, leaving a Cr. balance of £37/11/9. As it had been decided to include some of the ground near the eastern boundary in the Church of England and Presbyterian portions of the cemetery, Mr Muntz was, on motion of Messrs Stevenson and Wotherspoon, instructed to complete the plan.

PERSONAL.

Mr A. O. Lawrence, one of the local forest officers, has been absent on his annual leave.

On account of his health, the Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., of Beaufort, declined to accept the position of moderator of the Ballarat Presbytery.

Mrs Ivan Jackson, of Melbourne, has been spending a holiday with Mrs. J. Jackson at Beaufort.

Mr W. Gibson, of Ararat (a former resident of Beaufort), was in this town during the week.

Miss W. Peans paid a business trip to Beaufort during the week. She formerly resided here.

Mr F. Hunt, of Beaufort, has been ill of late

Mr A J. Saph, of Beaufort, was on the sick-list during the week, but has now recovered.

Mr Aubrey Dunn, of Middle Creek, has been very ill in St. Bernard's Private Hospital, Beaufort.

Miss [illegible] Kenny, of Beaufort, has been in ill health of late.

In the Ripon Shire Council of 58 years ago two of the members were Crs. Russell and Roddis, and it is interesting to note that two of the present day councillors bear the same names.

Second-class Sergt. J. T. Ellis, of Melbourne (formerly of Beaufort), has been promoted to the rank of first-class sergeant.

Mr W. Bell, a Beaufort soldier settler, was recently operated on at the Caulfield Military Hospital for the removal of a piece of shrapnel from one of his lungs, but the surgeons had to allow the foreign body to remain.

Miss Patterson, of Beaufort, is suffering from pleurisy.

On Saturday night, Miss U. Robertson, who is shortly to be married, was entertained at a kitchen tea by the residents of Buangor, and presented with a large number of kitchen utensils.

Mr A. S. Duncan has returned to Beaufort after spending nine weeks in the Caulfield Military Hospital. An operation was successfully performed on him, and his health has much improved.

On Monday the silver wedding of Mr and Mrs A. Fraser, of Lake Goldsmith, was suitably celebrated, together with the 21st birthday of their daughter (Mrs S. Holdsworth). About 50 guests were entertained at a dainty tea provided by Mr L. Miles at nicely decorated tables. At night a card party and dance were held; about 50 guests being present. Mr Eric Wilson provided the dance music, and during the evening songs were contributed by Messrs R. Ward, J. Kirkpatrick, D. M. Rogers, F. Jaensch, A. Matthews, R. Patterson, Mrs Anderson, and Miss A. Holdsworth. The accompaniments were played by Miss D. Ward. Mr and Mrs Fraser and their daughter were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents.

RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

The Beaufort railway crossings were again inspected on Tuesday by a party of officials.

BEAUFORT CROQUET CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Beaufort Croquet Club on Wednesday night (the full report of which is held over), the balance-sheet showed the sum of £3/19/9 at credit. A satisfactory annual report was presented by the secretary (Mrs T. McNaughton). Miss W. Wotherspoon was elected president, Mrs N. B. Acton vice-president, Mrs T. McNaughton secretary, and Miss B. McNaughton treasurer. Opening day was fixed for Saturday, 14th Novr.

WANTED. Woodcutters at once Apply F. B. HUNT, Back Raglan Road.

THE Lady friends of members of the Beaufort Bowling Club are invited to attend a meeting at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday, at 3.30 p.m., to make arrangements for the opening of the green

T. M. BOWE, President.
C. T. DOWLING, Hon. Secy.

PARAMOUNT PICTURES.

PUBLIC HALL—SATURDAY NIGHT.

POLA NEGRI in "LILY OF THE DUST."
RICHARD DIX in "MANHATTAN."
CHRISTIE COMEDY.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT.

STATE OF VICTORIA.—ELECTORAL DIVISION OF CORANGAMITE.

The following persons have been duly nominated as candidates for the election of one Member of the House of Representatives, for the above Division, to serve in the Parliament of the Commonwealth:—

WILLIAM GERRAND GIBSON, Lismore, farmer.

WILLIAM HAMLET NICOL, Colac, farmer.

A Poll will accordingly be taken for the Division on Saturday, the 14th of November, 1925, in accordance with the law of the Commonwealth for the regulation of Parliamentary Elections

The Poll will open at eight o'clock in the morning, and will not close until all Electors present in the Polling Booth at eight o'clock in the evening and desiring to vote, have voted.

The Polling Places appointed for the Division and prescribed for the several Subdivisions are as follow:—

SUBDIVISION OF BEAUFORT—Beaufort (The Shire Hall), Brewster (State School), Carranballac (Mechanics' Hall), Chepstowe (Old State School building), Chute (State School), Raglan (State School), Shirley (State School, Mt. Cole Flat), Skipton North (Courthouse), Snake Valley (Courthouse), Stockyard Hill (Cushing's Hall), Trawalla (State School), Waterloo (Mechanics' Institute).

SUBDIVISION OF BUANGOR—Buangor (Mechanics' Hall), Middle Creek (State School), Warrak (State School, Mt. Cole).

SUBDIVISION OF LEXTON—Evansford (Public Hall), Lexton (Free Library), Waubra (Public Hall).

SUBDIVISION OF LEXTON WEST—Amphitheatre (Public Hall), Lexton West (Shire Hall), Mt. Direction (Mrs. McDonald's Woolshed), Mt. Lonarch (State School).

NOTE: A list of all the polling places appointed for the Division was advertised in the "Maryborough Advertiser," of 16th October, 1925.

Dated at Maryborough this 15th day of October, 1925.

EDWARD FRNEST ALLEN,
Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of Corangamite.

Religious Services.

SUNDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1925.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Beaufort, 8 and 7; Middle Creek, 11—Canon W. C. Wood. Beaufort, 11—Mr E. J. Muntz.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Buangor, 3—Rev. W. Allsop. Beaufort, 11 and 7; Chute, 2; Raglan, 3—Mr J. H. Betheras. Raglan, 7—Song S.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Lexton, 11; Waterloo, 2; Beaufort, 7—Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A.

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BEAUFORT TOWN BAND.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Town Band was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday night, 7th inst., Mr. C. Bone (president) presided. There were a fair attendance and some visitors present.

Mr Bone said he was at a meeting [illegible] organisation. Two years ago.

The secretary. He was away about that time.

The president. There was so little interest, that it seemed useless calling meetings.

The secretary reported that accounts amounting to £14 1s 6 were owing, and there was £6 6s in hand, £9 to come from the collector, and £1 17 s. to hand members.

Mr Bathern. Why not be moved that [illegible] be called in a month's time? I had some trouble to meet my obligations. They would have to raise about £2 now. He did not think the players were treating them fairly. They expected the committee to carry on, and were not paying themselves.

The president—Mrs Hughes had promised them a flower day. If they got the band out on a fine Sunday, they might get a few pounds.

Mr A J Hughes. The ladies were still willing to help.

Mr Pingle moved that the ladies be approached and asked to arrange for a flower day on Saturday, 14th inst. Seconded by Mr Driver, and carried.

It was decided that the band play a programme on Sunday afternoon 18th inst., in the Municipal Park, on the motion of Messrs E. J. Martin and A. J. Hughes.

Mr Pingle—It was unfortunate that the band was in the position it was now, with the prospect of engagements later on.

It was resolved to also get off a couple of guessing competitions; one 10/ prize being donated by Cr. D. F. Troy.

The secretary stated that the band had 12 playing members and several learners.

It was resolved to meet again in a fortnight.

Mr Driver—He was pleased they had decided to carry on. It would be a pity to let it go now that the summer was coming on. He suggested that they get a few players on their committee.

A meeting of the ladies is to be arranged as soon as possible.

The president reported that a silver entree dish had been forwarded to Mr W. J. Hanley, expressed as a token of appreciation of his services, together with a letter of thanks.

An effort is is to be made to form a small Brass orchestra in connection with the band to supply music for local dances.

THE PICTURES.

Mr L. French screened a first-class programme of pictures at the Beaufort Public Hall on Saturday night before a large and appreciative audience. Another fine series of films will be shown tonight (Saturday).

COLLECTING GUM-TIPS.

Now ways of getting a living are always being invented. For some time past several men with a motor-lorry have been collecting gum-tips in the bush around Beaufort and sending them to the metropolis for sale.

BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held on Monday evening, 5th inst.; the president (Mr D. F. Troy) presiding, and ten members being present. The president stated that the matter of arranging subscriptions to fall due on a fixed date had not been attended to, but would be gone into before next meeting. He also reported that the billiard-marker was agreeable to keep on till Xmas, and it was decided to engage him accordingly, on the motion of Messrs Bathern and Miles. A letter from J. H. Cochrane, re the selection of books was referred to the book committee. From Middleton and Morris, asking payment of an account for £6/6, which the secretary did not think was owing. —Left in secretary's hands. Accounts amounting to £16/12/8, including repayment of loan and interest to Mr Sinclair and £17/6 ordinary expenditure, were passed for payment. The receipts for the month amounted to £20/3/. There was a net credit balance of £72/10/1, but after the payment of the accounts the balance would be £38/12/5. The secretary was instructed, on the motion of the president and Mr Johnson, to convey the best thanks of the committee to Mr Sinclair for the interest shown by him in the institution by coming to their help when financial aid was required.

WOOL SALES.

The Australian Estates and Mortgage Co. Ltd. submitted on the 6th inst. at its weekly change a catalogue of sun-dried fleece wool. Competition was more general than at the previous sale. Prices generally ruling were very firm with a tendency to harden. On the total offerings there was appearance of the catalogue being cleared up under the hammer. The highest price realised was 24½d for five bales of A. branded DRCS, Concordia from Messrs Yeatts, which the same figure was realised for two bales of fleece, branded RC Pingaring, from Mess. Mitchell Brothers. Other prices: Sup. com. 22½d, A com. H 22½d, A com. H 22½d, sup. com. WH 22½d, A com. WH 21½d, A 21d, H 22½d, AM 22½d, A com. 21½d, AM 21½d, A com. LH 22½d, A com. 21½d, AM. 21½d, A com. H 21½d, A 21d, 22½d, M 21½d, H 22½d, 21½d, A com. 21½d, A com. H 21½d, M 19½d, AM 19½d, M. 19½d, AA 18½d.

RAGLAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

The Raglan Football Club's ball, held on Friday, 2nd inst., was very enjoyable. It was fairly well patronised, considering that the night was cold and wet. The ballroom was tastefully decorated with coloured streamers, and at the back of the stage the coat of arms of the club were displayed in the form of a square. During the evening several guessing competitions were got off. For the novel dance (the prize for the choristers) fell to Miss Gillingham, Mr J. Wilkinson being her partner. A set of silver spoons (the gift of Mr and Miss Finch) was won by Mr Sandiant, and a silver fork (also the gift of Mr and Miss Finch) by Mr A. Wilson. The winner of the pound cake was Miss Belle Grant. Mr Sankerviss contributed a couple of songs, and was loudly applauded. Old and new dances were indulged in till early morning. The music was supplied by Miss Tucker and Mr H. Pastoe (pianos), and Mr J. Stevens (violin). Mr F. Lucy acted as M.C. The catering was in the hands of the ladies.

Shearing has started at Raglan. The sheep are all in good condition, and the fleeces bright and well grown, but they will average lighter than last year. The crops are looking well generally, and are just coming into ear. There are some nice crops in the neighbourhood, those on well worked land being the best.

SHUNTING MISHAP.

Owing to a derailment at the Irving main station during shunting operations, a special train, which was bringing sheep to the Ballarat market arrived on Tuesday morning about three hours behind schedule. Two trucks were derailed at the points and blocked the main line.

GIRL GUIDES AT TRAWALLA.

A rally of the Ballarat Girl Guides was held at Trawalla Estate on Saturday, when, through the kindness and hospitality of Mr and Mrs Mackenzie, an enjoyable day was spent in and about the picturesque and well-kept grounds of Trawalla. The Guides were taken out in a chara-banc and cars kindly provided by their owners for the occasion.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB.

Members of the Beaufort Golf Club spent an enjoyable afternoon on the local links on Saturday, when mixed doubles were played. There was a good entry, and the winning pair were Mrs L. Roadknight and M. E. L. Watkin, with a score of 92—19—75. Other leading scores were:—Mrs DeBaere and F. J. Martin, 100—24—76; Mrs J. W. Harris and J. W. Harris, 106—32—78; Mrs A. L. Wedderspoon and A. L. Wedderspoon, 108—30—78; Mrs T. Williams and T. Williams, 99—20—79; Mrs J. A. Harris and J. A. Harris, 104—24—80; Mrs T. M. Bowe and T. M. Bowe, 101—21—80; Mrs P. Kelly and P. Kelly, 111—31—80.

TRYING EXPERIENCE.

A resident of Beaufort recently descended an old shaft by a rope in the early morning to rescue a lamb, and was unable to get out again. Several hours passed, and he was missed from his place of business and enquiries made as to his whereabouts. In the meantime an old man who owned the rope missed it, and in searching for it, discovered the plight of the man who had borrowed it. He was on his way to get assistance, when he met friends of the man who had gone down the shaft on the errand of mercy, coming to look for him. The combined rescuers of the lamb was then somewhat relieved at the delay.

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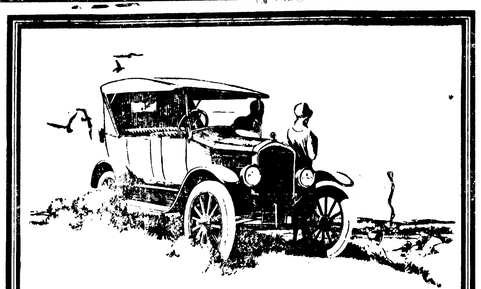

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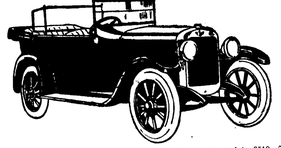

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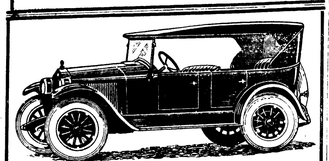

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BEAUFORT CROQUET CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Croquet Club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday night, 14th inst. Eight members were in attendance, and Mrs L. Watkin (president) presided. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs T. M. Bowe and A. L. Wedderspoon.

The balance sheet for the past year showed that receipts amounted to £27/0/5 and expenditure to £23/9/8, leaving a credit balance of £3/12/9, against a credit balance of £1/2/- at the commencement of the year.—Adopted on motion of Miss W. Wedderspoon and Mrs Campbell. Several members expressed the opinion that the financial position was very satisfactory.

The secretary (Mrs T. McNaughton) presented the following annual report:—In presenting the fifth annual report of the Beaufort Croquet Club, the president and committee are able to report another year of satisfactory progress. The financial state of the club is good; the balance-sheet showing no obligations, and a small surplus to hand to start the season with. We had 21 playing members and one social member. Four of the former were new members, who acquitted themselves very well for their first season. We regret losing one of our A team (Mrs D. R. Hamilton) by removal to Ballarat. The club played off three matches—one on their own ground and two away, viz., Ballarat and Ararat. Ararat visited Beaufort, and other matches were arranged and dates fixed, but inclement weather on two or three occasions since then prevented and finally abandoned. Croquet is essentially a game for warm evenings and sunny days on our open lawns. As there were remarkable for these absences last season, local matches were few; too early taking place. The winners were: Mrs Day in A team and Mesdames DeBaere and W. J. Stevenson in B. At the close of this year's play the cup (Mr Muir) re-gilded and levelled up the lawn, and it has also been top-dressed and re-grassed. There fore the lawn should this year give one's truer play for this extra outlay. At present it gives good promise. The five lucerne trees planted against the fence have died, and the left portion of the ground is still an eyesore. At the invitation of the Ararat Club, four Beaufort ladies attended the syndicate, held at the home of one of the members, to and them in a kind effort to pay off the debt on their pavilion. A very pleasant time was spent and members were very hospitably entertained. We close, hoping for suitable weather and much enthusiasm on the part of members during the coming season.—L. Watkin, President; R. McNaughton, Secretary.

The president said the report was very satisfactory, and it was mainly due to the thoroughness of the secretary that they were in so good a position. She also thanked Mrs. R. McNaughton for her valuable assistance with the lawn.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, Miss W. Wotherspoon; vice-president, Mrs. R. Acton; secretary, Mrs T. McNaughton; treasurer, Miss L. Watkin; committee, Mesdames L. Watkin, R. Acton, W. J. Stevenson, T. McNaughton, J. Day, A. Holdsworth, J. Campbell, and Misses Wotherspoon and McNaughton (with power to add); match committee, Mesdames J. Day, T. M. Bowe, T. McNaughton, N. B. Acton, and Misses Wotherspoon and McNaughton.

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LAWRENCE STREET CROSSING.

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, 12 inst., a petition was received from W. J. Bruce Johnson, Beaufort, and 250 ratepayers, asking the council to urge that the Lawrence street railway crossing be closed, as the bulk of the traffic to the railway station goes through it.

Standing orders were suspended to hear Mr Johnson, who remarked that most of those who had signed were not favorable to the other gates, a Havelock street being closed. They wanted both crossings kept open and in order. There was 2,500 signatures, and he had only started on Thursday afternoon, and had not been able to get out. A person who had more time could about obtain more signatures. A number of people had asked him to initiate it. He did not think it would be to the advantage of Ararat to have the crossing closed, as it would certainly cause a great deal of inconvenience. He appealed to the commissioners to do everything they could to prevent the closing of this crossing.

Cr. Sewart—Would there be any objections to getting gates there?

The president (Cr. Sinclair)—The department would not do it. He thanked Mr Johnson for presenting the petition, and for the interest he had taken in the matter. The gentlemen who had visited Beaufort the previous Wednesday on behalf of the Railway Department had made no suggestion that a road be put through the country, or anything about a mole on the Mt Cosmine side of Beaufort, and said they would hold the matter over till they got an overtaken from the district. The thing was put out of the question, because £1000 would be over the expense. He could not find the money to do it, the roads are not so bad that it is urgent. Mrs Day in A team and Mesdames DeBaere and W. J. Stevenson in B. At the close of this year's play the cup (Mr Muir) re-gilded and levelled up the lawn, and it has also been top-dressed and re-grassed. There fore the lawn should this year give one's truer play for this extra outlay. At present it gives good promise. The five lucerne trees planted against the fence have died, and the left portion of the ground is still an eyesore. At the invitation of the Ararat Club, four Beaufort ladies attended the syndicate, held at the home of one of the members, to and them in a kind effort to pay off the debt on their pavilion. A very pleasant time was spent and members were very hospitably entertained. We close, hoping for suitable weather and much enthusiasm on the part of members during the coming season.—L. Watkin, President; R. McNaughton, Secretary.

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WOOL SALES.

The Australian Estates and Mortgage Co. Ltd. submitted on the 6th inst. at its weekly change a catalogue of sun-dried fleece wool. Competition was more general than at the previous sale. Prices generally ruling were very firm with a tendency to harden. On the total offerings there was appearance of the catalogue being cleared up under the hammer. The highest price realised was 24½d for five bales of A. branded DRCS, Concordia from Messrs Yeatts, which the same figure was realised for two bales of fleece, branded RC Pingaring, from Mess. Mitchell Brothers. Other prices: Sup. com. 22½d, A com. H 22½d, A com. H 22½d, sup. com. WH 22½d, A com. WH 21½d, A 21d, H 22½d, AM 22½d, A com. 21½d, AM 21½d, A com. LH 22½d, A com. 21½d, AM. 21½d, A com. H 21½d, A 21d, 22½d, M 21½d, H 22½d, 21½d, A com. 21½d, A com. H 21½d, M 19½d, AM 19½d, M. 19½d, AA 18½d.

RAGLAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

The Raglan Football Club's ball, held on Friday, 2nd inst., was very enjoyable. It was fairly well patronised, considering that the night was cold and wet. The ballroom was tastefully decorated with coloured streamers, and at the back of the stage the coat of arms of the club were displayed in the form of a square. During the evening several guessing competitions were got off. For the novel dance (the prize for the choristers) fell to Miss Gillingham, Mr J. Wilkinson being her partner. A set of silver spoons (the gift of Mr and Miss Finch) was won by Mr Sandiant, and a silver fork (also the gift of Mr and Miss Finch) by Mr A. Wilson. The winner of the pound cake was Miss Belle Grant. Mr Sankerviss contributed a couple of songs, and was loudly applauded. Old and new dances were indulged in till early morning. The music was supplied by Miss Tucker and Mr H. Pastoe (pianos), and Mr J. Stevens (violin). Mr F. Lucy acted as M.C. The catering was in the hands of the ladies.

Shearing has started at Raglan. The sheep are all in good condition, and the fleeces bright and well grown, but they will average lighter than last year. The crops are looking well generally, and are just coming into ear. There are some nice crops in the neighbourhood, those on well worked land being the best.

School Children are very liable to catch cold. They have to go in all weathers and often having to sit in school with wet feet. Apart from this, they are liable to face with the risk from infection—especially when epidemics of Whooping Cough, Measles, Diphtheria, Influenza, etc., are about. Mothers of School Boys and Girls however can be always FREE of ANXIETY if they have a bottle of

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SHUNTING MISHAP.

An inquiry into the railway derailment which occurred on Monday night, 12th inst., at the Trawalla station during shunting was made on Monday by a special board consisting of Messrs E. Jackson (district rolling stock superintendent), A. Ward (district engineer), and T. F. Maddern (district superintendent). The board's decision will be forwarded to the Railways commissioners.

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DUST STORM.

A duststorm was experienced at Beaufort on Friday, 16th inst., and subsequently 16 points of rain fell.

TRAWALLA CROPS.

It is reported that the oat crops on Trawalla soldier settlement are this year better than any between Beaufort and Melbourne.

DOCTORS TO VISIT SCHOOL.

On Monday Drs. Stahle and Hayward, medical officers for the Education Department, will visit the Beaufort Central School and examine the children.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred at Nhill recently of Mrs Mark Barnes, sister of Mr W. Humphries, of Beaufort. The deceased, who was 63 years of age, resided in Beaufort many years ago. She leaves a widower and family of grown-up sons and daughters, and also a number of grandchildren.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"We find it more difficult to overlook the least infidelity to ourselves than the greatest to others."

PROPOSED SHEEP SHOW.

The suggestion thrown out to the members of the Beaufort Agricultural Society by Mr. A. Betheras that a local sheep show should be held at a suitable time of the year is worthy of serious consideration. If the large and small sheepbreeders in the district can be induced to take an interest in the matter and sufficient money raised to provide the necessary covered pens, a sheep show could soon be established. The stud sheep are already in the district, and are annually exhibited at the Melbourne, Ballarat, Ararat, and Hamilton sheep shows; in fact, Beaufort is the centre of one of the most important wool-producing districts in Australia, and a local sheep show could easily be fitted in with the fixtures previously mentioned, three of which are on the same main line of railway. Important sequels to sheep shows elsewhere are the sales of stud sheep held subsequently. As this town is already a recognised centre of off-shears sales of station-bred sheep, there seems to be no valid reason why a big sale of stud sheep could not be effected here after a local sheep show. Therefore Mr. Betheras' suggestion should not only appeal to members of the Agricultural Society, but to local auctioneering firms also.

POLICE COURT.

Mr R. A. D. Sinclair, J.P., presided over the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, when two debt cases that had been settled out of court were struck out.

FOOTBALLERS' PHOTOGRAPHS.

An enlarged photograph of the Beaufort football team and smaller pictures of the local and Raglan players are on view in the window of Mr G. C. Bennett's pharmacy at Beaufort.

THE PICTURES.

The Public Hall, Beaufort, was well filled on Saturday night, when Mr L. French screened an entertaining series of pictures, including an excellent comedy and the dramas, "Lily of the Dust" and "Manhattan." To-night (Saturday) patrons can be sure of another good programme.

BAND RECITAL.

On Sunday afternoon the Beaufort Town Band gave an enjoyable recital in the War Memorial Park, under the conductorship of Mr A. Driver. Although the weather was not altogether favorable, there was a fair attendance of the public, and the music was much appreciated. A collection was made in aid of the funds of the band, £2/2/ being contributed.

POLICEMAN, PHYSICIAN, AND PARSON READY.

One day last week a couple of boys were having a fight in one of the Beaufort streets, and a policeman, physician, and parson were interested spectators from a respectable distance. A comment made by a passer-by elicited the reply from one of the group mentioned that the policeman was there to arrest the fighters if anything out of the ordinary happened, the physician was present to give them professional attention if they got hurt, and the parson was prepared to bury them if they killed each other.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB.

A singles handicap for men was played at the Beaufort Golf Club's links on Saturday under rather boisterous weather conditions. The course was 18 holes, and the three best cards handed in read:—T. Williams, 79—12—67; A. L. Wotherspoon, 92—21—68; T. M. Bowe, 83—14—69. In a competition for men for the best six net scores for the season, for Mrs T. E. White's guinea trophy, the winner was L. J. Betheras (410); T. Williams being second with 411, and H. J. Troy third with 413. A similar event was held for ladies for Mr R. B. White's trophy of £1/1/. The three leading scores were:—Mrs Percy Kelly, 449; Mrs J. A. Harris, 453; and Miss E. Coates, 454.

FIRE BRIGADE CONCERT.

A concert, arranged by Misses Linda Holdsworth and Doreen Bellew, was given at the Beaufort Public Hall on Monday night, in aid of the local fire brigade's building fund. There was a fairly large attendance. The platform was nicely arranged as a drawing-room. Mr Geo. Gordon (captain of the brigade) acted as chairman. The programme was a varied and enjoyable one of songs, recitations, duets, quartettes, and violin and pianoforte solos. The audience was very appreciative, and each performer was repeatedly recalled. Miss Doreen Bellew, who possesses a very pleasing soprano voice of ample range, contributed a number of songs delightfully. Miss Linda Holdsworth (contralto) creditably sang several numbers that made no light demand upon her vocal powers, and was presented with a pretty bouquet. The tenor (Mr Angus McPhail) was well received. Mr Lisle Clegg has a robust baritone voice, and his songs were given in a style that stamped him as a promising young vocalist. As a violinist Miss Margot MacGibbon showed marked skill and considerable power of expression, and she is also an accomplished solo pianiste and capable accompaniste. Miss Minnie Williams found favor as an elocutionist. Duets were particularly well rendered by Misses Bellew and Holdsworth, and the quartettes by Misses Bellew and Holdsworth and Messrs McPhail and Clegg were the best items of the evening; the singers taking their parts excellently and the four voices blending very sweetly. A duet was also given by Messrs Clegg and McPhail, and another by Miss Bellew and Mr McPhail. After the National Anthem had been sung, Mr Gordon heartily thanked the performers for coming to the assistance of the brigade with so excellent an entertainment and the public for their patronage. A dance was subsequently held, and was fairly well attended. The music was supplied by Miss Rose Roberts. Independent of tickets sold previously, the receipts at the concert and dance amounted to about £14.

EGGS FOR HOSPITAL.

The children attending the Raglan State school recently collected 22 dozen eggs and forwarded them to the Ballarat Hospital.

ROAD RACE.

There are likely to be about 12 starters in a bicycle road race, to be run from Beaufort to Rodgers' farm, Trawalla, and back, to-day (Saturday). Mr L. R. Martin is the organiser.

AN AMUSING REPLY.

During the week the Beaufort school children were given information cards for their parents to fill in, in connection with the visit of two departmental doctors to the school. The date of one little girl's birthday had been left blank, and the teacher sought the desired information from her brother. In reply to the teacher's question, the boy said, "Please, Miss, when the duck season opens."

SEASON'S OUTLOOK.

By reason of the rain shortage the outlook in the Mallee and Northern Victoria is reported by travellers to be far from encouraging. In the Mallee oat crops have practically gone, and little will be cut for hay. Wheat fields are suffering, and even with rain in the next fortnight, the yield will be lighter than during recent years. Buyers in this district are already offering good prices for hay, oats, and chaff. Beaufort residents who were in the Riverina last week report that the lack of rain is also causing concern there, but there is plenty of good grass.

RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

When in Melbourne last week, Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (president of Ripon Shire) presented to Mr Canny, general superintendent of transportation for the Railway Department, the petition signed by 250 Beaufort and district ratepayers against the closing of the Lawrence street railway crossing. He also placed before Mr Canny the shire council's recommendations that the two cottages obscuring the view on the Waterloo side be purchased, and that a flag signalman be stationed at the crossing when the mid-day train from Melbourne and the East-west express from Perth are passing. The latter, we understand, is the one most likely to find favor with the commissioners.

BEAUFORT TOWN BAND.

Like the mmortal O'Callaghan, the Beaufort Town Band was recently on its last legs, but happily there is now a change for the better. The committee met on Wednesday night. Mr G. C. Bennett (president) occupied the chair, and six members were present. Accounts amounting to £14/17/6 were passed for payment. It was reported that the band gave an open-air recital last Sunday and collected £2/2/, and that £5/5/ had been raised by means of a guessing competition. The secretary (Mr F. Mair) stated that after accounts were paid, the band would be just about able to balance the ledger. Instead of the proposed flower day, the ladies intend to hold a euchre tournament in aid of the band next week. The band will receive several engagements in the near future, and the annual subscriptions are due at the end of November. With the assistance of the public, the players are very hopeful of being able to keep the band going.

BEAUFORT METHODIST CIRCUIT.

Nine officials for the Beaufort Methodist circuit attended the quarterly meeting at Beaufort. Messrs G. Boyd and A. Panther were elected substitute representatives to attend the synod at Ballarat on 10th Novr. Rev. W. Allsop was unanimously invited to remain at Beaufort for a third year, and consented to do so. Arrangements were made for the Rev. G. Judkins, of Melbourne, to preach at the Beaufort Sunday School Anniversary on the second Sunday in November. It was decided to hold a sale of gifts early in the new year, on a date to be fixed. The next quarterly meeting was arranged for Decr. 30th at Raglan. Members of the congregation who had conveyed preachers to their appointments were heartily thanked. The balance-sheet for the quarter, which was adopted, showed that receipts for three months ending Sept. 30th amounted to £82/13/8 (including a credit balance of £12/1/ at the commencement of the quarter) and expenditure to a like amount.

LABOR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Beaufort Labor Campaign Committee was held on Thursday evening, 15th inst., and there was a good attendance, including four delegates from Ararat. The following office-bearers were elected:—Chairman, Mr H. M. Stuart; secretary, Mr H. McCracken; committee, Messrs R. Vowles, G. Wilson, H. Jaensch, E. O'Sullivan, D. Beer, M. Fitzpatrick, and W. Beckett. On the motion of Messrs O'Sullivan and Jaensch, it was decided to form a women's committee for the distribution of "vote thus cards," literature, &c. A vote of thanks was accorded Messrs F. O'Brien, R. Broadbent, and Jaensch for granting the use of their motor cars on election day, on the motion of Messrs Wilson and Beer. It was resolved that a meeting of Laborites be held every week at Mr Vowles' house from the 27th inst. until the election is over. Mr Andrews, secretary of the Ararat A.L.P., mentioned that Mr Slater, M.L.A., would speak at Beaufort at a later date. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

There was an attendance of seven members of the Beaufort Central School Committee at a meeting of that body, held at the Shire Hall on Thursday night, and presided over by Mr W. R. Glover (chairman). A letter was read from Engineer-commander H. P. Mackenzie, Trawalla, consenting to address the Beaufort school children on Empire Day. The Education Department wrote, stating that a subsidy of £13/15/ would be paid towards the gravel contract at the school, and that the Public Works Department had been asked to report on the matter of providing a fireplace in the sitting-room at the school residence. Accounts amounting to £45/12/6 were passed for payment. It was pointed out by the head teacher (Mr Williams) that no blinds had yet been supplied to the school, and it was decided to again apply to the Public Works Department for them. The head teacher reported that the members of the Mothers' Guild were equipping the interior of the school, and that the Department had supplied nearly £50 worth of science apparatus during the past three months. The committee decided to obtain a lawn mower and hose for the school. The attention of the Department is to be drawn to the unsatisfactory state of the stove at the school residence. The correspondent was instructed to write to the Mothers' Guild, asking that body to endow the local scholarship this year.

BEREAVEMENT.

Mr and Mrs J. L. Grant, of Trawalla, suffered a bereavement on Monday by the death of their infant son, aged six days.

BOWLING CLUB.

On Tuesday night a meeting of the lady friends of the members of the Beaufort Bowling Club was held at the Mechanics' Institute, and arrangements made for opening day, on which occasion the ladies are giving their assistance.

FIREMEN'S SOCIAL.

There was a fair attendance at the Beaufort Fire Brigade's fortnightly social at the fire station on Wednesday night. The trophies for the euchre tournament were the gifts of Mr P. Hennessy, and were won by Mr G. Foreman and Mrs J. W. Miller. The dance music was supplied by Miss Rose Roberts; the supper arrangements being supervised by Mrs J. R. Hughes.

LOCAL INDUSTRY.

Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson, who trades under the name of Sands & Johnson, has made a number of improvements at his factory in Neill street for the manufacture of bee-keepers' requisites. The factory, which was recently shifted to a new and more central site and enlarged and re-modelled, is now up-to-date in every respect. The dimensions of the factory, which is built of galvanised iron, are 60 ft. x 32 ft., and together with the carpenter's workshop, office, and storerooms, the premises have 3000 sq. ft. of floor space. A 15 h.p. steam engine supplies the power for driving two circular saw benches, a buzz plane, a cross-cut saw, three shaping machines, and "thicknessing" and piercing machines. An oil engine drives an up-to-date screw-cutting and surfacing lathe, which is used for making any special machine required, and cutters, &c., used in the class of work done at the factory. Orders were in hand when the factory was opened this season for 11,000 bee frames and 250 beehives, independent of a large number of orders for smaller accessories. The plant is likely to be kept going constantly right through the season on orders, and in the off season the proprietor intends to make up a stock of bee-keepers' requisites, so as to have them in hand for next season. In addition to the lines manufactured, a full stock of all accessories for bee-keepers is kept on the premises. This is practically Beaufort's only manufacturing industry, and is bringing outside money into the town, as before it started, all bee-keepers within 50 miles were spending their money on requisites made in New South Wales. At the present time Mr Johnson has orders in hand from distant parts of Victoria, as well as from many places from 30 to 50 miles away. Since he started in this line of business, he has never been able to cope with all the orders received; hence the reason for erecting a larger factory.

TENNIS.

The Beaufort Tennis Courts will be declared officially open for the season during this (Saturday) afternoon by the President (Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair), and the event will be marked by a mixed doubles handicap for trophies. Thirty-two players will compete for same.

The first match for the Gorinn Cup, of which the Beaufort Tennis Club are the holders, took place at Ararat last Saturday, when the Beaufort team defeated St. Andrew's by 7 rubbers 14 sets 91 games to 1 rubber 3 sets 69 games. Results:—Mrs Wallace and Miss Pickford (B.) d. Miss Byrne and Miss McDonald (St. A.), 6—1, 6—0, and d. Mrs Gale and Miss T. McDonald (St. A.), 6—1, 6—4. Miss Lewis and Miss Nickols (B.) d. Miss Byrne and Miss McDonald (St. A.), 6—3, 2—6, 6—4, and d. Mrs Gale and Miss T. McDonald (St. A.), 6—5, 6—2. Martin and Young (B.) d. Neely and Statton (St. A.), 6—5, 6—5, and d. Pepper and Morris (St. A.), 2—6, 6—4, 6—4. Dr. MacLeod and Norman (B.) d. Pepper and Morris (St. A.), 6—5, 6—5, and lost to Neely and Statton (St. A.), 1—6, 2—6.

The Shirley Tennis Club opened the season on Saturday, 17th inst., when a mixed doubles handicap tournament was played for trophies, donated by the club. Scores:—Second round—Miss M. Haig and H. Carmichael (owe 40) defeated Mrs B. Boreham and A. Humphrey (owe ½ 15), 6—5; Miss Humphrey and W. Clark (owe 30) defeated Miss M. Waldron and R. Waldron (owe 40), 6—3. The final was won by Miss M. Haig and H. Carmichael. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies, and an enjoyable time was spent by all present.

The Beaufort Methodist Tennis Court was officially opened on Saturday afternoon, when the players spent an enjoyable time. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies.

WATERLOO.

(From a Correspondent).

The wind-up meeting of the Waterloo Football Club was held on Saturday last. The president (Mr W. Lamont) presided. The secretary (Mr W. Jones) presented a statement of receipts and expenditure, which showed a credit balance for the season of £20/3/2. The sum of £5 was donated to the secretary for the work he had done, and Mr Jones suitably returned thanks. On the motion of Mr Lamont, a vote of thanks was accorded the ladies for the way they had helped, and a similar compliment was paid to the president.

A working bee was held at the Recreation Reserve on Saturday, when about a dozen turned out with horses and drays to fill up the hole on the football ground. About 40 loads were put in, and it is hoped that the work will be finished to-day. Mrs Meaney kindly provided afternoon tea.

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PERSONAL.

Miss Selma Hughes, of Beaufort, has been chosen as the local Athletic Club's queen in the forthcoming competition in connection with the combined effort on Monday, 28th December, in aid of the park improvement fund. Miss Dorrie Ward, of Lake Goldsmith, was last week chosen as the Agricultural Society's queen. On Tuesday night the Football and Cricket Clubs selected Miss Lily Stuart, of Beaufort, as their queen.

Mr Clem Coates visited his parents at Beaufort during the week.

On Monday Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair, president of Ripon Shire and a member of the Country Fire Board, returned from a trip to Wodonga and Rutherglen (Vic.) and Corowa (N.S.W.) He was very favorably impressed with the North-eastern and Northern towns, and particularly with the fire service in the N.S.W. towns.

The Rev. Victor McManus, formerly of Ballarat, has been appointed rector of the Redemptorist Monastery at Waratah (N.S.W.) The reverend gentleman recently conducted a mission at the Beaufort R.C. Church.

Mr J. H. Betheras, M.A., preached at the Beaufort Methodist Church on Sunday. Mr Betheras, who was formerly the Education Department's chief inspector, is the father of Mr L. J. Betheras, manager of the State Savings Bank, Beaufort, and the brother of Mr A. Betheras, manager of the local Bank of Victoria.

Miss Blanche Williams, of Ballarat, has been the guest of Mrs J. Jackson, of Beaufort, during the week.

Mr V. W. Pringle, clerk at the Beaufort E. S. & A. Bank, is absent from the town on his annual holiday leave.

Mrs. S. Young, of Beaufort, has been spending a holiday in Adelaide.

On Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Donald Manson, of Beaufort, entertained about 40 guests at their home to celebrate the return of their daughter, Miss Chrissie Manson, from a visit to Scotland. Songs and recitations were given by several of the guests. After a tasty supper had been partaken of, Messrs. Robt. Ward and R. T. Macdonald (on behalf of the Thistle Club) and D. Jackson made a few remarks befitting the occasion, and heartily welcomed Miss Manson home again. Mr Manson suitably responded on his daughter's behalf.

Inspector G. Lovitt, of Ballarat, continues to improve slowly from the effects of his recent accident, caused by a fall when boarding a moving tram. At present he is the guest of Cr. and Mrs. R. A. D. Sinclair, of Beaufort.

The many Beaufort friends of Mr. A. Nicholson, ex-Chief Commissioner of Police, will be pleased to learn that he is making good progress towards recovery from his recent illness, and is on the way to a permanent cure.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell, of Beaufort, intend to sail for England at the end of next March.

Miss Elsie Pearce, of Melbourne, is at present visiting friends in Beaufort.

A pleasant afternoon was spent at the Beaufort golf house on Thursday afternoon, when the lady members of the club assembled to present to Mrs. J. L. Betheras a small token of esteem and to convey their good wishes to her before leaving for Sunshine. Mrs. Troy, in a neat speech, said the club was losing a member esteemed by all. She would be missed very much by a wide circle of friends. On behalf of the club, she wished Mrs. Betheras and family health, wealth, and happiness in their new home. The presentation made was a handbag, also bouquets of beautiful flowers, that from the Golf Club being in the club's colors (blue and gold). Mrs. Betheras feelingly responded. Afternoon tea was partaken of in the club house, which had been nicely decorated for the occasion. The singing of "For She's a Jolly Good Lassie" brought a pleasant function to an end.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

(To the Editor, *Riponshire Advocate.*)

Sir,—Please grant me a little space to ask the West riding ratepayers are they going to allow the absurd proposal of the engineer to put an expensive 30-inch pipe through the road near the Lake Goldsmith school pass unquestioned? The councillors evidently are, without considering if the necessity exists. As one who has lived in the district for over half a century, I say that a nine-inch pipe is quite large enough to carry away the small stream of water that flows in that drain, as the catchment area is less than 160 acres of fairly level land, off which the drainage is slow, and where Mr Muntz proposes putting the pipe allows for a good fall and a quick flow of water. The expensive idea of a pipe straight through the two roads is quite unnecessary also, as though a casual passer-by may think a big stream of water is in the drain, it is really only the water dammed back. If the big pipe scheme is gone on with, it will be another case like the Topp's hill deviation—after being done everybody will see it is not required. But the bills all have to be paid by the ratepayers.—Yours, &c.,

S. BOYLE.

Lake Goldsmith, 21/10/25.

WEDDINGS.

A wedding of interest to Beaufort residents took place on September 16th at Ballarat, when Mr Clement Harold Newey (only surviving son of Mr and Mrs William Newey, of Stuart street, Beaufort) was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Olive Constance Brown, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Brown, of Humffray street south, Ballarat. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Stafford. The newly-married couple are residing at "Kambrook," Sherriff street, Stawell.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at St. John's Church, Soldiers' Hill, on Saturday, 26th September, when Annie, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Thorne, of Beaufort, was married to James, second eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Butler, of Williamstown. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dainty frock of richly hand-embroidered ivory crepe de chine, together with the veil and coronet of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of pink blooms and snowdrops. The bridesmaids were Miss Flo Jones, in a mauve satin with hat en suite; and Miss D. Butler (sister of the bridegroom), in mauve satin, with overdress of georgette, and swansdown trimmings. Mrs D. Scott acted as matron of honor. Rev. T. M. Smith officiated. The reception, which was attended by only relatives and personal friends, was held at the "Wattle." Mr and Mrs Buttler left by the evening train for Melbourne, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride travelled in a grey costume, with hat en suite.

A football social and dance, at which there will be a presentation of medals to the premier team, will be held at Beaufort on Tuesday, 3rd November.

RIPON SHIRE'S LOAN INDEBTEDNESS.

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, 12th inst., in response to a request by Cr. Troy, the secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) supplied the following particulars re loans, etc.:—Government Municipal Loan, £1778; annual charge, £126; C.R.B. (permanent works), £6836; annual charge, £480; C.R.B. (Box's cutting), £1100; annual charge, £33; C.R.B. developmental (interest), annual charge, £476; Trawalla roads (closer settlement), £2666; annual charge, £200; total loans, £12,380; total annual charge, £1315. Water loan, £1478; annual charge, £77/10/8; bank overdraft, £5140; annual charge, £300.

The secretary stated that the above information had been placed on the bottom of the business paper.

Cr. Troy—He hoped they had all studied it thoroughly. Excising the water loan, the annual charge worked out at £1615. He took it that the secretary had allowed for 20 years' sinking fund. Excising the charge of £300 on the overdraft, the annual charge was £1315. When they took all the overhead charges, it was a serious thing. Very grave consideration should be given before any more money was accepted under these conditions.

Cr. Kirkpatrick agreed with what Cr. Troy had said. They would have to try and balance the ledger. This £5000 overdraft and interest would have to be carefully considered. In future they would have to cut out new jobs with the exception of things they could not really do without. The sooner they did it the better.

Cr. Troy—Why he had asked for the figures was that it was only right that they should know exactly what they had to pay. He thought these figures should be published.

Cr. Roddis—He had heard this talk for the last eight or 10 years. Every councillor who came here seemed to be on the same move. He agreed with Crs. Troy and Kirkpatrick, but could they show them how they could manage it? He had been in the council a number of years, and would be pleased to know how Cr. Troy could place the resources of the Shire of Ripon on a more safe and solid foundation.

Cr. Troy—He would examine them item by item. They could only do it by examining past figures or past mistakes. There was the municipal loan of £1778 standing from something over £2000 loaned to them to buy the plant. The rate was then only 1/6, and he would have said that a special machinery rate should have been struck to get the plant. They had an annual sinking charge of £126. The permanent works loan of £6836 comprised the main Trawalla road, the deviation at Topp's, and those things. These were matters that perhaps could have been altered. It was a matter of opinion whether Box's cutting should have been done or not, and they were saddled with a charge of £1100 for that. He was asking was this expenditure absolutely necessary?

The president (Cr. Sinclair)—Why not strike a special rate this year?

Cr. Troy—He was dealing with past mistakes. The developmental road he considered as a councillor to be their policy, and it should not be excised, as they had only to pay interest; the £476 covering the period of 20 years till it was wiped out. Trawalla closer settlement roads, £2666; annual charge £200. The council paid one-third. He was not saying either should have been excised. All permanent works like Box's cutting they could have done without. If an idea were brought forward to-morrow for any main road work to cost £2000, it should be struck right out without any consideration. As far as the overdraft was concerned, they might, by saving a little every year, get it down gradually.

Cr. Roddis—The municipal loan of £1778 was for the purchase of machinery. He asked Cr. Troy to suggest some way by which they could reduce it.

Cr. Troy—They could not. They were committed. He would say do not buy any new machinery without a special rate.

The president—Cr. Troy talked of mistakes. If they moved to strike a special rate, did he think if they got it through, they would be given 37 years to pay for the machinery?

Cr. Troy—That was where the mistake was made right throughout Victoria. There was easy money available, and they could not resist it. They could not resist the money for Box's cutting. He voted against it on those grounds.

Cr. Roddis said if Cr. Troy brought up some scheme whereby they could reduce the expenditure, they would listen to him.

Cr. Troy—They had committed them to £1600 annually for the whole shire. They had £1600 less out of £12,000 to spend.

Cr. Russell—The only concrete thing they could work on was to wipe out the overdraft. Cr. Troy admitted that they had to take the money for developmental roads. They had not felt the charge on these roads yet. The developmental interest was only £476. On all these roads it would be close on £1000 a year in a short time. In regard to Box's cutting there had been correspondence for four years, and the board would never give way about the grade. They had to take the grade to comply with the board's standard on a main road, and were right in taking it.

The president—It was all very well to say that those who had done the work before had made mistakes and squandered money. The councillors had done their best in the interests of the ratepayers. The council said it was a fair offer for the machinery over 37 years and accepted it. It was a thing the people did not want, and Cr. Beggs went out of the council over the crusher. If they had struck a special rate at the time, the whole darned lot would have been kicked out. It was no use abusing past councillors, because they had done their best. What they wanted to do was to say, "What are we going to do in the future?" Fifty-eight years ago the council owed more money than it did to-day. This council was in no worse position than others.

Cr. Elder—It could not be any worse.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—He was not speaking of what the council had done in the past. The only thing he saw was that they were committed to paying a lot of interest. One or two jobs might have been stood down all the same. Topp's hill was one. The other was the better road of the two now if put in order.

The president—The Government said that road had to be made.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—How many ratepayers were in favor of that road being made? It should not have been made all the same. They were committed to a lot of interest on loans, and with modern motor traffic they were going to wear out three roads during that time. The only way to reduce the overdraft and balance the ledger was to cut out new works unless absolutely forced to do so. He was not grumbling at the council. He thought the council in the past had done the same as councils at other places.

Cr. Russell—On main roads they were forced into it.

Cr. Mackenzie—The thing was they were up against it. Cr. Troy should be congratulated for asking for this statement. Wages of employees were over £1000, and it took £10 a day to run the crusher. They were up against very high expenditure, and unless they kept that in front of them, they were apt to get in deeper. They knew they had £1300 a year expenses with wages and crushing extra, and if they knew what they had to pay that made them careful.

Cr. Troy—He did not get up to complain of the council's past actions. He was asked by one of the oldest councillors to say where he could save on these figures. There was one little matter he had been twitted with a good deal, and that was that they had been compelled to do these works on main roads. He was told C.R.B. engineers said they had to do it. He said they had no authority. Were they going to expect these men coming up specially and going out and simply saying, "You have got to make a deviation here." It was not common sense. Although it might be a fact, it seemed to be entirely wrong. If a man from Melbourne was to come to a country council and say they had to spend £1000 here and there, they would be bankrupt in no time. He said the recommendation came first from the country council, and he would like to see it disproved.

The president—The C.R.B. wanted to deviate right round Box's cutting, and the council fought against it.

Cr. Elder—Was a vote taken when the C.R.B. made the deviation at Topp's hill?

Cr. Troy—They were simply told that the C.R.B. would not provide one penny upkeep for the cutting if they did not put the right grade in. If they had said they would just keep on patching it, it would not have cost them anything like £1000 for a number of years.

The president—If the council turned the work down, what was their position?

Cr. Troy—The council would have to repair it.

The engineer—The C.R.B. could always step in and do it at the council's expense. The C.R.B. would not force works. In regard to Topp's hill, he did not agree with the view of experts. He thought Topp's hill a good work. When it was carried out originally the council asked that it should be made. He submitted a scheme regarding the road and cutting a new one round, and the council carried that deviation. The board decided that the new road should go on. That was the recommendation of the council, and he thought it a correct recommendation, in spite of what councillors now said about it. It was not forced on the council. Neither was any other work forced on the council.

Cr. Elder—The road originally made was ample for all traffic for 40 years. Ever since the new road was made to the time the Trawalla settlers came, it was scarcely used for carting produce. They had two roads within two miles of one another leading to the railway station, and the Stockyard Hill road was sufficient for requirements. It was the same in almost every shire throughout the State. Cheap money and great terms were held out, and the result was that they took it, never recognising the fact that the interest had to be paid, and a certain amount of sinking fund. If they kept going on at the present rate, the whole of their revenue would be swallowed in interest and sinking fund.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—He was not here to criticise, but to help. He disagreed with Mr Muntz's view in regard to that road. The other was a much wider road, and this was a dangerous road. He had nearly been caught there himself, and others had had the same experience. If the hill was put right at the bottom of the old road, it would be a good road. He did not think that the C.R.B. should say that it had to be done. If they wanted a third road, would they give it? He said it was farcical.

Cr. Stewart—When the C.R.B. engineer came up to inspect, he tried to get them to stop making this road altogether. He (Cr. Stewart) told him he was making two roads to a railway, but he said he must have this grade. He would not have the Stockyard Hill road because it did not have such a good grade. If it had never been made, it would have saved a lot of money.

Cr. Roddis—They could not alter it, in spite of what Crs. Troy, Mackenzie, and Kirkpatrick had brought forward. He would like these three councillors to state how they could reduce the expenditure, and would be pleased if they could show the council in the next 12 months something in the way of reducing the overdraft and improving the financial position.

The president—The simplest way was to make up their minds to cut out all new works.

Cr. Troy—If other councillors did not outvote them, they would watch the matter of new works. They had decided that 3d of the rate be earmarked to reduce the overdraft, and would honor that.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—The three were opposed to new works, but if a burning question had to be gone on with, they would do a little in that line.

Cr. McDonald—He had been rather a patient listener. He was sorry to hear new men advocating a policy of stagnation and committing themselves to no new works. He thought the way should be left open for a little discretion on the part of every member, and that they should not bind themselves at the first meeting of the year to a policy of stagnation for the whole term. They did not know what would turn up in the next 12 months. He hoped they would be as careful financiers as some of the older councillors had been, without absolutely committing themselves to a policy such as they had advocated to-day.

Cr. Roddis—They would forget all about it in a month or two.

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Kelly & McDonald report:—Cattle: 5 head Mr J. Holdsworth, Westmere, cows to £8/5/, bull to £4/10/; 2 cows, Mr W. Hucker, Lake Bolac, £8/5/ to £12/2/6; 1 stag, Mr G. Geddes, Lake Bolac, £5; 3 calves, same owner, to £3/5/; 1 calf, Mr J. Holdsworth, Westmere, £4/18/; 1 bull, Mr S. R. Thomas, Minerarest, £3/18/; 1 calf, Mr D. White, Bungaree. Sheep: 928 merino wethers, 4-tooth, Mr Jas. P. Bell, Eurambeen East Estate, Eurambeen; 199, Mr J. Eric Rae, Warracknabeal, crossbred wethers to 33/1, topping the market, ewe to 25/3; 120 merino wethers, Mr Robt. J. King, "Eurack House," Eurack; 56 merino wethers from Lake Bolac, to 39/10, being top price for woolly wethers; 60 merino wethers, Mr B. Bryant, Rossbridge, Maroona; 109 shorn merino ewes, with 100 per cent. lambs at foot, Mr J. Eric Rae, Warracknabeal; 83 shorn crossbred ewes, with 100 per cent. lambs at foot, Mr F. McKenzie, Dimboola; 60 shorn comeback ewes, with 64 lambs at foot, Mr Jos. Mitchell, Warracknabeal; 66 merino ewes from Green's Creek; 57 merino ewes from Campbell's Bridge, at 23/8; 23, Mr M. Basler, "Lak View," Burrumbeet; 20 comeback ewes and wethers, Mr Jos. Mitchell, Warracknabeal; 1, Mr B. Williams, Kooroocheang. Lambs: 244 lambs, Mr R. George, Beulah; 27, Mr Bert. Williams, Kooroocheang.

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COMBINED SCHOOL COMMITTEES MEET.

At the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Thursday night, a meeting of 16 representatives of the Raglan, Waterloo, Trawalla, Eurambeen, and Beaufort school committees and teaching staffs was held to consider the advisability of establishing a Higher Elementary School at Beaufort and of holding combined schools' sports before the Xmas. vacation. Mr W. R. Glover (chairman of the Beaufort committee) presided, and said there was a balance of £27 in hand in the picnic fund, which had been handed over by the Thistle Club. He briefly explained the object of the meeting. The Minister of Education (Sir A. J. Peacock) had assured him that there would be no difficulty in getting a Higher Elementary School at Beaufort, provided that sufficient pupils could be enrolled. Mr T. Williams (Beaufort head teacher) remarked that if a Higher Elementary School was established in Beaufort the children could go through the course enabling them to sit for the intermediate certificate, instead of only undergoing the first two years' course, as at present. There were now 36 children in the central classes at Beaufort, and 18 of them were prepared to continue the third year's course. It would be of great advantage to the children of the district to have a Higher Elementary School at Beaufort. Fifty children were required. Mr C. M. Flynn (Waterloo)—If they were going to take the best pupils from the outside schools, did it mean that those schools would go down and have junior teachers sent to them? Mr W. Corr (Raglan)—If he lost 12 of his upper grade scholars, he might lose the sewing mistress, but personally he would like to see the Higher Elementary School established. He believed some of the big warehouses in Melbourne were now asking for applicants for positions with leaving certificates. Another drawback was that five miles on a road without a conveyance was as bad as 30 miles by railway. He thought it would be better if they could rely on the number of children coming forward in Beaufort, and others would give it their best support. Mr Williams—He did not think any outside teacher could expect to lose the whole of his seventh and eighth grade children. Mr Looney (Waterloo)—He did not see how the majority of the children in Waterloo could come in and out every day. He could quite see the advantage to the child. Mr Flynn—It was the disadvantage to those who were left behind that they were worrying about. Mr Williams—It might be to the advantage of one or two children from each school to come, but all they wanted was the outside schools to give them their support. Beaufort would have over the necessary 50 children here by Xmas. Mr E. Kewley moved that steps be taken to form a Higher Elementary School in Beaufort. Seconded by Mr J. Rodgers, and carried unanimously. Mr Williams invited the outside committeemen and teachers to visit the Beaufort Central School and see the work. A library at the Beaufort School, to which books were supplied by the Children's Library League of Victoria, was open to all the district school children. Apologies were received for the non-attendance of representatives from Shirley, Brewster, Main Lead, and Middle Creek. Mr Corr outlined the way in which combined district schools' sports meetings were run in the Northern districts. Each school held its own little sports meeting first, and then nominated so many competitors for the championship events. There would be 12 schools at least in this association. Mr A. M. Parker (Beaufort) moved that a district schools' association be formed, to hold a combined sports meeting on a date to be fixed, and that a sub-committee, representative of all the district schools, be appointed to run it. Seconded by Mr J. Stevens (Raglan), and carried. Mr Stevens said he understood that the sports would be held at the various places in turn, where there was a suitable ground. It was decided to hold the first sports meeting at Beaufort on Thursday, 10th Decr., on the motion of Messrs W. Russell (Waterloo) and J. Day (Beaufort). Mr A. J. Saph was elected secretary, on the motion of Messrs Williams (Beaufort) and Rodgers (Trawalla). The head teachers of the district schools were appointed as a committee to draw up a programme and appoint officials, and it was decided that they meet on the following Thursday. It was resolved that a championship shield be obtained, to be held by the winning school for a year. It was arranged that the combined committee to carry out the sports consist of a representative from each school committee and the district head teachers. In closing the meeting, the chairman thanked the outside committeemen and teachers for their attendance.

The lecture to have been given to the Beaufort A.N.A. by Mr Owen Jones, chairman of the Forests Commission, on the 27th ult. has been cancelled.

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That the danger of gazing directly at the sun is very real is shown by the fact that even skilled observers have lost the sight of an eye through neglect of adequate safeguards. Their telescopes, apparently, were not fitted with sun-glasses which were deeply enough shaded, with the result that the fierce rays of the sun reached the eye.

Who was the first to discover sunspots? The point is not satisfactorily settled. It seems certain, however, that in the two or three years after telescopes came into use, in 1610, the spots were observed independently by Galileo, Fabricius, Scheiner, and Harriot.

Their observations were hampered by the failure to use shaded glasses, and we find Harriot, for instance, writing on one occasion: "Notable mist; thick ayre, and thin clouds—through thin clouds thin mist, and thin clouds—my sight was after dim for an hour."

He was lucky to escape so easily. Another of these early observers of sunspots took the precaution of waiting until the sun was near the horizon. However, it will be possible to see the spotted disc of the sun during the present period without running the slightest risk. It will not be necessary to look through a telescope or an opera-glass or even a bit of smoked glass; but, of course, direct gazing at the sun is out of the question altogether.

Instead, you gaze at the sun indirectly—at its image thrown on to a white screen. If you do not possess a telescope, you may know someone who does. Be it ever so small an instrument, When the larger end of the glass is pointed at the sun, the image cast on the screen or sheet shows with wonderful distinctness even insignificant spots on the disc.

The writer has followed this plan on many occasions, especially when an unusually large spot has been visible. Quite a number of persons have sometimes seen the enlarged disc on the screen. Sometimes, too, a brief "talk" on a particular spot or on sunspots in general has given an added interest to the occasion.

Certainly it is interesting for an "audience" of this kind to learn that the dark object they see on the screen is a whirlpool of heated gases many thousands of miles in breadth, and that it is powerful enough to affect the earth's magnetism, though ninety-three million miles away.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

Linoleum was invented 65 years ago.

The honey crop of America, which is produced in about six weeks, is valued at £10,000,000.

Earrings of gold and pearls, with a total length of twelve inches, are being worn in Paris.

Unable to eat, drink, or sleep for an hour, a Madrid woman has been kept alive by injections for four years.

"If your child cries for anything he sees, let him cry; it will develop his lungs," says Deptford's medical officer of health.

In one flash of lightning there is sufficient electricity to supply every electric light undertaking in the city for eight minutes.

During one storm, in 1917, more than 6,000,000 tons of rain fell in two and a half hours over an area of fifty square miles near London.

Parents should warn their children against the dangers of looking directly at the sun; it is liable to affect the eyesight very seriously.

An opera to be produced in Prague, includes parts for foxes, bevers, and other animals, while there will be a ballet of spiders and butterflies.

The leaves of a Californian plant, the Venus fly-trap, engulf any insect alighting on them. The victim is converted into a liquid which goes to nourish the plant.

Cotton, so long regarded as the most suitable material for wear in hot climates, is now largely being discarded for fine wool by the people of the Oriental countries.

Married on the same day in 1874, two brothers of Magor, near Newport, England, have recently celebrated their golden weddings in the village where they have lived all their lives.

Street-Corner Orator: "Ah, gents, if we all 'ad our rights, I should be ridin' in me own carriage now, as I 'ave done before!"

Voice: "Yeah; but yer poor old mother couldn't push you now!"

LYING ON OF HANDS.

To be able to raise chairs, small tables, baskets, and other light articles by the laying on of hands, is the minds of some persons, is an evidence of superhuman power. All that any one requires in order to do this is a thin band ring slightly flattened on one side and having a narrow slot cut or filed into it at this part. A fancy brass ring of a size to fit the middle finger of the right hand serves well. The slot should be made in it with a fine saw or file.

A wire nail just thick enough to slip easily into the slot and having a head which will not pass through is driven into the centre of the top of the article it is desired to mesmerise. Light articles, preferably willow or bamboo stands covered on top with plush or similar material so as to detract from the nail, are especially desirable. The body of the nail in each of these should project about one sixteenth of an inch above the solid part.

The presentation of the trick is easy. Slip the ring slot side outwards, on the middle finger of the right hand, and turn it so that the slot is on the palm side before facing the audience. Inform the spectators that you are about to mesmerise the article before you, referring to whatever has been prepared in advance.

Turn the article about so that the audience can see all sides and top. If it is not held too near the spectators, and is kept moving, the small nail will not be noticed. Then place it in front and lay both hands, palms downward, upon the top surface, moving them slowly back and forth until the wire nail is felt to slip into the slot in the ring; slowly raise the article, keeping both hands flat upon its surface. If the piece is light in weight, it can readily be swung around and over the head. It is advisable to use but one hand after the article has been raised and given a few swings with both hands, because this leaves an impression that either of the hands could be removed at will. In concluding the performance return the left hand to the top of the article before lowering it, and after the piece has been placed upon the floor withdraw both hands from its surface simultaneously.

BATS IN THE ORGAN.

Once the first instrument of its kind in the world, the great organ of Notre-Dame, in Paris, is now reported to be perishing from mildew and dry rot.

The organ was entirely reconstructed during the five years ending 1867, and has 86 keys, more than a dozen keyboards, and 22 pedals. But it has not been cleaned since 1894, and the organist of the cathedral states that it is filled with dust and dead bats and swallows.

Quite recently, too, one of the biggest of the organ's 5,246 pipes only just missed crashing down on a crowd of worshippers. The bad repair of the great organ is due to lack of funds, the parish of Notre-Dame being one of the poorest in the French capital.

WHY SOME LOVERS JILT.

VERDICT OF PSYCHO-ANALYSTS.

The psychologist, or mind doctor, sees love as a disease or affection of the mind. Not a disease in the physically-destroying sense, but an obsession or overcrowding of ideas and emotions in one particular direction. Most persons think that the "jilt" is a heartless flirt. As a fact, among many lovers who suddenly put a full stop to their love affairs, there are few of the callous type.

As a rule, psycho-analysts say, the "jilt" is often at a loss to know why he or she has ended without a word of warning the sweet association with another which should have reached its perfection in marriage. All the lover knows is that love has unaccountably died, and that it is impossible to "carry on" in the old way any longer.

The abruptness and brutality of the break is caused by the fact that in his overwhelming distress and shame the jilt seeks refuge in utter silence. After all, what can he say? The only thing to be said to the jilted one is, "I can't marry you!" And by his silence this is all too plainly understood. All the psycho-analyst can do is to explain to these lovers why they acted as they did, and remove from their harassed minds the idea that they are fit only for lunatic asylums.

When a person falls in love certain ideas and emotions form in the brain. These emotions all centre round the object of attraction. As the love intensifies these ideas become "massed" as it were; they grow in strength, very often subduing whole parts of the lover's personality and obliterating even deeply-rooted principles. At certain stages of his passion he is certainly not himself.

The sudden reversion which completely wipes out the state of love and causes him to jilt his sweetheart may come from a variety of causes. What sometimes happens is similar to that which occurs when a seasoned toper suddenly takes to religion, or a man of fixed principles unaccountably changes his politics.

Some seemingly trivial incident sends its message to the deepest recesses of the mind and stirs into violent activity his store of hidden but sleepless memories. To put it in another way, the mental "haze" of love is dispelled and the mind is deluged with sanity.

The love that grows upon the rock of quiet friendship and mutual appreciation has nothing to fear.

EXCHANGE OF CRUSHER.

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, 12th inst., Cr. Elder said he had given notice to move that in future the crushing of metal for the council be done by contract. He now thought they would get no tenders until the crusher was working in a satisfactory way, and wished to withdraw the notice of motion.

On the motion of Crs. McDonald and Roddis, Cr. Elder was permitted to withdraw his notice of motion.

The secretary then read the following correspondence:

From Jaques Bros., Melbourne, undertaking to supply a new 16 x 10 Jaques patent toll jaw stone breaker, delivered free of cost at Beaufort, conditional upon their 22 x 12 crusher free on truck at Spencer street station and council to be credited with [illegible] on £[illegible] and new crusher fitted [illegible] present crusher. It was pointed out [illegible] offer of 3rd February was based on the price of machinery at that date; that there had been a considerable reduction in the cost of machines during the past year, the price for the 20 x 12 crusher being now £410, and for the 16 x 10 crusher £330, and that the shire crusher had been in operation for a further nine months since making this offer, which of course would lessen the value of the machine to them as a sale proposition. They could not understand why the 16 x 12 crusher had not given satisfactory service, as hundreds of these machines are in daily operation giving perfect results. It is just possible that the shire's present engine is not powerful enough to keep up the speed of the machine, and in this case the installation of a smaller crusher would have a beneficial result.

Jaques Bros. letter of 3rd Feby. was also read. In this letter the firm said:—"Regarding your suggestion as to replacing your present crusher with a size 16in. x 10in. machine, we are quite agreeable to this proposal, and will allow your council the full difference in cost between the two machines. The machine you are now using was invoiced at £455. The price of a new size 16in. x 10in. machine is £340 net f.o.r. Melbourne. We will also pay freight one way and send up a man and fit the new crusher free of cost."

Cr. Roddis—The time had come to give this serious consideration. He hardly thought a man at the council table considered they were getting satisfaction. If a person in business was not getting satisfaction from a thing, he would not keep it, but return it. At first he thought the engine would not be able to drive the present crusher, and that they should have something smaller. Jaques Bros. had used his very words in their letter to-day. He would like the machinery committee to give a report.

The engineer—It seemed to him that it was a very fair offer on behalf of Jaques Bros. The council had no complaint against the present plant, excepting that they were not getting through their work as quickly as they [illegible]. They were not going to reduce the cost very much. Personally, he thought they were always going to have trouble with this crusher. He did not think they would ever get it to run smoothly. Crushing might be a little dearer with a smaller plant.

In answer to Cr. Mackenzie, the engineer said it would take practically the same team. They might do with one man less on spall work.

Cr. Russell—That was the idea in getting the big crusher.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—He would object to getting a smaller one, if the engine would drive the present one.

Cr. Mackenzie—The engine was driving the plant alright. As they had an offer of a new crusher, he would be inclined to take the smaller machine and get more permanent running. It would also be easier to shift.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—If they had a smaller machine, he would favor another make. He thought they should call tenders for the supply of a new one or a good secondhand one. He thought the best way was to go to the open market, even allowing for the £50.

Cr. Troy—In his opinion the offer was an exceptionally good one. It was going to cost them nothing to make the exchange. If they were buying to-day, the difference in the value was only £80. If they went to the open market, they would simply have to scrap that one or take what the other makers offered, which would probably not be 50 per cent. of its value. The capacity was not frightening him. When they considered that they had lost the best two months of last year, even if they did not put through nearly so much stone, but kept running all the year round, they would gain in the end. It was more mobile and quicker to move. Coming from Ballarat the other day, he noticed that a crusher and plant had been shifted and got into position inside two hours, although they only had two chains to go. It was a small plant. The machinery committee, he would say, should make the exchange without a moment's hesitation.

Cr. Elder—That letter was submitted to us in February.

Cr. Mackenzie—It is a fresh offer.

Cr. Stewart—He moved that the offer be accepted. He thought it a very good one. Seconded by Cr. Russell.

Cr. Troy said that the improvements mentioned by Cr. Roddis had nothing to do with the crusher, but were in connection with the transport and bins.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—He moved, as an amendment, that applications be called for the supply of a crusher the same size as this. He knew men using both, and preferred another make.

Cr. Elder pointed out that Hampden shire had three crushers, and none as large as their's. They never had a bit of bother with them, and they were practically running the whole time. They had one as low as 50 yds. If they decided on this exchange, he thought it would only be right to tell Jaques Bros. that they had had a very unsatisfactory spin with them. When the crusher went bung, experts came up and suggested certain alterations. The council had done everything they wanted, and they had not ever pointed out before that the engine was likely to be the trouble. It had been a considerable expense to the council. Had the crusher been running in order, most of their work would have been through to-day, instead of there being thousands of yards uncrushed. On account of the unsatisfactory spin they had had, if they got another crusher they should expect the firm to keep it in proper order for a certain time.

In answer to the president (Cr. Sinclair), Cr. Elder said they were all Jaques' crushers in Hampden.

Cr. Mackenzie—They would not get so good an offer for an exchange.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—They had had no satisfaction of late. It was the joke of the W. Riding. Some farmers told him that every time they went to look at the crusher it had broken down. He recognised that it was a good offer. One farmer said that the best expert they could get was the gelignite expert from Warrnambool. (Laughter).

Cr. Roddis—He thought it a very decent offer.

The amendment was not seconded, and the motion was carried by an overwhelming majority; there being only one dissentient.

Cr. Elder moved that a letter be written to Jaques Bros. admitting that it was a fair offer, but pointing out the unsatisfactory way in which the other crusher had worked, and asking that, in the event of their supplying a new crusher, they keep it in running order for 12 months. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried.

The president—Won't they charge us the price of another, and then allow the price of the other off it?

After some argument, the secretary read the firm's letter again.

The president—He would give in. He was wrong.

Cr. Roddis—He thought the president was cleverer than that.

The president retorted that he was not stupid like Cr. Roddis.

Cr. Russell—Did the first letter ever come before them?

The secretary—He did not know whether it had come before them, but it was here and he had read it.

Cr. Stewart—They were very fair.

Cr. Troy—He remembered the other letter being read quite clearly. They then thought that, with the improvements being made to the plant and the services of the expert, they would get over the difficulty.

Cr. Mackenzie—Would the spalls go into the smaller jaw?

The engineer—Yes.

Cr. Stewart—Fresh spalls put out were much too big.

The engineer—He had never altered the specifications. Contractors were charged for spalling down.

In reply to Cr. Roddis, the engineer said they intended to go on with the present crusher till the other one came.

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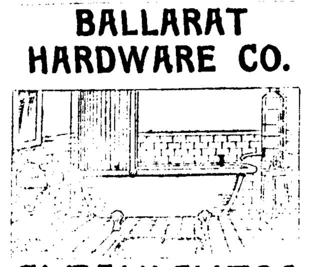

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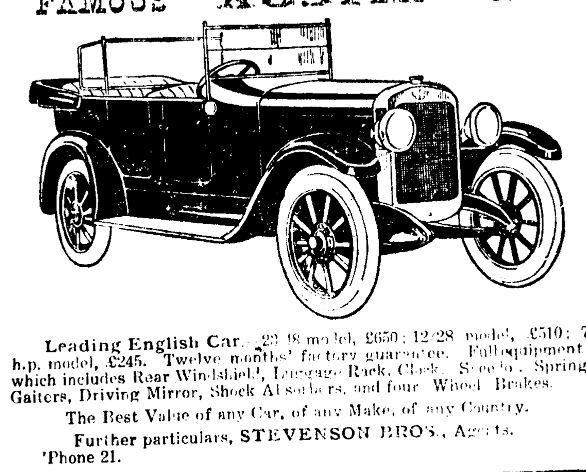

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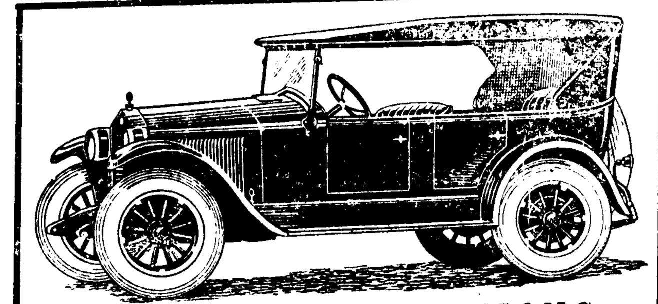

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P.W.M.U. MEETINGS.

CARNGHAM.

At our [illegible] meeting for the year new officers were elected. The collection for the special fund was £8. The Rev. J. G. Davies gave an interesting account of his travels through Korea. Recently a social afternoon was held to bid farewell to Mr and Miss Russell, of Carngham Estate. Mrs Russell has been an active member for many years. We regret the loss very much. Mrs Russell was presented with a [illegible] and Miss Russell with [illegible] fountain pen and pencil. [illegible] Rev. Mr Parry to [illegible] very [illegible] one of our Vice-presidents.

STOCKYARD HILL.

Eleven members attended at the quarterly meeting, when we were glad to have Mr and Mrs Houston with us. Mesdames Beggs, Dannett and Murray Exell brought parcels to send to Deaconess Kokwick. A former member, Mrs Anderson, who lives in Ballarat now, sent a birthday box of [illegible] to our Eckine Mission, which was much enjoyed at a social evening. Several parcels were acknowledged and our mission box for Pt. George IV was sent from Warrnambool, as Mrs Bith Wilson was away from Perth.

STREATHAM.

On Aug. 29th an American supper was held in aid of the general fund. The night was fine, and quite a number turned out. Games were indulged in and a gift table was well patronised. At 10 p.m. a dainty supper was served. From this effort we realised £16 13 9. We have a roll of 21 members. Cookery books are selling well, and stamps are being collected to send to Mrs Lyall. All the envelopes for thanksgiving were not returned; we have 18/ in hand to date.

Middle Creek.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The monthly meeting of the Middle Creek branch, A.N.A., was held on Saturday evening, 10th inst. There was a fair attendance of members, and Mr W. Hillman (president) occupied the chair. A letter was read from the board of directors informing the branch that the association did not recognise the New South Wales A.N.A., alleging that it was going in for insurance business, and giving the branch to understand that no clearances would be granted from the N.S.W. association to the Victorian one. The following officers for the ensuing six months were nominated:—President, Mr W. Hillman; vice-president, Mr J. Pickford; secretary, Mr W. Matheson; assistant secretary, Mr J. Ahern; treasurer, Mr W. Ahern; committee, Messrs F. Liston, L. France, W. J. Roberts, J. O'Brien, and W. Beasley; auditors, Messrs E. A. Fay and J. Hillman; press correspondent, Mr E. A. Fay; delegates to annual conference, Messrs F. Liston, J. Hillman, W. Hillman, and W. Ahern. It was decided to invite the chief president to attend the half-yearly meeting and install the officers. Arrangements in connection with the annual ball on the 30th inst. were finalised.

The September issue of "Hutchinson's Magazine" is to hand from Messrs Gordon and Gotch, and there is the usual array of brilliant contributors. A striking feature is a [illegible] article, richly illustrated by photographs, describing the visit of the Prince of Wales to South Africa.

Population—Beaufort, 1490; Ripon Shire, 3129.

WHY IS [illegible]

[illegible]

Forked lightning is the most common type. The irregular paths of the [illegible] are believed to [illegible] electrical [illegible]

[illegible]

Most of the exceptionally tall structures of the world have been struck by lightning more than once, but have escaped serious damage by lightning [illegible] carried harmlessly to the ground by lightning-rods. The Eiffel Tower in Paris has been struck many times within a few years, despite the belief that lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

A single flash of lightning concentrates more [illegible] energy than could be produced at one instant by all the power plants in the world.

WISDOM FOR HUSBANDS.

Married life in Egypt 5,000 years ago [illegible] as [illegible]

[illegible] Egyptologist, who retired recently from the control of the Egyptian and Assyrian Department of the British Museum, has collected the writings of the ancient scribes known as the Moral Papyri which he is publishing under the title, "The Teaching of Amen-em-Apt."

The earliest known advice on marriage is that of a scribe named Ptahhetep, who wrote about 4,000 years B.C.: "If thou wouldst be wise or prosperous, get married.

"Love thou thy wife in the house wholly and rightly. Fill her and clothe her back; oil for anointing is the medicine for her limbs. Make her heart to rejoice as long as thou livest."

Another scribe, named Ani, had a few straight things to say to husbands:—

"Attempt not to direct a married woman in her house when thou knowest that she is a perfect housewife."

Ani also warned men against [illegible] and the "straight woman" in the town, [illegible] the first Prohibitionist:—

"Undertake nothing as the result of having drunk beer," he remarks, "for if thou dost, words which can have a second meaning may come forth from thy mouth without thy knowing it."

An expert is just an ordinary [illegible] away from home.

'Tis said that a woman is afraid of a mouse, a mouse is afraid of a [illegible] and a man is afraid of a woman. The eternal triangle!

Correspondence [illegible] matter of public interest, R[illegible] from secretaries of sports clubs and other bodies gladly received for publication.

Judge Moule held that a maid who sustained burns while warming herself at her employer's fire was not injured in the course of her employment, and was therefore not entitled to damages under the Workers' Compensation Act.

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[illegible] FORGERS.

[illegible]

It is a curious fact that the best forgers who adopt [illegible] signatures, accompanied by [illegible] flourishes, in the hope of removing the risk of forgery, [illegible]

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WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Father O'Flynn: "But why did you pick a quarrel and fight with this man, a total stranger?"

Barney: "Sure, yer reverence, all my friends wor away."

Father: "How dare you talk to me in that tone! Don't you know I am your father?"

Son: "Yes, but you can't blame me for that."

Dolly: "Oh, Auntie, I've planned such a lovely holiday. Celia and I are going to take a tramp through the Welsh mountains next week."

Aunt: "Well, I suppose it'll be all right if your father approves, but do you really think the tramp will enjoy it?"

MATRIMONIAL CATECHISM.

Should a man marry for money?—No. But he should not let the girl be an old maid just because she is rich.

When a girl refers to a "sad courtship," what does she mean?—She means the man got away.

Is an engagement as good as a marriage?—It's better.

When asking papa, how should a fellow act?—He should face papa manfully and never give him a chance at his face.

When a man says he can manage his wife, what does he [illegible]? He means he can make [illegible] she wants to.

When a child is smart and good, to whose family is it due?—To its mother's.

When a child is bad and [illegible], to whose family is it due?—[illegible] to answer.

Is it possible for a married man to be a fool without knowing it?—Not if his wife is alive.

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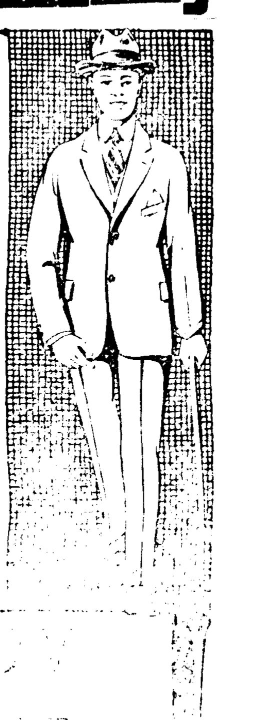

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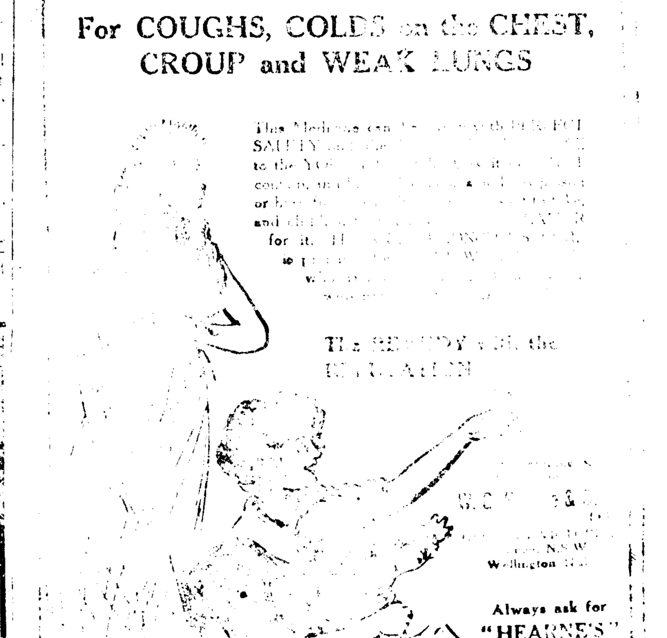

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At a well-attended public meeting, held on 24th inst., it was decided to accept the tender of Mr J. R. Laurie, of Ballarat, for the erection of a new Mechanics' Institute and supper room.

Arrangements are being made for a "Back to Carngham" to celebrate the opening of the new Mechanics' Hall next Easter.

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Kelly and McDonald report:—Cattle—2 cows, Mr T. Richards, Dean; 1 bull from residents of Burrumbeet for Ballarat Hospital, at £2 10; 1 cow, Mr F. Richards, Dean, to £5 10; 2, Mr Wm. Lamb, Burrumbeet, at £4 8. Sheep—103 crossbred and comeback wethers, Mr L. M. Kilpatrick, Morroco West, Deniliquin, N.S.W., to 28/10, averaging 22/10; 65 merino ewes and wethers from Echuca, to 34/; 72 crossbred weaners from Warracknabeal, 23/10; 22 crossbred ewes, Mr J. E. Rae, Warracknabeal, to 17/10; 13 ewes with lambs at foot, same vendor, at 19/10; 57 crossbred weaners from Skipton.

Tenders are invited by the Shire of Ripon for a number of contracts.

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB.

A meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Thistle Club was held on Thursday evening, 22nd inst. Mr Robt. Ward (chief) presided, and there was an attendance of 10 members. The chief gave an interesting verbal report of the annual conference of the Victorian Scottish Union, held recently at Bunyip, and which he attended as delegate from the club. Miss Belle Miller, of Beaufort, was chosen as the club's queen in connection with the queen competition on Decr. 28th, in aid of the local Park Improvement Fund. It was arranged to hold a euchre tournament and dance on the 24th Novr. in aid of the club's queen. Arrangements in connection with the Bairns' Nicht held on the 30th inst. were finalised.

A SUDDEN SEIZURE.

A man whose name was not known, and who was believed to be a commercial traveller, was suddenly seized with an attack of heart failure in the passenger train from Melbourne, which reached Beaufort at 12.30 p.m. on Monday. He was removed to the local private hospital in an ambulance, but subsequently rallied and recovered.

MRS. W. M. MACDONALD desires to convey to the kind friends of Beaufort her sincere appreciation of the many kind actions and forms of generosity shown to her dear husband and herself during Mr. Macdonald's long illness. Will Dr. Humphreys and all kindly accept this as a personal expression of my sincere gratitude.
Woodcock St., Warracknabeal.

DEATH.

KENNY.—On the 25th October, at the Ballarat Hospital, James Patrick Kenny, of Beaufort, loved brother of Mrs. W. H. Halpin (Beaufort) and Mr. J. T. Kenney (East Malvern), and uncle of Mrs. J. Laird (Ascot Vale), Mrs. Lineham (Adelong, N.S.W.), Mrs. Stroud (St. Kilda), W. I. Halpin (Beaufort), T. Frusher (Koroit), and Leslie Kenny (Geelong). Aged 59 years.

BEREAVEMENT CARD.

MRS. W. M. MACDONALD desires to thank all kind friends for personal and practical expressions of sympathy, letters, cards, telegrams, and beautiful floral tributes in her recent sad bereavement.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.
"He that is much flattered soon learns to flatter himself."

BROADMINDEDNESS.

All the strife and intolerance rampant in the land to-day emphasises the need for broadmindedness. Australia wants more than anything else the type of men and women who, whilst holding firmly to their own convictions on political, religious, national, and social questions, are capable of respecting the opinions of those opposed to them, and of admiring that quality of firmness on the other side. It is possible to learn to tolerate different views without weakening our own. If we do not want to see our community divided into a number of watertight compartments, we must scorn bigotry and misrepresentation, and only accept those facts that will stand thorough investigation. We must ever be fairminded, and give the other fellow the credit of being earnest in his aims and views. Many a zealous advocate of a movement for the public good is wrongly accused of having his own little axe to grind. The best means of bringing about good comradeship between people with opinions as wide apart as the poles is to take every possible opportunity of meeting together on common ground and working in harmony for causes such as charity, town and district improvement, and sport. Nothing else can teach us mutual respect so effectively.

POLICE COURT.

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

HAND INJURED.

Mr Peter Kay, of Waterloo, is suffering from a poisoned hand, caused by accidental bruising.

THE WOOL CLIP.

At present the wool-loaders are busily engaged at the Beaufort railway station. Till Tuesday last 1081 bales, 47 bags, and one fadge of wool had been despatched from the station this season. This did not include the wool in the yard awaiting despatch. The bulk of the clip has yet to be carted in.

CYCLE ROAD RACE.

A cycle road race held on Saturday afternoon at Beaufort attracted a large number of spectators. The race was promoted by Mr E. R. Martin, who gave a pair of Dunlop tyres as first prize and a bicycle lamp as second. The distance was about eight miles—from Beaufort to the farm of Mr J. Rodgers, senr., on the Trawalla road, and return. There were 18 entries, and 11 riders started. Messrs J. Bates and McDougall acted as starters, judges, and timekeepers. Results:—F. Hains, Beaufort (2 min.), 1; G. Loft, Beaufort (1½ min.), 2; W. Hains, Beaufort (2 min.), 3. Winner's time, 22 min. 24 1-5th sec. Won by about 10 lengths. J. Pearce, Beaufort (15 sec.) and A. E. Pedder, Beaufort (15 sec.) finished fourth and fifth respectively.

TRAWALLA SETTLERS' PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of 14 Trawalla settlers, held at Brewster on the 17th inst., convened by Messrs A. Campbell and Close, it was decided to form a settlers' progress association. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr A. Campbell; vice-president, Mr V. Martin; secretary, Mr L. Close; treasurer, Mr A. Morcombe. The general betterment of conditions for the settlers is the aim of the association, and to start with, an endeavor is to be made to get improvements effected at the Trawalla railway yards, and to have certain road works done around the Brewster part of the district. Urgent requirements will be brought before the Ripon Shire Council, and any special cases affecting settlers put before the Closer Settlement Board. It is also proposed to hold an annual picnic and social gathering at Lake Burrumbeet. It was arranged to meet on the last Saturday in each month. The policy of the association was discussed, and it was arranged to debate items of importance at the next meeting on the 31st inst.

BIRD DAY.

Bird day was observed by the Beaufort Central School children on Friday. The classes were taken out by the teachers into the bush for observation of birds in their natural surroundings.

FOOTBALLERS' AND CRICKETERS' QUEEN.

On Thursday evening a social was held at Mrs J. T. Glover's residence, Beaufort, in aid of the footballers' and cricketers' queen (Miss L. Stuart). There was a good attendance. A euchre tournament was won by Miss E. DeBaere and Mr P. Nankervis, and the booby prizes fell to Miss S. Hughes and Mr Davidson. A guessing competition was won by Mr Davidson. A song was contributed by Mr Nankervis, and a number of gramophone selections were played. The musicians were Mrs W. Jaensch and Miss Rose Roberts. Supper was provided by the lady friends of the queen.

DEATH OF MR CHAS. FAIRBAIRN.

After a short illness Mr Charles Fairbairn died early on Tuesday at his home, "Feenan," Domain road, South Yarra. Mr Fairbairn was for many years in occupation of Banongil, Skipton, now occupied by his son, Mr C. Osborne Fairbairn. A brother of the Agent-General for Victoria (Mr George Fairbairn), the late Mr Charles Fairbairn was a member of the old pastoralist family, whose fortunes were founded in the forties, when their father, the late Mr George Fairbairn, brought his young family to Victoria. Born in Scotland, the late Mr Fairbairn was educated at Geelong Grammar School and Jesus College, Cambridge. The late Mr Fairbairn was associated with the late Mr George Fairbairn in Queensland pastoral properties. He also owned several properties in Victoria, including "Wooloomats," Lara, where he spent the last two years of his life in poor health. His only other surviving brother is Mr Steven Fairbairn, now in England. His wife, who was a daughter of the late Sir James Osborne, predeceased him by six years. His children are Mrs Wheatley, who arrived from England a few days ago; Mr C. Osborne Fairbairn, of Skipton, now in England; Mr J. Fairbairn, of Mt. Elephant; Miss Betty and Mr G. P. Fairbairn. The late Mr Fairbairn was aged 67.

LOCAL RAILWAY REVENUE

From the local stationmaster (Mr Bennett) we have obtained the following particulars of railway revenue at Beaufort during September:—Passenger tickets sold, 940; goods—inward, 309 tons; outward, 1130 tons; live stock—inward, 19 tons; outward, 44 tons; passenger revenue, £380; parcels, &c., £80; goods—inward, £334; outward, £295; live stock—inward, £17; outward, £88; miscellaneous, £8; total revenue, £1202. This represents an increase of £181 over the same month last year.

CRICKET COMPETITION.

The first round of the Ripon cricket competition commences to-day (Saturday), when Raglan will visit Mt. Lonarch, Buangor and Lexton will meet at Beaufort, and Beaufort will travel to Waterloo. The Beaufort team will be selected from the following:—W. Bennett, G. Berwick, F. Fagg, W. Gray, A. Hayward, F. Jaensch, C. Loo, H. Lardner, J. Williamson, N. Lardner, P. Moroney, J. Pope, H. J. Miller, R. V., and C. Pringle, A. J. Saph, and P. Smith.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

Although the weather on Saturday was rather warm for golfing, there was a good attendance of players at the Beaufort Golf Club's links. Canadian foursomes were played over a course of 18 holes. In the ladies' event the best cards handed in read:—Mesdames N. B. Acton and J. A. Harris, 100—31—69; Mesdames T. M. Bowe and P. Kelly, 104—29—75; Mrs J. W. Harris and Miss W. Wotherspoon, 104—28—76; Mrs T. Williams and Miss A. Cochrane, 104—25—79. The leading scores in the men's match were:—F. J. Martin and G. C. Bennett, 86—19—67; A. J. Wotherspoon and T. Williams, 92—21—71; N. B. Acton and D. F. Troy, 91—20—71; R. B. White and T. M. Bowe, 93—20—73; and R. Halpin and J. W. Harris, 97—23—74.

ST. ANDREW'S TENNIS CLUB.

Rev. J. P. MacDougall (president) occupied the chair at the annual meeting of the Beaufort St. Andrew's Tennis Club on Thursday night, and ten members attended. The balance-sheet for the past season, which was adopted, showed a credit balance of £15/19/1, which compared favorably with the balance of £5/9/9 in hand at the beginning of the year. The statement of assets and liabilities showed that the former amounted to £16 and the latter to £46; liabilities exceeding assets by £30. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing 12 months:—President, Rev. J. P. MacDougall; vice-presidents, Messrs A. L. Wotherspoon and T. M. Bowe; secretary, Mr R. W. Stevenson; committee, Rev. J. P. MacDougall, Messrs A. L. Wotherspoon, Bowe, L. French, D. Williamson, V. W. Pringle, Misses N. Bowe, R. Pope, M. Kewley, and A. Buchanan. Opening day was fixed for Saturday, 28th Novr., when it was decided to hold a mixed doubles tournament. Subscriptions were fixed as follow:—Men, 15/-; ladies, 10/-; children under 14, 2/6.

WARM WEATHER.

Since last Saturday the weather has been decidedly warm at Beaufort, and on Wednesday the shade reading of the thermometer was 88 degrees. The town was also enveloped in smoke from a bush fire in the Camp Hill ranges. On Thursday there was a cool change and several showers of rain fell.

CHIEF PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

The officers of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., have been invited to the half-yearly meeting of the Middle Creek branch, when the officers will be installed by the Chief President of the association (Mr J. Patterson, of Mildura).

NEW SHOP.

A commodious and up-to-date weatherboard shop with foundations of brick is to be built for Messrs J. George & Sons, general merchants, at the corner of Willoby and Livingstone streets, Beaufort. The work is already in hand.

MEASLES PREVALENT.

Measles are prevalent in Beaufort. Of about 80 children in the infant grades at the local Central school, fully 40 have been absent from school owing to this complaint.

FIRE AT MAIN LEAD.

On Monday afternoon a fire swept a small area of rangy country at the rear of Mr J. Williams' property at Main Lead. The Beaufort firebell was rung, and a party of beaters went out to the scene. Before it was checked, the fire destroyed over 900 tons of firewood, belonging to the following cutters and carters:—Mr A. E. Crick, 550 tons; Mr Jas. Williams, 250 tons; Messrs Edward and Arthur Broadbent, 100 tons; and Mr G. Nothnagel, about 30 tons.

WEDDING AT BUANGOR.

A wedding at Buangor on Saturday aroused a good deal of local interest. The contracting parties were Mr Wm. Stanley Reid, of Dimboola, and Miss Una Dorothy Robinson, of Buangor. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Allsop, of Beaufort, at the home of the bride's father. Miss Robinson acted as bridesmaid, and Mr Bowles as best man. About 40 guests were present. The bride was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents, which showed the great esteem enjoyed by her among the Buangor folk.

EFFORT FOR BAND.

On Tuesday night a euchre tournament was held at Saph's Aussie Cafe, Beaufort, in aid of the funds of the Beaufort Town Band. Fifty players attended, and the proceeds amounted to about £2/10/. The prizewinners were Mrs Willis and Mr Wright. Mr G. C. Bennett (president of the band) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who organised the function, which was seconded by Mr A. Driver, and carried by acclamation. Mrs J. R. Hughes thanked Mr and Mrs Saph for the use of their tea-room, and asked those present to drink their health. The toast was accorded musical honors. Supper was provided.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.

Eight members of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., were present at the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night; Mr A. L. O'Brien (president) occupying the chair. A letter was read from the general secretary, stating that no clearances would be granted to the New South Wales A.N.A. and none there accepted. The Forests Commission wrote, stating that the chairman (Mr Owen Jones) was unable to give his promised lecture at Beaufort that night, and offering to send a substitute at a later date.—To stand over till after Xmas. Accounts and sick-pay amounting to £9/5/ were passed for payment. An invitation was received from the Ballarat branch to the official opening of the new A.N.A. Hall.

COMPULSORY VOTING.

Electors are reminded that voting at the Commonwealth elections, to be held on November 14th next, is compulsory, and that the penalty for failure, without a good and sufficient reason, is a sum not exceeding £2. Except in special cases, the electors must vote at a polling booth in the subdivision for which they are enrolled. If absent from this subdivision, they can vote at any other polling place in the State as absent voters, or if outside their State, or if sick, or if upwards of ten miles from a polling booth, they may vote by post on making application to the returning officer for their division. Copies of the rolls are available at all post offices.

BUSH FIRE NEAR TOWN.

The bush fire which destroyed over 900 tons of firewood near Main Lead on Monday travelled over about 600 or 700 acres of forest country in the Camp Hill ranges on Wednesday, and reached the properties of Messrs Wm. Topp and John Day, about a mile and a half from Beaufort. The fire was fanned by a strong breeze, and the whole countryside was enveloped in smoke. Many tons of firewood in the track of the flames was destroyed, and the fences of Messrs Topp's and Day's paddocks were burnt in places. Dead trees on land several hundred yards from the face of the fire were ignited by flying pieces of burning bark. Had the grass been dry, the fire would have reached the Waterloo road and endangered several homesteads. The Beaufort fire bell was rung about 6 p.m., and parties of beaters and the Ripon Shire fire-cart went to the scene of the outbreak and helped to check it. The weather was cool next day, and there were several showers of rain.

BEAUFORT RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

We understand that Messrs Canny (general superintendent of transportation) and Ashworth (assistant chief engineer) intend to again visit Beaufort in regard to the railway crossings at Havelock and Lawrence streets.

THE PICTURES.

There was a crowded house at the Beaufort Public Hall on Saturday night, when Mr L. French screened an entertaining programme of pictures, including the dramas, "Wages of Virtue," "Don't Doubt Your Husband," and a comedy. Another good series of films will be shown to-night (Saturday).

ANGLICAN SOCIAL.

An enjoyable social, organised by Mrs Liddell and Miss M. Prentice in aid of the produce stall at the forthcoming Anglican strawberry fete, was held at St. John's Parish Hall, Beaufort, on Monday night. There was a good attendance and Canon W. C. Wood, presided. During the evening songs were contributed by Mr P. Nankervis and Miss E. Muntz; the accompaniments being played by Miss E. Nickols and Canon Wood. Various parlour games were played. An amusing guessing competition was won by Misses E. Lewis and Scenay.

DISTRICT WOOL AT WEMBLEY.

Mr Michael O'Loughlan, a well-known Bellyrogan farmer, had the honour of having some wool produced on his property exhibited at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. He has received a letter from Mr S. R. McColl, secretary of the State Commission, Victoria, stating that in connection with the British Empire Exhibition held at Wembley from April to October, 1924, and for which Mr O'Loughlan contributed an exhibit for display in the Australian section, he had pleasure in forwarding him an award medal in commemoration of the event, and a diploma would be forwarded later. The medal, which has come to hand, is of bronze. On the obverse side are a likeness of the King and the words, "Georgius V. Britt. Omn. Rex. et. Ind. Imp." The reverse side bears the impression of a rampant lion and the inscription, "British Empire Exhibition, 1924." The medal is in a neat case, and will no doubt be greatly treasured by Mr O'Loughlan and the members of his family.

DEATH OF MR JAS P. KENNY.

Mr James Patrick Kenny, a well-known resident of Beaufort for many years, passed away at the Ballarat Hospital on Sunday afternoon. Deceased, who was 59 years of age, had been suffering from heart trouble for five or six weeks, and gradually became worse. The late Mr Kenny was formerly a stationmaster in the Victorian railways, and in that capacity was stationed at a number of towns in the State. He spent the early years of his life at Beaufort, and returned here about 15 years ago. For a long time he was employed by his brother-in-law, the late Cr. W. H. Halpin, and since the death of the latter, by Mrs Halpin. The late Mr Kenny was a man of a kindly nature, and his death is regretted by all who knew him. He took a particularly keen interest in politics. He was a bachelor, and leaves a brother (Mr John Kenny, of Melbourne), a sister (Mrs W. H. Halpin, Beaufort), and several nephews and nieces. The remains of deceased were brought to Beaufort by motor hearse on Monday, and interred in the local cemetery. The coffin, which was of oak and covered with many beautiful floral tributes of sympathy, was borne to the grave by Messrs J. B. Cochran, H. M. Stuart, W. Holdsworth, G. Jaensch, P. T. Stevenson, and C. M. Flynn. Rev. Father Leyden conducted the Roman Catholic burial service. The undertakers were Messrs Barnes & Son, of Ballarat.

BEAUFORT TENNIS CLUB.

The Beaufort Tennis Club's courts were officially opened for the season on Saturday in the presence of a large number of members and their friends. The ceremony was performed by the president (Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair), who made a few remarks in keeping with the occasion, and also took the opportunity of thanking Mr Colin Campbell and Mr and Mrs W. J. Wallace, of Langi-Kal-Kal, for their generous support of the club. A mixed doubles tournament was held, in which 16 pairs competed. Results:—First round—Miss S. Hughes and W. J. Corr (scr.) d. Miss English and Dr. K. MacLeod (owe 15), 9—7; Miss M. Stevenson and C. Flynn (owe 15) d. Miss M. O'Sullivan and D. M. Rogers (scr.), 9—7; Mrs K. McLeod and P. T. Stevenson (scr.) d. Mrs A. M. Parker and A. J. Saph (scr.), 9—7; Miss E. Nickols and H. J. Miller (owe 15) d. Miss E. Lewis and L. J. Betheras (scr.), 9—5; Mrs W. J. Wallace and L. Miles (owe 15) d. Miss Pickford and S. Young (owe 40), 9—2; Miss Muntz and W. J. Wallace (scr.) d. Mrs Theo. Beggs and A. Beggs (scr.), 9—5; Miss B. Miller and R. A. D. Sinclair (owe 15) d. Miss Ada Norman and H. Norman (owe 15), 9—6; Miss D. Ryan and T. G. Beggs (scr.) d. Miss DeBaere and H. Carmichael (scr.), 9—5. Second round—Miss Stevenson and Flynn d. Miss Hughes and Corr, 9—8; Mrs MacLeod and Stevenson, d. Miss Nickols and Miller, 9—5; Mrs Wallace and L. Miles d. Miss Muntz and Wallace, 9—5; Miss Ryan and T. G. Beggs d. Miss Miller and Sinclair, 9—5. Semi-finals—Mrs MacLeod and Stevenson d. Miss Stevenson and Flynn, 9—8; Mrs Wallace and L. Miles d. Miss Ryan and T. G. Beggs, 9—1. The final was played on Monday night; Mrs Wallace and Miles defeating Mrs McLeod and Stevenson, 6—0, 6—5.

"SHOUTING" THEM IN.

Those staunch supporters of the Beaufort Football Club, Mr and Mrs P. Hennessy, of the Golden Age hotel, are paying for admission tickets to Tuesday evening's dance for all playing members of the club.

SOCIAL AT TRAWALLA.

On Friday evening, 23rd inst., an enjoyable euchre tournament and dance were held at Trawalla in aid of the school funds. There was a good attendance, and the winners of the euchre tournament were Miss Johannsen and Mr J. Hewitt. Mr W. Martin supplied the dance music, and Mr T. O'Hehir capably discharged the duties of M.C. A tasty supper was provided by the ladies.

TENNIS.

Beaufort meet Ararat to-day at Beaufort in the A grade competition for the Gorrinn cup. The Beaufort B grade team will play Moyston at Moyston for the Kal-Kal cup.—The installation of two showers for the use of members in the pavilion at the Beaufort Tennis Club's court has been completed, and valuable assistance towards such improvements was given by Mr W. J. Wallace (vice-president of the club) and Mr H. Norman and staff.

THE BAND OF HOPE MAN.

Mr F. Milroy Moore, field officer of the Victorian Band of Hope Union, visited Beaufort on Friday evening, Oct. 23rd, in the interest of the State-wide campaign, which has as its objective the opening of bands of hope and the furtherance of educational temperance work among the children. Mr Moore, who is known as the band of hope man, soon found himself at home with the young folk of Beaufort, and the Presbyterian Hall held a crowd of young people and others. The entertainment offered by Mr Moore was of a varied nature, including a lecturette on band of hope work, the famous peanut stunt, and the temperance nursery rhyming competition. The event of the evening, however, was the appearance of Horace and Nellie, the talking dolls. It was decided that a Beaufort United Band of Hope be formed, and the following were appointed as officers:—President, Rev. J. P. MacDougall; vice-presidents, Rev. W. Allsop and Canon W. C. Wood; secretary and treasurer, Miss Ray Pope; superintendent, Mr W. Quick; committee of management, Messrs R. Pringle, A. Wotherspoon, junr., Misses N. Bowe and F. Mair. Meetings are to be held monthly. Rev. J. J. Spalding occupied the chair.

Under the provisions of the Pharmaceutical Chemists Bill, which was introduced into the Legislative Assembly, herbalists and quacks will be precluded from practice.

The area under irrigated culture for all kinds of crop last year in Victoria was 375,503 acres, the largest yet recorded.

Following on the resignation of Mr Owen Jones as chairman of the Forestry Commission, the Government intends to appoint Mr Code, a member of the Commission, as chairman temporarily. Mr Code was recently reappointed as a Commissioner, and his term expires on 1st October, 1926. He will probably carry on as chairman until then, by which time the Government hopes to have obtained another officer to take over.

In the dispute between Greece and Bulgaria both parties have accepted the intervention of the League of Nations. However, other messages state that hostilities have continued.

The German Socialist party, the largest in the Reichstag and the chief support of the Luther Government, is demanding a dissolution. There are indications that there will be no majority for the Locarno pact, and that a general election will be the only solution.

Messrs. Pearson, Rowe, Smith & Co. Pty. Ltd. invite tenders for a grazing lease for 12 months of 496 acres of land, the property of Mrs M. Halpin, situated nine miles from Beaufort and three miles from Raglan.

Applications are invited by the Shire of Ripon for positions of patrol men (2), with horses and drays, on Western Highway.

The Anzac Day Bill was passed through all stages in the Legislative Council.

The wool-brokers have agreed to assist the Australian Woolgrowers' Council to have wool insurance rates reduced.

The temperature in Melbourne on Wednesday reached 96.2 degrees, which was within 2 degrees of the record reading for October in Melbourne, established 11 years ago.

According to an appeal for subscriptions to the War Conversion Loan, which was made by wireless by the secretary to the Treasury (Mr J. R. Collins), conversions and new cash applications now amount to £57,000,000.

Lord Stevenson said that the Wembley Exhibition had done more in two years to bring home to Empire people what the Empire stood for than all other efforts in the previous 25 years had achieved.

Captain Roberts, a New Zealander, claims that he has discovered a system of wireless communication that cannot be interfered with. In tests, Royal Air Force experts endeavored to "jam" his signals.

DAVE WRITES HOME.

Dear Mam and Dad, How are things down on the farm? I would be glad if Dad would send me his old watch, as the Beaufort town clock has not been going for a dog's age, and I am afraid that some morning I will be late for work. They tell me that that clock is a standing joke among commercial travellers in every pub in Victoria. Some silly gag is going the rounds here at the present time about a caterer, a countess, and a bouquet or a bookcase—I can't get the strength of it by miles. The queen competition is all the rage in this village now. I believe a local guy is writing a song about it, entitled, "Sell me a Lily, Dorrie, for my Scotch Bluebell." Socials and kick-ups galore are coming off for the various queens, and I hear that the local barnstormers intend to get busy again and raise a few greenbacks behind the footlights. I have also got the oil that Waterloo and Raglan Cricket Clubs are forming up, so the two old townships with the historic names will not be out of the Ripon duck-egg competition after all. The three tennis clubs have also got going, and as funds are low, I will have to join one of the church clubs, which is rather unfortunate, as I am very fond of a shower-bath. The old boys are opening their bowling green in a week or two, and the ladies intend to desecrate election day by holding the official kick-off of their croquet lawn. I suppose as Drake found time to finish his game of bowls and lick the Spanish Armada, it will be easy enough to spend a few bob at the croquet gymkhana and go and vote. I am told that many hearty congratulations are being sent to the manager of the Vic. upon the visit of the stork after 16 years. We had a road race here last Saturday, and a leading footballer should have won it, but was not fast enough. I did my good dough on him. It was very hot on Wednesday, and the ice-cream men brought their churns out of the storeroom for an airing. There were bush fires on Monday and Wednesday, and a portion of the male population got very dry. Sad to relate, only dam water and gumleaves were available. Had there been a pub. or ice-cream joint on the top of Camp Hill, it would have had no need to advertise Thursday specials. The footballers are having a dance and presentation of medals on Tuesday night. I suppose in years to come, when the children say, "Dad, where did you get that medal?" the one-time-footballer, like Digger Billjim, M.M., will modestly reply, "I found it in a bully beef tin."—Your loving son,

DAVE.

COMING EVENTS.

A meeting of the Trawalla Settlers' Progress Association will be held in the Brewster State School to-night (Saturday) at 8 o'clock.

The Hon. W. G. Gibson, P.M.G., will address the Corangamite electors as follows:—Monday, 2nd November—Stockyard Hill, 11 a.m.; Raglan, 2 p.m.; Waterloo, 3 p.m.; Trawalla (Brewster Hall), 4 p.m.; and Beaufort, 8 p.m.

The right to the Show booths will be sold at Kelly & McDonald's office on Wednesday, 4th November, at 4 p.m.

A dramatic entertainment and concert will be given by the Beaufort Dramatic Club and concert party in the Middle Creek Hall on Wednesday, 4th November, in aid of Queen Carnival (Park Improvement Fund). A dance will follow.

Messrs. Kelly & McDonald will sell at their office, Beaufort, on Thursday, 5th November, at 3 p.m., 4-roomed W.B. dwelling at Raglan for removal, on a/c. Mrs Cleland, who is leaving the district.

The opening of the Beaufort Bowling Club's green for the season takes place on Saturday afternoon, 7th November. The Hon. Theo. Beggs, M.L.C., has been asked to perform the ceremony. In addition to bowls competitions and lucky bags, the ladies will provide afternoon tea.

The Beaufort Methodist Sunday School's anniversary services will be conducted in the Public Hall on Sunday, 9th November, morning, afternoon, and evening, by Rev. Geo. Judkins, of Melbourne. On the following Monday evening a concert will be given by the children, assisted by the Beaufort Dramatic Club and local and other artists.

Senator Barnes is announced to speak at Beaufort on Wednesday, 11th November.

The Hon William McPherson, M.L.A., will speak at Beaufort on Thursday night, 12th November, in support of the Government candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives.

A grand gala and novelty night will be given by the Beaufort Dramatic Club and other artists at Raglan on Thursday, 12th November, in aid of the Athletic Club queen.

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 at the top.

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.

At the annual meeting of the Stock Exchange of Melbourne the chairman (Mr W. Forster Woods) issued a warning against the danger of over-taxation.

Following upon the events at Damascus there are rumours in Paris that the French High Commissioner in Syria (General Sarrail) will be recalled.

FIREWORKS. FIREWORKS.

GREAT Variety for November 5th, from one penny to 1/6.
SAPH'S, BEAUFORT.

PERSONAL.

Messrs A. and J. Anderson have been spending a holiday with Mr and Mrs H. Featherstone, of Beaufort.

Mr J. Blakeley, who has resided at Eurambeen for several years, is returning to England with his little son next month. His departure will be regretted by his many friends in the district.

Mr H. F. Watkin, who is at present residing at Minyip, visited Beaufort last week-end.

Mrs E. J. Emery, of the Bank of Victoria, Cowan, has been visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs J. R. Wotherspoon, of "Ben Lomond," Beaufort.

Mrs J. King and family have left Beaufort for Melbourne.

Mounted-constable J. McCarthy, of Beaufort, has been called to Melbourne on special duty.

The members of the Beaufort Thistle Club have chosen Miss Belle Miller, of Beaufort, as their queen in connection with the queen competition in aid of the Park Improvement Fund on Decr. 28th. The other queens are:—Misses D. Ward (Agricultural Society), L. Stuart (Football and Cricket Clubs), and S. Hughes (Athletic Club).

Mr Robt. Ward (chief of the Beaufort Thistle Club) attended the recent conference of the Victorian Scottish Union at Bunyip as delegate from the club.

At the Technical School sports at Wonthaggi on the 17th inst., Alan J. Carmichael, son of Mr and Mrs James Carmichael, of Orbost (formerly of Main Lead) won the championship gold medal in the 100 yds. race, under 14 years. He also won the 220 yds. championship (under 14 years), two other second prizes, and a third.

Mrs A. Ramsay, of Ararat (daughter of Mr and Mrs Gus. Jaensch, Beaufort), is suffering from appendicitis, and is at present a patient at the Ararat Hospital.

Mr H. Martinez has been spending a short holiday with his mother at Beaufort.

Mr L. Miller, of Melbourne, has been visiting his relatives at Beaufort.

The Hon. D. S. Oman, M.L.A., will be in Beaufort on Thursday, 12th November.

It is expected that the New Zealand wool clip will be 100,000 bales less than last season.

LOST, Leather Buggy Rug, on Stockyard Hill and Lake Goldsmith road. Finder rewarded this office.

J. P. ROGERS, Park Road, Beaufort, has started DIPPING. Kymac Dip used.

SEE us for WALLPAPERS—new Season's stock just opened up—cheap. STEVENSON BROS.

I DESIRE to sincerely thank all those who helped to save my fence from the bush fire at Beaufort on Wednesday, and who prevented the fire spreading in my paddock. J. E. DAY.

FOR SALE, Wallpapers, from 7d per Roll. 4ft. 6in. Pointed Pickets, 21/6 per hundred. Hardwood and Softwood at Ballarat Prices.
H. E. CUTHBERTSON, Beaufort.

A MEETING of the Trawalla Settlers' Progress Association will be held at the BREWSTER S.S. at 8 p.m. on SATURDAY, 31st OCTOBER.
LES G. CLOSE, Secy.

DON'T FORGET TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd.
The wind-up of the season.
FOOTBALLERS' SOCIAL & DANCE.
PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.
Good Music, good M.C. Floor of glass.
JAS. FITZPATRICK, Hon. Sec.

COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS, 14th NOVEMBER.
Voting by Electors is Compulsory.
Penalty for failure (without valid reason), not exceeding £2.
S. IRWIN, Commonwealth Electoral Officer for Victoria.

SENATOR BARNES will speak in the PUBLIC HALL, BEAUFORT, on WEDNESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.
(Authorised by H. McCracken, Secy. A.L.P., Beaufort.)

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.
CORANGAMITE ELECTORATE.
HON. W. G. GIBSON, P.M.G.,
Will Address the Electors as under:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd:
STOCKYARD HILL .. .. 11 a.m.
RAGLAN .. .. .. 2 p.m.
WATERLOO .. .. .. 3 p.m.
TRAWALLA (Brewster Hall), 4 p.m.
BEAUFORT .. .. .. 8 p.m.
(Authorised by Geo. Hucker, Campaign Sec., 'Phone 16J, Lake Bolac.)

CORANGAMITE ELECTORATE.
SIR WILLIAM McPHERSON, M.L.A.,
Will speak in the PUBLIC HALL, BEAUFORT,
At 8.30 p.m. on
THURSDAY, 12th NOVEMBER,
In support of the Government candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives.
(Authorised by A. J. Beggs, Hon Secretary Beaufort Branch, A.W.N.L.)

PARAMOUNT PICTURES.
PUBLIC HALL—SATURDAY NIGHT.
"NORTH OF 36"—
Sequel to "The Covered Waggon."
Also "THE HEART BANDIT"
And COMEDY.

AUCTION SALE
—AT—
KELLY & McDONALD'S OFFICE.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1925,
At 3 p.m.
4-ROOMED W.B. DWELLING FOR REMOVAL.
KELLY & McDONALD will offer on account of MRS. CLELAND (who is leaving the district) her dwelling, as above.
4-roomed W.B. Dwelling, situated on Garden Licence at Raglan, for removal, and if not sold, as it stands.
Full particulars—
KELLY & McDONALD, Beaufort.

BEAUFORT PUBLIC HALL, NOV. 24th, EUCHRE and DANCE, in Aid of Queen of Scots.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT! Also CONCERT AND DANCE.
MIDDLE CREEK HALL.
WEDNESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 1925.
THE BEAUFORT DRAMATIC CLUB will present "OUR AUNT FROM CALIFORNIA" and "THE GOOD FOR NOTHING." Assisted by Concert Party. Admission, 2/. Dance to follow, 1/- each. Proceeds in aid of Queen Carnival (Park Improvement Fund).

SALE OF BOOTHS.
THE right to the following Booths at the Beaufort Agricultural Society's Show on Saturday, 21st November, will be Sold by Public Auction at Kelly & McDonald's Office on WEDNESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, at 4 p.m.:—Publican's, Fruit and Confectionery, Luncheon.
GEO. PRINGLE, Secretary.

BEAUFORT BOWLING CLUB.
THE President and Committee of the BEAUFORT BOWLING CLUB invite the attendance of the public at the OPENING OF THE GREEN on SATURDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 1925. Lucky Bags and Bowls Competitions.
T. M. BOWE, President.
C. T. DOWLING, Hon. Secy.

BEAUFORT METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.
ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.
SUNDAY & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8th and 9th, in PUBLIC HALL.
SUNDAY—Services at 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. G. JUDKINS, of Melbourne.
MONDAY—Grand CONCERT by Children, assisted by BEAUFORT DRAMATIC CLUB, local and other Artists. Children's items include "Slumberland," "Old Woman Who Lived In a Shoe," etc.

ROYALTY VISITS RAGLAN.
GRAND GALA AND NOVELTY NIGHT.
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And other Artists.
THURSDAY, 12/11/25, PUBLIC HALL.
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SHIRE OF RIPON.
APPLICATIONS will be received up to 12 o'clock noon of Saturday, the 7th November, 1925, for positions of PATROL MEN (2), with horses and drays, on Western Highway.
Particulars at Shire Offices.
N. B. ACTON, Shire Secy.
31/10/25.

SHIRE OF RIPON.
TENDERS, addressed to the President, and enclosing 5 per cent. each deposit (minimum deposit £1), will be received up to 11 o'clock on Monday, 9th November, 1925, for the following works:—
3/26, N.R.—Forming, gravelling, metalling, &c., Wilberton street, Livingstone street, and Halpin street, Beaufort.
4/26, all Rs.—Supply of 921 running feet of squared timber, Carngham bridge.
5/26, all Rs.—Supply of 450 cub. yds. of quartz, Carngham and Ballarat road.
Specifications may be inspected at the Shire Offices, Beaufort, and at the Mechanics' Institute, Snake Valley.
Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
E. J. MUNTZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer.
Shire Offices, Beaufort, 28/10/25.

SHIRE OF RIPON.
TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited for the undermentioned works, to be carried out under the provisions of the Country Roads Act, 1915:
Contract 141D 67.—13,130 feet forming, cutting, metalling with quartz, &c., Trawalla developmental road.
Contract 141M, 59.—Supply of 400 cub. yds. bluestone spalls, near Alexander's, on the Ballarat—Hamilton road.
Contract 141M, 60.—Supply of 600 cub. yds. bluestone spalls, Mooramong letter box, Ballarat—Hamilton road.
Tenders are also invited for painting the handrail, Trawalla bridge, &c.
Tenders must be lodged at the Shire Offices, Beaufort, on or before 11 o'clock on Monday, 9th November, 1925.
Specifications may be seen at the Shire Office, Beaufort, and at the Office of the Country Roads Board, Titles Office, Melbourne.
Preliminary deposit, 2½ per cent.
No tender will necessarily be accepted.
E.J. MUNTZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer.
Shire Offices, Beaufort, 28/10/25.

MR. SAM WAR,
Of BALLARAT,
Will visit BEAUFORT
On THURSDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 1925,
and
THURSDAY, 5th NOVEMBER, 1925,
At Camp Hotel,
From 1 o'clock to 4.30 p.m.
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Heart troubles a speciality.
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The Canton City Health Board certifies that L. Sam War, Chinese Herbalist, having undergone efficient training, is permitted to practise in City of Canton, with right by Governor of Canton of practising in the whole Province.

Religious Services.

SUNDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1925.

CHURCH OF England.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Middle Creek, 3—Canon W. Wood.
METHODIST CHURCH.—Beaufort, 11; Buangor, 3; Raglan, 7—Rev. W. Allsop. Beaufort, 7—Mr Quick. Chute, 11; Raglan, 3—Mr G. Boyd.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Lexton, 11; Trawalla, 3; Beaufort, 7—Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A.

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In the Showroom—

The new Spring Millinery reveals becoming styles, ready for present wear, and our display is particularly well worth review, being without exception the loveliest ever made at this season of the year.

You will delight in the varied choice of shapes available. The color range is unusually pleasing, and includes brown in all its light and fashionable tones. Many smart combinations are also to be noted.

Our Showroom should be visited as often as possible now, if one would become acquainted with the Spring Frocks and Costumes as they appear. You must not fail to see them. We welcome your review.

In the Drapery Department—

See also the NEW SPRING SILKS, in weaves of much beauty: the New Silks, for Washing Frocks; the New, the Dainty, the Novel, in Cotton Dress Goods. An exclusive selection of Home Furnishings.

In the Clothing Section—

Special attention has been given to Men's and Boys' Mercery wants. Shirts, Hats, Ties, Collars, etc., in a splendid selection. Fine Footwear for Spring and Summer wear is attractively displayed.

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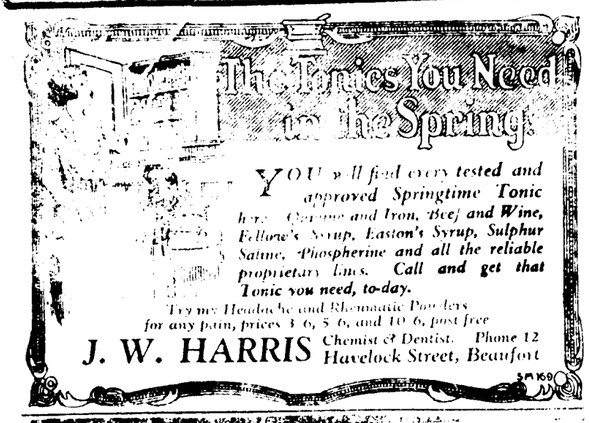

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IF YOU are in the grip of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Gout, etc.

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

The True Value of CLARKE'S BLOOD MIXTURE is certified by a most remarkable collection of unsolicited testimonials from grateful patients of all classes—patients who have been cured after doctors and hospitals have given them up as incurable—patients who have been cured after trying many other treatments without success—patients who not only have been cured of the particular Skin or Blood Complaint from which they were suffering, but also have found great improvement in their general health. (See pamphlet round bottle.)

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WHERE BUILDERS HUSTLE.

Rome was not built in a day, but some bricklayers near Chicago recently got busy and built a church in twenty-four hours.

The contract was signed on a Friday, and one of the stipulations was that the building should be ready for dedication on the Sunday following. It was also laid down that the church was to be large enough to hold three thousand people.

At dawn on Saturday morning the bricklayers started, and at seven o'clock the same evening men were putting in windows, doors, and electric light.

No floor was laid, but by midnight everything else was done, and the dedication services were held the following day.

NIGHTMARE RIDES ON TRAINS.

An engine-driver and his stoker had a thrilling experience the other day when their engine ran away while they were working underneath it in a siding. They clung to the bogies, as the runaway was making such speed that to drop off would be fatal.

After travelling seven miles in this manner they managed to work the brakes with their feet, and brought the engine to a standstill. Fortunately the line on which they were travelling was clear of traffic at the time.

Wild rides like this usually fall to the lot of the public rather than to railway officials. A painter at work on a signal-box slung his staging without allowing enough clearance for trains to pass. An express carried the staging away, and the painter fell unconscious on to a carriage roof. He lay there unnoticed, and after travelling some distance rolled off on to the line, whence he was rescued by a passing train.

Sailors often perform reckless deeds of daring on trains. Two recently got into trouble for travelling about thirty miles on the buffers of an express. The men had got into a first-class carriage and in order to avoid the inspector they got out on to the footboard and climbed along to the buffers. A signalman noticed them and had the train stopped, when the men were handed over to the police.

Another seaman was killed after performing an extraordinary acrobatic feat. He climbed through a broken window and on to the carriage roof, but while capering about there his head was struck by a bridge and he was killed.

Convicts, while travelling under guard, sometimes take nightmare risks in attempts for freedom. A youth, while still handcuffed, recently broke the carriage window in an express which was travelling at a mile a minute. He got through while his guard was in the corridor, and had disappeared from sight when the guard got to the door.

Instead of jumping off, however, the youth had got along the footboard to the buffers and clung there. A signalman saw him and the train was stopped. As it slowed up, the youth leaped off into a cornfield and got safely away.

Another convict made a clean escape from his escort while the train was in a station. He managed to slip the handcuffs, and dropped between the train and the platform. Crawling under the carriage he got to the other side, and was away over the sidings and under several trains before his startled escort could give chase.

The British Rugby team while touring South Africa had an exciting ride when their railway carriage caught fire during the journey from Cape Town to Kimberley. There was no communication cord, and while the rest of the passengers tried to put out the fire, one rushed up the corridor and tried to attract the driver's attention by shouting.

He climbed on to the tender and threw pieces of coal at the driver, who pulled up the train, when the outbreak was subdued.

A sudden rise in the Arkansas River caused terrible havoc to two American trains. They had stopped side by side over the river during a great flood, when the water suddenly rose and flooded the wooden coaches on one of the trains.

The carriages fell on their sides in the water, and several passengers were carried away by the flood. Others attempted to make a raft out of driftwood, but this went to pieces beneath them. The survivors climbed to the carriage roofs and there spent a night of horror. All through the dark hours, wrecked wooden houses came rushing down the flood and crashed against the bridge. Helpless, the train survivors had to listen to the cries of people in difficulties. With morning the flood subsided, and the sixty survivors out of two hundred passengers were able to reach safety.

But even a mouse can make a journey a nightmare. One caused a reign of terror in a compartment full of women near Leicester. It appeared from under a seat, and an hysterical scene followed among the passengers. The train had to be stopped, and the women were transferred to another carriage.

Better mice, however, than wolves. A pack of these fearsome creatures actually attacked a snow-bound train in the Balkans, and attempted to seize the passengers. The wolves got into some of the coaches, but the passengers were able to barricade themselves and shoot down the attackers. Finally the train got on the move, ran over several wolves, and speedily outdistanced the pack.

A.: "How would you classify a telephone-girl? Is hers a business or a profession?"

B.: "Neither. It's a calling."

THE REAL DOG DERBY.

The Waterloo Cup is sometimes called the Dog Derby, but the real Dog Derby is in Canada. It is a "mushing" race, and the longest contest of this kind in the world in which huskies take part.

Many strangers make the journey to Fort Fitz to witness the great sporting event. The racecourse is 200 miles long, and the record time is twenty-three hours forty minutes.

The husky, whose prowess is tested in this race, is half wolf and, needless to say, has great powers of endurance, so the drivers of the dog-sleighs have to be athletes, for they run with the dog team over the greater part of the long course. The first prize is twelve hundred dollars, and there are also other valuable awards.

This race is run in a great loop, beginning and ending by crossing the Saskatchewan River on the ice. The dog drivers are mostly trappers and run in moccasins. The feet of the dogs are sometimes similarly covered as well.

BEGINNING OF GAS-LIGHT.

Those who have reached middle-age can remember the time when gas-light was provided merely by gas jets, each consuming six cubic feet of gas an hour and providing no more light than three common candles.

Forty years ago electric light began to supplant gas, and most people made up their minds that gas lighting was doomed. Experiments were made with the object of improving coal gas—that is, giving it greater power of illumination—but these proved futile.

Then Baron Auer von Welsbach came to the rescue. He discovered that cotton fabric, if soaked in a nitrate solution composed of ninety-nine parts of thorium and one of cerium, and then placed over a hot flame to burn out all impurities, would glow with a white incandescence, giving out a pure white light of astonishing power.

By making a cone of this fabric he produced the incandescent gas mantle, which, if placed over a gas-jet, cut the consumption of gas by half, and at the same time gave ten times more light. This invention saved the gas lighting industry, and is to-day being used extensively upon oil and well as gas lights.

Thorium, the principal material in the composition of the gas mantle, is a rare earth found in very few places. Almost the whole of the world's supply comes from Brazil.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

WASHING SILK UNDERCLOTHING.

It may sound extravagant to wear "crepe-de-Chine" and other undies made of like material, but it is nothing of the sort if the garments are home-made and washed at home.

Of course, if they are sent to a laundry, their life will be a short one, unless the washing of them is done by hand.

In the first place silk undies should never be allowed to get too grubby, as this will necessitate hard rubbing, which is harmful for any delicate fabric. Soap jelly should be made the day before the wash, by shredding some good white soap, curd or white Castile for preference, and covering it with boiling water. A very little of this jelly will soon whip up into a fine lather, and nothing else should be added to it, as both soap powders and ammonia, although quite good for washing many materials, are not good for washing silk.

To knead and squeeze the garments should be quite sufficient; there should be no rubbing at all; but, if there are several sets of undies to wash, more than one washing water will be required, and several warm rinse waters and one final rinse with cold water.

It is a matter of taste whether you stiffen your clothes a little or leave them limp. A heavy silk, or "crepe-de-Chine" should not need stiffening, but some of the thinner makes of silk soon get spoilt, unless they are slightly stiffened.

A little gum-water is the best thing to use for stiffening purposes, and this is made by dissolving two ounces of gum arabic crystals in half a pint of warm water, and only just a few drops of the mixture will be needed in the final rinse water, to give the desired stiffness.

Silk underclothing should be partly dried all over evenly, to iron well, but if the articles have become too dry, as they will, being so thin, unless they are watched, do not sprinkle them with the fingers.

Dip a clean hair-brush in a basin of water and shake it over the garments, then roll them up tightly, and place them in a vegetable dish, or any china vessel with a cover until ready to iron.

Unless they are placed under cover the exposed surface will quickly dry and have to be damped again before ironing can be done satisfactorily.

The diminutive office-boy had worked hard for a "salary" of fifteen shillings a week. He was a subdued little chap, faithful and quiet. Finally, however, he plucked up enough courage to ask for an increase.

"How much more would you like?" inquired his employer.

"Well," answered the lad, "I don't think ten shillings more a week would be too much."

"You are a small boy to be earning twenty-five shillings a week."

"I suppose I am," he replied. "I know I'm small for my age, but, to tell the truth, since I've worked here I've been so busy I haven't had time to grow."

HOW WE GET OUR LIVING.

It is more than three years since the last census of inhabitants was taken in England and Wales, yet the results are still being tabulated. The latest volume contains new tables of the occupations of the people.

The largest single group is that called Personal Service (including institutes, clubs, hotels, and so on.) Over two million people come under that head, of whom more than a million are indoor domestic servants, all but 60,000 of them women.

The only other groups in the running for numbers are the metal workers (1,750,000), commercial, finance, and insurance operations (1,500,000), transport and communications are (1,150,000) and agriculture (1,250,000).

Another interesting table shows the number of people in employment at different ages. The age of greatest employment is between twenty-five and thirty-four. Those over seventy are one in fifty. In agriculture one in twenty is over seventy, in mining one in 240, and among clergymen one in twelve!

One would not look for a great number of agriculturists in London, yet there are 43,000 of them in Greater London. In the whole of Lancashire there are less than half as many again.

There are 83,000 women in agriculture. One hundred and sixty-six are "fishermen," and six are aviators.

LETTERS TO THE NORTH POLE.

It is one of the delightful illusions of childhood that letters reach the "igloo" of Santa Claus if they are addressed "North Pole Villa, Arctic Regions, N.," but for some years letters actually have been delivered within fair regularity within the Arctic Circle.

Twenty years ago the Canadian Government did not undertake to deliver any postal package farther north than Edmonton, in Alberta, but to-day the Arctic mail goes northward to the shores of the Arctic Ocean, the last stages, and even the earlier ones in the depth of winter, being by dog-train.

"Next door" up there is often fifty miles distant, but despite this the postman's knock breaks the silence of the frozen wastes of the great north-west, and the time may come when either by aeroplane or otherwise some lonely settler at the North Pole itself may have a Christmas greeting delivered at the door of his snow house. Civilisation tends to go farther and farther north, and it must not be forgotten that Fort Yukon itself is inside the Arctic Circle.

CATCHING CRIMINALS OUT.

Criminals look like having a pretty rough time in the near future, and it seems as if in a few years, there will not be many of these gentlemen left in the "profession." The game will not be worth the candle.

Every day the system, whereby the finger-prints of a suspect can be telegraphed to any part of the globe and a reply sent back in a few hours, grows more perfect. It is claimed by the officials at Scotland Yard that a mistake in telegraphing finger-prints is impossible. Every little ridge on the finger-print photograph is given a number or letter of a special code, and the whole classed under another letter indicating the type.

The system, of course, took years to perfect, but now there is hardly a large city in the world which could not at once look up a particular finger-print and translate it from the code in a few minutes.

The recipients of the wire then look up their records and, if they can trace the finger-print, wire back full particulars of the criminal, name, age, height, and so on. Thus, once a suspected man's nationality is known there is not much chance of his escape if he is guilty.

WHERE THEY STORE VOICES.

WHERE DEAD MEN TELL TALES.

Unknown to many people, there is at the British Museum a collection of gramophone records of the voices of famous people, including the King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, to which a series recording the voices of Dominions statesmen has just been added.

One of the most remarkable collections of this kind is that compiled by Professor Dregger, of Berlin, who has "filed" the voices of some of the greatest generals and scientists of the past twenty years. Thanks to a special chemical substance, the records are expected to last, baring accidents, for ten thousand years.

Even more wonderful is the voice museum belonging to Edison, the inventor. It was the work of many years, and contains records of the voices of men like King Edward, Tennyson, Cardinal Manning, the late King of Italy, the Duke of Clarence, Lord Salisbury, and Gladstone.

The latter spoke into the recording instrument on the occasion of a big dinner in London, and his voice, sending hearty wishes to the inventor can be heard as clearly to-day as when he was alive.

Minister: "How is it I never see you in church on Sundays, Mr. Shooter?"

Gamekeeper: "Well, sir, I don't want to make your congregation smaller!"

"Make it smaller! What ever do you mean?"

"Why, sir, if I come to church half the others would be out poachin'."

What's the Reason?

There are scores of people who drag out a miserable existence without realising the cause of their suffering. Day after day they are racked with backache and headache, suffer from nervousness, dizziness, weakness, languor and depression. Perhaps their kidneys have fallen behind in their work of filtering the blood, and that may be the root of the trouble. Look to your kidneys, assist them in their work, give them the help they need. You can use no more highly recommended remedy than Doan's Backache Kidney Pills—endorsed by people all over the country.

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INTERESTING ITEMS.

The thickness of the earth from Pole to Pole is 7,900 miles. It bulges a little in the middle, and its thickness at the Equator is twenty-seven miles more than at the Poles. The highest mountain has about the same relation to the size of the earth as the thickness of a sheet of paper pasted on an orange.

In Samoa Island there are hotels where guests are catered for free of charge. Every village possesses a guest house, and here the traveller who is too poor to pay for his board and lodging may seek food and shelter without fear of being presented with a bill.

The largest bell in the world was completed recently for the tower of Cologne Cathedral. The ornamentation of the great bell is said to have been wrought with rare artistry. Its ancient predecessor in the old steeple was removed during the Great War and melted for use as metal for munitions.

Rosewood and mahogany are so plentiful in Mexico that many copper mines are timbered with rosewood and mahogany is used for locomotive fuel.

The average man consumes the following amounts of staple foods in his lifetime: 27 tons of bread, 5,913 gallons of fluids, 183 tons of meat, 6 tons of fish, and 15,000 eggs.

During recent tests an ant carried a lead shot 800 times its own weight. To equal this feat a man would have to move along with fifty tons on his back.

Eels frequently cross meadows to get from one stream to another. In making their journey they choose the early morning when the grass is wet with dew, or they travel during a rainfall.

A farmer of Laurel Township, Ohio, has a Leghorn hen which has laid a setting of eggs high up in an elm tree in a hawk's old nest.

The experiment of an aerial omnibus service, stopping at frequent intervals to pick us and set down passengers, is being tried on the Lyons-Geneva-Lausanne route. The fares charged work out at only a trifle more than the first-class railway fare.

There was a great deal of anxiety in the Cellars. The Compton-Carmichaels had been invited to lunch, but they had not yet turned up. As Mr. Compton-Carmichael had undertaken to drive the family over in his new car the anxiety was greater than it might have been in ordinary circumstances.

At last, with much snorting, the car arrived, and a somewhat tired-looking crowd descended. "You're late, old man," said the host to the driver as he came into the hall.

"Yes," was the reply, "I should have been here sooner, but I had the misfortune to puncture a tyre on a broken bottle."

"But couldn't you see the bottle?" inquired the other.

"Well, hardly," was the cool answer. "You see, it was hidden under the baby in the perambulator."

Father: "Has that young man who is calling on you given you any encouragement, Anna?"

Daughter: "Oh, yes! Last night he asked me if you and mother were pleasant to live with."

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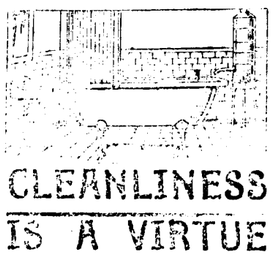

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